



The Carpenter



Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

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**Welcome New Council Members
Doug Heindel & Matt Brickner**

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...



We ended September on a high note with a 1st Degree Ceremony on the 28th. Congratulations to our new members.

This month our Council will host the Holy Family Icon from October 21st to October 24th according to the following schedule:

Holy Family Icon Schedule

DD Jeff will receive the Icon on October 21. **On Saturday, October 22 at 4:30pm Mass, and on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8:30am Mass, Council members will process the Icon into Church. On Sunday at 11:00am Mass, 4th Degree members to process the Icon into the PAC. I will need volunteers for the Saturday and Sunday morning Masses,** and I will arrange for 4th Degree members with Jose

This will be a great opportunity to not only support the Council but help you and your family learn more about the Holy Family. It is the center of our Faith and our Community.

Football Frenzy ticket sales will be coming to an end around the 15th of October. We are presently 15 tickets short of our goal of 72. The \$20 tickets return at least \$5 to the council and (it looks good for the State) possibly a reduction or elimination of the 2017 State per Capita fee

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**Meeting Time Notice—May thru October
Meetings begin at 8:00pm**

Business Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, church basement; Social Meeting 4th Wednesday, PAC

October is Right to Life Month

Brothers: St. Joseph Parish has adopted Tuesday October 18, 7am to 7pm, as our time to help with a prayer vigil outside Founder's Women's Health Clinic at 1243 E. Broad St. in Columbus on Tuesday October 18. Please see the sign-up boards at the back of the church and the PAC, and register for one of the one-hour time slots.

District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights



We are officially in the Fall season. This is an important month for the Knights of Columbus. October is Membership Blitz month and we are looking for a few good men! Our Brotherhood can only grow with the addition of new members. If you personally know of a Catholic gentleman in good standing with the Church and wanting to help others through Charity and in Unity and Fraternity with our Brother Knights, have him complete a form 100 or have him talk to one of our Council officers. If you have sons who may have turned 18 recently they too are now eligible for membership. I wish you a wonderful Fall and bountiful harvest our God has provided.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Fisher

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

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September Business Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser. Previous Minutes approved; no corrections needed. Prospective member Matt Brickner reading approved. 1st Degree date pending.

Grand Knight Report

- Obtained 3 volunteers to correspond with Seminarian Gordon Mott.
- Football Frenzy ticket status: 58 sold so far; need 72 for quota. Council will consider buying tickets to reach quota—TBD at October 12 meeting.
- Should consider contributing cash toward order for new surplices—see New Business.
- Bonnie Chuha seeking men to help move a cooler from New Dover to Food Pantry, using Food Pantry truck, on Monday 9/26. GK to issue e-mail to members.
- VA collection of personal goods to be placed in church and PAC by October 1; Thobe has boxes at home. Hess to place Bulletin notice.
- Coats for Kids: Hess will order 6 boxes for Monroe & Plain City Elementary, Canaan Middle, and Finland Elementary. Grove City OLPH Council 2603 will help with Finland coats.
- Reminder: our 1st Degree will be Wednesday 9/28, Candidate Call 6:30 in Church, Ceremony 7:00pm in basement, followed by 8:00pm Social meeting at PAC.
- New 2nd Degree Ceremony format coming

Chaplain's Report

- Deacon Candidate David Bezusko will be ordained 11/26 at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- One outstanding check for \$500.00—Food Pantry.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report; our money is in the very best of hands.

Program Director Report

- 8 activities filed with State—all approved.
- Planning a Prayer observance at Memorial for Aborted Children at St. Andrew Church, 9:00am Saturday 9/24.

New Business

- Council has again been asked to participate in Caps, Corks and Cuisine event, 11/18. Motion approved to spend \$250.00 for a basket of contents not yet determined.
- Donation for surplices discussed. Total cost for 12 is \$489.35: Council approved donating \$250 toward this expense..

4th Degree Report

- October Assembly meeting, 10/3 at 7:00pm, to be held at Der Dutchman.

DD Report

- 2nd/3rd Degree Ceremony to be at St. Andrew on 10/30.

Good of the Order

Linda Murray, Lowell Willeke, Pat Heier, Xtreme softball team, David Harris, John Harris, Jin Armillotti, Sharon Thobe, Steve Case, Gloria Butler.

Chaplain's Summary

- Suggested sending cards to Dave Harris (esophagus cancer surgery) and Dave Bezusko (Ordination)

Meeting closed and reopened for Matt Brickner 2nd reading, then adjourned.

Brothers conduct prayer service at Memorial for Aborted Children



On Saturday morning, Sept. 24, five Brother Knights gathered at the Memorial for Aborted Children at the St. Andrew campus on Reed Road. They were (above, l. to r.) Carl Haaser, Chris Miller, Jeff Fisher, Jim Fritter and photographer Bob Hess. Several prayers devoted to abortion victims were offered.

October Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Michael Bertorello 10/11
 Joe Foster 10/16
 Matt Rizzo 10/17
 Nathan Will 10/23

Spouses

Renee Dvorsky 10/5
 Diane Miller 10/10
 Elizabeth Ernst 10/11
 Michelle Powers 10/11
 Jan Grose 10/12
 Jessica Bertorello 10/29
 Debbie Laux 10/29

Children

Samantha Werner 10/17

Children (Cont'd)

Caroline Rizzo 10/22
 Mary Balmert 10/13
 Meredith Reinhard 10/16
 Noah Klinker 10/18
 Grace Rizzo 10/25
 Michelle Schurman 10/26
 Anne Peck 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Anne Gorman 10/9
 Scott & Lisa Bowen 10/10
 Kevin & Jennifer Donovan 10/12
 Carmine & Deanna Spada 10/17
 Stacey & Doris Garnett 10/22
 Larry & Cheryl Schneider 10/27

October Dates to Remember

Sep 13-15 Parish Mercy Mission—
Church

**Sep 21 8:00pm Business
Meeting—Church**

Sep 28 8:00pm Social Meeting—
PAC

The Chat Corner ...

Getting to Know Ourselves Better

by Lori Crock

Seasonal Transitions



Seasonal transitions can mark changes in our spiritual lives as well.

Summer is often a time when we spend more time outdoors, playing and praying in nature, soaking in the sun and warmth of the day and being inspired by the beauty of God's creation.

Summer blessings include time with family and friends sharing outdoor meals, enjoying the bounty of a garden, going for long walks, attending sporting events and vacationing in our own backyard or far from home.

St. Francis of Assisi grew in love and knowledge of God and himself through contemplative prayer in nature. There will many beautiful days over the next couple of months for us to practice this in an effort to grow closer to Christ. Physically walking and praising God for all that he has created in nature, and in our lives, can be a very powerful prayer that may open us up to a new understanding of God's will for us.

Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage. ~St. Francis of Assisi

As we transition into fall and winter, we may start spending more time indoors with more time devoted to reading spiritual books, resting, and praying in darkness of a chilly morning or evening. It may be a time to plan for a retreat or join a book group or bible study. We look ahead to Advent and Lent as special seasons in the Church and in our own spiritual lives.

The seasonal ebb and flow of our live can be a time of richness, excitement and growth if we remain open to it. If we have experienced trials recently, seasonal change may be a time of renewed hope and a fresh start.

No matter how we feel about the change of seasons, we know that God is there with us in all of it, and that every day is a gift that flows from his

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Spiritual Direction

by Deacon Tony Bonacci



I am often asked about "**Spiritual Direction.**" In the **Cum Christo** movement, we learn that *spiritual direction* is one of the "remedies for sin." A "**Spiritual Director**" is a friend in the Lord, a spiritual companion; someone we choose to be our spiritual "confidant." This special person, often clergy, but not necessarily, helps us to see ourselves and our relationship with God; helps us to *know God's will* in our lives; helps us *recognize* God's speaking to us; accompanies us on our spiritual journey; helps us make choices, explore questions, grow closer to God.

What it is:

- An invitation to recognize and name God's presence and activity in one's life and in the journey toward wholeness;
- A prayerful relationship in which one person helps another notice God's work in the daily experiences of brokenness as well as blessings;
- Discerning the work of the Spirit in one's life; discerning one's relationship with God; exploring one's prayer life; cultivating a lively, more mature faith; growing closer to God;
- Being accountable for one's life in God

What it is not:

- Professional psychological or emotional counseling;
- A firm set of rules to follow regarding prayer and other spiritual disciplines

When is Spiritual Direction useful/helpful?

- When one is facing a *significant life choice*;
- When one has *questions, concerns or feelings* about one's experience of God, and wants to explore them with someone else;
- When knowing *about God* isn't enough, and one desires a deeper relationship *with God*;
- When one feels that one's relationship with God, self, or others needs to be *healed*;

How often to meet:

Usually, every three to four weeks, for about an hour.

My brothers, time with a **spiritual director** is time well spent. It can include discussion time, reflective time, and/or prayer time. The focus is on **our relationship with God.**

May God bless you and yours,
Deacon Tony

Council 12772 makes annual donation to Plain City Food Pantry

Council 12772 made its annual \$500 donation to the Plain City Food Pantry last month. This donation is part of our Council's ongoing contributions to local charities.



Shown with other volunteers at the Food Pantry are Bonnie Chuha, Mary Harig and Council Brother Todd Thobe, who made the presentation.

Council Brothers and families gather for 3rd highway clean-up

On Saturday, April 23, a team of 7 Brother Knights and family members met to pick up litter along a 2-mile stretch of Rt. 42 in the area of New California north of Plain City. This was the 3rd of four collections we do each year, now in the 4th year of our 5-year commitment to ODOT.



Shown above are (r. to l.) Jim Schwope, Joe Weisburn with daughters Mary and Madeline, Weisburn, Mike Schurman and Mark Walden, plus photographer Todd Thobe.

More Church Etiquette

By DD Jeff Fisher



1. Dress modestly and appropriately. Wear your Sunday Best. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why would we not dress up?
2. Show up at least a few minutes early. If for some reason you can't be on time, then try to sit in the back so you don't disturb others. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.
3. Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. Also, if you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is appropriate, but try to be discreet.
4. Don't sit on the ends of the pew if you sit down before others. Rather, sit in the middle so others don't have to climb over you. Furthermore – Gentlemen offer their seats to a any lady (elderly, disabled, etc) who must stand.
5. When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle. Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently

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immeasurable love for us.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.

Blessings,
Lori

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we pay as a Council. This could be about \$600 that can go to our favorite charities. Please

consider purchasing a ticket. I will have tickets available to purchase up to the October business meeting.

We are trying to schedule 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications for November. If you are a 1st Degree member, I strongly encourage you to join us in Marion for this event. I will, of course, be driving any member wanting to become fully vested into the Knights of Columbus. I am hoping for a good turnout to support our hosting DD Jeff Fisher. Jeff is an active member of our Council and your support of this event will show Jeff and the Chapter our unity with our members. There will be more information as I get it. Please prayerfully consider taking a day with your fellow Knights to learn how to increase your faith, strengthen your family and Church, and enjoy the brotherhood of the K of C.

Yours in Christ,

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