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With God all things are possible

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5: DISTRICT FREE THROW

CONTEST At the St Mary School Gym from 8:30 AM until about 11:00 Come and be a coach! We need helpers for this. To help, show up or call Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8:

COUNCIL MEETING

In Burnett Hall at St Mary Church at 7:30 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12: MEN MOVING MOUNTAINS

The monthly retreat for St Mary men. After the 7:30 AM Mass for about one and a half hours. In the Koop Library. Go to Mass at 7:30 and join the group for coffee, donuts and a discussion of our faith!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13:

FAMILY MASS.

We attend Mass together to worship our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Join your brother knights with your family at 9:00 AM Mass at St Mary. We will have a period of fellowship and some breakfast after the Mass in Burnett Hall. Fourth Degree Honor Guard (Article)

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14: VAL- ENTINE'S DAY

Don't forget.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22: OF- FICER MEETING.

In the Deacon James Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School. 7:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23: ANNUAL SPELLING BEE.

A great competition for kids from schools in Mokena. Youth Director Tim Cosgrove is host. In the Art Room of St Mary School from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. Volunteers are needed! Call Tim at (815) 485 5599 (Article)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH SUNDAY FEBRU-

ARY 27: "GETTYSBURG"

A major exhibition of Civil War Memorabilia. Come and learn from brother knight Dan Michalak as he displays some of his great collection. The show is at 129th and LaGrange Road in Palos Park. (See back page)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26: FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFI-

CATION. The Wyndham Hotel in Lisle hosts the Knights of Columbus as hundreds of Sir Knights, their spouses and inductees attend this annual gala event. Come and join the Sir Knights for this great party as they induct about 200 new members. (article)

K OF C INSURANCE?

When the Knights were founded in the nineteenth century, women who were widowed had a desperate life of poverty. "Social Safety Nets" did not exist, the Church provided help but usually did not have a lot to share. The Knights of Columbus was among a number of organizations that were formed partly to provide insurance for the families of men who suddenly died or were incapacitated.

Knights of Columbus Insurance is now one of the most highly rated and successful companies in the world. The rates are competitive or better than other companies. Annuities and Long Term Care Insurance are a great buy from the Knights. The best part of the K of C Insurance is where the insurance company profits go—to charities around the world instead of to stockholders. Insurance company profits have supplied millions for Katrina Relief, to rebuild the façade of St Peters in Rome, to support missions around the world and many more worthy charitable goals. The Knights also support the annual March for Life and built the bell tower (The Knights Tower) of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a great program.

Welcome our Field Agent John Cinkus when he calls to talk to you about the program. Contact him at: (773) 934 5065 or email him at john.cinkus@KofC.org



K OF C ORGANIZATION

The initiation of a member into the Knights of Columbus is complete when he becomes a knight of the Third Degree. There is no higher initiation in the order. Confusion arises because there are three distinct and separate organizations in the knights. The council is a member of the Knights of Columbus with its headquarters in the Supreme Council. The head of the Supreme Council is the Supreme Knight. Each state or territory has a State Deputy to the Supreme Knight. Each State Deputy has his own deputies called District Deputies who oversee the local councils in their districts. Each council has a Grand Knight and an elected slate of officers.

In each diocese there is an organization that represents the knights of that diocese to the bishop. The organization is the Chapter and all councils in the diocese are automatically members. The Chapter is headed by a president with a slate of elected officers.

Local councils are usually members of a third organization called an Assembly. Assemblies are groups of third degree knights who have accepted additional duties in the order. Members of assemblies are exemplified into membership by a secret ceremony and then become Fourth Degree Knights. Fourth Degree Knights are not higher in rank or title to third degree knights. The Fourth Degree is identified as the "Patriotic Degree" because assemblies emphasize patriotism and support of the Church. Fourth Degree members have a distinctive uniform. Fourth Degree Assemblies report to a State Master who reports to a Supreme Master at the Supreme Council. The Supreme Master is a deputy of the Supreme Knight.

On February 26 the Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree will be part of a major convocation at the Wyndham Hotel in Niles. About 200 new members of the Fourth Degree will be exemplified into the Assemblies present there. There will be a Mass with our Bishop and a large banquet. Knights and their ladies who wish to attend still have time to reserve a place by contacting Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599. Knights who will be Third Degree members before February 26 and who completed their First Degree before September 26, 2010 can apply for exemplification, also by contacting Tim Cosgrove.



TAREK HALABY ON STAGE

TAREK HALABY FEATURED IN *The New York Times*

Tarek Halaby, son of our brother Nabil, has been presenting a solo performance about the Palestinian tragedy for over two years. He has performed in Nazareth, Ramallah, Beirut, Istanbul and in the cities of Europe. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, Mr. Halaby presents the injustices caused by the creation of the State of Israel and subsequent displacement and mistreatment of the Palestinian people. His performance is a choreographed program of skits that demonstrate the difficulty experienced by Palestinians who have become stateless refugees in their own country.

Tarek performed his monologue on January 7 and 8 at the "Abrons Art Center" in New York as part of the American Realness Festival. He received a good review from the New York Times in the section "Arts Beat" of the January 9 edition. Congratulations to Nabil and Cookie Halaby for having such a dedicated and talented son with the courage to speak out.

FAMILY MASS

Our last several Family Masses were a great success. Over forty people attended our fellowship after the Mass and ate a "potluck breakfast". Those attending brought items such as bagels with cream cheese, doughnuts, muffins, coffee cake, etc. We are going to do this again. Bring enough for your family and a little more so all can share without running out of the goodies. The council will provide coffee, milk, juice, plates and utensils. Bring your items to Burnett Hall before Mass so that the council volunteers can arrange everything before we come down afterward. Join us for a good time!



THE SPELLING BEE

The annual Local K of C Spelling Bee will be held the evening of Wednesday February 23. This annual event produces a winning school and first, second and third place winners who then advance to the regional spelling bee in March. The Knights of Columbus State Spelling Bee then occurs in Springfield in April.

The winning school displays the prized award plaque for the year between competitions.

Competition traditionally has been between St Mary School and Mokena Junior High.

Come to the Art Room of St Mary School on Wednesday February 23 at 7:00 PM to root for your favorite speller. The event takes about an hour and usually fills the room with families watching the event and supporting their children.





Did you miss the party?

The crowd pictured above celebrated Christmas with the sisters at the convent last December. Everyone had a great time at the annual "Nun's Bingo". Plan to come this year for a very special Christmas

VOCATIONS RAFFLE

Thank you knights for making this year's vocations raffle a huge success. In past years raffle sales usually consisted of 35 books sold (last year). This year 84 books were sold! A huge increase over past years.

Our success was caused by two things:

1. The State Council sent us 250 books instead of the 100 sent in the past. This made it possible to send at least one book to every member and to provide additional books to those who asked for them.
2. Johanna Dvaronis, President of the St Mary CCW permitted Joe Sluis to make a sales pitch to her organization. The CCW Council purchased three books and her members purchased seventeen more!

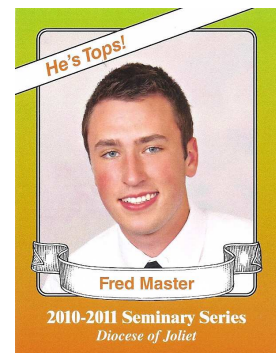
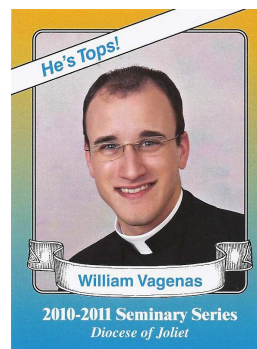
The total of 84 books sold means that our council vocations fund has earned \$756.00 from their sale (@ \$9.00 per book). The State Council has promised to send us \$1.00 per book for selling over 25% more than last year, we should get a check for \$49.00 more. Last years earnings of \$315.00 have not been spent. The vocations kitty has \$1120.00!

WHAT IS SERRA?

There has been a Serra Club in Du Page County for a number of years. Bishop Sartain endorsed and helped the club with its goals, which are to plan and implement many different ideas to encourage vocations in our Church. The "Serra Club of Will County" is being organized at St Anthony's in Frankfort.

Serra is a world wide organization with about 19,000 members. It has a very good web site that you might want to look at. Joining Serra is good!

The flyer at right shows a "baseball card" for vocations that can be purchased from Don Higgins at a cost of \$47.00 for 500. The cards are a fund raising program that Mr. Higgins is doing as a public service project for his Deaconate class. Don Higgins is a class mate of Nabil Halaby. More cards below:



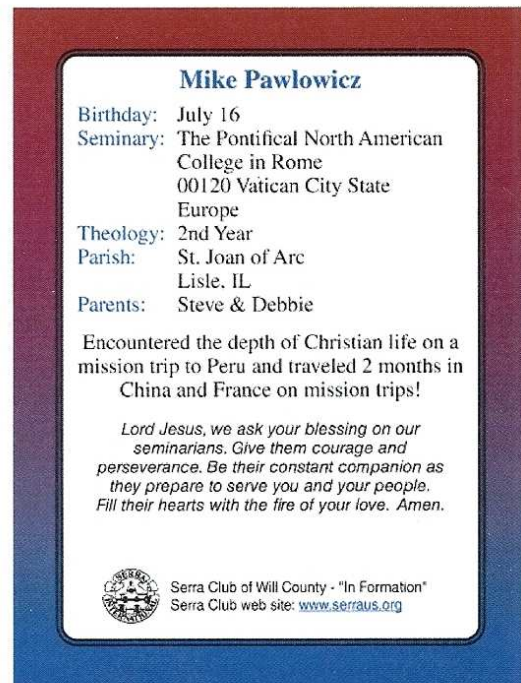
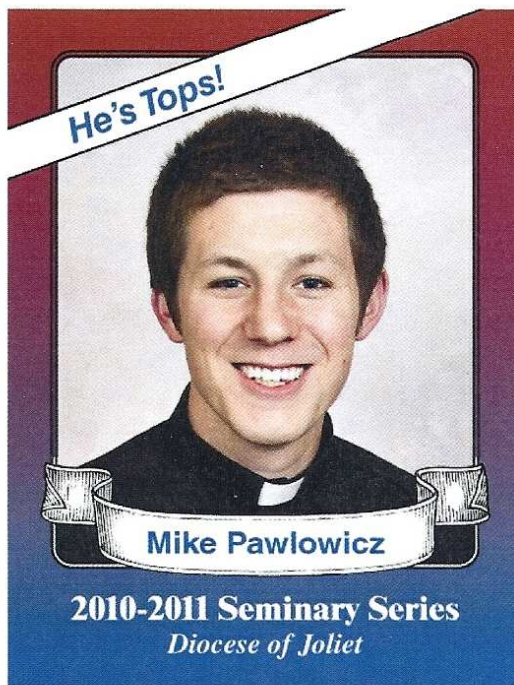


Serra Club of Will County

Proudly Presents...

Seminarian "Baseball Card" Prayer Cards

Collect the whole set!



A New Serra Club is Forming – Hurrah!!

Don and Sue Higgins from St. Anthony Parish in Frankfort are leading the initiative to establish a Serra Club in the southern part of the diocese. This new club will be called the **Serra Club of Will County**. They are receiving support and encouragement from Father Burke Masters, DoJ Vocation Director, Fr. Greg Skowron, pastor at St. Anthony, Peter Cunningham & Tom Hausladen, USA Council of Serra, and the Serra Club of DuPage County.

The core organizing team has been meeting twice a month since September and are very enthusiastic and committed. Please keep them in your prayers.

While the club is not yet officially recognized by the parent Serra organization, it is being very active in supporting and encouraging vocations. They recently established a successful "Giving Tree" that offered parishioners the opportunity to give Christmas gifts to the seminarians of the diocese. They also have created unique "baseball cards" in full color that have the picture of each seminarian, his parish and parents names, seminary contact information and brief biographical details. These are available to all parishes, schools and individuals desiring to support our seminarians and create an awareness of vocations in their community. Great for National Vocation Awareness Week in January!

Interested in being a member this new club or purchasing some of the "Cards"?

Contact:

Don Higgins

HigginsHtg@cs.com or 815-469-9970



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