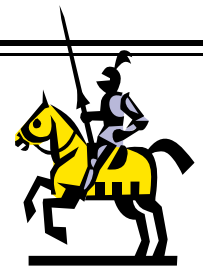




St. Joe Knights



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CALENDAR

Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day
Jan. 2 & 3	Knights pray rosary before all Masses
Jan. 3	Feast of Epiphany
Jan. 10	Council 13366 meeting 11 a.m. RE building
Jan. 16	Baptism of the Lord Work day St. Vincent de Paul thrift store
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
Jan. 25	Conversion of St. Paul
Jan. 26	Sts. Timothy & Titus
Feb. 2	Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 3.	St. Blaise
Feb. 6 & 7	Knights pray rosary before all Masses
Feb. 7	Council 13366 meeting

Council meeting set

Council 13366 will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 10. The meeting will be at 11 a.m. in the religious education building.

Several important issues will be discussed, such as an update on providing parking assistance for weddings at St. Joseph Old Cathedral and deciding when to host the council's dinner in February.

The council has held its February dinner after the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass, but attendance has been less than expected. More attend dinners after the 4 p.m. Sunday Mass so discussion will include holding the dinner then.

The council's quarterly meals at one time all were breakfasts on the third Sunday. But because of the need for religious education classes in the parish hall, the breakfasts were moved to dinners in February and November.

Hot coffee and doughnuts will be served during the meeting.



Volunteer wedding security coordinator needed

Council 13366 members met at the home of Brother Knight Karl Filer for the December meeting.

A great meal was served. Afterwards, council members discussed the need to look for a volunteer to serve as coordinator for arranging wedding security at the parish. This person would coordinate with Sherry Bell, the parish's wedding coordinator, and be responsible for seeking volunteers and scheduling their participation to provide parking security at the parish. This is an important mission for our parish, and Fr. Bruce seeks our support. In these difficult times, this has become a more significant contribution that we can make.

- Deputy Grand Knight John Richard



Mark your calendars

The Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1, is a holy day of obligation. Masses at St. Joseph Old Cathedral are 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, (vigil) and 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1.



Giuseppe Cesari, called "Il Cavalier d'Arpino" (1568-1640) Italian ADORATION OF THE MAGI, around 1600-1610.

Annual dues owed this month

Knights of Columbus Council 13366 members are reminded that annual membership dues to the

Knights of Columbus are due this month.

Annual dues are \$24.

Council members are urged to pay their dues during the Jan. 10 meeting.



My Corner

Michael McNutt

I violated one of my journalistic core principles and became part of a story I was covering. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

A month after the May 3, 1999, tornado destroyed most of the town of Mulhall, the Stillwater Humane Society, which had come in to rescue abandoned pets and animals, still had 10 dogs that had not been claimed. When I left the volunteers in Stillwater, they had nine.

She was called "Storm 10." I renamed her Lucille Mulhall Gale Storm, after the famous Mulhall cowgirl and the actress who played "My Little Margie" on TV in the 1950s which allowed me to keep storm in her name.

She answered to the name of Lucy.

Lucy was an English setter, badly cut up and malnourished. She weighed 25 pounds, had heartworms and was in overall poor health.

I nursed her back to health, and she taught me that life is wonderful. When we went on walks, she paused to notice birds and squirrels. And she loved people. Lucy knew the folks on our course and in good weather would slow down to allow them time to come out and pet her and talk with her.

I took her to nursing homes and to the homebound. She always brought a smile.

She let kids pound on her, pet and hug her. I never heard her growl.

Lucy started slowing down this year. She became deaf, then couldn't see and then had trouble walking. She never seemed to get upset, and always greeted us with a wag of a tail.

She left this world four days before Christmas, but not before she managed to shape up my other setters. I'll never forget her and, maybe because of what she went through, how she took note and appreciated the gift of each new day.

OPINION: Health care, politicians, the Catholic conscience

by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

By working and voting to include abortion coverage in health care legislation, several Catholic politicians stand at the precipice of being the deciding votes in forcing a particular immoral view on their fellow Catholics, by forcing them to fund abortion through their tax dollars.

While professing that they cannot impose their conscience on anyone else, these politicians seem to have little hesitation about imposing a political view "one they claim to oppose in principle" on the consciences of their fellow Catholics.

Catholic politicians willing to forsake their own consciences and impose a directly anti-Catholic view on others have come a long way from the legacy of American history's highest profile Catholic statesman, John F. Kennedy.

And while some might consider that Catholic politicians have disagreed with the public policy recommendations of their bishops in a variety of areas, the key is this: Many issues are prudential and open to reasonable disagreement; but the inalienable right to life in the context of abortion is not. It is fundamental and it may not be compromised.

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