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Grand Knight Report...

As I write with a full belly of turkey from the Senior Dinner, forgive me if am off a little. Turkey helps one to feel full and happy at the same time. I know that Advent is a time to reflect and think of the season that is about to start. Patience is something of a virtue that a professional grower of plants has to learn. It is something that you have to learn the old fashioned way, through trial and loss. Time stands still, some times in our lives as well.

Personally it has for me around now with all of the years we have enjoyed this season going so fast. Hard to put into words for me when things happen that shake your souls to the core. I thank God and have faith in God to lead us through the valley of

darkness. Evil is always around in our world. Our church is going through unknown changes that we don't understand and question all things about our lives. The Holy Spirit offers us guidance and patience for our time of waiting. I think we all need it now around this time of the year.

Patience in prayer and what we believe in; He will come to you and offer some light in our dark days. Sunday the sun came out and reminded me that God sees all of us and LOVES all of us even if we fall down. Pick yourself and our friends up to move forward in every special day that we have on this Earth. I hope you all have a Blessed Advent season and make the most of this time of December. Please pray for

Father Gerard Gonda, he really needs us now.

The Senior Dinner was a HUGE event feeding around 300?? On December 2, Sunday. A huge Thanks for the students from around the area, who served the dishes to our guests. George and Phyllis Perz, PGK's Rob Garrett, John Pabin, John Riba, Bob Booth, myself with many of the Isabell's in serving and cleanup, which was a huge job. BUT the biggest thanks is PGK Vince Gargaro to help lead and direct this event. His wife, son, family members that ALWAYS show up to help is amazing. HE is truly blessed with great friends and family. Also in his 34-35th year of doing it!! Thank you, Mayor Jenson.

This month is full of things to come and help with. Essay Contest is done and winners will get awards on the 10th of December at the hall. The Children's Christmas party with a special person coming to see and give some things away. It will be on Dec, 16th at 1:00, BUT I need help to do it and run it. We will meet on Dec 8 at 9am at the hall to fill in the open spaces!! Also, please call me or email (865-9668// sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com) so we know how many children and adults are coming to be ready for the fun-filled day.

Next is our council Christmas party on December 20/ social meeting. WE ask for several items; canned goods for a local food pantry, we are trying for 1000 lbs. We have around 600 now from the Senior dinner. Some finger food to share, as we will supply the main platters of food. And

last to help grade our schools' Coloring contest that we have run through the schools in Nov.-Dec. Last year we had a young girl make it in regional, state and to the United States council judging. We hope better things this year as we could have 1,000 entries to go over. That is three categories for all three schools that may be coming for us to judge. We need to pick one winner in each group. Can you come and celebrate the season and help judge the pics??

Quick note to Thank also all the guys who helped burn pancakes and sausages at Holy Spirit last month. Tried to make a showing, and recruit, but we have some great pics of us in action. Thanks Fred Smith, PGK Rob Garrett, Joe Abrams, Glenn Nieschwitz, PGK. Bob Schneider, Bob Mayer, sorry if I forgot someone, we had memories to share.

RTL buses are booking now for Jan 17, 2019, the RED EYE SPECIAL they call it, to Washington. \$95 Adults and \$35 for students. They need Reservation NOW by Dec 29.

Call DGK Greg Palichleb - 440-865-5883// Jack McGervey 440-327-2961// or Gerry Berger - 440-477-5507 . This year we have (2) buses going and last year we had stand by for many who didn't get a reservation in soon, So, call TODAY.

Patience and prayer is always a great part of our lives. Try to ask for Joseph's patience with life and he will hear you. The Holy Spirit will guide you if you ask. Thanks for all you can do.

Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady

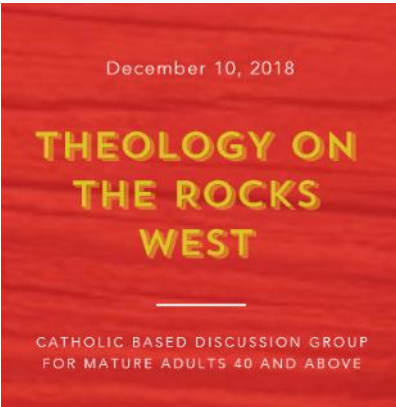
Isabella News



Our regular meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month (September through June) at 7pm. Any practicing Catholic woman can join our group.



Theology on the Rocks



Theology on the Rocks West is a monthly discussion series designed to bring together adults, over the age of 40, in a casual atmosphere to explore their faith.

This month's topic- Family and the Stress of the Holidays: Even when we have the best of intentions to keep our focus on the meaning of the holiday season stress creeps in and family relationships strain our goal of togetherness and peace. Join us as we welcome Dr. Kenneth A. De Luca, Psychologist and Deacon at St. Julie Billiart Parish in North Ridgeville, who will help us unravel the tangled relationships with family during the holiday season, touching on our Knotted Lives and Stress of Holidays.

Join us for Theology on the Rocks West at the Copper Cup at the Ironwood Cafe, 680 Dover Center Road, Westlake. Space is limited! Cost is \$10 cash at the door - includes appetizers. Cash bar. Pre-registration is encouraged: <https://theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>

Council's Coats for Kids Donation



F.S. Tim Hohman presented the Council's Coats for Kids donation this year to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County. This was the Council's fourth year providing them with the much needed coats and we were told they are greatly appreciated. Great job, Tim!!!

RTL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC



Rally with March Down Constitution Ave January 18, 2019

Bus leaves from Ragan Hall parking lot
Located at 1783 Moore Rd, Avon (next to B.J.'s)

January 17, 2019 8pm

Return to same location by midnight January 18

Mass at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Rally at the
National Mall and March to the Supreme Court Building

\$95.00/adult

Discount tickets \$35.00/student (H.S. or College)

Reservations requested by December 29
50% deposit and balance paid on Jan. 15

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For more information and advanced sale tickets call
Greg 440-865-5883, Jack 440-327-2961 or Gerry 440-477-5507

Plan Ahead: 2019 Wine Tasting – Feb 16th



Ragan Hall Rentals Available

Planning a wedding, graduation, first communion, shower, family reunion or corporate luncheon? Ragan Hall is your perfect location! Located just off I-90 in Avon. We have 2 indoor rooms: the Large Hall accommodates 200 people, Small Room 75 people. Commercial kitchen on site with all dishes, silverware. Large outdoor area w/pavilion. 1 story location, handicap accessible. Plenty of parking. Call today for a quote. 440-934-4253.



THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY - WEST

Through the Gifts from God, we provide food for the body, food for the mind, and food for the soul.

All Knights are invited to attend an inter-parish men's group which meets on each First Friday for socializing, luncheon, a talk by a priest, and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist. Below are the details for future luncheons.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: December 7, 2018
SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Bob Franko
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Pastor, St. Peter, North Ridgeville
TOPIC: "tbd"

DATE: January 4, 2019
SPEAKER: Rev. Fr. Michael Feldtz
CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Associate, St. Mary, Berea
TOPIC: "tbd"

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted
COST: \$10.00
TIME: Registration/socializing begins at 11:15 AM; the Luncheon at 12:05 PM; talk at 12:35 PM; and will conclude with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call me by December 3rd for the December luncheon at (440) 937-6606.

REMINDER: PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS. I AM ALSO COLLECTING RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR FR. STALLA. YOU CAN DROP THESE ITEMS OFF AT THE LUNCHEON OR AT THE RAGAN HALL, AVON.

George W. Perz
Secretary-Treasurer, TGIFF-West

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For those members who do not have access to a computer/email and are interested in receiving the Ragan Report via U.S. Mail, please contact George Perz (440) 937-6606 or the Ragan Report at frragan@gmail.com

Winners & Losers Corner

Winners and Losers // Two bit Drawing Winner \$23 Bill Greaney (Donated to Fr. Gerard) Pot of Gold Loser \$75, Stanley Godlewski Come to the meetings and be a winner!!!!



CALENDAR



Thur, Dec 6 Business Meeting (7:30PM, Ragan Hall)
Sun, Dec 16 Kids' Christmas Party (1:00PM, Ragan Hall)
Thur, Dec 20 Social Meeting (7:30PM, Ragan Hall)



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