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Catechesis of the  
**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**  
"Let the little children come"  
Matthew 19:14

Just like last year, we are going to ask for your support of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Gregory's. With your generous donations last year, we were able to fund the production of a professionally created video which explains the program in greater detail.

While this program is very important to us as part of the St. Gregory's Parish Community, a State Sponsored program called "Meet Life Phase 2" is also very important to us as well. During "Meet Life (Phase 1)" councils throughout the State raised over \$2,000,000 to help put ultrasound machines into Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the State - including the one here in Maryville. Since Meet Life 1 ended approximately 6 years ago, ultrasound machines now need to be replaced and most importantly, the cost of paying to "upgrade" the results for searches for

"unplanned pregnancy" with Google continue to rise. The money used to market through Google puts the local PRC near the top of the search. As you are all aware, most people will click on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> link in a Google search, and those are currently being paid for by the large abortion companies.

So when you are paying your 2024 council dues, please consider adding an *additional* \$10 of which \$5.00 will go towards the St. Gregory's CGS program and \$5.00 will be given to the Meet Life 2 program.

We have maintained our \$30 annual dues rate for quite a few years now, which is hopefully not too big of a financial burden for anyone. Please note that the \$30 we ask for **INCLUDES** a \$7.50 donation to the RIB program, and also covers State and Supreme Per Capita totals.

You can pay your 2024 council dues at any time. Unless you are an "Honorary" or "Honorary Life" member\*, please send your check for \$30 (or \$40 to support CGS & ML2) to:

Mike Grudzinski  
611 Peaceful Way  
Maryville, MO 64468

(Make checks payable to  
"KofC Council 1339")

*\*Honorary members are those members who have reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been a member for at least 25 consecutive years. Honorary Life members are those who have reached their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and have been a member for at least 25 years. If you fall into either of these categories, please wait for your dues statement (if any) before sending in any money.*

### CHARITY

- \* \$200 towards the Kansas City - St. Joseph diocesan "Coats for Kids" program. Our donation will be added to donations from all other councils in our Diocese and these coats will be given to Catholic Charities to distribute throughout the Diocese.
- \* We provided a hamburger & hot dog meal for our local Special Olympics athletes during a Bocce Tournament. (See pictures on page 3)
- \* We showed the movie "The Star" at The Hangar on December 2. We provided each participant with a free movie ticket plus a small popcorn and pop. Our total cost should come to \$175.
- \* In October we did our Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls), and we made a profit of \$1,708.17. This means \$854 will go to the KofC Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and we voted to give the other half to Lettuce Dream. Thanks to Buddy Mayfield for chairing this year's drive. (See pictures on page 3)
- \* \$50 to Conception Abbey in memory of Fr. Reginald Sander and another \$50 in memory of Jason Barbosa.
- \* We paid \$260 to purchase 1/2 of a table which allowed four teachers to attend the PTO Auction.
- \* We provided two 5-packs of tickets to our council fish fries for the PTO Auction.
- \* We donated \$500 to go towards a retreat at Conception Abbey for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders at St. Gregory's for next year.

### LENTEN FISH FRIES



If there is one thing we seem to do quite well, it is our Fish Fries! We once again have 4 scheduled for this year, with 2 benefiting our council and 2 to benefit local charities. We are going to continue to do each one using a "Free Will Donation" manner. We will also continue to do both Dine-In and Drive-Through

options, so we will need **MANY MEMBERS** to help out with each Fish Fry.

#1 - February 16 (Council)

#2 - February 23 ("The Source" Pregnancy Resource Center)

#3 - March 8 (Council)

#4 - March 22 (Special Olympics of Nodaway County)

### COUNCIL MEMBERS WE LOST IN 2023

This is always difficult to write but I must note that in 2023 we lost three brothers who have hopefully earned their heavenly reward.

- ♦ Todd Rickabaugh (June 11)
- ♦ Rev. Reginald Sander, OSB (September 9)
- ♦ Jason Barbosa (November 15)

Please keep their families in your prayers this holiday season as I'm sure their presence will most certainly be missed at family gatherings.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 10 - Monthly Meeting (Knights Room)
- 13 - Serve lunch for SOMO Basketball Tournament

February

- 7 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room) (*OFF SCHEDULE due to Ash Wednesday*)
- 11 - Ladies Auxiliary Mardi Gras Brunch
- 16 - Fish Fry #1 (Parish Hall)
- 16 - Knights Lead "Stations of the Cross" (Church)
- 23 - Fish Fry #2 (for "The Source") (Parish Hall)
- 25 - KofC State Event - Hockey Game at Missouri Mavericks

March

- 8 - Fish Fry #3 (Parish Hall)
- 13 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- 22 - Fish Fry #4 (for Special Olympics of Nodaway County) (Parish Hall)
- 29 - Founders Day
- 31 - Easter Sunday

April

- 6 - 4th Degree Exemplification (Kansas City)
- 10 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)
- 26-28 - State Convention (Columbia - Holiday Inn Convention Center)

May

- 8 - Monthly meeting (Steak Fry - Wives Invited)

June

- 12 - Monthly meeting (Knights Room)

**For the most up-to-date information on council activities, please visit our council web page [www.kofc1339.org](http://www.kofc1339.org) and click on "Upcoming Events"**

## DECLINE TO SIGN

Please be on the lookout for a petition which is attempting to ask Missouri voters to add an amendment to the Missouri constitution which make the right to have an abortion a constitutional right. It may be named something like "Women's Reproductive Rights" or "Women's Health" or something similar, but for certain it will not include the word "abortion." In order to get onto the ballot, they must get a certain percentage of voters so sign the petition in every county, and we all need to do our best to not let that happen in Nodaway County.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION



All current 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members are strongly encouraged to go join the 4th Degree by going through the Exemplification on April 6 in Kansas City. Fourth Degree Members have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Come to honor Abbot Benedict, of Conception Abbey, who will be the Class Honoree.

## 50/50 RAFFLES AT MEETINGS

At the end of each meeting we conduct a 50/50 raffle for those who wish to participate. Congratulations to the following winners. (Each of them donated their winnings back to the council.)

- \* October: Ed Seipel \$11.00
- \* November: Matt Bax \$11.00
- \* December: Rick Rogers \$7.00



## SPOTLIGHT ON EVENTS

In January, February and March we have several very important events:

- \* Jan 13 - Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at Bearcat Arena. We will need help in serving lunch to the athletes and coaches.
- \* Fish Fries on 2/16, 2/23, 3/8 and 3/22. I would like to note that at our November meeting members voted on which 2 local groups we will support for Fish Fry #2 and #4.
- \* Feb 25 - Please join us for the Missouri Mavericks Hockey game. They have decided to try a Sunday afternoon game instead of a Saturday evening game so people can get home earlier. Contact Mike Grudzinski by Feb. 10 if you would like tickets.

## Knights of Columbus Annual

Knights at the Mavericks

February 25, 2024

Location: Cable Dahmer Arena  
Independence, Mo.

**Kansas City  
Mavericks VS Utah  
Grizzlies**

Tailgating starts at: 2:00 p.m.

Game starts at: 4:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$40.00 includes ticket, tailgating and donation to SOMO

Send ticket order to: David Dillon, Family Involvement West  
21427 165<sup>th</sup> Trl  
Marshall, Mo 65340

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

As I'm sure you know, October is the month of the Rosary. State Deputy Doug Kissinger challenged each council to pray the rosary every day in the month of October. Unfortunately we got a little late start in this, as we did not begin until October 11, but that means that we were still able to pray 20 rosaries. Like it is noted in the Unified Degree, that you pray the rosary "as often as you can." Becoming closer to the Mother of Jesus, ultimately gets us closer to her son.

## ESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

We all have a great deal to be thankful for this holiday season - our families, our brotherhood and our Catholic faith. To quote Pope Francis from one of his Christmas messages. "May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Savior and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realize anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!"

*Merry Christmas*







Family Picnic



Special Olympics Bocce Tournament



Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities



Ace Collectors  
Rick Smail & Danny Schieber



Annual Knights Mass