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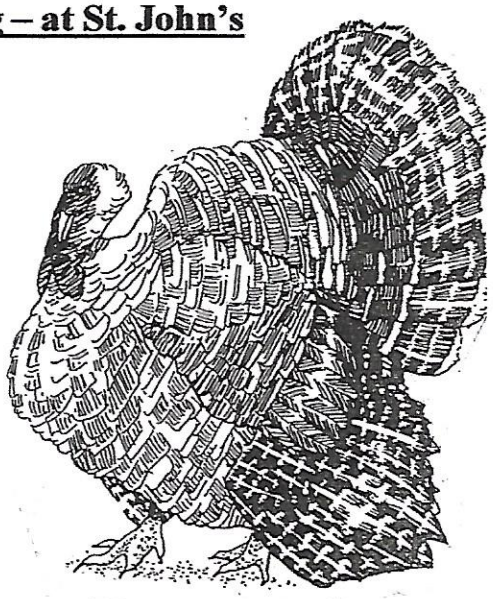
ProLife Across America – 1-800-355-7773

"Experience is the teacher of all things." – Julius Caesar



Events and Opportunities

Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm meeting – at St. John's Gathering Place

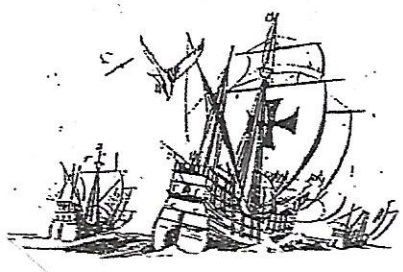


Agenda:

Call to Order
Opening Prayer (Our Father)
Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting Minutes review
Chaplain's message
Grand Knight report
Financial Secretary report on membership, dues
Treasurer's report –
KC Insurance report –Insurance Agent – David Wick
Service Program Director's reports
Unfinished Business
New Business –
Adoration Hour – 5-6pm each Sunday, Men Who Pray – Saturdays – 7am
Good of the Order
Adjourn
Refreshments

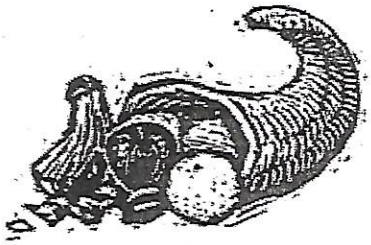
New Business

Our council welcomed Ashley Burns to our October meeting. She represented the St. John's Respect Life group and gave an overview of the ***Parents of Children with Special Needs*** subgroup. The subgroup focuses on issues with raising children with Trisomy 18, Down syndrome, autism and physical disabilities. The group is in need of additional money in order to continue doing their work. Our council donated $500 to the group to get the fundraising effort underway. A variety of other fundraising suggestions were discussed. The council asked Ashley to provide the council with a projected budget as a follow-up action.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sign Up a New Knight Now



From Grand Knight – Rick DesLauriers

Fellow Knights – now that we have an internet presence, let me know if you would like additions or deletions made to it. Our site is either www.kofc5268.org or www.kofc5268.com.

Our council has changed its St. John's Perpetual Adoration time slot from 10pm-11pm on Tuesday nights to Sunday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm. We currently have 10 Knights signed up to help cover this adoration time slot. More sign-ups are welcome. Contact George Hidding at 952-443-3858 if you have any questions about this issue.

Recent Check issues:

Newsletter - $21.56
US Bank Service Charge - $35.00
Catholic Adoption Center - $2000
SWOW - $2700 for the September gala event

Financial Fund Balances

US Bank Checking = $6,985.04
KC Supreme 501c3 Scholarship Fund = $149,936.96
Modest Spark account = $29,246.94

COMMUNITY BRIEF

St. Therese in Deephaven to host Fall Market Nov. 14-15

St. Therese Catholic Church of Deephaven will host its annual Fall Market on Saturday, Nov. 14, and Sunday, Nov. 15.

The market runs from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sunday at 18323 Minnetonka Blvd. Offerings include baked goods, holiday gifts, a silent auction, books, puzzles, DVDs, toys, winter wear, a marketplace, and games such as the money bowl and bottle bonanza.

Breakfast and lunch will be available both days, along with a chili feed Saturday evening.

Good of the Order

Please remember Lee Wurm, wife of deceased Past District Deputy and PGK Konrad Wurm, in your prayers. She passed away a couple of weeks ago. Lee and Konrad were very active parishioners at St. Johns. May their souls rest in peace.

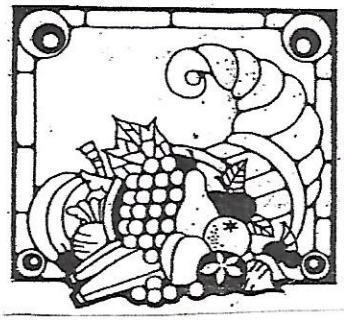
Please continue to pray for Judy Ashenbach, Mary Schumacher, John Coverdale and David Streeter who are dealing with medical issues.

Email, Phone Number or Home Address

When your e-mail, phone number or home address changes, please notify Nick Karls – our council Recorder, at 952-474-3108 or at nickkarls@centurylink.net and/or Nathan Keim – our Financial Secretary at 952-797-2545 or n_keim@hotmail.com so we can update the master membership list for the council. We do not want any communication gaps within our council.

Happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget to name the turkey and make everyone uncomfortable.

WHAT DO YOU GET when you cross a turkey with a centipede? Drumsticks for everybody!



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Phone: 651-484-0265

If for some reason, you do net get the expected council newsletter by e-mail or a mailed hard copy, please let Nick Karls know about it right away so that he can correct the problem. His phone number is 952-607-8789 and e-mail is nickkarls@centurylink.net.

Calling all Cribbage Players

Every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus host an opportunity for retired men to play cribbage. The location varies from homes to the church in the lower Gathering Place. All skill levels are welcome and refreshments are provided.
For more details, please contact Deacon Gary Hoffman at garyhoffman44@gmail.com

David Wick –KC Insurance Agent
General Agent

Fr. Thomas Cushen Council 5268 - Knights of Columbus
Balance Sheet as of Nov. 4, 2026

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Modest Spark Account	29,246.94
501c3 Scholarship Investment	149,936.96
US Bank Checking	6,985.04
Total Checking/Savings	186,168.94
Total Assets	**186,168.94**
Liabilities and Equity	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	95,024.05
Unrestricted Net Assets	131,206.74
Net Income	9,938.15
Total Equity	186,168.94
Total Liabilities and Equity	**186,168.94**



Faith Hits Home

Emily Blasik

Finding Truth Amid Animosity

Politically speaking, it has been a tumultuous year. No matter which party you support, I think we can all agree that our country feels more divided than it has in ages. Since the election of two years ago, families and friends have been torn apart by the growing animosity taking root in the hearts of Americans, and civil discourse between opposing sides has become seemingly impossible.

Even in my own household, conversations on hot-button issues like immigration can easily become heated. Ask anyone who knows us and they'll tell you that, in our marriage, my husband is the head and I am the heart. While he approaches everything with a level of practicality, I tend to lead with empathy. When left to our own devices, this can be problematic: Scott can seem calculating and maybe even a little cold in expressing his beliefs while I tend to come across as emotional. But put us together, and we are an equal blend of facts and feelings.

We attended a college friend's priestly ordination this past month, and in midreception, we ran into Scott's first spiritual director from college, the same priest who officiated our wedding in 2015. At some point, the conversation turned personal, and the question that has been on our minds for the past year and a half finally surfaced: "Where do truth and compassion meet?"

Without hesitation, Father replied: "The cross."

In a broken world, how do we spread both compassion and truth? The answer, of course, is in plain sight within the Bible: Christ flawlessly shows us how. In many ways, Jesus' teachings were controversial. He hung around with prostitutes and tax collectors, and didn't hesitate to challenge the Pharisees and their rigid rules. He preached on the evil of sin, but was slow to condemn the sinner. He mastered the art of kindness and patience, meanwhile standing firm in God's commandments. It's easy to take for granted Christ's humanity, to forget that he experienced moments of anger, deep sorrow, triumphant joy, and overwhelming compassion. But getting to know Jesus on a deeper level has revealed to me that he wasn't the embodiment of perfect love *despite* his humanity, but *because* of it.

Amid today's political strife, it's becoming harder and harder to strive for sainthood. Tensions are high, and the truth can get lost in the chaos. But Christ teaches us not to despair. All we have to do is look to the cross for courage and guidance in an otherwise confusing world. #

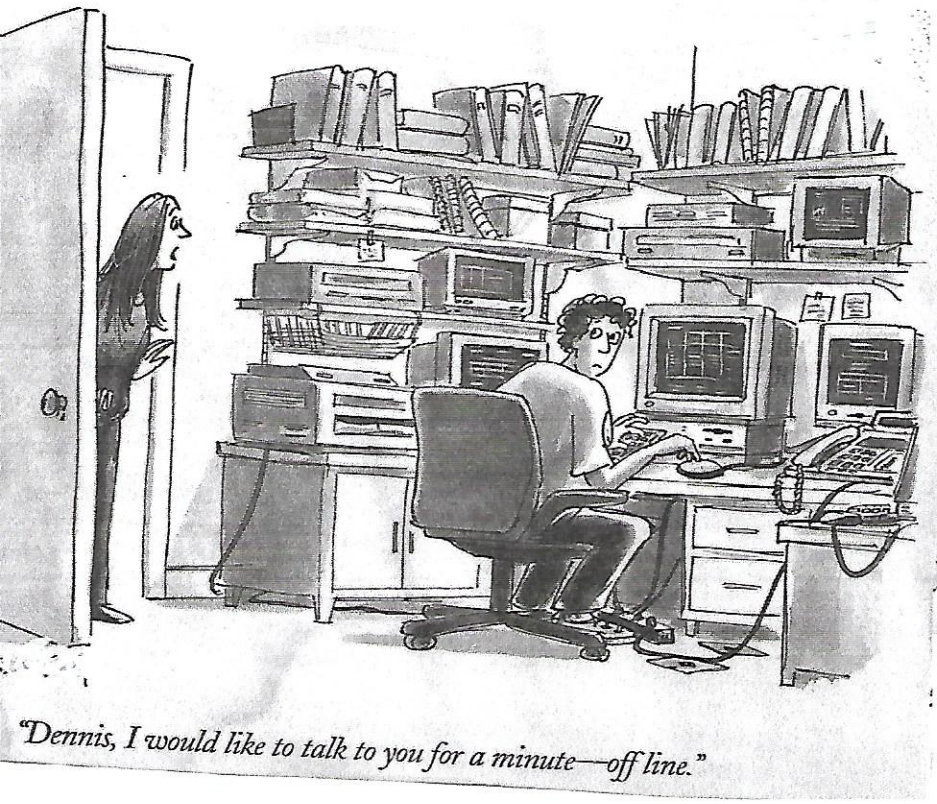


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"Dennis, I would like to talk to you for a minute—off line."



"Let's take up the full width of the sidewalk so everybody knows how in love we are!"

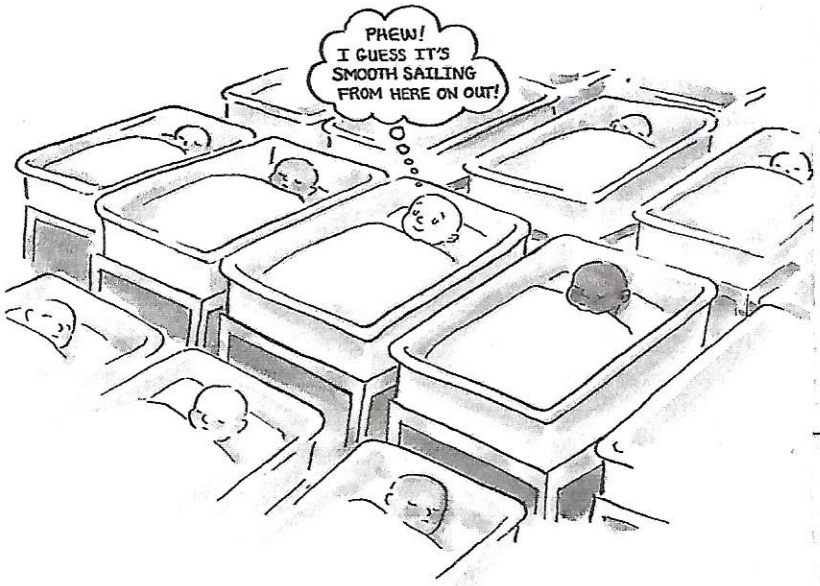
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"That's the same old thirty pounds that's been coming and going for as long as I've known her."



"And another thing, Beckton, I don't recall ever saying, 'Correct me if I'm wrong.'"





"If you thought that the way I asked you out was cryptic, wait till we try to figure out who's paying for this expensive dinner."