



Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight's Message

As we enter the Lenten season this year we are called to look at our lives to see where we can improve. Prayer, fasting, and alms giving are tools we use to keep in touch with God when our lives seem too busy to focus on anything. This Lent we join our parish in preparing to build a new school building, which will house both ICS and ICPSR. But this building will also be home to so many of our other parish events and activities, including adult education and RCIA, the parish picnic, sporting events, and fish fries. 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. Without your sacrifice and your patronage we will not be successful. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to work a shift or two at <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 fine food and great company on Ash Wednesday and every Friday, except the first Friday, during Lent.

Thanks to all who helped make the Mardi Gras Pancake and Sausage Dinner such a special event for our parish. And thanks to DGK Patrick McDermott for coordinating all the details with the parish staff and organizing the workers. What a great way to celebrate our salvation before we begin our Lenten fast.



Mardi Gras

At the February meeting it was once again my privilege to present a check to the Monroe Council for the Handicapped, this year in the amount of \$6304.15, from the proceeds of our 2016 Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Denny Ward accepted the check on behalf of the Monroe Council with their thanks and gratitude. The Council helps those with intellectual disabilities enjoy outdoor activities, sporting events, and social activities that most people take for granted. Our thanks to the people of Monroe County for their generous support.

The 2017 Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest will be held on March 11th at St. Clare School in O'Fallon. Registration opens at 2:30pm. District-winners Ethan Ernst, Isaac Schreckenber, Karson Jany, and Kinley Jany are eligible to participate. Good luck!

The 2017 Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee will be held this year on March 18th at Aviston Elementary School in Aviston, IL. Doors open at noon with the Bee beginning at 1:00pm. Winners of our spelling bee Noah Boyer-Edwards, Brock Murphy, and Ethan Ernst are eligible to participate. Good luck guys!

When I speak of how the Knights live the Gospel every day I really mean it. Every month Nick Matrisotto and the family committee lead a team of people who are the face of Christ to the residents of the Columbia Convalescent Center. The Family Committee will be working with a new parish organization to spread the fun of Card Lotto. J.U.S.T. Families will

be learning the ropes in hopes of someday replicating it at another nursing home. March Card Lotto will be held on the 21st at 7:00pm and they can always use more help. Please contact Nick at stlouisareamaps@aol.com or at (314) 609-7092 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

The 2017 Knights of Columbus Council 6165 Scholarship Essay Contest will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 11:00am in the KC room. The contest is open to any Immaculate Conception eighth grader who plans to attend a local Catholic High School. The winner will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship, payable over 4 years in \$500.00 payments, to the Catholic high school of their choice.

Our next KC/Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, March 19th after all Masses. Please give if you are able and invite someone to come with you. The need for blood is always great and you will help save the life of three people with your donation.

If you haven't already done so, please return your dues as soon as possible. Financial Secretary Kevin Hutchinson has a lot of number crunching to do so help him out by returning them as soon as possible.

And please visit our recently renovated website at www.kofc6165.org for all your local and national Knights of Columbus news and information.

Vivat Jesus!
Pat Grawitch



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Our thanks to Al and Marilyn Ziegler (right) for creating and running the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Essay Contest for 30 years. I was honored to present a small token of our appreciation at the February meeting.



Denny Ward (left) with the Monroe Council for the Handicapped accepts a check from yours truly. The donation is a direct result of the generosity of the people of Monroe County and the hard work of many volunteers at our 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive. We look forward to beating our record 2016 collections in 2017.

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
7:00pm in the Church

Fish Fries- Ash Wednesday, and every Friday, except the first Friday, of Lent. 4:00pm-7:00pm

Council Meeting- March 9th at 7:30pm

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