



Knights of Columbus, Council 560
St Paul the Apostle
Muncie, IN 47304

February 2012 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events at the K of C Family Center

March Events at the K of C Family Center:

Mar – 4 (Sun) Fourth Degree Breakfast at the K of C Hall from 8 – Noon

Mar – 6 (Tues) – Council 560 Meeting – 7 PM

Mar – 13 (Tues) 4th Degree Assembly Meeting Scheduled - 7PM

Mar – 20 (Tues) Council 560 Meeting – 7 PM

Friday Dinners:

Mar – 2: Pope John Paul II Middle School

Mar – 9: Haiti Library Fr Andre

Mar – 16: St Lawrence

Mar – 23: Muncie Central Tennis

Mar – 30 – None scheduled

Hall rentals:

Mar 3, 10, 17, 18, 19, 24

Bingo: Every Mon, Wed, Fri at 5:30 pm - Early Bird; 7 PM Regular; at the K of C Bingo Hall; 4833 N Wheeling Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

Mary Rose Givan Sought A Wish from Santa –

But Our Lord Had a Different Timetable For Her!

During the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party last December, Santa Claus (aka Knight Tim Lacey) and Mrs. Claus (aka Ann Lacey) came to the K of C Family Center. Many of the children and special guests visited with Santa asking for their special Christmas gifts. Mary Rose Given's request for Santa was to live to 100 years of age (see picture below). Unfortunately, Our Lord had a different timetable for her. She passed away at the age of 99 years and 4 months in February, 2012, after a brief illness. Mary Rose was a wonderful supporter of the Knights of Columbus as a Daughter of Isabella. She was the wife of Earl Givan, a former Knight, and mother-in-law to Knight Leroy Rhea. Doris Rhea, Leroy's wife, is her daughter. The funeral for Mary Rose was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church followed by a reception for the family and friends at the K of C Center. May she rest in peace!



Coping With the World, the Flesh, and the Devil

Lent is a prime time to focus on the enemies of our Journey of Faith; to recharge us in our spiritual combat. Holy Mother the Church wisely helps us to identify three major foes as 'the World, the Flesh, and The Devil.'

The World is the make-up of our society and culture which diminishes or excludes any place for realm of the spiritual or religion to touch our lives. An unfortunate example of such intrusion is the present 'health care' issue now a grave moral crisis. There are some in public office issuing repressive mandates against freedom of conscience, religion, and worship which also hinders freedom of speech in opposition to the U. S. Constitution. To be in the world but not of the world is for us the same challenge that faced the Apostles. In the Gospel of John, 17:15, Jesus invokes His Father: "I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one." So we must stay engaged in this struggle.

The Flesh is identified in the make up our wounded human nature which original sin produces opposition between good and evil. Now with a darkened intellect and weakened will it becomes more difficult to know the truth and to choose the good. Such a handicap can be an addiction to sin requiring constant vigilance to realize our common weakness as well as to identify a major personal fault. In both cases it is necessary to avoid the near occasions of sin especially if it is of grave matter.

The Devil as a foe is more mysterious as to source and scope. This group of fallen angels used the gift of free will to viciously rebel whereby they were thrust irrevocably from God's presence. In keeping with Divine Providence for our salvation, God permits these bad angels to have a limited adverse influence on our welfare. As Jesus freely exposed Himself to be tempted by Satan, it appears that the final victory will only come at the end of time requiring all generations to be tested in combat with the underworld.

In the meantime we rely upon the writings of the Apostle John in the Book of Revelations whereby the visions he had, depicts the final struggle and victory resulting in the devils' loss of influence and final cast into total subjugation. Just as Our Lord was always in control as the Master over evil in the several Gospel accounts with the evil ones, it is wonderful to reflect on how all the heavenly hosts in unison acclaim, praise, honor, and give glory to the Lamb of God now enthroned forever in Heaven.

So we are ever mindful; this is a serious confrontation with three recognizable foes but we do have sufficient spiritual weapons which are the embodiment of our Faith. Such power is poured forth with the 'baptismal endowment' with the components of sanctifying grace, the virtues, and gifts, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Certainly this spiritual wealth must be used to be assured that "where sin reigns, grace will more so abound." During this Lent we continue this important journey of faith: from sinner to penitent to saint; whereby lies our victory over 'the World', 'the Flesh', and 'the Devil.'

Fr. Joseph W. Grace, K of C Chaplain