



**Knights of Columbus
St Paul the Apostle
Muncie, IN 47304**

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April 2013 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events at the K of C Family Center:

Tues Knights Meetings:

Apr 2 Council 560 Meeting - 7 pm

Apr 9 Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting – 7 pm

Apr 16 Council 560 Meeting – 7 pm

Dinners and Special Notices:

Apr 5 – Friday fundraiser for Harvest Soup Kitchen

Apr 12 – Friday fundraiser for Fr Andre's Haiti Orphanage

Apr 19 – No dinner

Apr 26 – Friday fundraiser for St Lawrence

Apr 27 – Saturday fundraiser Haiti Library Trivia Night

Rentals:

Luncheon – Apr 12

Private function - Apr 13, 14, 20, 21

Exchange Club – Apr 4, 11, 18, 25

Sunrise Rotary – Apr 5, 12, 19, 26

Bingo:

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

Finding a Remedy for Our Moral Crisis

We must seek a consensus to the severe moral crisis that attacks human life, marriage and family, and freedom of religion. To do this, let us realize that the Catholic Church and our faith provide a credible solution.

We have spiritual weapons available to us in the Cardinal Moral Virtues that can be activated in our lives. The major virtues include: *Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance* together with others that can be infused as part of our baptismal endowment.

The four major virtues assist us to live by objective moral principles centered on the Ten Commandments. How do they function? *Prudence* extends help to have upright decisions in harmony with moral laws. *Justice* permits us to have a proper relationship due to others. *Fortitude* enables us to overcome obstacles in the path of achieving correct moral values. The virtue of *Temperance* is especially needed to control our wounded human nature that is prone to be excessive in its weakness.

To assist further discernment in the use of these four virtues, permit me to suggest recent treatises of serious thought: William Donahue of the Catholic League comes forth with the book "Why Catholicism Matters." With a similar conviction, John Horvath has written "Return to Order." George Weigel's volume "Evangelical Catholicism" delves well into how the Church should cope with present reform issues.

But we are not left to reasonable human insights alone. The entire slate of virtues with the gifts of the Holy Spirit lays a trustworthy foundation on which to build.

In this 'Year of Faith' it is appropriate for a more serious effort to grasp and apply what our holy faith contains so that we seek to become a new creation. Such does Jesus exhort: "Be you perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." And, "Believe and repent. The Kingdom of God is at hand."

Thus, this moral crisis needs and has moral virtues as a solution that can be put in place to take over as a remedy.

A Message from Your Chaplain, Fr Joseph Grace



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Practicing the Year of Faith through an Indianapolis Pilgrimage

Grand Knight Henry Peresie from K of C Council 13850, Indianapolis, IN invited a group of Knights from Council 560 to go on a pilgrimage and to attend a Byzantine Mass at St. Athanasius' Church on Blaine Street, Indianapolis. They also were to participate in a K of C Brunch, afterwards. Deputy Grand Knight Jim Carnes and his wife, Jeanette and Knight Pete Murk and his wife, Dotty accepted the invitation on Sunday, March 17th for the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

The quartet left Muncie early and stopped off for a coffee and then proceeded to the older Indianapolis church. Parishioners and Henry Peresie welcomed us warmly on arrival. He explained the Byzantine Mass liturgy and many of the important rituals that are practiced. Members of St. Athanasius Byzantine Church are indeed Catholic, and under the Papal Authority, but practice a different rite of service. Apparently there are about 22 different rites under the Catholic Church. We met Fr Innocenti Rossi, the pastor, and we entered into the Sacrifice of the Mass. Another priest who is bi-ritual, concelebrated the Mass. Incensation of the entire church began the Worship Service with many solemn petitions of "Lord of mercy!" The rite is similar to the Roman rite, but seemed more mystical and penitential. The priests and adult servers (Henry Peresie and another man) were clothed in red and gold, not the traditional purple Roman Rite vestments usually worn during Lent. There were so many beautiful Icons of Jesus and the saints which adorned the church and a large wooden screen in front of the altar to reverence the Holy Mysteries. We received Holy Communion with the two consecrated species combined *in tincture* – a bread cube dipped in wine and served to the communicants with a golden spoon. We also received a piece of blessed bread afterwards. It was truly a beautiful and memorable service but sparsely attended by about only 40 or so adult parishioners from the area.

After Mass, the party was treated to a K of C sponsored St. Patrick's Day brunch in the Church Hall. What a feast! There was ham, Irish potatoes, corned beef, cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, pierogies (little raviolis with meat, cheese, and potatoes), and wonderful desserts. Special pasha breads and other baked goods were available for purchase. Pysanki eggs for Easter Sunday were being readied and special items for the Byzantine Easter Basket and their descriptions were offered. The fasting laws are stricter than in the West and many abstain from milk, meat, and other dairy products. No meat is eaten on Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Lenten Season. Overall, it was a wonderful day and everyone representing the K of C Council 560 would be welcome to participate in this memorable Liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Rite, according to Henry Peresie. It was a memorable trip and experience.



A photo in front of St. Athanasius Byzantine Church In Indianapolis



Knights attending the Mass at St. Athanasius Church were (L to R) Pete Murk, Henry Peresie, and Jim Carnes.



Assembly 4th Degree Knight Henry Peresie (R) explaining the Byzantine rites to the group.



Fr Innocenti Rossi Incensating of the church at the beginning of the service.

An Example of How Our Council Supports the Community: Exchange Club Meetings at the Hall

Forty-five to 50 members from *The Exchange Club of Muncie, Indiana* are now meeting at the Knights of Columbus Family Center on Purdue Drive on Thursday afternoons. The Exchange Club is a group of business and professional leaders and concerned citizens who have joined together to serve the community through a variety of projects; especially Child Abuse Prevention and other fund raising efforts. A buffet luncheon is served around 11:30 AM for the club and then a designated guest speaker presents a stimulating program followed by active and lively discussion. Meetings feature speakers with important topics of interest to the community. Exchange Clubs enhance family values and create a positive impact in communities across America. The Muncie Club sponsors an annual Sophomore High School Honors Day Program, supports establishing Freedom Shrines (reproductions of our country's most cherished and important documents), and supports the Child Abuse Prevention Project of the National Exchange Club. The Muncie Exchange Club Board is very pleased with the accessibility of our Hall and the pleasant, bright, and cheery setting. So far, the good variety and wholesome food have been delicious and nutritious and served through Valerie K. Alexander's *VKA Kitchen and Catering* – a Knight's affiliate. The Club has been in operation since the 1920's and continues ninety years later. This is the fourth site they have chosen for meetings and the feedback from the members is very positive. The K of C Center is most accessible and convenient to the members and the sound acoustics are so much better. The Club President, Jim Wagoner, commented that the facilities and food were great and working with Kelly Young and the K of C's was wonderful. As a side comment, attendance for the group has improved with the new venue too. Well done to all involved with kudos to our council for supporting the community.



The Exchange Club features a speaker at each meeting followed by discussion and interaction by members. featured here is a speaker (L) with President Jim Wagoner.



Valerie K. Alexander of *VKA Kitchen and Catering* does the lunch for the Club. Our facilities for this aspect of the meeting work well.

A Contribution from our own poet in residence, Knight Peter Murk, as he has again written a new poem for our enjoyment. Thanks, Pete, and keep up the good work! Here it is...

Spring: A Rebirth of the Seasons of Life

By Peter J. Murk

Sunrise, the start of a new day, a new spring season, and a brand new life,
Recalling the long cold nights of chilling winter winds and so many snows
Finally, the calendar and everyone says: hopefully, winter is over – spring is here!
It is a time for renewal, a time for rebirth, a new great season to encounter.

The white snowdrops and purple and golden crocuses signal spring's beginning.
The yellow forsythia bushes, golden daffodils and red tulips are good reminders,
Other markers include the preparation time of Lent; Easter, Basketball's March Madness,
Major League Baseball's Spring Training in Florida and Arizona; they're all there!

The March winds blow – they roar as a fierce lion, and yet they end as a gentle lamb.
Children fly kites, adults ride bikes, and even seniors walk and ride three wheel trikes.
The spring season brings the April Showers and the flowers and warmth of May.
Spring means tilling and preparing the earth, planting, & dreaming of a good harvest!

Spring time means house cleaning, sorting, and discarding unnecessary items,
Trying new tonics, seeking old remedies, renewing old friendships and making new ones
Spring brings wonderful breezes, cool evenings and truly memorable sunsets. Finally,
Spring brings love and romance among the birds and bees and us as human beings!

If spring's love appears as a young, true, and very passionate love,
Then summer's love becomes a real marriage – a lifetime of fulfilling experiences,
Autumn's love creates a marathon of regret and seeking your partner's forgiveness,
Then winter's love is the quiet one, of making and keeping good resolutions.
But, spring with its true first love is always remembered as being the very best!

***A 21 line poem about spring, the first season of one's life,
and my favorite one, and written in very free verse!***

Spring, 2013

Mark Your Calendars: Mothers Appreciation Dinner on May 7th

Plans are underway at this writing to host the Mothers Appreciation Dinner once again. The date has been set and although the arrangements are incomplete, it is important for everyone to reserve the date well ahead of the set time. Talk about the event with your wife, mothers, and grandmothers. This is a way the Council recognizes all our mothers. It will be a great evening so watch for more information next month in the May Newsletter.



The following excerpt and prayer are taken from official Knights of Columbus literature. We present them here so all of us are aware of the tremendous opportunity we have to be involved in the Year of Faith programs. Our Council is committed to involvement with some special activities planned or continuing. As Grand Knight, I look forward to our already underway participation in the Year of Faith. Thank you, Tom McComish

In October, Pope Benedict XVI announced a “Year of Faith” for the Universal Church, an opportunity, he said, for us “to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ.” In this way, the Holy Father added, we can respond to the “profound crisis of faith that has affected many people.”

The following prayer was composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, our Supreme Chaplain. An image of the Holy Family based on an original print is housed at the Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. A copy of this print will be awarded to our Council for participating and achieving some goals set down by Supreme. More later on about our participation in the Year of Faith. The prayer...

A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.
Enlighten our hearts and minds that we
may live more fully this vocation of love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love
which you, O Father, eternally show
with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home
and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always
be a place of generosity, understanding, , forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your
eternal design for the family; and grant us that the Holy Family of Nazareth
may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.