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JULY

SATURDAY JULY 4: FOURTH OF JULY PARADE See the back page of this newsletter. All participants should meet at Wolf and La-Porte Roads at 9:30 AM

MONDAY JULY 6: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS. 7:30 pm at Council 4400 in Joliet

FRIDAY JULY 10 THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 12: TURTLE RACE TICKET SALES This is

one of our major annual fund raisers. Answer the call to help sell the tickets for this great event. To volunteer, call Mark Welch at (708) 479 4763 or at his cell number (708) 297 6295. See the article

FRIDAY JULY 10 : FACE THE TRUTH The annual pro life demonstration of the Pro Life Action League. See the articles

TUESDAY JULY 14: COUNCIL MEETING. In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM. Come and support our new officers and enjoy your brother Knights.

SATURDAY JULY 18: THE TURTLE RACE Start time is promptly at 1:00 PM in Marley Creek just North of 191st Street. See the article.

TUESDAY JULY 28: OFFICERS MEETING. In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM



Face the TRUTH

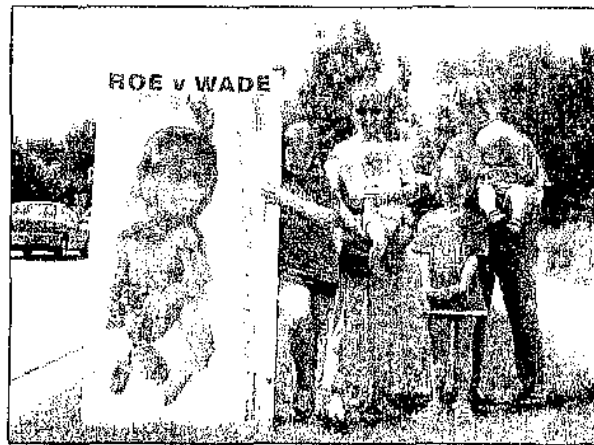
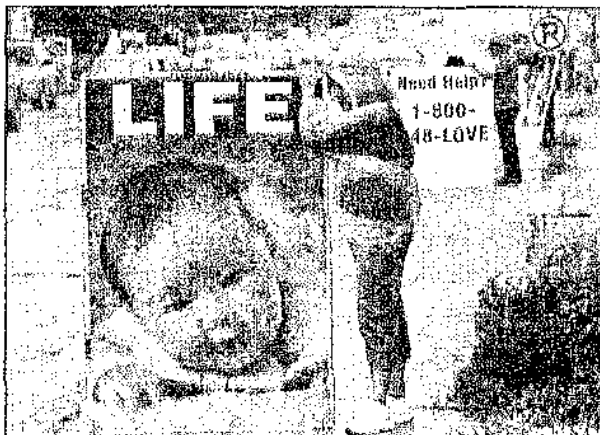
2009

July 10-18

MUNDELEIN, IL—JULY 17, 2008. The Pro-Life Action League's Face the Truth Tour returns to the site at Town Line Road and Lake Street from which they were ousted under threat of arrest two years before.

While Mundelein police hover over the group's final prayer, intent on enforcing their permit to the minute, a woman drives into the adjacent parking lot and flags over volunteers Henry and Carol. She tells them that her pregnant teenage daughter, who was in the car with her as she drove past the display, has just told her, "I'm not going to have that abortion, because I saw these signs."

The woman tells them: "I wanted you to know that you've saved one baby's life today."



We Need Your Help To Save Babies

THIS SUMMER THE PRO-LIFE Action League will sponsor the 2009 Chicago Area Face the Truth Tour from Friday, July 10th through Saturday, July 18th. Participants will visit sites throughout the Chicago area, holding pictures of beautiful unborn babies and huge graphic signs of aborted babies.

We need you to help show people that abortion is the deliberate taking of an unborn child's life. If you believe that abortion is murder, this is your chance to stand up and be counted. Join us this summer as we line the roads at major intersections to show our fellow Americans the ugly truth about abortion.

Go Forth and Teach

JESUS TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS to "go forth and teach." Face the Truth responds to this Gospel call by teaching the truth about abortion. The truth is that abortion kills innocent human beings made in the image and likeness of God. That is why we must take the pro-life message to the streets of our cities.

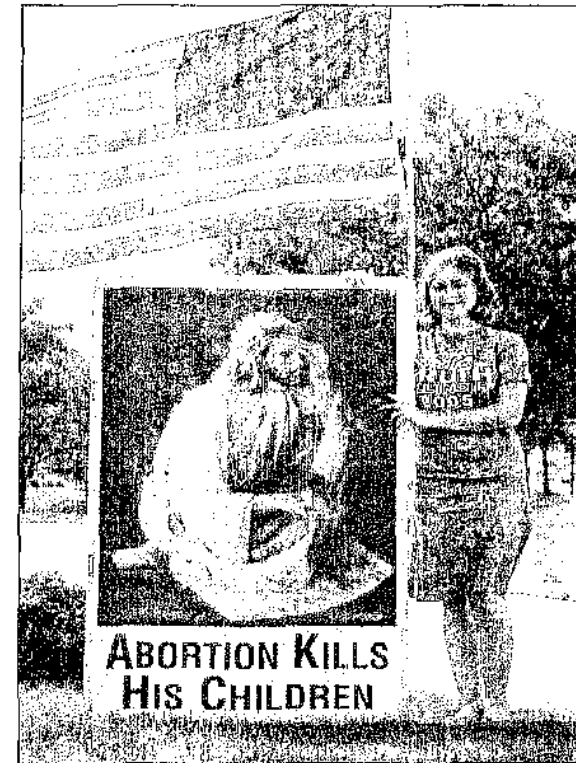
We are living in the midst of a national atrocity. Since the 1973 Supreme Court abortion decisions, fifty million children have been destroyed before they were born. Our signs depicting prenatal life and the aborted child reveal the hidden victims of this atrocity.

While the signs are displayed along the roadways, other volunteers distribute literature to passing motorists and pedestrians to help them understand the gravity of the Culture of Death.

Face the TRUTH

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July 10-18



Friday, July 10: Joliet Area

9:00-10:30 Joliet

West Jefferson Street and North Larkin Avenue

11:30-1:00 Shorewood

Brook Forest Avenue (Route 59) and Black Road

3:00-4:30 Joliet

Route 59 and Caton Farm Road

FACE THE TRUTH

Face the Truth is a demonstration that shows people the truth about abortion. Demonstrators hold up signs about 1/4 mile before the actual abortion information to advise those who do not want to view the images that they should change course. Pictures of aborted infants are shown to those who drive past. The demonstration has saved lives by changing minds about the killing of innocent unborn children. There are other demonstration sites not listed on the facing page. Join the pro life Christian men and women in this wonderful effort. Contact Joe Sluis (815) 469 9204 or John O'Reilly (708) 479 5709 for more information.

Vivat Jesus



The Thomas More Society

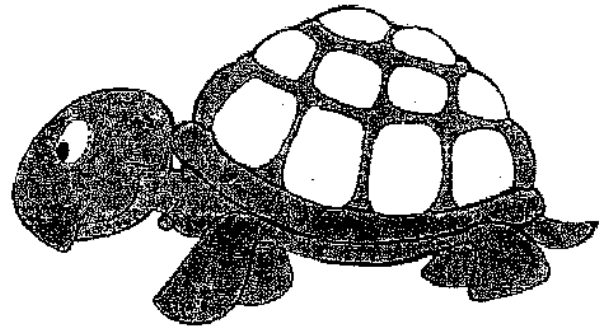
THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

The Thomas More Society is a group of lawyers who defend pro life people in the courts against "Choice" activist groups. Organizations such as NOW, Planned Parenthood and others regularly try to legitimize the taking of innocent lives through legal harassment of dedicated Christians. At present, the society is defending an 80 year old priest who tried to walk on the campus of Notre Dame University to protest against the President Obama's visit there. The Society is allied with the Knights of Columbus in fighting to preserve legitimate marriage, to close abortion factories in places such as Aurora, Illinois, and to defend the right of peaceful protest by Christians praying outside abortion mills. The Society is presently in serious debt due to the costs of its legal work. You are urged to consider a donation to the Thomas More Society. A check to the Thomas More Society, 29 South La-Salle Street, suite 440, Chicago, IL 60603-1548 will help. Their web site is www.thomasmoresociety.org

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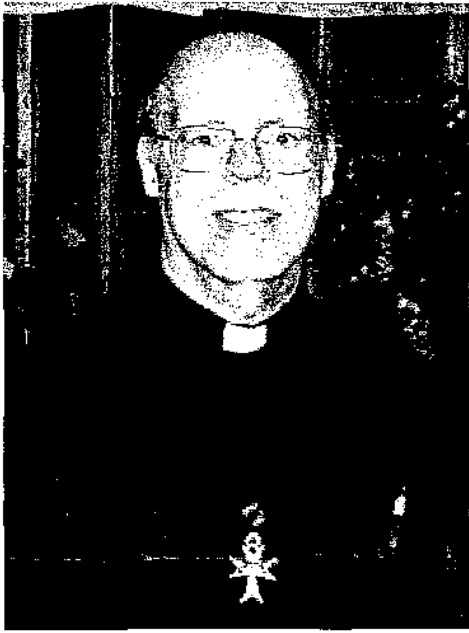
THE GREAT TURTLE RACE!

One of the real fun things we do every year is the great turtle race. The race consists of throwing 500 numbered blow up turtles that are donated by Turtle Wax into Marley Creek and then watching them float across a finish line. Each turtle is marked with a number (1 through 500) and 500 numbered tickets are sold to the public. The winning turtle pays the matching ticket a grand prize of \$500! Second and third place turtles pay \$200 and \$100.



Mark Welch and the turtle committee will be looking for volunteers to sell the tickets for the race. We will sell the tickets at various locations in Mokena the weekend of July 10 through 12. The race will be on July 18 at 1 PM. Selling the tickets is only part of the job—we also need volunteers to place the turtles into Marley Creek (behind the sewer plant on 191st street), to act as "turtle herders" who walk behind the floating turtles to free up any that might get stuck on a branch, to catch the turtles after they cross the finish line and to act as judges. Wives and kids are welcome to help also.

OUR 2009—2010 OFFICERS



Fr. Jim Dvorscak
Chaplain



Peter Baker
Grand Knight



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Deputy G. Knight



Mark Welch
Chancellor



Jason Stetz
Advocate



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Treasurer

OUR 2009—2010 OFFICERS



Dan Michalak
Fin. Secretary



Mike Baker
Recorder



Don Zich
Warden



Dave Adams
Inside Guard



Tom Lulinski
Inside Guard



Bill McDonald
Outside Guard

OUR 2009–2010 TRUSTEES



Bob Strezo

3 year trustee



George St Marie

2 year trustee



Joe Sluis

1 year trustee



Tim Cosgrove

District Deputy

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST!

His Holiness Pope Benedict has decreed that the year that started on June 20 is designated as the International Year of the Priest. Our Pastor, Father Jim has asked all parishioners to participate in this event by attending an additional Mass each week, by participating in other parish sacramental events and by subscribing to "Magnificat" magazine. St Mary Parish will also announce other events throughout the year. We should all try to participate in the "year" as a way to honor the wonderful men

who have given their lives to Our Lord. Priesthood is the highest calling of a Catholic man. Let's honor our Priests in public as well as in private.



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COUNCIL SCHEDULE 2009-2010

JULY 2009

Saturday 4	Parade	9:00 AM	Show up at VFW At 8:30 AM
Monday 6	4 th degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	At Council 4400
Friday 10 thru Sunday 12	Turtle race sales	6:00 AM – 8 PM	Turtle race ticket sales
Tuesday 14	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 18	Turtle Race	1:00 – 3:00 PM	191 st Street behind the Sewer plant
Tuesday 28	Officers/Directors	7:30 – 10 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.

AUGUST 2009

Monday 3	4 th degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	At council 4400
Saturday 8	Council Picnic	1:00 PM - ?	At Joe Sluis' house Volunteers needed
Tuesday 11	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 15	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	At Joe Sluis' house
Saturday 22	Road Cleanup	9 – 10:30 AM	At St Mary cemetery
Tuesday 25	Officers/Directors	7:30 – 10 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
Sunday 30	Parish Picnic	1:00 – 8:00 PM	At St Mary Volunteers needed

SEPTEMBER 2009

Tuesday 1	4 th degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	At council 4400
Tuesday 8	Council Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 12 and Sunday 13	St Mary MR Drive	At all masses	Volunteers needed
Friday 18 and Saturday 19	MR Drive in town	All day	The main event – Volunteers needed
Saturday 19	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	At Greg Quinn's house
Tuesday 22	Officers/Directors	7:30 – 10 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
Saturday 26	Spaghetti Dinner	4 PM until	In Burnett Hall – Volunteers needed

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday 4	Right to Life Sunday	2:30 – 3:30 PM	Demonstrate for life On US 30 in New Lenox
Monday 5	4 th degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Saturday 10	Road cleanup	9:00 – 10:30 Am	At St Mary cemetery
Tuesday 13	Council Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall

Tuesday 27	Officers/Directors	7:00 – 10 PM	At Tom Snyder's house Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
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NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday 1	Pancake Breakfast	All morning	Burnett Hall Volunteers needed
Monday 2	4th Degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	At 4400
Tuesday 10	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Tuesday 17	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm
Saturday 21	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	At Tim Cosgrove's house
Thursday 26	Thanksgiving		

DECEMBER 2009

Monday 1	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	At 4400
Saturday 5	Manger Set Up	9:00 – 11 AM	At St Mary School
Saturday 5 and Sunday 6	Pictures with Santa	After All Masses	K of C Santa will be making photos with Parish kids at Doughnut Sunday
Tuesday 8	Blessing of the Nativity	After 7:30 AM Mass	All knights should Attend – The Feast Of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 8	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 12	Nun's Bingo	1:00 – 3 PM	at St Francis of the Woods
Saturday 12	Christmas Party	After 5PM Mass	Burnett Hall – all Knights and families Volunteers needed

JANUARY 2010

Monday 4	4th Degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Tuesday 12	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Franciscan Room
Wednesday 13	Manger take down	9 – 11 AM	At St Mary School Volunteers needed
Saturday 16	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Sunday 17	Pancake Breakfast	all morning	Burnett Hall Volunteers needed
Tuesday 26	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.

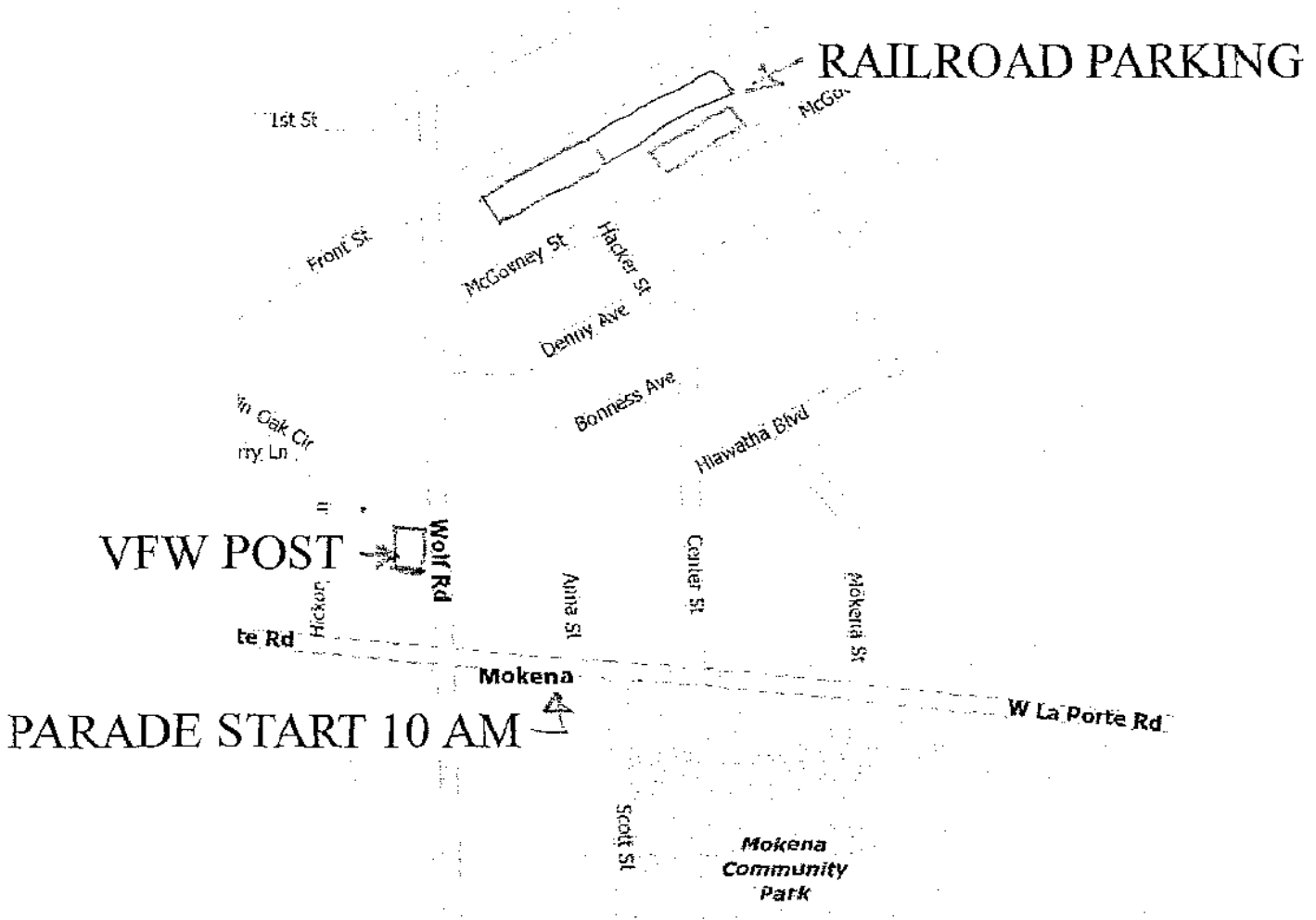
FEBRUARY 2010

Monday 1	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Tuesday 9	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Thursday 11	Spelling Bee	7:00 – 10 PM	Art Room Volunteers needed
Saturday 13	Free Throw Contest	10:00 – 12 AM	St Mary School Gym Volunteers needed

Saturday 11	Family Mass	9 AM MASS	All knights should Attend together
Saturday 20	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Tuesday 23	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
MARCH 2010			
Monday 1	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Saturday 6	District Free Throw	10:00 – 12 AM	St Mary School gym Volunteers needed
Tuesday 9	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Sunday 14	Pancake Breakfast	all morning	Burnett Hall Volunteers needed
Saturday 20	Regional Free Throw	10:00 -- 12 AM	St Mary School gym Volunteers needed
Saturday 20	Regional Spelling Bee	1:00 PM – 2 PM	Art Room
Saturday 20	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Tuesday 23	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
APRIL 2010			
Monday 5	4th Degree meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Tuesday 13	Council meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 17	Road Clean Up	9:00 – 11 AM	At St Mary Cemetery Volunteers needed
Saturday 17	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Sunday 18	Family Mass	at the 9AM Mass	All knights should attend
Tuesday 27	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.
MAY 2010			
Monday 3	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Saturday 8	Taco Fest	4:00 – 7:30 PM	The second annual Feast in Burnett Hall
Tuesday 11	Council Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 15	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Monday 24	Memorial Day Parade	8:30 – 11:30 AM	Mass is at ST Mary Old chapel in the Cemetery at 9 AM Parade is at 10
JUNE 2010			
Monday 7	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 – 10 PM	at Council 4400
Tuesday 8	Council Meeting	7:30 - 10 PM	Burnett Hall
Saturday 19	Road Clean Up	9:00 – 11 AM	At St Mary Cemetery Volunteers needed
Saturday 19	Poker night	7:00 PM - ?	To be determined
Tuesday 22	Officer Meeting	7:30 – 9 PM	Bishop Fitzgerald Rm.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN MOKENA

The parade is reversed this year. It will start on LaPorte Road and go North on Wolf Road to 191st Street. PARADE START IS AT 10:00 AM



The Knights will be at the front of the parade. Look for them and the pickup truck with tootsie rolls near the corner of Wolf Road and LaPorte Road.

The VFW will have a snack for participants as usual after the parade.

Parking in the town of Mokena is suggested—the railroad parking lot on Front Street, along streets where possible, etc. (You can then get out to US 45) Parking in the VFW parking lot or along the West side of Wolf Road North of LaPorte is not recommended since it may trap your car until the parade ends.

This is a family event—knights in Fourth Degree regalia will form a color guard for the parade. All other knights and their families will follow the truck “float” and hand out tootsie rolls. (Wear KC hats and shirts if you have them)