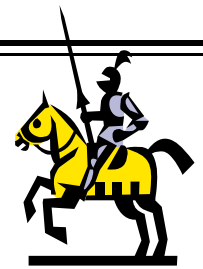




St. Joe Knights



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CALENDAR

- Dec. 3-4 Knights pray rosary before Masses
- Dec. 4 Council 13366 meeting, 11 a.m. 2nd floor, RE building
- Dec. 6 St. Nicholas
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego
- Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 17 Work day at St. Vincent de Paul thrift store
- Dec. 21 Winter begins
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Dec. 27 St. John the Evangelist
- Dec. 28. Holy Innocents
- Dec. 30 Holy Family
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Jan. 7-8 Knights pray rosary before Masses
- Jan. 8 Council 13366 meeting (tentative)

Council helps with deacon's garage

By Terry Williamson, For St. Joe Knights

Deacon Herb Vance at St. Joseph Old Cathedral is a very holy man who, it just so happens, once had a very hole-y garage.

He and his lovely wife, Kathy, are a true testament to living lives of service. His full-time employment is

through the Oklahoma City Archdiocese where he is a chaplain at the Oklahoma City Veterans Hospital and works tirelessly with our servicemen there. In addition to his duties at St. Joseph, he is also spiritual adviser for the parish's youth group.



BK Stan Williamson knocks out the old roof of the garage.



Council 13366 Grand Knight Sergio Carrion and brother Knights John Leon, middle, and George Waters prepare to tackle Deacon Herb Vance's garage.

The youth group needed a place for a garage sale; Deacon Herb and Kathy offered their home and yard, but the garage was unsafe for
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Football games or council meeting?

The January meeting of Council 13366 is set for Jan. 1. Council members should vote in December whether to meet, move the meeting to another day or cancel the January meeting. The December meeting is 11 a.m. Dec. 4.

KNIGHTLINES

Welcome **Dennis Nauman** to Council 13366. He is transferring in from another council. Dennis wasted little time to get involved with Council 13366. He made bratwursts for the council's November dinner.

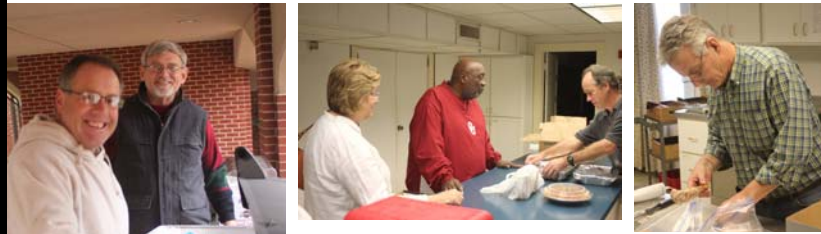
Keep in your prayers the family of Brother Knight **William Bell** and his wife, Sherry. Her son died recently.



Mark your calendars

Thursday, Dec. 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. A vigil Mass is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; Masses Thursday are noon and 5 p.m.

Council 13366 activities



Council 13366 Brother Knight John Richard, right, and new member Dennis Nauman grill bratwursts for the council's Nov. 20 dinner. BK Dean Hinton and his wife, Linda, along with BK George Waters sort meals Nov. 23 for Council 13366's turkey meals, while Financial Secretary Frank Kellert bags turkey.

Garage

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anyone to enter. In the past, it was suggested that the garage needed to be torn down and a new one put in its place, at a cost of about \$10,000. After two construction-minded parishioners from St. Joseph visited, they decided that repair of the roof and the walls could indeed be accomplished at a fraction of the cost.

The St. Joseph Knights of

Columbus and the Social and Charitable Club, along with a few private individuals, provided the funding. Work began on a Saturday and in spite of torrential rains, construction was finished on a Tuesday. In the future, the youth group will scrape the old paint, prime and add new paint.



The garage is now a safe shelter for Deacon Herb's car.

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My Corner

Michael McNutt

People get ready is the name of a 1960s social and political awareness song written by Curtis Mayfield. The title could apply to us Catholics as we kick off a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. "Be watchful! Be alert!" Jesus tells His followers.

A friend of mine lived that message to the fullest. John Swinney, of Enid, was known for taking in youngsters who didn't get much guidance from their homes and for hiring folks down on their luck.

He enjoyed life, and his family was his main priority. He had a couple scares along the way: a heart attack in 1981 when he was in his early 40s and a quadruple bypass 20 years later.

During his wake, family members talked about the extra 30 years they got to have with John, who died at 74. His greatest gift was his servant attitude and ability to accept people and love them for who they are.

As far as John, he knew he was on borrowed time and spent as much time as he could with his children and grandchildren. He volunteered at a soup kitchen and helped raise money to expand its operation and reopen a parochial school in Enid.

Live life to the fullest. Be alert.

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