



# The Outer Guard

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## April 2023

### Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Happy Spring! You may not be aware but my tenure as your Grand Knight is reaching an end. Stop cheering!!!! As my time is winding down, I wanted to speak to the Council's programming efforts.

In June we will elect new officers to take on the new Fraternal Year beginning at the July 2023 General Council Meeting. The Fraternal Planner resets and we begin again with our programming efforts. These programming efforts are our "Faith in Action" activities. You may ask, (as I did) what is "Faith in Action"? Faith in Action is the umbrella for all Supreme Council-recommended programs. Under this umbrella we operate programming under four categories, Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

Within the last Fraternal Year, the following list is what we have and will accomplish under each of these categories:

#### Faith:

1. Quarterly Holy Hours: one hour of silent praying in the Adoration Chapel at St. Boniface Church.
2. Quarterly Corporate Communions/Exemplifications of the 1<sup>st</sup>,

2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees Ceremony/  
Delta Church Drive for new memberships.

3. Council participation in the State-run Vocations Raffle. Effort to support Seminarians within our State.
4. The St. Joseph Icon Prayer Service: An hour of community praying with the St. Joseph Icon.
5. Lend a Rosary/Keep a Rosary program: Three Knights of Columbus Rosary Stands were placed in our two local parish churches, and one in the St. Boniface Adoration Chapel. The stands are populated with Knights of Columbus Rosaries which can be borrowed or kept when a parishioner finds themselves in need of a rosary. The Council hopes this effort increases the praying of the rosary and gains some good will marketing from those who use the stands.
6. Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our priests and religious! Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), the council and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area.
7. Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory Program: Council Knights and parishioners walk both parish

cemeteries praying the rosary and other prayers for the souls of parishioners interned at each cemetery.

8. Silent Candlelight Eucharistic Procession: Lead by the Knights of our Council, parishioners from both parishes participate in a Eucharistic Procession from St. Boniface through downtown Edwardsville. The procession is just after dusk, participants pray in silence, holding luminaries, following our Lord as a display of our faith while praying for World Peace.

#### Family:

1. Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: Children at both Parish Schools make posters. Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image.
2. Scholarship Program: Council runs the Parkfest Food Stand each year at the LeClair Parkfest. The proceeds fund Council 1143's Scholarship Program. Each year the Council awards two \$500 Scholarships for incoming Freshman who wish to attend Father McGivney High School

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and two \$500 College Scholarships to two High School seniors who are applying to attend college. All awardees must have a father or grandfather who is a Knight in "good standing" in our Council or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly.

3. **Food for Families:** Each fall and spring our Council host a food drive to collect food stuffs and funds to support our local food pantry.
4. **Children in Need/Christmas Shopping Spree:** Each fall the local school district will identify children in need. Our Council will provide funding to take each child on a Christmas present shopping spree at our local Walmart. Following the shopping spree, the Council hosts a gift-wrapping party at the Hall, ensuring each of the children served has a nice Christmas morning.
5. **Consecration of The Holy Family:** Knights man the doors before and after each of the weekend Masses at both parishes handing out Holy Family Prayer Cards. The hope is that each one receiving the prayer card will bring their family together of a moment of prayer to the Holy Family.
6. **Father/Daughter Dance:** Council hosts a meal and a dance for Fathers & Daughters of all ages just before Valentine's Day.

### Community:

1. **Coats for Kids:** Each late fall, the Council asks for membership donations to cover the cost for new coats for kids in need. Depending on the funds collected two to four cases of new coats are purchased and given to a local agency to distribute to children in need of a warm winter coat.
2. **KC Soccer Challenge:** Several nights over a fall week the Council sets up a Soccer Challenge at a soccer goal near where community soccer players are practicing.

These boys and girls have the opportunity to win at the local level and then go on to participate at the district/state/and national level if they so desire!

3. **Highway Cleanup:** Quarterly our Knights walk the highway in front of the Hall and clean up debris from the Hall into Edwardsville and back, cleaning both sides of the roadway.
4. **Free Throw Challenge:** In January the Council hosts a basketball free-throw contest where council level winners can participate in the district/state/national contest if they continue to win at each level.
5. **Hops for Heroes:** The Council along with the Local Moose Lodge conducts a "beer tasting" event. All proceeds are donated to the St. Louis Honor Flights program to provide trips to veterans to Washington DC to see their "wars" memorials.
6. **Breakfast with St. Nick:** Council Knights cook and serve breakfast to families and children who wish to have a Sunday morning visit with St. Nick.
7. **Catholic Boy Scout Awards:** Council and Assembly 225 support the purchase of Faith awards to be presented to the local Catholic Boy Scout Troop.

### Life:

1. **Blood Drives:** Council support and provides the Hall for a Bi-Monthly Blood Drive.
2. **40 Days for Life:** Every fall and spring the Council provides two Knights per hour to cover a 12-hour day from 7:00am to 7:00pm praying silently on the curb outside the Granite City Abortion Mill.
3. **I.D. Drive:** Council Knights man positions outside local businesses to collect funds to support the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive, (Tootsie Roll Drive) This is a National Campaign.
4. **Silver Rose Prayer Service:** This past year this was a District event

that your Council participated in. This program shares the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promotes respect for life by participating in a meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. The Silver Rose starts in Canada and moves across the US on its way to Mexico.

5. **Rosary for Life:** Council Knights meet every second Saturday of the month at 9:00am to pray the rosary for an end to abortion. In the late spring and summer, the Knights meet on the curb outside the Granite City Abortion Mill and pray aloud the Rosary of Our Lady. In the winter months and in bad weather this rosary service is held in St. Mary's Church.

If, as a member of this Council, you feel that we are not addressing a need that we should, now is the time to get that need into the hopper! Within this past year, I was asked if we had ever had a Prison Ministry in the form of praying a rosary for inmates on "Death Row". I told the fellow Knight who had made the enquiry that I was not aware that our Council had ever had a Life program that addressed that need but there was no reason why we could not start one!

Anything is possible within the Council! Your voice is just as important as any other voice, you just have to get up off the couch, come to a meeting, and "SPEAK UP"!

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*Unity*

*Charity*

*Fraternity*

*Patriotism*

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SO!!!! If you have an idea or ideas for new programming:

1. Please think it through.
2. Make a rough draft on how the program can be prosecuted.
3. Describe the need, within one of the four categories, it will serve.
4. Finally, please be prepared to assist with the running of the program.

5. You may think you are not CHAIRMAN material, but that should not stop you from assisting with getting a need met. Your Council has a deep bench, you just have to take the first leap and present the idea and be willing to put in some sweat equity to get the program rolling and the need met!

You never know what is going to work, until you TRY!

**The whole company of saints bears witness, that without real effort, no one wins the crown!**  
**St. Thomas Becket**

God Bless,

Doug Hastings  
Grand Knight

**Officer Elections for 2023-2024...**

The elections of officers for our council takes place in June each year. At this time of the year we put together a slate of candidates for the various positions within the council. The council is still in need of candidates for the offices of Recorder and Deputy Grand Knight. Please consider taking a small, but active role of leadership of our council. If you have any questions about the duties of the office reach out to the current office holder—Neil Joellenbeck—Deputy Grand Knight, Dennis Hessel—Recorder, or Doug Hastings Grand Knight.

**Knight of the Month**

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Sir Knight Jerry Kapp.

Our present serving Lecturer, Sir Brother Jerry Kapp needs no introduction! Jerry represents the very fabric of this Council and his ongoing work for the preservation of Life, and his unwavering devotion to this Council cannot be commended enough. Just this past month Jerry was awarded the "Karen Pilger Founder's Award" at the Thrive Metro East Gala for his outstanding work as a sidewalk advocate. His efforts have helped many mothers in their time of need with an unexpected pregnancy. There is not enough room for me to list the offices Jerry has held and the events Jerry has supported with his time.



**Family of the Month**

Family of the Month is awarded to Brother Knight Floyd Frey and Lady Mary Ann and family. Floyd presently serves as our Council 1143's Outside Guard and has indicated that he will seek that office again for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. Brother Floyd has been putting in a great deal of extra time aiding the Lenten Fish Fries and is a constant member of the Highway Cleanup Crew. Lady Mary Ann most recently aided our Assembly with research and suggestions for the KC flag replacements that will adorn the graves of our deceased Brother Knights. She and daughter Ann Marie were instrumental in gaining the cooperation of our Council with the clothing drive for children in need. The Frey clan are members of St. Boniface Parish.



**NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY**  
**April 7 th, Team #1 and April 21 st Team #1**

**Rosary for Life..**

Please join us the second Saturday of the month, April 8th, to pray the Most Holy Rosary of our Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to abortion. We will meet at the St. Mary Church, 1802 Madison Ave at 9:00 am. This is the last time we will be meeting at St. Mary's until the fall. Next month we will meet at the Hope Clinic in Granite City at 9:00 am. Please consider taking some time out of your busy schedule and pray with us to end the scourge of abortion. Everyone is welcomed bring the wife, kids, and fellow parishioners. You don't have to be a Knight to pray.

## ***March for Life in Springfield ...***

Thousands of anti-abortion advocates descended upon Springfield Tuesday, marking the first Illinois March for Life in the post-Roe era. Two knights from our council and a guest traveled to Springfield to participate in this event.

The day included multiple events at the University of Illinois-Springfield, Trinity Lutheran Church and on the state Capitol grounds. Advocates on both sides of the issues made plans to meet with lawmakers amid a busy week of floor action in the 103rd General Assembly.

Prior to scheduled rallies and a march around the Capitol grounds, a Roman Catholic mass service was held at Sangamon Auditorium. Springfield Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki led the service before a crowd of families and high school religious groups from across the state. Groups traveled to the Capitol from Chicago and Rockford and other parts of the state. Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin senior Blake Troyer attended the mass after hearing from multiple anti-abortion presenters this school year.

Although not Catholic, Troyer said he has heard Paprocki speak several times and welcomed the bishop's remarks on abortion. "It's always great to hear from the bishop," he said. "He's a strong voice for our state." Paprocki, renowned for his anti-abortion stance, endorsed the nation's highest court decision for "rightfully" making the legality of abortion a question for states to decide. The bishop pushed for a resurged effort to change laws in states like Illinois where abortion is protected.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **April Anniversaries**

A mass is offered each month for those couples celebrating their anniversary during the month.

#### **St. Boniface Church April 24th 4:15 pm Mass**

15 Robert & Kathy Hotz  
 18 Timothy & Deanna Moorman  
 20 James & Betty Burns  
 20 Raymond & Mary Jane Kerkemeyer  
 23 Brent & Dana Kerns  
 24 Anthony & Nancy Zollo

29 Michael & Kyle Lask  
 30 Norman & Raona Nilsson

#### **St Mary Church April 12th 6:30 pm Mass**

19 Thomas & Susan Tucker  
 22 Bruce & Connie Gerstenecker  
 29 Dave & Dana Strong

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!**

### **April Birthdays**

2 Charles Burcham  
 2 Joseph Shannon  
 3 Thomas Burns  
 4 Kenneth Hyten  
 4 Jeff Worman  
 5 Gary Doiron  
 5 Richard Ryan  
 9 David Knetzer  
 10 Timothy Henke  
 11 Mark Brase  
 12 Philip Kosydor

13 Frederic Kolesa  
 15 David Boduch  
 16 Kris Horvath  
 16 Thomas Jacober  
 17 Robert Nelson  
 18 James Michel  
 20 David Jurgena  
 23 Richard Dustman  
 28 James Caulk  
 29 Christopher Chleboun  
 29 Luke Harris



### **Calendar of Events April 2023**

2 -Fred Mills BBQ Sunday, 11:00am to 5:00pm.  
 4- 4th Degree Assembly 225 meeting 7:30pm.  
 7- Fish Fry Friday, 4:30pm to 7:30pm Team #4.  
 8 - Rosary for Life @ St. Mary's Church, 9:00am.  
 11- General Council Meeting **TUESDAY** 7:00pm.  
 12- Blood Drive, 3:00pm - 6:30pm at the Hall.  
 Appointments accepted as well as walk-ins!  
 15-4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification (LIVE) @ Benld, IL  
 10:00am.

15- Highway Cleanup, 9:00am meet at the Hall.  
 15 -16- Council Church Drive at all masses  
 16 -Corporate Communion Sunday @ St. Boniface  
 5:15pm Mass.  
 17- Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00 pm.  
 21- Fish Fry Friday **4:30pm to 7:00pm** Team #1.  
 21-23- State Convention, Springfield, IL  
 24- Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm.

### **CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS**

We will join in prayer at our spring Corporate Communion, Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at St. Boniface 5:15pm Mass. Immediately following the mass we will host an Exemplification of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. At this time we have two new members to your Council will be Exemplified.

The Exemplification ceremony was changed in 2022, and is different than when you probably joined. Families and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony and it is usually held in church.

**Come to Mass, and see how the Exemplification ceremony has changed.**

## 4th Degree News Assembly 225



### ***Faithful Navigator's Letter:***

Sir Knights and Brother Knights All,

I am excited to announce there will be a live Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Parish in Benld, IL. Registration will open at 10:00am with the ceremony to follow at 10:30am. A fellowship lunch will follow the ceremony. I invite all members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree to take advantage of the great opportunity to become a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree! Now more than ever, our Parishes and our Communities need Catholic men to stand as Proud Patriots of our Nation and stand in support of our Priests! From hosting fundraisers supporting Veterans attending Warriors to Lourdes to planting flags at the Parish

Cemeteries and participating in an Honor Guard for Bishop Paprocki's annual Red Mass, there are many opportunities for you to get involved in the 4th Degree. Please contact me at [rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com](mailto:rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com) to learn more about joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. On behalf of the Officers of Assembly #0225, We want to wish you and your family a blessed Easter Season!

God Bless,

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

If you are a member of the 4th Degree please consider getting the regalia. We are in need of more members with regalia. The Assembly will reimburse you 50% of the cost of the regalia. If you are not a member of the 4th Degree, please consider becoming a 4th Degree Knight.

***Take the next step—become a 4th Degree Knight!***

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### ***Pancake Breakfast .....***

Save the date! The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be hosting their Spring Pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 12:00pm in the basement of St. Mary's Parish. All proceeds from the breakfast will support Warriors to Lourdes, a spiritual pilgrimage of healing for military veterans!

Interested in volunteering for the event? Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up for a slot today. You do not have to be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight to volunteer and support Veterans! Thank you for your support.

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Our next Fraternal Benefit Night Webinar will be on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7pm and will feature Jim Effner who will be presenting, "Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan." I have provided an invitation flyer to register for this virtual event.

Happy Easter!  
Vivat Jesus!



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS!



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### Committee Members Wanted!

Brother Knights! Planning is underway for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Scramble. The scramble will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Oak Brook Golf Club. We are looking to grow our committee members to help with adding sponsors, fielding teams, and other behind the scenes preparations. This event is one the councils **largest single day fundraiser** behind the Lenten fish fries. Please contact me at [rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com](mailto:rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com) to learn how you can help make this 25<sup>th</sup> year a success. Thank you for your time and consideration

Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143  
**25th Annual Golf Tournament**



Saturday, September 16th, 2023

Oak Brook Golf Course  
 9157 Fruit Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

4-Person Scramble  
 \$440/Team

(Register by August 20th, 2023 for \$400/Team)

Entry Fee Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Beer, Games, Cart, Hole Prizes, Driving Range, On-Course Meal during Golf

Schedule

Registration: 7:00am  
 Shotgun Start..... Beginning at 8:00am  
 Flight winners announced..... ~1:00pm

Prizes

Based on size of field

Hole Prizes

Longest Drive Men & Women  
 Closest to the Pin

Sponsorships

Hole Sponsor.....\$100  
 Corporate Sponsor.....\$200  
(Includes signage on course and social media recognition)  
 Tournament Sponsor.....\$300  
(Includes signage on putting green and social media recognition)  
 Diamond Sponsor.....\$500  
(Includes (1) team of four and Corporate Sponsor level recognition)  
 Platinum Sponsor.....\$600  
(Includes (1) team of four and Tournament Sponsor level recognition)

On-Course Games

Skins Game (included)  
 Mulligans (extra)  
 Wager Hole (extra)  
 Bourbon Raffle (extra)

Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble

Entry Form (Or Use QR Code below to register online!)

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 Company Name (If Sponsoring Hole): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament limited to first 36 teams

More Info Contact: Ryan Fitzpatrick at 513-582-6698 or rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com  
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Time

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# Building the Domestic Church

*While Strengthening Our Parish*

*The Family Fully Alive*

*Mercy and Forgiveness*

*The inner form of Christian familial love is mercy like God the Father who is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4).*

*April 2023*



## **Breaking Open the Theme**

Pope St. John Paul II has beautifully said mercy is “love’s second name.” Sacred Scripture speaks frequently about Christ’s love in terms of mercy. For instance, there are the memorable parables of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11–32) and the lost sheep (Lk 15:1–7). In fact, Christ’s strongest teaching about the sacredness and life long permanence of the marriage bond (Mt 19:12) is preceded by one of his strongest teachings about forgiveness in the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:21–35).

During the course of the parable of the unforgiving servant, Christ instructs his disciples to forgive not just seven times, but 77 times — a symbolic number that represents a willingness to forgive without limit. In other words, Christ instructs his disciples to love unconditionally by being merciful. The fact that this teaching occurs right before his teaching about marriage’s indissolubility powerfully suggests that marriage, and the family life that flows from it, is to be held together by unconditional mercy. If the family practices mercy, they will be immensely blessed: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Mt 5:7).

## **Meditation**

*From Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia*

Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to deep resentment. ... The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people’s weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad in-

tentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. ... Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being unduly harsh with the failings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of our dignity.

When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. ... All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God’s love is unconditional, that the Father’s love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

1. Considering that Jesus forgave his persecutors from the cross, what does God’s mercy in the Scriptures teach us about how to forgive our family members?
2. Why is it important to be forgiven by God? Why must we trust in his forgiveness in order to forgive others properly?
3. Do any of us find it hard to forgive? What holds us back from forgiving? Is it resentment based on ill will, unduly looking for faults, an excessive concern for our rights, the inability to forgive ourselves or to accept our own limitations? Or is it something else?

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## ***Building the Domestic Church***

***While Strengthening Our Parish***

***Mercy and Forgiveness***



### ***Scripture Reading — Psalm 51:3-6, 11-15***

*A prayer of penance and longing for God's abundant mercy*

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;  
in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.  
Thoroughly wash away my guilt;  
and from my sin cleanse me.  
For I know my transgressions;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your eyes  
So that you are just in your word,  
and without reproach in your judgment.  
Turn away your face from my sins;  
blot out all my iniquities.

A clean heart create for me, God;  
renew within me a steadfast spirit.  
Do not drive me from before your face,  
nor take from me your holy spirit.  
Restore to me the gladness of your salvation;  
uphold me with a willing spirit.  
I will teach the wicked your ways,  
that sinners may return to you.

### ***Family Project***

As a family, go to church for the sacrament of reconciliation. A week later, take a few moments to discuss how the sacrament has helped each of you to be more holy and to fight against temptation and sin.

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Higway Cleanup 9:00 a.m. @ The Hall
<b>2</b> Palm Sunday Fred Mills Club BBQ 11:30am to 5:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Holy Thursday	<b>7</b> Good Friday Fish Fry Team #4 4:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Holy Saturday Rosary for Life 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday	<b>10</b> General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Blood Drive 3:00-6:30pm @ The Hall	<b>13</b> Fraternal Benefits Night 7:00PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4th Degree Exemplification 10:30 a.m, St. Joseph Parish Benld, IL
<b>16</b> Devine Mercy Sunday Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity St. Boniface Parish before 5:15 p.m. Mass	<b>17</b> Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Fish Fry Team #1 4:30-7:00 p.m.	<b>22</b> Earth Day
<b>23</b> 3rd Sunday in Easter	<b>24</b> Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>		State Convention - Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL
State Convention - Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL						<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 4th Sunday in Easter Pancake Breakfast for Lourdes St. Mary's Parish 8:30am to 12:00pm						

Notes: