

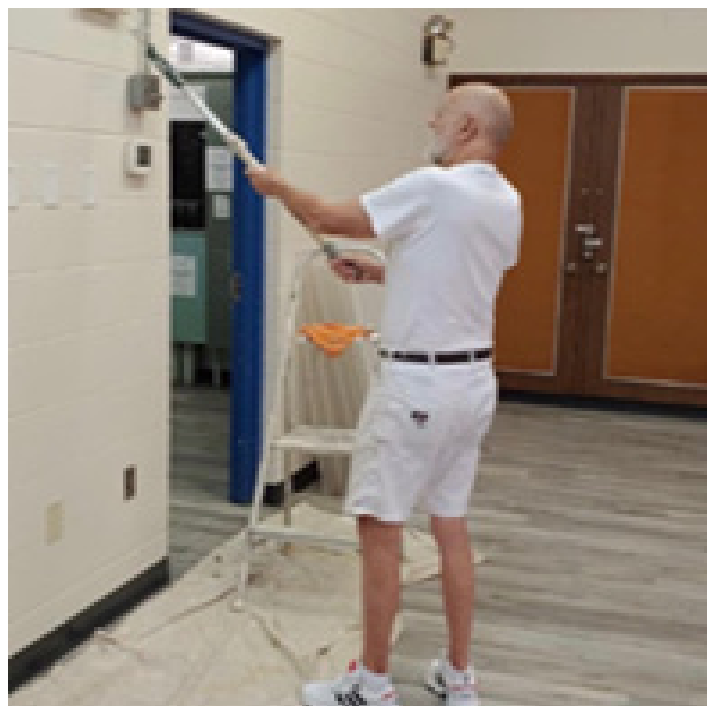
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KITCHEN AND PARISH CENTER UPDATED



Maintenance workers Bruce Villeneuve and Mike Shaughnessy help Knight Dan Elliott position the freezer while Jim Hand paints the walls of the parish center. Jim had much help from Danny McConnell PGK.

Work has been completed in the kitchen and the parish center. The parish center got a new paint job, and the kitchen got a new floor, a new stove, a griddle, a sink, a deep fryer, and a new paint job as well. This renovation has been a dream come true, thanks to an anonymous donor, a long-time parishiner who wanted to do this in thanks for the love and funeral the church held for his mother. Donna Siler was in charge of the project.

Various Knights helped with the removal of the kitchen items and then placing them back. They were Dan Elliott, Danny McConnell, Rick Hendrickson, Jason Peterson, Fred Belzel, Andy McClane, and Jim Hand. Our two maintenance

men, Michael Shaughnessy and Bruce Villeneuve, also helped. Bruce then took over and hooked everything up.

Previously, Knights Danny McConnell and Jim Hand painted the parish center. You will be impressed when you see both the parish center and kitchen.

In addition to these changes, the gift shop is being moved from the parish center to a room in the church's gathering space, where it was originally meant to be. It is not known as of this writing when that change will be finalized.

The old space the gift shop used in the parish center will become a much-needed storage room. It is already filled to capacity.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso

Brothers:
A week ago Sunday was very nice at church. We Knights decided to attend Mass as a group, all wearing our blue shirts. The turnout was nice. I know that

many are still a little nervous about showing up in groups.

This past Sunday at Mass, Fr. Robb thanked the Knights for continuing to assist our priests with allowing them to administer the sacraments. We still have to be careful. Brother Chuck and Brother Edgar, along with Brother Bill Bannon and Brother Danny, continue to assist. It is okay that not everyone be out there as this disease is still upon us. It is great to report that many of the church family are thankful to the Knights. Our presence continues to be felt, and we will grow as we come out of this pandemic.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote for the slate of officers in the month of June. The vote was virtually unanimous for the continuation of the present officers into this uncertain

time. I know that many brothers would like to schedule a typical meeting, but we will continue to comply with Fr. Tom and the civil authorities until this ban is lifted. We will continue to meet with Zoom. If anyone has any suggestions for any way we can connect, please let me know.

Our amazing Membership Chairman, Gregg Appel, has been working diligently on formulating a plan on helping us to communicate with one another (other than the computer) and to do so in an expeditious manner, such as to send out a message of need or of important information. Perhaps in a newsletter we will have Brother Gregg show his "chain of command" method of information distribution.

In closing I wanted to share one good piece of useful information I learned from our Fr. Robb. One of our concerns for both us and our family is in protection from the contents of social media. We have to take great care as the devil will use this media as a great way to share inappropriate messages to the reader. This particular time with all the unrest is a perfect time to draw people into violence and discord. I like one simple method of placing us in the correct mindset before getting online. This is trick from Fr. Robb that I have used and works well for me. I have replaced the picture on desktop with a

picture of our Lady, Mary. When I open the computer she is who I see and this causes me to direct my thoughts and is a reminder to keep my focus on good. God bless you all as we continue through the summer. Please be safe and continue to pray for our priests and each other. Vivat Jesus, Pete



FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF INTEREST TO CATHOLICS

WHO, UNFPA Use Coronavirus Pandemic to Promote Abortion

Celebrating the Life of Down Syndrome Advocate Birthe Lejeune

Pilgrims Flock to 'Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady' During Lockdown

Congo's new Ebola outbreak adds strain as agencies respond to COVID-19

Eucharist and tabernacle stolen from North Carolina Catholic Church

Pope Francis adds three titles to Catholic litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LGBT equality ruling's full impact on church 'yet to be seen,' some say

Pope Francis declares Catholic sister killed in Satanic ritual a martyr

Can Catholics support 'Black Lives Matter'?

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR



Fr. Tom Morgan

I am grateful to Almighty God that He has blessed us with the freedoms that we celebrate as we mark the birth of our nation on July 4th. What makes our country

great is our commitment to the words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We as disciples of Jesus are always mindful of the words of 1 Cor. 12: 25 & 26 as well, "...that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it..."

We are well aware of the recent death of George Floyd and St. Paul's words encourages each of us to recommit ourselves to making our Country a place where all men and women can enjoy the freedoms and economic opportunities that ought to be available to all.

Sincerely yours on Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan



In this issue we want to give our heartfelt thanks to the DOSP. Our bishop, priests, sisters, deacons, and lay volunteers supported our parishioners tremendously during this pandemic. Our shepherds did their best and it was great!

KNIGHTS HELPING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

DISASTER RELIEF



Knights unloading supplies for distribution in an effort for disaster relief. "Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Prepare your community before disaster strikes. Councils engage their parish and community in disaster preparedness exercises by organizing trainings, fundraisers and awareness activities. Our council has a yearly meeting to help prepare our community.

One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to support the Knights of Columbus charitable cause of your choice.

All fees and expenses associated with Knights of Columbus Charities, such as operating and administration costs, are covered by the Knights of Columbus. Whatever cause you contribute to

advocating for a culture of life, giving persecuted religious minorities food and medical care or helping rebuild after natural disasters — every penny you donate goes directly to your chosen charity.

Together, we will make a difference. This is our path and our faith leads the way.



Communities can be brought to a halt when disaster occurs – from large natural disasters to local crises. As community leaders, Knights of Columbus can help ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign promoting planning and education. This program motivates councils to take a holistic approach to emergency situations by readiness in times of crisis, assessing response capabilities, and learning how to properly respond well ahead of a disaster. Councils will also raise funds and teach (where applicable) in anticipation of larger efforts to assist brothers in need.

Knights of Columbus Promotes Special Olympics...

A Higher Purpose

Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being through the Special Olympics. Knights of Columbus councils can work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community.

Overview

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Participating councils provide at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service



hours in a fraternal year. Councils are required to contribute a minimum of 200 man-hours in support

of state/local Special Olympics activities, or must raise a minimum of \$2,000 for Special Olympics.

...Ultrasound Machines...

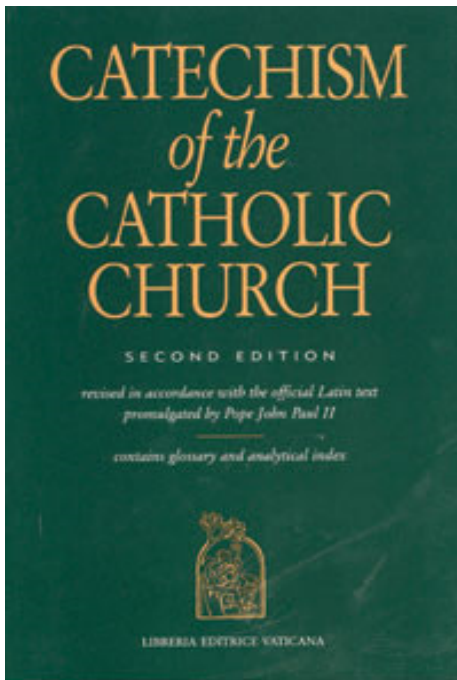
...Disaster Relief Funds & More



FATHER MCGIVNEY MILITARY CHAPLAIN SCHOLARSHIP



Established in 2011, the Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program helps fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. While the number of seminarians has increased as a result of the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, the program initially placed a huge burden on the archdiocese, which receives no financial assistance from the military or government. Through this scholarship, the Knights of Columbus has relieved some of this burden. The scholarship program is named for Father McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.



What Does the Catechism Say about Respect for the Dead?

2299 The dying should be given care and attention to help them live their last moments in dignity and peace. They will be helped by the prayer of their relatives who must see at the proper time that the sick receive at the proper time the sacraments that prepare them to meet the living God.

2300 The bodies must be treated with respect and dignity, with faith and hope in the resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal act of mercy; it honors the children of God who are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

2301 Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gifts of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious. The Church permits cremation, provided it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body.

In addition, according to our faith, the relationship of love that binds us together in life continues after death. Our loved ones who die before us remain part of the Church. They are joined "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 962). We pray for them. We have Masses offered for them so that, purified of any earthly sin, they may be welcomed into the glory of heaven.