



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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April 2017 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

More than half way through lent and there's still so much to do. While lent is a time for introspection and self-denial, it's also an opportunity show what it really means to be Catholic. We sometimes spend too much time trying to figure out ways to improve ourselves that we miss opportunities to do something about it with the gifts we already have. I hope the Knights of Columbus has given you plenty of opportunities to show Christ's love and to see the face of Christ in others.

One way to be the face of Christ to those in need is the Lenten fish fries we are hosting each week this season. I know what you're thinking, "How does that show the face of Christ?" This Lent the Knights of Columbus Council 6165 has committed to holding a total of **SEVEN** fish fries, with 50% of the proceeds being donated to help build the new Catholic Education and Activities Center. That's a lot of hard work for people who have families, jobs, and other commitments that are put off so they can work in the kitchen or out in the dining room. All the extra effort goes to finance the good works we do all year for others, and to help finance an education center that will be used by people we don't know and may never meet. Yet we know the needs are there and we step up to help meet those needs. If you can donate some time and energy, please go to our website to sign up for a shift or two at the next two fish fries <http://www.kofc6165.org/2017-fish->

[fry-schedule.html](#) and ask your friends to do the same. Most importantly, please bring your family out for some great food and even greater company to help finish off the season with a bang.

Come show the face of Christ to others with the Family Committee at the two events they are sponsoring this month. On Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00am in the ICS cafeteria we will be sponsoring a Family Day of Mercy for inmates in Menard Correction Center. We will be baking cookies and coloring posters in support of the Kairos Prison Ministry. Kairos brings the message of Christ's love and forgiveness to places where it is scarcely visible. If you have questions or would like to support the mission in other ways, contact Katie Hart at Kathleen.hart@hotmail.com. And if you can't make the cookie bake, then come to Card Lotto Columbia Convalescent Center. April Card Lotto will be held on the 18th at 7:00pm and they can always use more help. Please contact Nick Matrisotto at stlouisareamaps@aol.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

We had four eighth graders participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Council 6165 Scholarship Essay Contest held on Sunday, March 12th in the KC room. The participants had to write an essay on a previously undisclosed topic which are judged by the Poor Claire Sisters in South County. They were competing for a \$2000.00 scholarship, payable over 4 years in \$500.00 payments, to the

Catholic high school of their choice. The winner will be announced at the ICS Graduation in May. Thanks to FS Kevin Hutchinson and his wife Georgia who have taken over this worthy event from 30 year veterans, and founders of the Essay Contest, Al and Marilyn Ziegler.

We had 40 donors present who tried to give blood at the KC/Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 19th. We collected 36 units of blood which may save the lives of 108 people in the coming months. The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross blood drive will be on May 21st after all Masses. Go to <http://www.kofc6165.org/events.html> to see upcoming events and for a link to register to give blood at the next blood drive.

Please note that our regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday of April would fall on Holy Thursday, so **we will move the April council meeting to the THIRD THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, in the ICS cafeteria.** And as a thank you for all you do for our council, our parish, and our community, we will have a social hour starting at 6:30pm with chicken wings, French fries, beer and soda. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 and will be conducted with all proper ceremony and decorum. Come catch up with old friends, enjoy good company, and celebrate what it means to be a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Christopher J Bayer	4
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Patrick Mc Dermott	3
Thomas P Prindiville	3
John C Williams	3

It takes a lot of hard work by many people to make the fish fries a success for seven weeks. This year desserts and hush puppies were added to the menu.



Thanks!!!



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Calendar of Events

Eucharistic Adoration- Every Tuesday

9:00am-10:00pm in the Reservation Chapel

Stations of the Cross- Every Friday at 2:15pm in ICS Gym

And 7:00pm in the Church

Family Day of Mercy Cookie Bake- April 8th at 9:00am

In the ICS Cafeteria

Fish Fries- Friday, April 7th and Good Friday, April 14th

KC Social Thank You- April 20th at 6:30pm

Council Meeting- April 20th at 7:30pm

Blood Drive- May 21st After All Masses

