

# KNIGHTHOOD

Council 15659 - St. Lucy of Racine

## Holy Hour

Deacon Eric (fellow Knight) will preside at the St. Lucy Monthly Holy Hour at St. Lucy starting Monday, September 12th (it will be the second Monday because of Labor Day) at 6pm. The time is moving from 6:30 to 6:00 pm because it works better for Deacon's schedule.

The Holy Hours will be devoted to peace: World peace, National peace, Community peace, Family peace, and Personal peace. **This peace focus is also an initiative of the Knights of Columbus so we are hoping that more Knights and their families will make an effort to attend.**

## 54 Day Novena

On August 15th, Catholic people of faith in our country will embrace a mission of what is considered self-survival, praying a 54 day Novena for our Nation. Sign-up at [www.novenaforournation.com](http://www.novenaforournation.com) for daily reflections or use your "Basic Training" booklet if you have one.

## Personal Relationship with Jesus

*The Heart of the Catholic Faith*

The concept of the "personal relationship with Jesus" might seem foreign to some Catholics, indeed it seems like a Protestant Christian idea. But the Catholic Church has always taught that Jesus is the Summit of our faith and all of our masses, Sacraments, prayers, rosaries, Holy Hours, spiritual reading, etc. are designed to cultivate a personal relationship with the incarnate God of the universe, Jesus Christ.

From the Catechism:

*"Great is the mystery of the faith!" The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles' Creed and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy, so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father. This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. —Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 2558*

The personal relationship we cultivate leads to evangelization of ourselves and then others.

From Saint John Paul the Great:

*The task which awaits you—the new evangelization—demands that you present, with fresh enthusiasm and new methods, the eternal and unchanging content of the heritage of the Christian faith. As you well know it is not a matter of merely passing on a doctrine, but rather of a personal and profound meeting with the Saviour. —POPE JOHN PAUL II, Commissioning Families, Neo-Catechumenal Way, 1991.*

This evangelization, he said, begins with ourselves.

*Sometimes even Catholics have lost or never had the chance to experience Christ personally: not Christ as a mere 'paradigm' or 'value', but as the living Lord, 'the way, and the truth, and the life'. —POPE JOHN PAUL II, L'Osservatore Romano (English Edition of the Vatican Newspaper), March 24, 1993, p.3.*

John Paul says it begins by making a choice.

*Conversion means accepting, by a personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ and*



## August Events

- Sunday Readings Bible Study  
- Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., St. Lucy
- The Wild Goose Project  
- Sunday 6:00 p.m., Thursday  
6:15 a.m., St. Lucy
- Food Pantry Help  
- Call George Oliver, 554-5531
- Greeters Weekend Masses  
- Weekend Masses, St. Lucy
- Eucharistic Adoration  
- Resumes September 12th
- Officers/Candidate Q&A  
- 4th, 6:30 p.m., St. Lucy
- Fr. McGivney Birthday  
- 12th
- Fr. McGivney Death  
- 14th
- Assumption of Mary  
- 15th
- 54 Day Rosary Novena for Our  
Nation - 15th thru October 7th
- Members Meeting / 1st Degree  
- 18th, 6:30 p.m., St. Lucy
- Sir Knights out with their Ladies  
- 22nd, 5:00 p.m., Applebee's
- St. Michael's Wing Men  
- 26th thru 27th, Brookfield
- Men of Christ Conference  
- Save the Date April 1, 2017
- Happy Anniversary!  
This month the following men  
joined the Knights:  
Todd Allen (2011)  
Philip Diehn (2011)  
John Kapellusch (2015)  
John Kis, Sr. (2015)  
Matthew Nelson (2009)
- **Details on Events Calendar,  
Blog, and e-mails!**

*becoming his disciple. —Ibid., Encyclical Letter: Mission of the Redeemer (1990) 46.*

Pope Benedict also talked about this.

*Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. —POPE BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter: Deus Caritas Est, "God is Love"; 1.*

This Pope also addresses the true dimensions and genesis of faith.

*Faith by its specific nature is an encounter with the living God. —Ibid. 28.*

This faith, if it is authentic, must also be an expression of charity: works of mercy, justice, and peace. As Pope Francis said in his Apostolic Exhortation, our personal relationship with Jesus must advance beyond ourselves to co-operating with Christ in the advancement of the Kingdom of God:

*I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day... Reading the Scriptures also makes it clear that the Gospel is not merely about our personal relationship with God... To the extent that he reigns within us, the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society... Jesus' mission is to inaugurate the kingdom of his Father; he commands his disciples to proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 10:7). —POPE FRANCIS, Evangelii Gaudium, 3, 180*

This is what it means to be a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph (J.M.J.), Pray for Us!*

### Our Vision:

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."*



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