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Muncie, IN 47304**

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**December 2013 Newsletter**

**This newsletter is on the web at: [www.kofcmuncieindiana.com](http://www.kofcmuncieindiana.com)**

***Upcoming Events at the K of C Family Center:***

Tues Knights Meetings:

Dec 3: Council 560 Business Meeting - 7 pm (Only Dec Council meeting date)  
Dec 10: Annual Christmas Party 6:30 pm (No second Tues 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting)  
Dec 17: Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting - 7 pm (Replaces second Tues meeting)

Friday Dinners and Special Notices:

No Friday dinners or special notices in December

Rentals:

Private function – Dec 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 29  
Exchange Club – Dec 5, 12, 19  
Sunrise Rotary – Dec 6, 13, 20

Bingo:

Every Mon, Wed, and Fri: Early Bird play at 5:30 pm followed by Regular play at 7 pm. Our Muncie K of C Bingo Hall is located at 4833 N Wheeling.

**Catholicism Matters at Christmas**

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, it is deserving of serious reflection on how much is gained or lost in the way this tremendous historical event is accepted or rejected.

The Prologue to St John's Gospel captures the best approach to view this account that is grace filled and not void of spiritual meaning.

St John reminds us that Christ is the light of the world who came into His own but they received Him not. Such great loss is in contrast by those who did accept Him whereby He gave power to become children of God and heirs of Heaven. The resulting dilemma supports the verse: 'of all sad words of speech or pen the greatest are these it might have been.'

In the present culture, such pervasive rejection calls for a demanding challenge by persons of goodwill and especially the Catholic faithful, to prove that Catholicism matters. In so doing, the basic teachings of the birth of Christ as presented by The Church are emphasized. In the liturgy with the Mass, how significant it is to indicate the popular title for Feast of Christmas is derived from the phrase 'the Mass of Christ.'

Our Blessed Savior continues to be with us in every Mass whereby we can experience the most precious faith-filled, hope-filled, and grace-filled encounter with the One who came that we might have eternal life.

In Christ, Your Chaplain: Fr Joseph Grace

***Have a Blessed  
Christmas***





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## Friday Night Mexican Dinner for Haiti

Members of St. Mary's Parish held a delicious Mexican dinner at our Family Center on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a fund raiser to help Fr. Andre's: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage in Haiti. News from Haiti was that Fr. Andre now has 24 Haitian orphans under his care. Assisting Fr. Andre's orphanage is a very worthy cause and one of our Council's core charities. It was a delightful evening of good food and conversation. The photos below help convey the atmosphere of the event that was enjoyed by all.



Lots of good Mexican fare from a very busy kitchen.

**St Mary Parish and schools** are active with fund raiser Friday dinners at the hall during the year.



Some helping hands at the beverage serving table.



Knight Marvin Sue (Rt) and wife Martha enjoying a night out.

**Editor's note:** Each year, our Council assists the Muncie Catholic Parishes, various organizations, and others with their Friday dinners and other fund-raising events. Through the Council, the Family Center facility serves the community in many ways. Our K of C Council is pleased to assist and contribute to these worthy activities.



St Francis parishioners Mark Difabio and wife Barbara getting ready for a great Mexican meal.



**You and Yours are invited to our:**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Annual Christmas**

**Party**

**When: Tuesday December 10th**

**Where: Knights of Columbus Hall**

**Buffet dinner served beginning at 6:30 pm includes:  
*grilled chicken breast, hot dogs, mashed potatoes,  
vegetable, roll, salad, dessert and drinks***

**Children's activities  
and a special visit from  
Santa Claus**

**Mark your calendar and post this announcement  
on your refrigerator...see you at the hall**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

In Support of the Culture of Life and against the Culture of Death, Catholics and others will travel to Washington to participate in the 2014 peaceful demonstration on the National Mall. The annual March for Life on January 22 commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. You are invited to participate. Contact Knight John Kindt, our council Right to Life organizer for information ([jnky83@reagan.com](mailto:jnky83@reagan.com)). Bus transportation, meals, and lodging will be provided. Council attendees at the event last year reported it to be a fulfilling and remarkable event. Plan to take the trip and make a statement on behalf of the unborn lost to abortion. Additional information is available from the State Knights of Columbus at this website (<http://indianakofc.org/programs/prolife/MarchforLife.htm>).

## Obituary Information and Assembly 243 Honor Guard for Father James Keane

Assembly 243 Knights participated as Honor Guard at the wake and funeral for Fr James T Keane on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at St Mary Church (see photos below). Father Keane, 84, passed away on October 29, 2013 at Bethel Pointe Care Center in Muncie.

Fr Keane was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 15, 1929, the son of James Keane and Mary M. (McMahon) and attended Quigley pre-seminary in Chicago. He then attended Our Lady of the Lake minor seminary in Wawasee, IN and graduated from St. Meinard seminary, IN. Father Keane was then ordained for the Diocese of Lafayette and served as Associate Pastor at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Kokomo from 1955 until 1956, St Joseph Parish in Elwood from 1956 until 1960. He then served at St. Joseph Parish in Logansport from 1960 until 1961. In 1961 he was assigned as pastor for St. Mary Parish in Dunkirk from 1961 until 1965. At that time he was given pastorate at St. Mary Parish in Union City from 1965 until 1984. Going forward he was then given a sabbatical in January 1984 and was priest in residence at St. Mary Parish of Muncie until his passing.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Catholic Church in Muncie with interment in St. Mary Cemetery of Lafayette, Indiana.

Our Assembly Knights were a part of the Vigil Honor Guard for several hours at the all night wake and then the Honor Guard for the funeral mass at 11 am Monday. Bishop Timothy L Doherty was the principal celebrant and Bishop Emeritus William L Higi and numerous priests of the diocese concelebrated including Fr Andrew Dudzinski of St Mary Muncie and with Fr Paul Cochran who served as homilist.

Some Prayer Cards distributed at the funeral mass

Included the following verse:

### The Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

And rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of his hands



Fr James Keane

### Some Assembly 243 Knights serving Honor Guard for Fr Keane



Funeral for Fr Keane were (L to R): Ron Kratz, Jack Gardella, Art Wessel, Bill Moore, Randy Stout, Tom McComish, Marvin Sue, Gene Jackson, Kevin Durbin, Pete Murk, Jack Young, and Jack Holland

## Prayers for the Year of Faith

By Peter J. Murk

Fr. Joseph Grace, our Council K of C Chaplain, in one of his recent meditations with the Knights, mentioned that the Church is now concluding it's Year of Faith, as instituted by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Fr Grace suggested that we say the following prayers, daily:

### The Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen

### The Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen

### Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

I also wanted to add one of my favorite prayers to the mix:

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me to come to Thee.

Then with Thy Saints I may praise Thee

Forever and ever. Amen.



**Note:** much of the following message is taken from the December Newsletter of last year. Having said that, it all applies to our message to you again this year:

### **Keeping Christ in Christmas\***

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Order sponsors the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is keeping the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive. To celebrate the birth of the Son of God, here are some suggestions you can use to help in keeping Christ in Christmas.

#### **Celebrate the Coming of Christ with Family Advent Wreaths**

During the Advent season families should spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations.

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

#### **Some Suggestions for Keeping Christmas Alive**

This Christmas season give the gift of yourself within our council, community and family. Give these or similar presents of friendship, understanding, kindness, love and compassion:

- Serve or prepare meals at a soup kitchen.
- Bring presents to children or elderly people in the hospital. Clean, repair and refurbish a church in a poor neighborhood. Visit someone who's shut-in.
- Send a Christmas card to someone you have not seen or talked to in years. Invite a friend or neighbor who will be alone to share your Christmas celebration.
- Reconcile with a friend or relative with whom you have quarreled. Apologize if you were wrong.
- Provide transportation to shelters for homeless people.
- Wish people you meet a good day and a happy and holy Christmas.
- Get the family together to clean out all the closets and dressers. Donate usable clothing, shoes, blankets and other items to a program for needy families.
- Send care packages to military personnel stationed overseas.
- Sing Christmas carols at nursing homes or hospitals.
- Collect baby clothes, blankets, food, diapers or money and donate these items to an organization that helps needy people.
- Sponsor a drive for children to donate their old toys to youngsters.
- Be a part of the holiday spirit by undertaking one or more of the items listed above and help make Christmas merry for someone else and yourself.
- **When greeting others around Christmas time say: "Merry Christmas" not "Happy Holidays."**

\*Modified and edited from Knights of Columbus web materials.

## We are Thankful for Many Blessings

Dear Fellow Knights:

It goes without saying that we as Americans have much to be thankful for again this year. Christmas is a special time to be thankful for Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are also thankful for our wonderful Catholic Faith and our tremendous organization: The Knights of Columbus. Considering past year, the Council and Assembly have accomplished a great deal. Our productive bingo operation has continued to run smoothly with the help of many knights and parish volunteers. We remain committed to our special Core Charities: Gibault, Harvest Soup Kitchen, St Vincent De Paul, Fr Andre's Orphanage in Haiti, and our parishes: St Francis of Assisi, St Lawrence, and St Mary. We too, are thankful for the many Knights in our Council and Assembly that contribute so much to everything we stand for as a fraternity. Yes, it is a time to be very thankful. Thank you too for all for your support and what you do as individuals without any fan fair or praise. Keep up the good work...and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Your Grand Knight,

Tom McComish



# MERRY CHRISTMAS