



The Carpenter



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Happy Thanksgiving!!



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,



I am happy to welcome Barry Klump and Brian Novotny as new members of our Council. The addition of 2 new members from the membership drive made it a successful drive but if you see other men who are not currently knights, talk to them and ask them about joining. We will still need 5 more new members by June 30th to meet our member quota for Star Council.

We have many activities coming up to support and hope to see you. This Saturday is the last roadside cleanup for the year. On November 11 at 11 AM mass, we will honor Veterans along with our deceased members. November 14 will be our business meeting, December 1 will be our Pancakes with St Nicholas. In early December we will evaluate posters for the Keep Christ in Christmas competition and December 12 will be our combination Business Meeting/Holiday Party.

Viva Jesus
Todd Thobe
Grand Knight

District Deputy's Report

Again, another act of violence against humanity! Over the past weekend another senseless act of hatred was committed in a temple in Pittsburgh. We as Knights must be strong defender of our faith and protectors of our church.



In 1994 Pope John Paul II requested the faithful to take up again the praying of the Prayer to St. Michael in the battle of our times "against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world." Recently other Diocese in Ohio have again added this prayer at the end of their Mass. I would invite all Knights to join together and recite this at every opportunity!



**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly Host,**

**by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout
the world seeking the ruin of souls.**

Jeff Fisher, District Deputy
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An Apology to Loretta Giardina, and to my readers

Last month's Newsletter had a brief report on the trip to Italy taken by some of our Brother Knights, families and parishioners, stating that Fr. Pat coordinated the event. Not so—the coordinator of the event was Loretta Giardina. The Editor regrets this error.

Council starts new Parish Ministry, "Gifts for Life" - see page 4

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The Chat Corner ...

Martha and Mary

By Lori Crock



Perhaps you are like me and you are a little bit Martha and a little bit Mary.

From Sacred Scripture, Luke 10:41-42: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need for only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken for her."

I feel the Holy Spirit moving me to be more like Mary by reminding me to turn my concerns over to God rather than ruminating about them. I try to do that, but there are times when I can't get certain concerns out of my head. That's when I turn to 'arrow prayers' which are brief lamentations that can be prayed quickly to help us return to the "better part."

Jesus I trust in you. Hail Mary, full of grace. Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over my family. Jesus, save souls. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Mary. Mary. Mary.

Adding some arrow prayers to our daily quiver can stop the Martha in us from stealing our peace and joy.

How do we get things done if we are Mary all the time?

We see Martha serving, helping and making sure that her guests needs are cared for. That's a good thing, right? Of course. The difference is love. When we are doing any task, we can offer it with love to Jesus to use for good. We can make sure our tasks don't prevent us from praying and spending time with God or caring for those who need us. We can appreciate, love and and simply be with our loved ones instead of always doing something. Sometimes, certain tasks can wait.

Let us pray: Jesus, we have so many things to do each and every day no matter our vocation. Help us to move with peace to do what we need to do to serve you and to serve our neighbor. Help us to keep our head and heart focused on eternal life with you and use that as our guide in how we plan and carry out our daily activities. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen.

Lori Crock can be found online at www.holyandhealthycatholic.com.

"Gifts for life"—Council begins a new St. Joseph Ministry

Deputy Grand Knight John Ciuca has announced new Ministry Opportunity for St Joseph Parish --**Gifts for Life**. "We will have a new event starting this year that we hope to make an annual ministry at St. Joseph", said Ciuca.

In many countries and parishes, a collection of baby supplies is done from December 26 to February 3 of the following year. The baby supplies are then left as gifts at the manger scene at the church. Historically, this is symbolic of the arrival of the Three Wise Men and their gifts to the baby Jesus. The end date, February 3, is the



Brother Ciuca displays samples of the tote bags to be used for this program

Jewish tradition of the presentation of the newborn at the Temple. February 3rd is also known as Candlemas, the blessing of the candles. These dates further correlates with the Church's observation of the Forty Days of Life. There is no specific name for this event, but at Fr Trapp's suggestion, we will call it "Gifts for Life".

Tote bags have been purchased and will be available starting the 3rd Sunday of Advent. These totes will be available in the entrance way of both the church and the PAC. In each tote is a list of suggested baby supplies to purchase and then return with the totes. Starting December 26, we will leave the totes at the manger scenes in both the church and the PAC. All materials collected will go to the New Path Pregnancy Resource Centers, a group that we have supported in the past thru St. Martin de Porres. They have offices in Marysville, Bellefontaine, and Richwood.