

The Toolbox

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The First Word

“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.” - adapted from Psalm 90

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.” - Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

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From the
Grand Knight

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

For Lent, 2021, the KofC Stations of the Cross has moved from Friday 7pm to Wednesday 7pm. The Stations are part of the new Lenten Soup & Bread Series, see the January 31 bulletin. This Series begins on February 24. I have signed up the KofC for this evening to provide the soup and sandwiches. The Friday Stations of the Cross were not well attended, hopefully, the new venue will bring more parishioners in to experience what Jesus Christ went through for us.

Opportunities to serve in the KofC Council 11370. This past Sunday, KofC Council 11370 performed the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for 3 new members. We have a team name: The Men of Maumee. The team is the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary. I need members that are willing and able to be part of this team.

The KofC will not be serving any Big Breakfast until the fall if at all. There are still serving activities such as the Lenten Soup & Bread Series. A RCIA breakfast was served by your Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight.

Please consider being an active member in your KofC Council. A great start would be to come to the meetings, 7pm, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month except December in the Church lower level.

Fraternally yours,
Paul Kreinbrink
Grand Knight



From the
Field Agent

HELP WANTED

There are currently four openings for Field Agents in the Toledo area. Any practicing Catholic man, 18 years old or older, can apply, and while Order membership is certainly beneficial it is *not* mandatory. Contact me per below for details on this rewarding career. (Not to say he *needs* help, but Wayne is managing some 10,000 accounts by himself!)

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can. I'm at 419-356-8377 or wayne.vreeland@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Wayne Vreeland
Interim Field Agent

We make an impact in the lives of those we serve, Knights Families by:

1. Protecting the innocent when someone dies prematurely-**Life Insurance**
 2. Providing an income you can't outlive-**Retirement Planning**
 3. Protecting assets when someone can no longer care for themselves-**Long Term Care**
- Provide an income when someone can't work due to health-**Disability Income Insurance.**



**WELCOME,
NEW
BROTHERS!**

On Sunday, January 31, your Council held an Exemplary Degree Ceremony for several new Brothers. Along with one from All Saints and a couple from Saint John XXIII, we welcomed three new men into our own Council: **Kevin Briner, Toby Miller** and **Gary Thornton**. Welcome, gentlemen!



IN PLACE OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES . . .

Please take advantage of the following opportunities do what normal things we can, and alternatives where we can't.

Masses:

The normal Mass schedule is back in effect, and the dispensation from Sunday obligation is still in effect. If you are elderly, sick, have pre-existing conditions or are otherwise compromised, please refrain from attending and take advantage of the livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube at 8:00 AM Weekdays and Sundays at 9:00 AM. Go to the Parish website and scroll down to the second paragraph beneath the COVID-19 UPDATES headline. (If the sound cuts out, no need to check your equipment – the church's sound system doesn't always communicate with the teleconferencing software, and the one exception is usually the singing.)

Sunday Mass with “max protection” is also celebrated in the Gymnasium at 9:15 AM. This entails receiving only by hand, socially distanced seating with families together in the bleachers, masks on at all times, no singing, and no collection.

Mass is also on EWTN at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM daily and noon most days, and there is a DailyTVMass (that's the name!) out of Toronto. Mass from our Cathedral is on Annunciation Radio at 3:00 PM weekdays.

Most Masses can be viewed or heard anytime online through podcasting.

Devotions:

All Knights are invited to participate in praying the Holy Rosary in the Church, 6:00 PM Mondays.

EWTN TV also has the following devotional programs, in addition to occasional specials:

✧ Chaplet of St. Michael at 7:00 AM daily except Friday with Station of the Cross at that time on Friday;

✧ Holy Rosary following daily Mass, typically starting around 9:00 AM;

✧ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM daily;

✧ The Rosary Novena from Lourdes at 7:30 AM weekends and 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM daily; and,

✧ Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday.

Bulletins:

The current and recent Parish bulletins are also available on the Parish website.

Visiting the Church:

The Church is open for prayer 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday.

The Adoration Chapel is open for scheduled adorers only, under various guidelines to maintain social distancing and protect privacy. Contact the Parish office for details, and how to sign up as an adorer. Spaces are still available, and you can commit to everything from multiple times a week to once a year. Our Lord loves your company, however often you can sit with Him!

Confessions:

Confessions are heard 9:00 to 9:30 AM Friday and 3:30 to 4:45 PM Saturday in the confessional(s). Socially distanced face-to-face (well, okay, mask-to-mask) Confessions are available.

Council meetings:

Meeting back in the Lower Level unless otherwise indicated. If you have any concerns that you would like to present for consideration, please come to any meeting or contact Grand Knight Paul. His information is on the front page.



Council Calendar

ALL EVENTS PENDING DUE TO PANDEMIC

Recurring regularly scheduled events:

Social meetings: Canceled until further notice.

Business Meetings: Fourth Tuesday, held by teleconference until further notice, 7:00 pm

Big Breakfasts: Canceled until further notice.

Chapter meetings: Third Thursday, varying locations TBA.

Parish Night of Worship: First Fridays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Church, includes adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Everything else - changes from last month are underscored:

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE PENDING DUE TO PANDEMIC

February 9: Social meeting, details TBA.

February 23: Business meeting, details TBA.

February 24: Knights host Stations of the Cross – see Grand Knight’s letter for details

March 19: Greater Toledo Right to Life Legislative Briefing Breakfast

March 23: Fraternal Benefits Night! See separate e-mail!



Food Drive yields Huge Results!

Deacon Ed reports that the Advent Food Drive totaled over 3,200 pounds, what he terms a “highly successful” for a one-day drive. While the Helping hands van was never in danger of keeling over under the load, the huge load flattened its tires! Thanks to everyone who participated.

In the meantime, Helping Hands has a list of material needs, which can be read at

<https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/helping-hands-of-st-louis/donation-needs/>. They also welcome cash and time donations as well.

Dcn. Ed reports that they are especially requesting food boxes and ingredients for lunch kits.

Their most immediate needs are:

- Macaroni & cheese
- Tuna
- Ground meat
- Chicken
- Pork
- Beef
- Turkey
- Ham
- Cereal

There are material needs as well:

- Grocery bags (paper or plastic)
- Winter coats and shoes (contact them for specifics)
- Plus size men’s clothing
- Plus size women’s clothing
- Children’s clothing 7 and larger
- Gently used & new tennis shoes (especially men’s)
- Underwear – all sizes.
- Facial tissue (travel, regular, or family size)
- Shampoo (regular or family size)
- Deodorant (regular, family size, or women’s)
- Toothpaste (regular or family size)
- Postage stamps (Forever Stamps and \$1.00)

Please start gathering these needed items now, rather than waiting until the last moment. You can also delivery donations to them personally in the meantime.



We DON'T have a Winner!

At the end of each business meeting, a 50/50 drawing of sorts is held for a cash prize consisting of donations from the attendees. Half the pot goes to Pennies for Heaven, and half to the winner. The winner is drawn from a list of all Council members, and the winner has to be present to claim the pot. If the

winner is not present, the pot carries forward to the next meeting.

However, with business meetings back to the phones last month, drawings and winners thereof were suspended.



This month's Anniversaries

Stanley Krajewski, 3rd Degree, 1965
James L. Johnson, 3rd Degree, 1985
Walter G. Lester III, 3rd Degree, 1988
Walter J. Graff, 1st Degree, 2000
Randall E. Bohland, 3rd Degree, 2005
Robert J. Gardner, Ezequiel B. Juarez,
Terrence E. Mohler, Joe B. Nowak,
Damian Phleghaar and Armando C.
Vallejo, 3rd Degree, 2007
F. J. Holmes Jr. and Roger K. Weber, 3rd
Degree, 2008
Jerry O. Dollard and James Domanski, 3rd
Degree, 2009
Leonard P. Chudzinski and Keith A. Rabel,
3rd Degree, 2011
Sean C. Tracey, 2nd Degree, 2012
John W. Leech, Harvey A. Popovich and
John K. Zimmerman, 3rd Degree, 2014
John Crews, 1st Degree, 2014

This list shows the highest degrees attained that the Council has on record for its members. As a point of clarification, the anniversaries are for years of continuous membership.

Congratulations, Gentlemen!



Recruiting Challenge is Still On!

Sign up two new members, and you will win a \$50.00 meal gift card. (Sorry, one for \$25 doesn't qualify!) Make sure that your name is entered with the names of those you recruited, and by all means don't let social distancing stop you – there are other ways to talk to men!

There is a catch – only members who are current on their dues are eligible.



Free Membership Extended!

Supreme has announced that the McGivney 2020 free membership for new members has been extended until June 30, so talk to your Catholic friends and sign for them up! If you would like an additional resource, Supreme has made available a selection of fliers and handouts. E-mail recipients will find them in a separate e-mail. Hard copy recipients can request them.

Get them to come to a social meeting, or invite them to help at what few events we can hold these days. DGK Gregg says it was the desire to help others that motivated him to join; how many other Greggs are in the parish with the same desire but no means to act upon it?

So come on, men, bring 'em in!



Do you have a Secret Identity?

How many parishioners know you are a Knight?

Wearing your official Order apparel at all Parish functions including Mass, will surely increase that number. We need all the exposure we can get, and exposure leads to new members, so next time you come to an event at Church, duck into a handy phone booth (okay, a closet will do since phone booths can't be had anymore!) and get into your Knights gear!



You are
Invited to
Participate!

Father Eric is inviting all Knights to participate in the Monday evening Holy Rosary, in the Church at 6:00 PM.



KofC Masks
Available!

Speaking of gear, GK Paul has a limited supply of masks with the KofC emblem, the “Leave No Neighbor Behind” text, and a replaceable filter. (No, the Order does not sell refills – they should be available locally.)



Nominees
Wanted

Remember to submit nominees for Knight and Family of the Month. These awards are made for exemplary service to the Council and the Parish.

Knight nominees go to Deputy Grand Knight Gregg Davis. Family nominees go to Family Director Mike Houck. Any Parish family is eligible, and membership in the Order is not mandatory.



Safety First!

Supreme is emphasizing the importance of its Safe Environment Program, which is mandatory for any Knights working with children. The course and refresher are available online at

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>.

Also on the subject of Safety First: You might have guessed this already, but Pandemic mandates issued by the State government supercede all Order mandates.



Upcoming
Degree Dates

All local Degrees are cancelled due to the Pandemic. However, Supreme is holding online Degrees on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> for all practicing Catholic men who wish to join. The traditional Form 100 is still in use by Councils.



Prayer
requests

Editor's Note: At this time, only our ongoing and general requests are available. Current and new needs will follow when available.

In your Mercy Lord; please hear the cry of Your people. Let us pray for . . .

Regarding Covid 19:

- + A cure
- + All who have it
- + The families of those who have it
- + Eternal happiness for those who have died from it
- + All who have lost their jobs
- + All who live in fear and anxiety
- + All stranded travelers, that they can come home
- + All in authority, for wisdom, temperance and safety
- + Strength, endurance and protection for all medical personnel and emergency responders

We also pray for:

- + The end of abortion and the culture of death, and especially for all in the abortion industry, that great light may shine into the darkness in which they work.
- + Men and women and families of our law enforcement and emergency services, for special protection in this time of great unrest
- + A just solution for the greatest good to law enforcement issues
- + An end to racial injustice
- + Healing, forgiveness and strengthening of the Church in light of sex scandals.
- + Marriages, especially those facing divorce and those affected by physical and mental illness, addictions, personality changes and disorders, and financial hardship
- + The estranged
- + All targeted by scams and fraud
- + The end of corruption, especially among those with material, political, spiritual or social power and influence
- + Our Lady of Salvation, our sister parish in Lemon, The Philippines
- + All who suffer from chronic anxiety, depression and stress
- + All school children and school staffs
- + All who suffer from addiction, especially the opioid crisis, and their loved ones
- + Our service men and women, for safe return home and for their families, and for those who have died - eternal rest with God in heaven, and healing for their families
- + Our country, our fellow Americans and our freedoms
- + The clergy and all religious, especially newly ordained priests and deacons
- + All in positions of authority
- + All victims, perpetrators and enablers of terrorism, persecution, abuse and bullying
- + All prisoners and their rehabilitation and conversion
- + For peace
- + The holiness of all vocations, including to the consecrated life, marriage and single life, and for all entering seminaries, monasteries and convents.

Please also pray for vocations, especially in our dioceses, and for our seminarians and our deacons and religious in formation, on the last

page. Please give thanks for new fewer than six new seminarians!

God of Mercy, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. Thank You. Amen.

If you have something that you would like the Knights of Columbus to pray for, please send your request to Deacon Ed at eirelan@buckeye-express.com.

The monthly Prayer List is now included in the prayer book at the back of the church.

Also, for those of you who will be visiting the Adoration Chapel when it reopens, the Prayer List is also available for your use there as well. Copies are in each of the three prayer binders.

Additional Opportunities for Prayer – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- + Weekdays at 7:30: Most Holy Rosary in the Church, prior to Mass
- + First Fridays, Night of Worship, adoration and Divine mercy Chaplet, 6:30 PM in the Church.
- + Fourth Tuesdays: Holy Hour for Vocations in the Church, 6:00 PM
- + The Adoration Chapel is always open, but you will need the pass code to get in outside normal parish hours. Contact the parish office.

Additional Opportunities for Giving

- + Give all clergy you encounter a word of support, encouragement and thanks.
- + Helping Hands of St. Louis has ongoing needs listed at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/>.
- + Donate to the Order's disaster relief programs through www.kofc.org/charities. Information is also available in *The Columbian* magazine.
- + Participate in the Kroger's Round Up matching program for the hungry. Ask the cashier to round your purchase up to the nearest dollar.
- + Annunciation Radio, Heartbeat of Toledo and Foundation for Life all appreciate donations any time.

<http://www.annunciationradio.com/> or call 419-754-1009 to learn more.

- + Support our retired priests and religious! Contact the parish office for details.
- + Leave your Box Tops for the school in the wooden box between the Family Center and the Church.



From the Editor

Two Lessons

If you missed the January Tool Box, you didn't miss anything. Which isn't to denigrate that particular issue – it never made it past good intentions.

2020 went out in grand fashion for Diane and me, fully in keeping with all the madness of the year. Between Thanksgiving and early January I had the usual crush of Christmas and calendar business at work, plus I had to get most of the work for our quarterly magazine done in the midst of all that, plus we had the holidays, plus we had a close encounter of the identity theft kind, plus we moved at New Year's!

The crowning glory to all the zaniness was that I came back from a week off to move to start the new year at work with my coworker being shut down for COVID. The Lord be thanked, it went no further than her and her sister, and both have recovered without major complications.

So now that things are settling down somewhat, here is a combined January-February issue, with apologies for delay.

I learned a couple of things through all that has gone on, recently and further back. One is a new, or perhaps refined, philosophy for dealing with life. **Don't be upset about what is beyond my control, strive to do and be the best I can in anything I can control, and for crying out loud, try to laugh!**

That approach went a long way in preserving my sanity over the past two months, and is helping me be more mindful

of what is going on in our country while not being anxious about it and, if it may please God, be more spontaneous in praying for the country and being an instrument of His peace.

The other is, **This is not The End.** We know as Catholics that good triumphs in The End, but we aren't there yet. Evil may seem to be winning here and now, with social unrest, political scandal real and invented, personal calamity, natural disaster, and what I expect to be growing attacks on the right to life, our faith and our freedoms. But none of these are The End. The End comes when God brings time to a close, and that usher in the ultimate triumph of good.

We need to live our lives not with focus on what is wrong now, although we need to do what we can to counteract the wrong through prayer and charity, but rather with focus on The End and our hope of heaven.

Vivat Jesus, and be well.

Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor



Thank You!

To all who have helped us and our work, especially those we have failed to thank. We all need to say "Thank You" more often!



Pray for the Unborn!

*Years ago,
you were one yourself*

March for Life a Success

The parish's March for Life was the largest in the entire Diocese, with over 350 people participating in the service, and most went on to march to the cemetery. Many thanks to all who participated!

2021 Legislative Briefing Breakfast Announced

The Greater Toledo Right to Life Legislative Briefing Breakfast has been announced for Friday, March 19, at 7:00 (I won't insult your intelligence by saying AM or PM – it's *breakfast*, for crying out loud) at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Registration is open now at www.gtrtl.com. Please pray for its success, and that it can even be held.



Help Wanted!

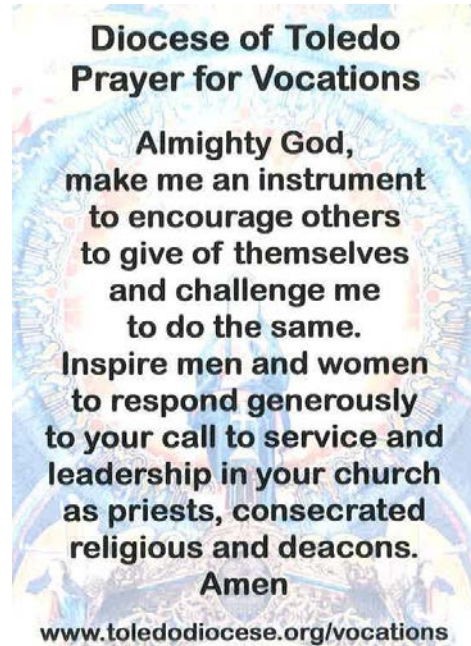
Looking for a rewarding career? Wayne Vreeland is seeking applicants for KofC Life Insurance field agents. Applicants must be Catholic and at least 18 years old. Contact wayne.Vreeland@kofc.org or 419-356-8377. (This need is getting real – Wayne is taking his well-earned retirement next year!)

“Help wanted” isn't just for what the Council and the parish need done – it also applies to all of us Knights as well. If you are in distress, or know someone who is, please contact Deacon Ed, our Council Chaplain. As Knights, we're all here for one another.



Please Pray for Vocations!

Please offer up the following prayer to God for an increase of vocations, especially for the holiness of all vocations present and future. Please pray too for all newly ordained priests, all seminarians, all deacons and religious in formation, and for all their families.



Newly ordained priests: Father Michael Bialorucki*, Father Zachary Brown, Father Peter Grodi*, Father Kevin Moebius.

Seminarians: Dcn Albert Beltz*, Benjamin Dollarhide, Hayden Eighinger*, Alexander Elfreich, Thomas Hunyor*, Kyle Ink, Travis Kahle*, Eric Kaufman, Jacob Livechhi, Joseph Magoffe, Bradley McNeal, Andrew Messner, Joseph Mominee, Peter Shanks, Christopher Turner, Curtis Weisenburger, Kory Wise.

Religious: Bro. John Baptist Le Cant, Adam Bryan, Bro. Joshua Fritsch, Bro. Simon Hermann, Craig Irwin, Daniel Kennedy, Bro. Dominic Mary Koester, Sister Karenna Langhals, Bro. Matthias Meyer, Kari Schroeder, Sean Teets.

Newly ordained Deacons: Bruce Alge, Kevin Coulter*, Michael Dazley, Gregg Focht, Dale Gallup, David Gerardi, Jeffrey Gralak, Fred Herold, Jason Hinnens, Thomas Hojnacki, Eugene Honigford, Matthew Kettinger, David Krempec, Jeffrey Lightle, David Maas, John Murray Jr., James O'Donnell, William Petro, Richard Sasala Jr., James Savage, Gregory Siebenaller, Michael Swanson, James Tovarsky, Michael Vierra, Timothy Walters, Jose Zamora.

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