



# The Outer Guard

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## JANUARY 2021

### ***From the Grand Knight ...***

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families are having a safe and joyful Christmas Season! By now, just about everyone should have received their annual membership dues letter in the mail. Also in this year's mailing, there are two important surveys to note.

The first survey is the Member Activities Survey. This survey asks for your service hours and/or donations made towards council programs in 2020. Your response is much appreciated as the survey's service hours and donations are tallied up and submitted to Supreme at the end of January.

The second and equally important survey is the Member Experience Interest Survey. This survey's focus is about council programing.

What programs that the council currently offers do you like? Similarly, are there programs that should be discontinued? Lastly, are there types of programs you wish to see more of?

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as it will help shape future programing for YOUR council!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! I look forward to seeing you online at the next council meeting on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm!

God Bless,

Ryan Fitzpatrick, GK

### ***Family of the Month***

For January, the council salutes the Reichmann family as Family of the Month!

Recently, Dustin and Bethany co-led the council's Consecration to The Holy Family Prayer Service. Dustin currently serves as the Council's Warden and the Round Table Chair to St. Mary's.

Bethany currently serves as a board member for A Beacon of Light (ABL) pregnancy center in Maryville.

Earlier this fall, Dustin, his son, Braden, and his daughter, Avery, volunteered their time during the annual ID Drive fundraiser. Thank you, Reichmann family, for all you do for the council and the community!

### ***Knight of the Month***

For January, the council salutes Dennis Hessel as Knight of the Month. This last December marked Dennis's 7<sup>th</sup> December serving as the council's Financial Secretary. December is the busiest time of the year for a Financial Secretary because of the prep. work, mailing, and managing of member billing, membership cards and membership surveys. Dennis also serves as one of the three lead chairs for the council's fish fry teams! Last, Dennis regularly volunteers his time at the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. Thank you, Dennis, for your continued service as the council's Financial Secretary to ensure a smooth transition and for all you do in the community!

## **Christmas Shopping Spree a success**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the council was not able to hold our usual Christmas Shopping Spree event for Children in Need in our community. However, we were still able to financially help 6 families in need. The Knights of Columbus purchased gift cards from Walmart. As some member donations came in after the event, the membership voted at the last council meeting to give any monies collected after the event to the Glen - Ed Pantry. So as of this writing, the council will donate approximately \$500 to the pantry. Thanks to all members who contributed to one of our major CHARITY events of the year. There were some very nice donations this year.

Don Brunworth--Chairman

## **Thank you for Radiothon Support!**

You were asked to consider supporting Covenant Network Catholic Radio at the Winter Radiothon and our membership rose to the challenge. We had a high bar set for us from St. Cecilia's Knights of Columbus with their hour raising \$3,885, which was the highest total the station had earned during the Winter Radiothon to that point. Once all the dust settled, and the calculations were made, Edwardsville Knights of Columbus was able to bring in over \$7,000. Thank you for listening in, helping Edwardsville Knights win the friendly competition, and (most importantly) for helping Catholic Radio continue their mission of providing content to help practicing Catholics live out their faith more effectively.

In Gratitude, Brad Bolt, Greg Goin, and Jeremy Wildhaber

## **Poster Contest Thank you**

A special thank you goes out to Brother Knights Brian Jones and Dave Boduch for chairing this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest! Here are the winners of this year's poster contest:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Katelyn Frank, St. Boniface

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cale Grable, St. Mary's

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cora Potthast, St. Boniface

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Yoon Seo Jo, St. Marys

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's contest! Also, a special thank you goes out to Ms. Campbell at FMCHS for judging this year's contest!

## **Pro-Life Sidewalk Advocacy Group Formed**

In August 2020 Sidewalks of Hope, a sidewalk advocacy group, was formed. It is the fruit of the very successful 40-Days for Life Campaigns and the weekly Knights of Columbus prayer vigil for life at Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City.

It's both a blessing and humbling to participate in God's life saving mission and to share Jesus's message of hope, love and forgiveness with others, especially the most vulnerable of women. Thanks to the encouragement and prayers we've received from the local 40 Days for Life core team and like-minded Catholics our group has grown to include 4 trained sidewalk advocates and several prayer partners who faithfully serve on the sidewalks at Hope Clinic.

Since forming in August, we have experienced first hand the joy of working in His ministry for life: 12 mothers chose life at the 11th hour, after receiving a free ultrasound; and we've observed 4 women leave the abortion facility after pulling into the parking lot without going in.

We Sidewalks of Hope, an affiliate of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the mission of life. Saint Paul tells us "There are different gifts, but the same spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4). In Matthew 9:35-38, we learn of Jesus's compassion. He's calling us to be laborers of his harvest.

Are you feeling a call to participate in the right to life, if so this new ministry may be the answer to your calling. Whether you feel a call to be on the frontlines as a sidewalk counselor, have a talent for media communications and design, or want to offer special prayer intentions for the ministry, we welcome all who are called. To learn more about this peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy, contact Program Director Jerry, at 618-304-4325, [info@sidewalksofhope.com](mailto:info@sidewalksofhope.com)

## **Shopping Spree Thank you**

Thank you, Brother Knight Don Brunworth, for chairing another successful Children in Need Shopping Spree!

Even though the Shopping Spree was not in person this year, the charity event was still able to support 6 local families in need with \$230 gift cards to Walmart.

A special thank you also goes out to Brother Knight Tom Johnson who made a very generous donation to the charity event!

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## BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE

**The most destructive habit ..... Worry**  
**The greatest joy ..... Giving**  
**The greatest loss ..... Loss of Self-respect**  
**The most satisfying work ..... Helping Others**  
**The ugliest personality trait ..... Selfishness**  
**The greatest “shot in the arm” ..... Encouragement**  
**The greatest problem to overcome ..... Fear**  
**The most effective sleeping pill ..... Peace of Mind**  
**The most crippling failure disease ..... Excuses**  
**The most powerful force in life ..... Love**  
**The most dangerous act ..... A Gossip**  
**The world’s most incredible computer ..... The Brain**  
**The worst thing to be without ..... Hope**  
**The deadliest weapon ..... The Tongue**  
**The two most power-filled words ..... ”I Can”**  
**The greatest asset ..... Faith**  
**The most worthless emotion ..... Self-pity**  
**The most beautiful attire ..... Smile!**  
**The most prized possession ..... Integrity**  
**The most powerful channel of communication ..... Prayer**  
**The most contagious spirit ..... Enthusiasm**

Life ends, when you stop DREAMING. HOPE ends, when you stop BELIEVING.  
LOVE ends, when you stop CARING. So, please share this BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE.  
FRIENDSHIP ends when you stop SHARING.

Happy New Year!

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### **Fred Mills Club Holiday Raffle**

The Fred Mills club has extended the deadline for the annual Holiday Raffle.

The drawing will be held at the January 18th, 2021 Fred Mills Board Meeting.

Raffle tickets are just \$1 a piece or six tickets for \$5.

Please see attached for the raffle tickets.

Winners of the raffle will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Schnucks!

The number of gift cards awarded will be based on the number of total raffle tickets entered.

All proceeds will support The Hall Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your support!

# Building the Domestic Church

*While Strengthening Our Parish*

## The Family Fully Alive

*The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together*

**FAMILY PRAYER**

**JANUARY, 2021**

***Faith In Action: March for Life***



**The Christian family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love.**

### Breaking Open the Theme

The Christian family is called to offer to Christ all of its activities through a life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this advice about prayer: “We cannot pray ‘at all times’ if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it.” In other words, families need to set aside a definite time for formal prayer together in order to have prayer infuse everything they do. Family members must build their life around God rather than fit God into their busy schedule. If families attempt the latter, then they are sure to find prayer dry and will eventually leave it out of their schedule altogether. To help nourish a shared prayer life, it is a good idea to learn more about different ways of praying and to establish a rhythm of praying. Different forms of prayer include vocal prayer (saying out loud a formal prayer, giving praise, asking for forgiveness, thanksgiving, adoration, petition, etc.); meditation on scripture or other religious writings; and contemplation, in which a person just listens to and talks with God as one would with a friend. But there are other ways of praying, such as through song and art. A family should consider its rhythm of prayer, such as morning or evening prayer, grace before and after meals, and prayers before bedtime. Some rhythms are weekly, such as Sunday Mass and entering into the Sabbath rest. Some rhythms are yearly, such as the liturgical year and its feast days. Finally, some rhythms of prayer should be unique to each person’s family, such as prayerfully celebrating birthdays, anniversaries of family members’ weddings, baptisms (or other sacraments) and patron saints. The possibilities are endless, but it is necessary to develop a rhythm because “life is shaped by rhythms: the rhythm of heartbeat and breathing, the rhythm of day and night, of meals, of weeks, and so on. Mental prayer should become a daily event as vital to us as the basic rhythms of existence. It should become the breathing of our souls.”

### Meditation

From Pope John Paul II’s *Familiaris Consortio*

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: “again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. for where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Family prayer has for its very own object family life itself, which in all its varying circumstances is seen as a call from God and lived as a filial response to His call. Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of the parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, the death of those who are dear, etc. — all of these mark God’s loving intervention in the family’s history. They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving, for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God’s unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer.

### Family Reflections

1. Is prayer at the center of our family life? If not, why?
2. How can we better build a rhythm of prayer into our family’s life? In what way can we mark significant family moments throughout the year with prayer?

3. What are our family members' preferred ways of praying — vocal, meditative or contemplative? Is there a way to incorporate each family member's preferred way of praying into family prayer?

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 65:6-14 A prayer of gratitude for God's blessings

You answer us with awesome deeds of justice,

O God our savior,

The hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of those far off across the sea.

You are robed in power,  
you set up the mountains by your might.

You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.

Distant peoples stand in awe of your marvels;  
the places of morning and evening  
you make resound with joy.

You visit the earth and water it,  
make it abundantly fertile.

God's stream is filled with water;  
you supply their grain.

Thus do you prepare it:  
you drench its plowed furrows,  
and level its ridges.

With showers you keep it soft,  
blessing its young sprouts.

You adorn the year with your bounty;  
your paths drip with fruitful rain.

The meadows of the wilderness also drip;  
the hills are robed with joy.

The pastures are clothed with flocks,  
the valleys blanketed with grain;  
they cheer and sing for joy.

### Family Project

The Catechism recommends that we find places favorable for prayer. One of the places it suggests is a "prayer corner" in the home. If you do not already have one, make a prayer corner in the home in order to facilitate prayer. This sacred space could be a simple table with a nice cloth over it, a bible, religious images and statues, rosaries, candles, prayer cards, a family prayer intention book, a vase for flowers, etc. Make the corner unique to your family and have each family member contribute one religious item to the prayer corner. For further ideas, see the following resource: *The Little Oratory: The Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home* by David Clayton and Leila Marie Lawler

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# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Edward Akers Daniel Coan Lawrence Luebbers Robert Maher Gary Newton	2 Justin Zimmerman
3	4 James Zupanci	5 Kurt Hylla Troy Van Hauen Chris/Steffany Chleboun 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	6 Rex Gehlbach	7 Jeffrey Wiegors Jay/Kristina Kohlmeier	8 Luke/Amber Harris	9 Rosary For Life @ 9:00am St. Mary's Parish
10	11 Daniel Johnson Stephen Edwards Council Meeting 7:00pm	12 Nathan Dammerich Michael Long	13 Daniel Trebing	14 David/Robin Troeckler	15 Jeffrey Suzewits <b>*FISH FRY CANCELED*</b>	16
17	18 Dale Frank Eugene Vallino Timothy Hogan Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00pm	19	20 Paul Jenkins Jr	21 James Jatcko Robert Lewis Paul Murphy Kent Trebing	22 Thomas Allen Andrew Hessel Michael McCalla Cavan McIntyre Patrick Perry	23 Derek Grable Rex/Tammy Gehlbach Martin/Paula Manny (1/22)
24	25 Gerald Kienstra Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	26 Anthony Ambuel Nathaniel Szidlik, OSB	27 Joseph Marti	28 Paul Yates	29 Jason/Lindsey Jones	30
Novena For Life						
31	Notes: Eucharistic Adoration at St. Boniface - Every Wednesday 8:30am-6:30pm					