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**Glory to
God in the
highest,
and on
earth peace
to those on
whom His
favor rests**

Luke 2:13

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4:

MANGER SETUP. Come and help from 9 until 10 AM (article)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 AND SUNDAY 5: PICTURES WITH SANTA:

Santa will be in Burnett Hall after all Masses(article)

MONDAY DECEMBER 6: FOURTH DEGREE OPEN HOUSE

At Council 4400, meal starts at 6 PM. All knights are invited to participate. (article)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8:

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY After the 7:30 AM Mass. Acolyte Sir Knight Nabil Halaby will officiate. (article)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11:

MEN MOVING MOUNTAINS

The monthly men's retreat at St Mary's, after the 7:30 AM Mass, until about 9:30 AM (article)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11:

NUN'S BINGO: Come and have a wonderful time with the sisters of St Francis from 1 until 3 PM. (article)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11:

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual council party for all the family. After the 5 PM Mass in Burnett Hall. Sign up by Dec 4!!! (BACK PAGE)

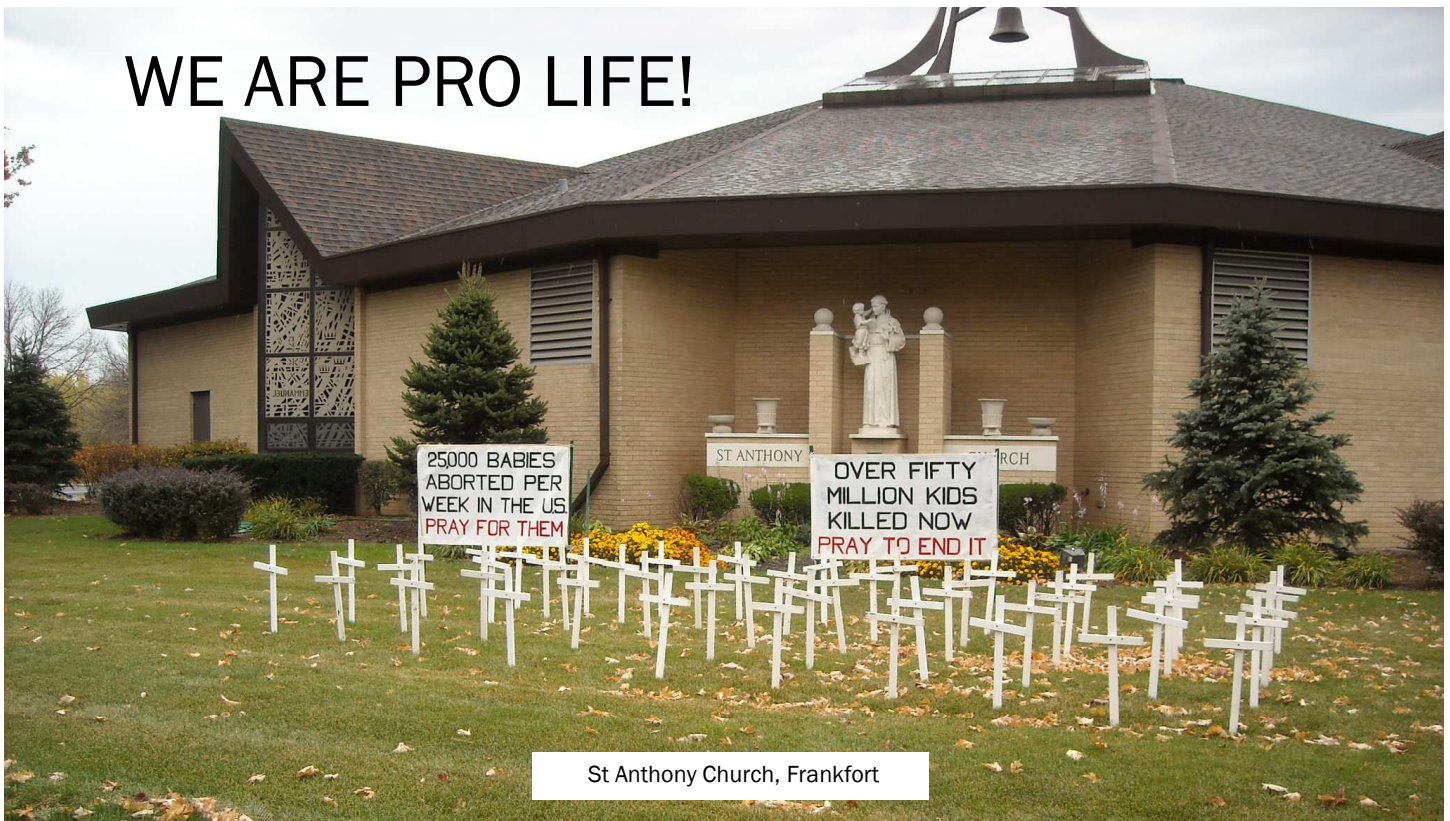
TUESDAY DECEMBER 14:

COUNCIL MEETING. In Burnett Hall, 7:30 PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28:

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.In the Deacon FitzgeraldRoom,7:30PM

WE ARE PRO LIFE!



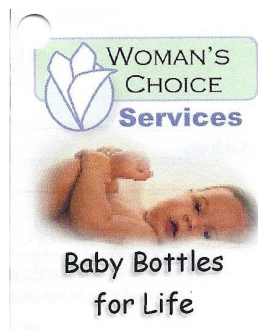
St Anthony Church, Frankfort

Our powerful pro life message was displayed in numerous places this fall. Council 6993 crosses and messages from Council 1599 were displayed during all of October at the Lemont Churches St Patrick, St Alphonsus, Sts Cyril and Methodius and St James at Sag Bridge. Fifty crosses and our signs were displayed at St Anthony Church in Frankfort for one week. About 120 crosses and the same signs were displayed on 191st Street adjacent to the Noonan Academy for two weeks and in front of the convent on St Francis Road for one week. Thanks to the committee: John O'Reilly, Joe Sluis, Cliff Peloquin and Paddy Noone. Vivat Jesus

BABY BOTTLES!

The St Mary Church committee that placed baby bottles in the school, RE class and at the Church reported in November that a total of \$9655.03 was collected in the campaign. The money is for the Women's Choice Services program to help pregnant women. Principal members of the committee were Brother Knight Cliff Peloquin, Barbara Noone, Brother Knight Paddy Noone, Brother Knight Jim Naumczik and Sister Rose Marie. The committee thanks all those who helped them achieve the goal—especially the staff of St Mary School, the staff of the Parish Religious Education Department and others who did a great deal of heavy lifting.

Vivat Jesus



THE MEMORIAL MASS

The annual Memorial Mass for knights and their loved ones who have returned to our Lord was conducted on Wednesday November 10. The Mass was jointly sponsored by the Joliet Assembly and the Bishop Roger Kaffer Assembly. It was held at the Council Hall of Council 4400. 90 persons attended. At the Mass, the names of eight Sir Knights, four Knights and one Knight's lady were presented for prayer. Council 6993 members remembered at the Mass were:

James A. Slusarski

John W. Swabowski

Pauline Niessen

May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus

WE WANT TO PLAY!



Every Christmas, our council sponsors a party for the retired Sisters of St Francis. Usually called the “Nun’s Bingo”, the party is held on the same day as our Council Christmas Party on December 11. The sisters are elderly and need lots of help playing their Bingo cards, getting their prizes, etc. The picture above is from the 2009 party. Come and help with the fun. We play Bingo, sing Christmas Carols and consume lots of cookies and punch with the most wonderful Catholic ladies in the world. Come to the convent on St. Francis Road for a party that starts at 1:00 and lasts until about 3 PM. (Setup at 12:30 PM)

PARISH MANGER SETUP

Our parish nativity was built by Brother Knight Bill Niessen many years ago. The knights bought a set of very expensive figurines for it but they were deemed to be too valuable to be risked outside. The outside nativity uses a cheaper plastic set of figures while the “high class” set is used for the narthex display.

We will assemble the nativity set at 9:00 AM on Saturday December 4. It takes about an hour to put it all together—the job consists of hauling the parts from the rectory garage and basement to the school entrance area and then assembling it. Please come and help us to put it up.

A volunteer will be asked to take the figurine of the infant Jesus home until Christmas Eve when Jesus is to be placed in His crib. All tools will be provided. See you at 9 AM on December 4!

BLESSING THE MANGER

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Immediately after the 7:30 Mass on December 8, Ordained Acolyte Sir Knight Nabil Halaby will perform a ceremony to invoke the blessing of God on the parish nativity. The St Mary Council is honored that our member, who is studying to become a Deacon, has been assigned to do the blessing by Father Jim.

All knights who can do so are urged to attend the 7:30 AM Mass and to partake in the blessing ceremony.



Men Moving Mountains- Encounter with Christ

The Men's Spirituality Ministry of St Mary Church will host it's monthly "Men Moving Mountains" retreat on Saturday, December 11, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass, concluding around 9:30 AM. Designed for personal faith formation, each Encounter includes a brief study circle, Gospel reflection, personal examination-renewal of constancy in our faith lives, and concludes with a discussion and faith based analysis of events in society. Please join the men of St Mary Parish in the Encounter with Christ and be part of the team of **Men Moving Mountains**. For further information contact Tom Morrison at (708) 267 6725 or John Narcissi at (815) 463 3672.



HISTORY OF THE JOLIET ASSEMBLY

The Knights of Columbus were formed in 1882 at New Haven, Connecticut. The order grew rapidly and held a great convention in New York City in 1898. At the 1898 convention, it was proposed that there should be a "Patriotic Branch" of the knights to encourage patriotism and strengthen the Faith. The new group would be identified with uniforms. The new designation was authorized and the first members of the "Fourth Degree" were exemplified in New York in 1900. Members were, and are, Third Degree knights with special duties and recognition, known as "Sir Knights". They chose the uniform that is still in use today by the Color Corps of the Fourth Degree.

One of the first Councils in the American Midwest was Joliet Council 382, which was formed in November, 1898 when the order was only sixteen years old. The Joliet Council was very successful and had a membership of 1171 men in 1958.

In 1945, Joliet Council 382 established a local group of fourth degree knights. The local assembly was part of the council but it had its own officers, headed by a president. The Joliet local assembly grew and began accepting members from other councils such as Naperville.

The Diocese of Joliet was created in 1948 but the Knights of Columbus organization remained part of the Archdiocese of Chicago for many purposes. In 1958, John Kelch, President of the Local Joliet Assembly was awarded the title "Faithful Navigator". The first exemplification in Joliet of new fourth degree knights took place at the old Woodruff Hotel on May 3, 1959.

Joliet Assembly 0204 of the Fourth Degree was created on August 16, 1960. The Assembly kept the name "Joliet" of the parent council. Member councils were: Council 382, Joliet; Council 1176, Lockport; Council 1599, Lemont; Council 2601, Wheaton; Council 4053, Hinsdale and Council 4400, Joliet.

In 2010, the Joliet Assembly split to create the new "Bishop Roger Kaffer Assembly 3232" in Plainfield. The new assembly began with Council 5573, Plainfield; Council 10944, Romeoville; Council 12882, Minooka and Council 14283, Joliet as members.

The Joliet Assembly is currently supported by Council 382, Joliet; Council 845, Morris; Council 1176, Lockport; Council 1599, Lemont; Council 4400, Joliet; Council 6993, Mokena; Council 10926, New Lenox; Council 11149, Wilmington; Council 12014, Joliet; Council 12863, Channahon and Council 15022, Homer Glen. Assembly 0204 has just under 400 members.


Vivat Jesus

VOCATIONS RAFFLE!

The annual raffle booklets used by the Illinois State Council to raise money for vocations were mailed with last month's newsletter. If you have forgotten to buy the tickets and return the stubs, please remember that the deadline for returning them is December 20! When returning the stubs, please remember to leave the booklet intact, do not remove the front cover or take the stubs apart. Send the stubs with \$15.00 to:

Joe Sluis
11533
St. Vincent Ct.,
Mokena
IL
60448.

Illinois State Council K of C Charities Inc.
ILLINOIS VOCATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM



\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS
20 PRIZES



1st Prize - \$10,000	2nd Prize - \$2,500
3rd - 6th Prizes \$1000/each	7th - 10th Prizes - \$500/each
11th - 15th Prizes - \$200/each	16th - 20th Prizes - \$100/each

FUND DRIVE ENDS: JANUARY 2, 2011
DRAWING: JANUARY 8, 2011
Save This Ticket for Your Identification

Donation \$1.00 Winner Need Not Be Present

JOLIET ASSEMBLY OPEN HOUSE

Want to know more about the fourth degree? What is the meaning of the colors worn by the color guard? How does the fourth degree relate to the rest of the Order? Come to the next meeting of the Joliet Assembly! The Assembly is having an open house on December 6 for all knights!

The open house will start at 6 PM with food and refreshments. The meeting starts at 7:30 and will consist primarily of informative presentations on different aspects of the fourth degree. There will also be door prizes and raffles. Admission is free to all visitors but fourth degree Sir Knights are charged \$5.00. The object, of course is to get you interested in becoming a Sir Knight! Exemplification to the fourth degree is held annually—the next event will be on February 26, 2011. If you joined the order before August 26, 2010 And reach the third degree before February 26, 2011 you can join the Assembly. Come to the meeting! Take a look!

BISHOP KAFFER RAFFLE!

The Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Memorial Raffle is the main fund raiser of the Joliet Assembly. Money raised is distributed to the four charities supported by the Sir Knights, which are:

- Birthright of Joliet
- Catholic Charities of Joliet
- Deaf Apostolate of Joliet
- Guardian Angel Community Service

Each ticket in this raffle is eligible to win 72 times. At each meeting of the Joliet Assembly, six drawings are held that have a prize of \$50. All ticket stubs are entered into every drawing—you can win multiple times.

The raffle tickets cost \$10.00 each. If you are interested in the raffle, contact:

Tim Cosgrove
1026 Stonegate Road
New Lenox, IL 60451
(815) 485 5599

Santa is Coming!

Chief Elf Cliff Peloquin reports that negotiations with the North Pole are now complete. Santa Claus will visit St Mary Church in Mokena on December 4 and 5 so that the kids can have their pictures taken on his lap! The great one will be seated on his throne in Burnett Hall after all the Masses while our brother knights take pictures. The pictures will be sold for \$4 each (\$3 for copies) (includes frame)

Santa is also available to come to your house or place of business.

The council sponsors his visits to raise funds. The cost is \$60 to \$75 depending on circumstances. Clients provide gifts. Call for price quotes. Contact Cliff Peloquin at (815) 464 7242





THE ANNUAL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

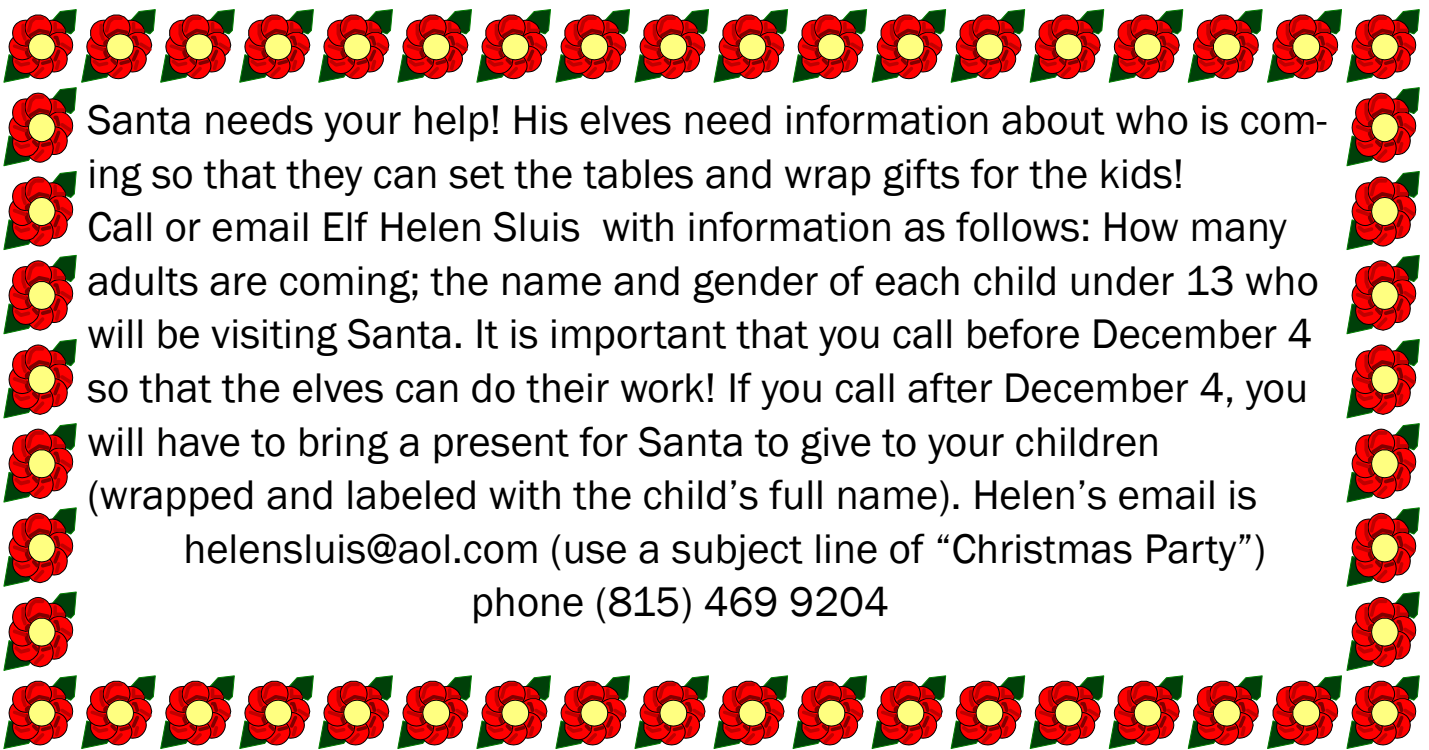


WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 AFTER THE 5 PM MASS

WHERE: BURNETT HALL AT ST MARY CHURCH

WHO: YOUR FAMILY, KIDS, GRANDKIDS

HOW: POTLUCK DINNER. IF YOUR ARE SINGLE OR IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH T THROUGH Z, BRING A DESSERT, ALL OTHERS BRING A "DISH TO PASS"



Santa needs your help! His elves need information about who is coming so that they can set the tables and wrap gifts for the kids!
Call or email Elf Helen Sluis with information as follows: How many adults are coming; the name and gender of each child under 13 who will be visiting Santa. It is important that you call before December 4 so that the elves can do their work! If you call after December 4, you will have to bring a present for Santa to give to your children (wrapped and labeled with the child's full name). Helen's email is helensluis@aol.com (use a subject line of "Christmas Party")
phone (815) 469 9204

CAROLING!

GREAT FOOD!

SANTA WILL VISIT!

MUSIC BY AL SPARKS!

DRINKS AND STUFF FROM THE COUNCIL
COME AND ENJOY YOUR FRIENDS!

