



The Outer Guard

Knights of Columbus #1143

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From the Grand Knight ...

Brother Knights,

I hope this finds you and your family well and safe. November marks in important month in the Community, State, and Nation – the election of our future civic officials. I hope all of you had the opportunity to exercise your right to vote! This election cycle has truly been one for the ages. Regardless of who you voted for, I encourage all of us to come together as Brother Knights and be the light that shows our community that we will love our brother and our neighbor! Together, we can be the example that we are men of faith that will love all people of this great nation as Americans first and not by political affiliation. May God bless our council, and may God bless America.

Vivat Jesus!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, GK

Knight of the Month

For November, we salute Steve McClard as Knight of the Month!

Steve McClard currently serves as the Fred Mills Board President. Steve has done a great job leading the Fred Mills Club through the turbulent waters of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the onset of COVID-19 Steve has been the main point person managing The Hall rentals. Steve also serves on the Fred Mills club BBQ team which hosts monthly BBQ's at The Hall and for the annual Golf Tournament.

Thank you, Steve, for all your hard work for the Council and the Fred Mills Club!

Congratulations Gary Doiron!

On Saturday, October 31st, Brother Knight Gary Doiron was inducted into the Springfield Diocesan Knights of Columbus Hall of Fame!

Gary, thank you for your countless hours of serving the Knights of Columbus on the council, district, and state level. Your service to the Knights is sincerely appreciated!

This prestigious award is well deserved! Congratulations!

— Council #1143 Officers

Family of the Month

For November, we salute the Doiron family as family of the month! Gary, Angela, and Claire all serve on Fish Fry Team #1, Kitchen Crew. Also, the Doiron family are active parishioners at St. Mary's Parish. Recently, Gary was inducted into the Springfield Diocesan Knights of Columbus Hall of Fame! Gary is a past Grand Knight, past District Deputy and past State Squires Chair to name a few! Thank you, Doiron family, for all you do for the Knights and the Catholic community!

Vocations Raffle Tickets Due Nov. 15

Brother Knights, by now you should have received the annual Vocations Raffle tickets in the mail. Raffle tickets are just \$12 for 15 entries.

All proceeds from this raffle support seminarians in the Springfield Diocese! Please have tickets turned in no later than November 15th. Thank you for supporting vocations!

Children in Need Shopping Spree 2020

Well, like everything else is this COVID-19 era, this year's Christmas Shopping Spree for the less-fortunate in our community, will see some major changes. Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions and distancing guidelines, our council **will NOT** be helping children with shopping and wrapping of gifts this year. Our lower income population still needs and wants our help. In a meeting, the Edwardsville School District 7 personnel, decided that limited close contact needs to be avoided because of the health predictions of COVID-19 cases increasing this winter.

The membership has voted that Council 1143 will still raise funds for gifts to be purchased at Walmart. We will buy and distribute gift cards for eligible families of District 7 (15 families) this year. Normally, we attempt to support 18-20 families.

Please make your generous checks out to **K of C council 1143**. You may send those checks to **Don Brunworth-- 50 Rushmore Dr. Glen Carbon, IL 62034**. Also, there will be a **collection jar at the bar** in The Hall starting in November. However, I do not think there is much activity at The Hall, and things could be more restricted, if Madison County COVID-19 cases continue upward. I believe this is the best we can do in these strange times. If there are any significant changes we will let members know. Thanks for supporting this **CHARITABLE** event.

Don Brunworth--Chairman

Coats for Kids Drive

Every fall, the council supports an important charity in the community – the Coats for Kids Drive. Through this charity, the council donates cases of winter coats for boys and girls to the Riverbend Head Start in Edwardsville. For this year's drive, the council is taking the fundraising efforts online via Facebook and Square. You can help support by sharing the link below with you family and friends. All donations are welcomed and much appreciated!

<https://www.facebook.com/649437628442784/posts/3423490374370815/>

Thank you for your support!

You could be a winner and here's how:

After the Fred Mills Club meeting on December 21, 2020, there will be a drawing for a number of \$25.00 Schnucks gift cards which you can use to purchase a turkey or ham for your Christmas holiday meal. The number of cards awarded will be based on the size of your response to this appeal. All proceeds will go to our Building Improvement Fund.

Included in this month's Outer Guard, you will find a page with six tickets for you to print. The ticket price is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. For every five tickets you sell or purchase you get one free entry in the drawing.

If you have trouble printing the tickets or should you need additional tickets they are available at The Hall after 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, you can contact any member of the Fred Mills Board of Directors.

Make your check payable to Fred Mills Club and mail it with your ticket stubs to 7132 Marine Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025 or you can turn them in to the bartender. We will also accept cash.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



KofC State Soccer Challenge will be held at Plummer Family Park

Exciting news! The 2020 KofC State Soccer Challenge will be held at Plummer Family Park on Saturday, November 14, from 1:00-3:00p. It's being co-hosted by the St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus and Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Councils. It's an honor for us to co-host this state competition. We're inviting volunteers to help register contestants and score the competition. It should be a fun, but perhaps a chilly day to see the soccer champions from around the state compete. Contact Jerry Kapp Edwardsville KofC Soccer Challenge Chairman at jerrykapp@gmail.com or 618-304-4325 to volunteer or if you have questions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

"We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will." How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney's canonization? Asking only to fulfill God's holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder, is now our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney's cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared "Venerable" indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly 23 years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney's beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. This is a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers to fortify our faith and provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary's he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Please take a minute to complete it. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. An informative insert included in the survey packet also. I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our Blessed Founder. It's been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your good works in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!

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Monday - December 21, 2020

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Donation \$1.00 Winner need not be present.

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Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

NOVEMBER, 2020

Faith In Action: Family Spiritual Renewal Day



By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.

Breaking Open the Theme

Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. Our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. But the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint. Each member of the family has the task of helping the others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and love. There are many examples of canonized saints and beatified blessed who can inspire families today. One example of a modern-day saint is Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, who was born in 1971. At the age of 17, she was diagnosed with a serious and painful illness. Faced with this cross, Chiara prayed and found the courage to accept this as part of God's loving plan for her. During the whole time of her illness, she turned everything into an opportunity to love. As she lay dying at the age of 18, she said to her mother, "oh Mamma. ... You see I can't run anymore, but how I would like to pass on to them [young people] the torch [of faith], like in the Olympics! Young people have only one life and it's worthwhile to spend it well." Becoming a saint is like running a race. The family is the training ground for this race, where the virtues are taught and character is formed. Through the family, God provides what we need to run it well. To become a saint is simply to cooperate with God and allow him to mold us into the person that he had in mind when he created us. It is his plan to bring us fully to life.

Meditation

From Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience, April 13, 2011

Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy Spirit, we model our whole life on his. ... What is the soul of holiness? ... What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist; this is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, on the path of our life it means following the "signposts" that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations. ... We might ask ourselves: can we, with our

limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the Liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. ... I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God's heights.

Family Reflections

1. What is holiness?
2. How can we live holiness in the family? How do we love God in the ordinary circumstances of life?
3. How do the saints help us live out holiness?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98:1-6 A prayer to welcome God's rule over the earth

Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done marvelous deeds.
His right hand and holy arm
have won the victory.
The LORD has made his victory known;
has revealed his triumph in the sight of the
nations,
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth;
break into song; sing praise.
Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and melodious song.

Family Project

Select a few saints and learn about their time period and culture and why they are invoked for specific causes or intentions. Include a dish from their culture during one of your meals. Also, consider making a pilgrimage to a sacred place dedicated to a saint.

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of All Saints Daniel Boner Anthony Garavalia Gene Vanek	2 All Souls Day Thomas Hoppenrath Greg/Patrica Kozak 4th Degree Meeting 7:30p At The Hall	3 William Helbling Michael/Nicolle Nolte	4 Scott Ambuel Thomas Kienstra David Yates	5 Ryan Fitzpatrick Timothy/Sue Hogan	6 Richard/Sheri Coolbaugh Fish Fry Team #2	7 Thomas Berry Adam Wessel
8	9 Kenneth Lanter Kurt/Mary Hyla Council Meeting 7:00pm At The Hall & Online	10 James Kovarik William Morris David Vannelli Michael/Sharon Colligan	11 Veteran's Day Joseph Gassiraro Mark Mancewicz	12 John Foehrkolb Kevin Law Douglas/Heather Frank	13 Michael Bobrowski Richard Gusewelle Michael/Laura McKinzie	14 Zachery Bishop Rosary For Life @ 9:00am St. Mary's Parish IL State Youth Soccer Challenge 1:00-3:00pm Plummer Family Park
15	16 Bryan Dammerich Brian/Jennifer Jones Daniel/Linda Trebing Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00pm at The Hall	17 Bruce Gertenecker Michael Menendez Patrick Morrison	18 Kenneth Negro Vernon Zurliene David/Terry Gebhart Mark/Myriam Lambiotte Michael Karen Mc Calla	19	20 Dave Strong Stephen/Mary Haarmann Fish Fry team #3	21
22 Solemnity of Christ the King John Nwacha Thomas/Ann Neuendank	23 Marcelo Nieto David/Kathy Viox Officer's Meeting 7:00pm At The Hall & Online	24 Anthony/Sue Certa	25 Philip Hans	26 Thanksgiving Day Michael Hamann Stephen/Rose Edwards	27 Black Friday	28 Stephen Bobrowski
29 1st Sunday in Advent Robert/Jane Scheibal	30 John Baker	Notes:				