

KNIGHTHOOD

Council 15659 - St. Lucy of Racine

Welcome

David Barr re-activated his membership with our council after he saw us working the November Doughnut Sale. Welcome David!

Change for Life

Instead of the Lifesavers for Life program to support pro-life initiatives, we decided to institute the "baby bottle campaign." Essentially the idea is to hand-out baby bottles the last weekend in January, asking that folks return the baby bottles full of change at the end of February. Knight Brian Lawler has seen this program work with great success at the parish he attends in Arizona. We have expectations that we can gather "Change for Life" that will exceed what we did with the Lifesavers program. Thanks for coordinating this Brian!

Greeters

Knights opening doors and greeting folks as they come to Mass. 20 minutes before Mass and endorsed by Father Mark!



Strong Right Arm

During his midyear address to state deputies, Supreme Knight announces new initiative:

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish

The Knights of Columbus is positioned to play a key role in Pope Francis' call for a more active alliance between the Church and the family. "To meet this need we will have to do some things differently. Our councils will have to become even more active in our parish communities," Supreme Knight Anderson said. During his address, the supreme knight announced a new Orderwide initiative, *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish*, that will help the Order reach a new level of service. The new program's success will align on the following categories.

- 1) Moving toward parish-based councils
- 2) Moving toward greater integration into the life of our parishes
- 3) Working more closely with parish-based youth ministry programs

January Events

- Sunday Readings Bible Study
- Every Saturday at 7:00 a.m.
- Book of James Study
- Finishes at St. Sebastian
- Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration
- 4th at St. Lucy, 6:30 p.m.
- Food Pantry Help
- 6th at St. Sebastian
- Charity Lesson / Officers Mtg.
- 12th at St. Sebastian, 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Hour for Life
- 21st at St. Lucy, 6:30 p.m.
- Members Meeting
- 21st at St. Lucy, 7:30 p.m.
- 2nd & 3rd Degree
- 23rd at Menomonee Falls
- Assembly 1207 / 4th Degree
- 25th at McGivney Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- "Change for Life" distributed
- 30th & 31st at St. Lucy & St. Sebastian

February Events

- Retreat at Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc
- Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration
- Our Marriage Prayer
- 40 Cans for Lent
- Pinewood Derby
- Food Pantry delivery
- Mercy Mission
- "Change for Life" collected

March Events

- Fish Fries
- 24 Hours for the Lord
- Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration
- Council Anniversary / Party
- Men of Christ Conference
- Meal for the Homeless

Details on Events Calendar, Blog, and frequent e-mails!

"The content of the Knights of Columbus has not changed," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "We are a Catholic brotherhood based upon the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are dedicated to faithful and unparalleled service to the Church. But what will change is the expression of that service so that our work may become even more relevant and effective."

"The changes outlined today may be difficult for some," the Supreme Knight said in his remarks. "Change is never easy. But the proven record of the past half century is clear: The closer the Knights of Columbus becomes to parish life, the closer we work with our parish priests, and the more we support Catholic families, the more our Order has grown in membership and charity."

Grand Knight Reflection

Strong Right Arm of our parish and priest.

As the cover story says, we are being called to better serve our parish and parish priest. This means the call to "serve others" as we Knights are called to do, and to respond affirmatively when our priest asks for help. This is how we stay relevant within the parish and a valuable asset that our priest can count on.

The extremely good news is that this council was formed to be a parish-based council. The Knights that formed this council had a vision in mind and it would be good to re-visit those ideas now:

This **band of brothers** stands united and dedicated to doing good works in the service of God and our neighbor. Our mission will be formed around our core commitments to:

Evangelization & Faith Formation efforts that are true to the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

Defending Right to Life & Religious Freedom issues.

Pastoral support, parish family & youth enrichment.

Charitable service to our surrounding community.

In the spirit of one of the **Beatitudes**, "*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*"

