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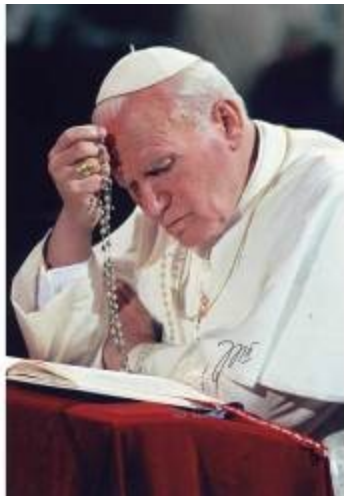
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*Our Lady
Gives St. Dominic the Rosary*



Blessed John Paul II
Bishop of Rome
(1978 – 2005)

*Enriched the Rosary adding
'The Luminous Mysteries'*
Memorial October 22
(Dioceses of Poland and Rome)

Grand Knight Ted said ... Sincere thanks to all our Brother Knights for all the help and time they donated in the month of September making this one of the most active and productive in some time.

Exemplary works of Charity include Michael Bryscan, who took a day off from his eight hour job so he could work 11 hours over two days for the Intellectual Disability Drive. New Knight Jim Shimanek gave up his Friday golf league so he could work Friday (and Saturday as well). Mel Cea never misses working at Buffalo Grove Days.

I was proud to see new Knights John Adamski, Dr. Mike Cua and Larry Ybarra take part in their first KC activities.

Thank you to Jack O'Brien and his son Dennis, who arranged for volunteers from Laremont School: Mary Sower, Sera Laidner, and Kristina Kouris.

Buffalo Grove Days, the Parade, the Popcorn Booth, the Right to Life Booth the Bingo and the Tootsie Roll Drive, the KC World Day of Prayer for Peace on 9/11 and Choir member Rich Grube talking to us about officiating college football made the month overwhelmingly triumphant.

However, we must look forward to all our upcoming events starting with the October 2 Baby Bottle campaign. Our business meeting on October 13 will include financial reports from all our September fundraising efforts.

We will honor all the men who guided us in Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism as Grand Knights at the Past Grand Knight Dinner on October 16. We should all attend in respect for the position of Grand Knight.

Our Corporate Communion and Rosary is October 23 at 11:30 mass; the Social Night is October 27 where the speaker

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OUR CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Fr. Denis Carneiro

October this year brings us five Sundays in Ordinary Time. It is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary whose feast we celebrate on October 7.

Our Nation, Parish, Council and Fraternity are all under Our Lady's care. Please Pray the Rosary as often as your conscience and time allows.

October 1 is the feast of Theresa of the Child Jesus and Teresa of Jesus on October 15. The very popular Saint Francis of Assisi is celebrated on October 4. Let us not forget October 2 is Respect Life Sunday, October 10 is Columbus Day, October 23 is World Mission Sunday and October 31 is Priesthood Sunday. Keep these in mind and say an extra, appropriate prayer.

Please read the letter Bobby Krueger wrote to his Brother Knights in the following pages of this newsletter.

Sunday October 2 --- Matthew 21:33-43.

The parable of the landowner who prepares a vineyard with all that is needed. This in Isaiah's terms is God's "Beloved." He leases it out to tenants. The tenants turn out to be unfaithful and not accountable. He takes what he had given them and leases it out to others. God has appointed us stewards of what God has given us. It is for us to be responsible to God.

Sunday October 9--- Matthew 22:1-14.

Another parable of the Kingdom of Heaven likened to a Wedding Feast. God prepares all and invites us. But we learn "Many are called, but few are chosen." We need to gratefully receive what God has given us but also be responsible and accountable for ourselves in what we say, do and are.

Sunday October 16 ---Matthew 22:15-21.

This time the Pharisees who are watching Jesus try to put him to the test. Jesus answers them: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to

God what belongs to God." All that we have is from God and it is to be used for God.

Sunday October 23 ---Matthew 22:34-40.

Once again the Pharisees try to test Jesus. Jesus sums up the whole law with the two greatest commandments: Love God and Love Neighbor.

Sunday October 30---Matthew 23: 1-12.

This time Jesus speaks about the Scribes and Pharisees. While he does not reject the law that they stand for, he does not encourage their behaviors. "They preach but do not practice". Jesus encourages SERVANT LEADERSHIP.

As we continue with our desire to grow in our faith, let us be open to the opportunities that come our way to be creative in experiencing God's inviting hand to accompany God in our knowing, loving and serving God. This is our general call. It is for us to see how God makes it specific and unique in each of our lives.

Blessed Michael McGivney,
Pray for Us

Our Lady of the Grove,
Pray for Us

Our Lady of the Knights,
Pray for Us



Fr Denis leads the congregation in Prayers for Peace on September 11.

(Please Note: Fr. Denis celebrates his Patron Saint's Day on Sunday, October 9. Please offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving for his Priesthood and wish him well that day.)

Grand Knight Ted said (continued from pg. 1)



will be from Homeland Security.

Let us keep in mind and plan for our New Year's Eve party which is open to the entire parish. It will be a gala night with live music, dinner, beer, wine, party favors, free Champaign toast at midnight and a sweet table and coffee to finish out the evening. Get a group together and start the New Year with friends and family close to home.

I have appointed Jim Shimanek as our webmaster, so please check the website –he will be posting KC pictures there soon.

Thank you all once again

Vivat Jesus.



Jack O'Brien, Kristina Kouris and Lou Paolillo worked the ID Drive at Walgreen's September 17. Kristina is a speech language pathologist at Laremont High School. Kristina teaches Jack's grandson Matt.

OUR LADY OF THE GROVE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 10—4th Degree Columbus Day Parade, downtown Chicago.

Thursday, Oct. 13—Business Meeting, 7:30 PM in the school Lunchroom.

Sunday, Oct. 16--- Past Grand Knight's Dinner, at The Arboretum.

Sunday, Oct. 23—Corporate Communion after the 11:30 AM Mass.

Thursday, Oct. 27— Social Meeting, 7:30 PM. A guest will talk about Homeland Security.

Friday, Oct. 28--- **Feast of St. Jude Thaddeus.** GK Ted and PGK Thad Steward are named in honor of this Saint. Please wish them well today.

Sunday, Oct. 30--- Bobby Krueger's first Mass as transitional Deacon at 11:30 Mass. Coffee and cake afterwards.

Thursday, Dec. 8 -- Business Meeting after 7 PM Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

Thursday, Dec. 22--- OLG Christmas Party, 730PM in school lunchroom. Thad and Alice Steward will celebrate the Polish Christmas Eve tradition of *Oplatki* with us.

January 2012

Sunday, Jan 15—Respect Life speaker in Church

Sunday Jan. 22—Free Throw Contest

FRI-SUN, Jan. 27-29—Men's Retreat at Bellarmine

Respect Life Page

by Andrea 'Andie' Van Spankeren

Since October is Respect Life month, I thought it fitting to write about a couple Respect Life activities that my husband, Dick and I have been involved with for many years.

The first is the Respect Life beverage booth at Buffalo Grove Days on Labor Day Weekend. The proceeds from this fundraiser are donated to several Pro-Life organizations in the area. Dick and I have been involved with this activity for about 30 years and have been in charge of it for many of the past years, long before it became a part of the Knights of Columbus. Because this involves three days, many volunteers are needed. Several of these volunteers are the same ones we have worked with for the past 30 years. We would like to thank those Knights that volunteered this past Labor Day weekend. We appreciate you giving up a few hours of your time to help at the booth. And ladies, if you worked with your husbands, I personally want to thank you.

Two of our adult children also helped the cause out this year: Matthew and Patty.

The other fundraiser that we have been involved with for many years is the Christmas Wreath Sale. St. Mary Parish is one of several churches that participate in this fundraiser which helps support the Women's Center. They provide the wreaths, we sell them, and all the proceeds go back to them. Volunteers are also needed for this fundraiser to distribute and sell the wreaths before and after all masses on the last weekend in November.

The Knights of Columbus are involved in several other Respect Life activities but these are the two that Dick and I have been involved with for many years. In the past the Knights have invited representatives from the various pro-life organizations to speak at their social meetings and I presume this will continue in the future. Ladies, please consider attending these functions with your husbands to hear what they do and learn about them. You'll be amazed. I encourage you to get involved in any or all pro-life activities in any way that you are able and most of all – pray. Pray that hearts and minds will be changed to respect, honor, and celebrate the life of all individuals – young, old, and unborn.

by Melinda Henson

Forty Days for Life began Thursday, September 28. Manny and I were joined by Grand Knight Ted Nowokunski, Thad Steward, Mike Bryscan, Don Bartelt and our newsletter editor. We carpooled into Albany Park in Chicago. It was cool with a threat of rain, but our spirits were good.

There were already about 40 people when we arrived at 6:30PM. We greeted the friends we have made over the too many years we worked together to stop abortion. We greeted and made new friends before Reverend Francis Kane, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, arrived. A drizzle started, umbrellas opened, and we began with prayers that lead into reciting the Rosary.

There were five Fourth Degree Knights in regalia who took turns reading the meditation before Our Lady's Mysteries.

While we prayed, one car on Elston Avenue drove by and someone inside yelled, "Go Home!" We ignored him. We know that abortion is wrong and that our work to stop it is just.

As we left, the group sang Amazing Grace, and others came to take our place. How moving and inspiring. We pray that all people who consider abortion will have the same change of heart that the captain of the slave ship had before he wrote those beautiful verses.



Dick Van Spankeren with Andrea, son Matthew and daughter Patty at the Refreshment Booth at Buffalo Grove Days

Tom Healy and his son recall a pilgrimage they won't forget

by Tom Healy
PGK, Queen of Angels
Council 4535

World Youth Day 2011 was held in Madrid, Spain, this past August. I had the pleasure of being a part of it with my two sons, Alex and Nate. Alex, 21, is my oldest.

This was Alex's third pilgrimage to World Youth Day as he and I were at Cologne, Germany, in 2005 and Sydney, Australia, in 2008. I watched him grow in to quite a responsible and devote young Catholic during that week in Madrid.

This was Nate's (13) first time...at World Youth Day...out of the country...on an airplane. There were so many things for him to be excited about. He also amazed me, keeping up with the other pilgrims in so many ways.

We arrived in Madrid on Monday, August 15. After getting settled into our accommodations, we took the subway into the heart of Madrid. We visited the Cathedral and saw some of the sights near the Plaza Sol and Placa de Major. Since we were lucky enough to be traveling with a bishop, we went to mass that evening for the Feast of the Assumption.

Tuesday, we took a brief bus tour of Madrid and then jumped right into the World Youth Day events. The opening mass, celebrated by

the Archbishop of Madrid, was attended by over 1 million people, who jammed the streets. All around us were pilgrims from the four corners of the world---Catholics celebrating our faith together. After mass, we walked around through some of the plazas that make up the city of Madrid. Everywhere we looked, young Catholics were singing, dancing, and enjoying each others company. Shouts of "Where are you from?" punctuated the night.

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Wednesday began catechesis sessions. This takes place in churches, halls, schools, and stadiums throughout Madrid. The format of these catechesis sessions is like many of the youth rallies I have seen. It starts with praise and worship music, which includes plenty of audience participation. Sometimes, this is followed by a speaker who talks to the youth about subjects pertinent to them.

We happened to catch chastity speaker Jason Evert on Thursday at the Knights of

Columbus/Sisters of Life venue at the sports stadium.

Following that, a bishop speaks to the youth on a subject taken from the World Youth Day theme. I am always amazed at how well the bishops are able to engage all of the young pilgrims-and what excellent questions the youth have for the bishops.

(Something else I noticed was the respect and admiration given by the youth to the bishops--- indeed, all of the priests they encountered!) The culmination of catechesis is the Mass celebrated by the bishop.

On Thursday evening the Pope arrives. Once again the pilgrims (well over 1.5 million by now) gather in the plaza that hosted the opening Mass to greet His Holiness and listen as he welcomes all of us to Madrid.

He spoke greetings in each of the six languages of World Youth Day. Each time he changed languages, that group of pilgrims would cheer loudly and wave their country's flag in welcome to the pontiff.

Friday's highlight was the Stations of the Cross. These statues were brought in from all over Spain and displayed along a route in the center of the city (near the sight of the opening mass). Again, the streets were packed as everyone prayed the Stations with the Pope.

The pilgrimage walk to Cuatro Vientos airfield was filled with singing and dancing, despite the extreme hot/dry weather. Once we arrived at the entrance, we found that it was still a 45 minute walk to our section. It was hot. It was dry. It was crowded. The water stations were not working. It could easily have turned into a riot. The true Catholic spirit of the crowd was evident, though, as everyone in attendance seemed to just “go with the flow”.

As evening approached, it brought along the anticipation of the Pope’s arrival---and a storm. As his motorcade made its way to the field, the clouds began to thicken and the wind picked up. When he arrived, the rain began. The winds increased. Twice, His Holiness was removed from the central stage area. Each time he returned, the crowd erupted in shouts of appreciation and applause. “All day, you have sought water,” he said, “Now, God is providing it for you!” Cheers went up throughout the entire airfield.

When Adoration began, however, all was silent. The rain stopped. The wind died down. Then, in silence, almost 2 million young people from all over the world knelt in Eucharistic Adoration with the Pope.

We awoke on Sunday morning to a clear sky. After the Pope left us on Saturday night, the storm returned with a vengeance. Two of the four Adoration structures that had been erected on the field

had been blown down overnight. Crews were already on hand dismantling them for safety.

Announcements were made regarding the distribution of Holy Communion (not possible due to the damaged adoration structures), the search for several missing children (as many as 24 missing during the night), and the need to make room for the crowds trying to get onto the field for Mass. The last we heard was that over 2 million people celebrated that mass with Pope Benedict XVI.

This Mass was the reason that we had come: to celebrate the source and summit of our faith with the successor of Saint Peter.

And I was lucky enough to be with my boys.



by Nate Healy
Frassati Catholic Academy,
Class of 2012
Carmel Catholic High School,
Class of 2016

World Youth Day is an amazing event to experience.

You not only get closer to God, but also to your fellow Catholics from around the world. I went to World Youth Day to not only strengthen my faith, but also to witness the Pope in person.

I also heard stories from the previous two World Youth Days from my Bother and Father that gave me the urge to experience the event for myself. The trip itself is such a rush because of everything that is going on every minute of every day.

The best part of the entire trip is the Vigil on Saturday night. It is the best because you are having a little camping trip with millions of people from around the globe who all share a common goal, to get closer to God. By that part of the trip, you have also become one with the people who you have traveled with. After the trip was over, I knew I had not only grown in faith, but I had found a new family with Catholics everywhere. Overall, the trip was the most amazing event I have ever encountered and it will stay the best throughout my entire life.

“When you meet [Jesus] you know how to recognize the Lord, who shows you His wounds, who serves your need, who asks you to open your heart.”

--- Francis Cardinal George
‘Sending Mass’ Homily
St. Mary Parish, July 30.



News you can use ... and that's fit to print

ALPHA Autumn session

Deacon Gene Kukla begins an autumn semester of ALPHA beginning October 13. All are invited to join the Thursday night sessions.

The evening begins with a meal, followed by a talk and concluding with group discussion.

“We discuss questions about our Faith,” said one ALPHA participant from the Spring session. “When we were kids, we learned about being Catholic. Now that we are adults, we bring our life experiences to thinking about God and Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible, to think about being Catholic Christians.”

The sessions begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8 PM. There is no cost, but registration is required. Consult the Sunday bulletin for details and registration.

KC Insignia Clothing

Several members have inquired about purchasing KC insignia clothing. PGK Jack O'Brien has kindly agreed to share with us the newest catalogue (once it becomes available).



Mike Brown and daughter Julie worked together for MRLD/ ID Drive September 17. Julie attends Illinois State University and will study in France in the 2011-12 academic year..

National and International News

... **Sheila K. Gilbert** was elected president of the National Council of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), a Catholic lay organization that works extensively with those in need and living in poverty. She is the first woman to hold the office.
(America, 9/26/11)

... Father Frank Pavone has been suspended from ministry outside the Diocese of Amarillo, Tex., because of financial questions related to his leadership of **Priests for Life**.
(America, 9/26/11)

... **Vienna, Austria**: In June 2011, a group of about 300 priests, called the Austrian Priests' Initiative, issued an “Appeal to Disobedience,” in which they pledged to take practical action on a list of reforms that included giving Communion to everyone who approaches the altar in good faith, including divorced Catholics who have remarried without an annulment, and publicly speaking out in support of the ordination of women and married men. Membership in the group has grown to about 400, roughly one in 10 active priests, and some 12,000 lay Catholics are said to support the initiative.

(National Catholic Reporter, 9/12/11)



Fr. Richard Sztorc and KC Rich Storms and family celebrate the end of the MRLD/ ID Drive.



Let's Grow In MEMBERSHIP

by Don Bartelt, Membership Chairman

Charity Begins At Home?

I have heard this comment far too many times, usually from one of my kids when they were teenagers looking to hit their parents up for another hand out. I did not agree with them then and do not agree now.

I firmly believe charity begins outside the home when we reach out to those less fortunate and make that extra effort to lend a hand. Responsibility to our families does not have to be confused with our charitable endeavors. Our charity to others demonstrates this responsibility to our family and hopefully instills a charitable attitude in them.

We Knights of Columbus are the most charitable organization in the world.

The just completed "Tootsie Roll" Drive is an excellent example of our commitment to Charity, the Principle of the First Degree. We collected \$7,000 for the disadvantaged with 100% of the funds going directly to charities working with children and adults with Intellectual Disabilities. This KC statewide charity activity is a source of tremendous pride.

Our objective is to practice Charity and inspire an increase in membership in the Knights.

Setting a good example of our Principles by providing leadership within our Church (Charity, Unity, and Fraternity) and community (Patriotism) is an ongoing responsibility for Knights. Through this visibility we create an atmosphere that is receptive new Knights. . Many times I hear from individuals within our church: "my father was a Knight for 40 years ...my brother is a Knight ...my father in-law was a Knight".

These statements create an excellent opportunity for you to invite that person into the Order: they already know something about us!

How many Catholic men have you invited to join the Knights during the past month? Don't give up with an initial refusal; sometimes it takes a couple of requests to get this prospect to say yes to your invitation.

Your invitation to new Knights and their joining this great Catholic men's organization will be the beginning of a new fulfilling chapter in their life. Have a Form 100 handy and "Just Ask".



Jim Shimanek received the honors of the First Degree at Holy Rosary Council on September 1. Don Bartelt served as witness. GK Ted has appointed Jim as Our Lady of the Grove webmaster.

'Twas Grace that brought me safe thus far'

A Journey of Faith that leads back home

by **Christine Dolgopol**
St. Mary Pastoral Council

As a second generation Polish American who lived with her entire maternal family in Avondale I was raised in a Catholic home in St. Hyacinth's parish in the heart of Avondale. Dad was also a Catholic Polish American and he and Mom met at church. Following their marriage in 1941, Dad joined the Army, Mom continued working and I was raised by my beloved **Busia** who attended Mass every morning.

In 1950 after kindergarten and first grade at St. Hyacinth's, we moved to Wheeling where I met Carole Bartman, my first friend in the suburbs. When I didn't want to get on the bus to start 2d grade at St. Mary's, it was Carole's dad, the school bus driver, who told Carole to take care of me, thus beginning a 62 year friendship which includes wonderful memories of nuns in habits shooting hoops with the boys, school in the rectory, two grades in a classroom and helping at the annual chicken dinners in the school hall. First Communion and Confirmation were followed by graduation in 1956.

Then it was off to St. Patrick Academy in Des Plaines with uniforms, saddle shoes and the Sisters of Mercy. Sodality, First Friday Mass (nylons with seams required), lighting the Advent Wreath, sock hops at Notre Dame HS for Boys

and the senior class ski trip and a day at Holy Hill and graduation in 1960 followed.

Attendance at Mt. Mary College lasted only two weeks. I was an only child and very homesick missing my Mom and my Busia. I came home much to the consternation of my Dad. I worked at Chevy Chase Country Club and went to Wright Jr. College.

Fast forward two years and I "ran away from home" to Albuquerque to live with my Mom's youngest sister and her family of four small children. We lived within walking distance of Immaculate Conception church and I dutifully attended Mass with them every Sunday. I got a job and it was time to move out into a house with two roommates. St. Bernadette's was only a mile away and I attended Mass every Sunday.

But pretty soon I started skipping Mass – was it because I didn't like the changes brought about by Vatican II or was it that there were so many things going on with friends like going to the mountains or the mesa or to ghost towns or to Mexico for the weekend. I think it was the combination of the two. I didn't like the Mass in English, the singing by the congregation, guitar Masses, nuns no longer in habits living in apartments participating in anti-war

demonstrations, lay people, especially women in the Sanctuary distributing Holy Communion and any of the changes from my beautiful quiet, peaceful, reverent Latin Mass. I rationalized my non-attendance because I could pray at home, talk to God from the top of Sandia Mountain or when walking around an Indian Pueblo.

After four years in New Mexico and one year in North Carolina I came home. Living with Mom and Dad was OK, but it was hard when I wouldn't go to church with Mom. Dad was a Christmas & Easter man after he was discharged from the Army because he blamed God for an accident which derailed his planned Army career. Mom didn't push either of us although I know how disappointed she was, especially in me.

Fast forward again. I was working downtown when I purchased the house I grew up in from Mom and Dad when they retired to Florida and remember standing in the dining room amid unpacked moving boxes when I saw the news that Pope John II had been elected Pope. I was thrilled but still not back to Sunday Mass.

I would occasionally walk over to St. Peter's on Madison Street during lunch hour just to say a short prayer or light a

candle and I started thinking I needed organized religion back in my life. Many friends from high school had left the church and since I was born and raised Catholic I wasn't about to church shop.

One Sunday morning I attended Mass at a local Catholic church. The Pastor had hair down to his shoulders and I left knowing I wouldn't go back. There was the handshake of peace, all that singing and I still didn't like any of it.

But the next Sunday I decided to go back to St. Mary's. Yes, they did all that stuff I didn't like but I felt like I was "home" and I could deal with it somehow. And it was home: after all I had made my First Communion and was confirmed there, gone to grade school there, found one of my best friends.

I called the rectory the next day, told Father Duffy I wasn't married, didn't have kids and even though I lived in Wheeling but had graduated from St. Mary's, could I join the parish. He said he's send me envelopes.

So I came back to St. Mary's to begin my second journey as a Catholic. When Mom moved back to Wheeling after Dad died we attended St. Mary's together and she knew her prayers for me had been answered.

Eventually I joined the Art and Environment Committee where I've served for close to 14 years, thanked God for the cancer group when that alien invaded my body and in 2010 Father Reszel appointed me to

the Parish Council. I have a wonderful second family with Dick and Geraldine Idstein, their kids and grandkids. Mom had asked Gerry to "take care of me" when she died. But I think of all my St. Mary friends as family.



Mom knew that her prayers for me had been answered.

I still don't like some of the changes mandated by Vatican II but that's the external stuff.

I believe that I am receiving Christ's body when I receive Holy Communion.

I believe everything I learned in my Catechism classes and I now accept the fact that the in order to attract and keep young people in the church it must adapt to the times. And if that means guitar Masses, participation by lay people and singing and the handshake of peace, so be it.

I'm a proud Catholic and happy to be HOME!

A Letter from Bobby Krueger



On Saturday, October 29, while many of you might be out trick-or-treating with kids and grandkids, I will be lying prostrate on the floor of the chapel at Mundelein Seminary. I will be begging for the prayers of all the Saints that I might receive the grace to be configured to Christ Our Lord as the least of all and the servant of all. I will kneel before Cardinal George, who will lay his hands upon my head, calling down the Holy Spirit, ordaining me to the ministry of the Church. I will be clothed with stole and dalmatic, signs of my new office as a Deacon of the Church. These past few weeks, I am fervently preparing my heart to be clothed in the service of the Gospel, to receive the Holy Gospel and to become its herald. It is an exciting and definitive time in my life, and I want to share it with you.

Brother Knights, your support over these last years has helped me to arrive at this point in my formation. Diaconal service lays the necessary foundation for being a good priest. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered in gratitude for my Diaconate Ordination at St. Mary on October 30th, 11:30 AM. I will be assisting as a Deacon at that Mass for the very first time. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Know of my prayers for you. I ask for yours as well.

DIARY OF AN UNBORN BABY

OCTOBER 5-- Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet, I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

OCTOBER 19-- Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists
But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is.
And I am.

OCTOBER 23-- My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall
be laughing and later talking. I know what my first word will be: MAMA.

OCTOBER 25-- My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat
for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop,
and then I shall die.

NOVEMBER 2-- I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape.
But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

NOVEMBER 12-- Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small They are!
I'll be able to stroke my mother's hair with them.

NOVEMBER 20-- It wasn't until today that the doctor told mommy that I am living here under
her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, Mama?

NOVEMBER 25-- My mommy and daddy are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. I want to be called Kathy. I am getting so big already.

DECEMBER 10-- My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind
of hair mommy has.

DECEMBER 13-- I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mommy brings me into the world it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mommy's face. What do you look like, mommy?

DECEMBER 24-- I wonder if mommy hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly: tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

What is happening? I hear noise. I feel something sharp and it hurts! Oh how it hurts me! NO, Mommy NO! Oh

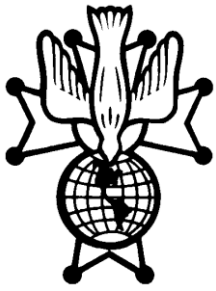
Mommy! Please, Mommy! I'll be good for you! Please love me, Mommy! Things are black and the pain is gone now.

DECEMBER 28-- Today my Mother killed me!

Over there I see a great light! Oh! Hello, JESUS!

(Author Unknown)

(This space reflects the emptiness in the World as a result of all children who have been aborted)



News of the Fourth Degree

by Michael Bryscan,
Commander

Brother Knights, if you've been a Knight for more than six months, and you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, it's time to consider taking your journey one step further. It is time to become a Fourth Degree Knight. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. During the exemplification of the Fourth Degree you will learn about the principle of Patriotism. While I can't reveal any of the details of the ceremony, I am sure that after the exemplification you will be proud to be a Catholic American.

After receiving the Fourth Degree you will be a Sir Knight and become a member of an assembly. Members of our council join St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly in Arlington Heights. Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. We provide an honor guard at Confirmations and other special Masses, march in parades on patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor

Day and provide a Color Corps for Special Olympics events.

Seton Assembly also conducts an annual fundraiser called "A Knight of Patriotism". The event benefits Salute Inc. The following is taken from their website www.saluteinc.org: Salute Inc. passionately pursues meeting the financial, physical and emotional needs of military service members, veterans and their families. We strive to raise awareness of their sacrifices and provide a safety net to ensure every military family is treated with honor and dignity.

I hope you can see that there are many reasons why you should receive the Fourth Degree which is the highest degree of the Order. The next exemplification in our area will be in April 2012. If you are interested, please contact Faithful Navigator Dennis Delaney or any Fourth Degree member.

Happy October Birthdays

Mike Brown (7); Joe Wall (15);
Don Bartelt (23); Len Schiller
(27); George Colangelo (29)



KC Anniversaries

PGK Thad Steward (23);
Robert Swanson (18);
Fr. Denis Carneiro (7);
Ed Case (7); Roland Schwind
(7); Don Junius (5);); Dr. Leo
Njongmeta (4); Victor Grossi,
(2); Michael McGrady II, John
Bartelt, Bob Cygan, and
Matthew Wojtowicz ,(1).



**Please Pray ...
for Our Priests, Bishops,
Deacons, Religious,
Seminarians, and those
Discerning their Vocation**

**... for those who are
sick:**

Bill Leahy, Cris Karm, Jerry
Gabel, Kathy Wagner

**... for those who have
died**

Donna Neilson;
Marion Anna Sherman,
Mother of Sir Knight Kevin
Sherman, visiting OLG from
Michigan

KNIGHT'S TOPICS

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Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

--Richard Dawidowicz,
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--Jim Shimanek,
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