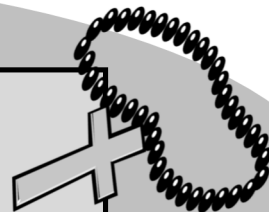




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# Knightly Knews



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-To love means loving the unlovable.  
-To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable.  
-Faith means believing the unbelievable.  
-Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.  
G.K Chesterton

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## A Message from your Grand Knight ...



### Brother Knights,

Hope all is well with everyone. The January events went well and we have several activities planned in February. We will need several volunteers on Sunday, 2/4 as we host the Regional Free-Throw Contest and a Pancake Breakfast that day. We also are going to have another coffee & donuts event on 2/11, but this time only after the 9AM Mass. Hope to see many in attendance. All have an opportunity to attend the Bishop Rhoades talk about masculinity on 2/21. Please wear your Knights Gear to this event! The member meeting has been moved to the 4th Wednesday (2/28) so we are not double-booked.

The Sunday 1:30PM Mass has grown in attendance, so we have added a volunteer sign-up for traffic service at that Mass too. Tuesday 4/9 has been set as the date for new member Exemplification. Please invite men in the Parish to join and share the date with them. Our volunteer efforts truly contribute in building God's Kingdom. We work to provide care and support for others, but ultimately to serve Christ. Let us be strong servants in our service!

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Steve Shoda, Grand Knight**

## Ladies Auxiliary News....

Dear Ladies,

We are planning a baby shower theme for the February meeting. Also, the meeting has been changed to Wednesday, February 28th. It is a potluck with the guys, we begin eating at 6:30 so bring some of your faves. Then we will pray the rosary with the guys. Next we will have our meeting! Name badges have been ordered.

The Women's Care Center is in need of board books. They can be gently used or new. That should be a fun shopping adventure!

Please keep Darryl and Joyce Smith in your prayers.

Ash Wednesday is February 14, which is fast approaching. Wishing you all a very fruitful lent.

Many Blessings,

**Connie Dailey, Auxiliary Coordinator**



## 13th Annual Rekindle The Fire Diocesan Men's Conference

Join men from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for a Rekindle The Fire Men's Conference Saturday, February 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$60 for adults or \$30 for students. Will be held at the Memorial Coliseum.

This year's speakers include Chris Padgett, Fr. Dwight Longenecker, Fr. Chris Alar, and Bishop Kevin C Rhoades.

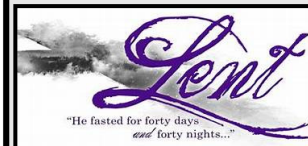
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**Meetings are on  
the 1st & 3rd  
"Wednesdays"  
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**Come to our 'dinners'**  
**before the**  
**meeting. Cards after.**  
**Meet our new**  
**Members!**

**Next Meeting Moved to Wednesday February 28th!!**

## Our Prayer Line:

*Please keep the following members and their families, who are sick, in distress or in harms way (police, fire, ambulance, health care or serving in the military) in your prayers.*

**Take a moment to enliven one's heart.** Msgr. Kuzmich, Teresa Koch, Jim Lane, David Gensheimer, Ivy Berghoff, Kellie Stanley, Bob Pequignot, Phil Dubois, Paul Reszel, Ellis Ryan, Howard Fischer, Dan Myers, Pam Allen, Kathy Stieglitz, Bob O'dell, Ted Okendu, Dana & Alice Achor, Mike Pranger, Darryl Smith, Ray Martin, Mike Karst, Tony Wagner, Dennis Fech, Ray Ohlman, Mollie Kearney, Tim Kearney, Phyllis Hamrick, Jim & Judy Cox.

**For the departed souls:** Rosemary Reszel, Msgr. Joseph Ssebayigga, Bob Cowan, Bob Gensheimer, Denny Mockenhaupt, Don Getts, David Yee, Jim Irey, Lowell Dusseau, Bernie Richardville, Jack Oberle, Karl Cid, Robin Studt, Sheila Zoretich, Doug Schumick, Larry Eberle, Bob Deck, Dave Springmann, Ron Minton, John Hennessey, Walt Voigt, Ed Jarboe, Skip Johnson, Max Cambre, Felipe De Guzman, Greg Carlston, Donald Leffers, David Chavis, Deacon Jim Fitzpatrick, Don Kammer, Art Leffers, John Kruk, Michael Koch, Joe Brown, Richard Beeler, Robert Anderson

**For all the aborted babies and for all of the elderly and/or sick members of our council.**



## Membership Report....

The Knights of Columbus is a pillar of our parish in supporting our faith, our parish families, and parish activities.

As a Knight you choose the projects with which you wish to be involved in within your own community. What is more, the Order is dedicated to family life and the many benefits it offers. From insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs, all are open to the whole family. Every Catholic man has an opportunity to make a difference in this world and live the Catholic faith through actions of the Knights of Columbus. Please consider this a personal invitation to you to ask someone to join. Have them come and see just what the Knights are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life.

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***Have you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus?***

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## Happy 'February' Birthday, Guys !!!!

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## Council 2024 Dues.... ( They are due now..)

Brother Knights,

It is time to assess our annual Council Dues for 2024. Dues remain unchanged at \$40. In addition to paying with cash or check, we have updated options on our website ([saintv.org/knights](http://saintv.org/knights)) for making online payments. We have set up the ability to accept card payments both online and in person using Square. ([www.saintv.org/kcsquare](http://www.saintv.org/kcsquare))

There are multiple payment methods available.

- Depending on the payment or donation being made there may be a small fee added to cover the fee the council pays to square for each transaction.
- We have also set up the ability to make payments from your mobile banking app using Zelle.
- If your bank supports Zelle payments, simply select Zelle from within your banking app and scan the QR code on our payments page.

There are never fees when making payments with Zelle. With the cost of mailing going up every year and in attempting to reduce costs, the initial 2024 Dues notice will go out via email only.

If you have any questions, didn't get your notice or need assistance, you can call/text me at 260-267-3378 or email me at: [efmeenagh@frontier.com](mailto:efmeenagh@frontier.com)

Vivat Jesus!, Gene Meenagh, Financial Secretary

## Knights in Action!!! .... Council activities where we have served our parish and community.

- Traffic Assistance at St.Vincent-Dec - 10 Knights, 20 Hrs
- Held 'Council' Free Throw Competition - 10 Knights, 16 Hrs
- St.Mary Magdalene Oratory - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 48 Knights, 64 Hours
- St.Mary Magdalene Oratory - Clean Oratory and Collect Candle Money January - 2 Knights, 24 Hours
- A Mother's Hope  
Misc. Maintenance Tasks, Shovel Snow, Thaw Pipes, Take out Trash/Recycle Bins - 1 Knight, 22 Hours
- Fire Choir Singing at Park Place  
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## Field Agent Report...

Brother Knights, As we approach the penitential season of Lent, we look to increase the various disciplines and asceticism that deepen our faith and strengthen our practice of our faith. We do this out of love, and with Lent starting of St. Valentine's Day, it is a good reminder for us that discipline = love. We celebrate our love for another. Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.



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Ash Wednesday is one of the few days of the year where the public practice of our faith distinguishes us by wearing the cross of ash. I encourage all of our members to extend this public practice of faith in our economy by patronizing distinctly and unapologetically Catholic options for everything from car services to finances with the Knights of Columbus.

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## Culture of Life.... 40 Days for Life .... Spring 2024

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. Opening Rally: Tuesday, Feb 13th at 5:30pm with Pastor James Keller of New Life Lutheran Church . Closing Rally: Sunday, March 24th.

Sidewalk advocates outside our local Planned Parenthood have seen an increase in numbers of women entering the clinic. Our volunteers need your help! Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Our Council meets at 10:30am @ the Mary Magdalene Oratory.

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### 4th Degree Report....

We had our meeting on the 9th. Several things at this meeting were brought up concerning the 4th Degree. We had 2 large pizza's from Pizza Hut and water. There will be a Mass at Luers on the 17 of January at 9:45 AM. The Bishop will be presiding. There will be a Right to Life March at the St. Francis Building on Berry. I was not given a time.

Fr. Bill said the Church has asked us to pray for the unborn. They also need donations for ultrasound machines. The reason for the machines is for the mother to see and hear her infant. Our next meeting will be Feb. 13. Steve will talk on subjects concerning Veterans. Snacks will be from Taco Bell and water. We are asking, if you want to be early we can start at 6:45. As always our meetings are in the Mother Guerin Chapel in the basement next to the Cathedral. Hope to see you there. Plenty of parking available.

Dave Barrett, Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239



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### What is Lent?....

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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### Why is Lent Forty Days?

The forty-day period of Jesus' trial in the desert echoes a number of events in the Old Testament:

- The face of the earth was cleansed and purified during the promised period of days and nights that rain poured down during the great flood—"I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made" (Gen 7:4).
- The face of the earth was renewed during a fortyday period after the mountain tops appeared and the waters of the great flood receded—"The tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made" (Gen 8:5-6).
- Moses spent forty years as a shepherd in the desert before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery—"Moses fled when he heard this and settled as an alien in the land of Midian . . . Forty years later, an angel appeared to him in the desert near Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning bush" (Acts 7: 29-30).
- Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai before receiving the tablets of the covenant—"So Moses stayed there with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments" (Ex 34:28).
- The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert, as a time of testing, trial and purification of the people, before reaching the Promised Land—"Now the Israelites had wandered forty years in the desert, until all the warriors among the people that came forth from Egypt died off because they had not obeyed the command of the Lord" (Jos 5:6; see Num 32:13).
- The prophet Elijah spent forty days in the desert before encountering God on Mount Horeb—"[Elijah] got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" (1 Kgs 19:8).
- The Ninevites were given forty days before God was going to destroy the city, allowing time for repentance and conversion—"Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,' when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth" (Jon 3:4-5).

## Calendar of Events

Feb 4	8-12 pm	K of C 'Family' Breakfast - (Parish Hall) <i>(Proceeds To St. Vincent School)</i>
Feb 4	10-1 pm	District 'Free Throw' Contest (Gym)
Feb 7	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Feb 10	7 am-12 pm	K of C 'Blood Drive' - (Parish Hall) <b>SIGN UP NOW !</b>
Feb 13	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
<b>Feb 10</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Feb 18	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Feb 24	9-5pm	RTF Men's Conference #20 @ Memorial Coliseum
Feb 28	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A &amp; B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
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Mar 6	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Mar 12	7:00 pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Mar 17	6:30 pm	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall)
Mar 20	6:30 pm	<u>K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A &amp; B</u> <u>(Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm)</u>
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Mar 23/24		Christ Renews His Parish - Men's Weekend Retreat
<b>Mar 31</b>		<b>Easter Sunday—He Has Risen !!!</b>
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Apr 3	7:00 pm	K of C Officers Meeting - (Sp.Center - Room B, Door 1)
Apr 9	7:00pm	4th Degree Meeting @ Cathedral (St.Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel)
Apr 17	6:30 pm	K of C Member Meeting - Sp.Center A & B (Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm, Mtg @ 7:30pm)
Apr 20	<b>TBA</b>	Rekindle the Fire - (Parish Hall) <b>(20 yr anniversary!!! Saturday )</b>

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### ***Next Member Meeting:***

*Wednesday, February 28th (Sp.Center A & B)*

*Meal @ 6:30pm; Rosary @ 7:10pm; Mtg @ 7:30pm*