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FRIDAY MARCH 4: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVE.:

RSVP with Sister Dolores by February 28! An evening of prayer and fellowship to thank workers for Parish service. (See the back page)

MONDAY MARCH 7: FOURTH DEGREE MEETS

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM.

TUESDAY MARCH 8: COUNCIL MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9:

ASH WEDNESDAY: St Mary Masses will be at 7:30, 9:00, 12:00, 4:30, and 7:30 (A Holy Day)

SATURDAY MARCH 12: MEN MOVING MOUNTAINS:

The monthly retreat for St. Mary men. After the 7:30 AM Mass for an hour and a half. In the Koop Library.

SATURDAY MARCH 12: REGIONAL FREE THROWS:

In the St Mary School gym starting at 8:30 AM. Come and Help—a lot of volunteers are needed. Call Tim Cosgrove at 815 485 5599 (Article)

SATURDAY MARCH 12: REGIONAL SPELLING BEE:

In the Gym of St Mary School starting at 11:00 AM. Call Tim Cosgrove to participate at 815 485 5599 A very well attended event! (Article)

SUNDAY MARCH 13: PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

This is the spring fund raiser. Come and help and enjoy each other's company. Call Joe Kral at (708) 478 4543

SATURDAY MARCH 19: LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

A day of reflection and a discussion of almsgiving. From 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM in Burnett Hall. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. Call Sister Dolores to register at (708) 326 9313

SATURDAY MARCH 19:

POKER NIGHT: At Dan Michalak's house starting at 7:00 PM. Dan lives at 2372 Rock Canyon in New Lenox. Call (815) 463 1044

SATURDAY MARCH 19 AND SUNDAY MARCH 20: CCW

GROUNDWORK COLLECTION

Donate goods to help victims of domestic violence (See the flyer)

TUESDAY MARCH 22: OFFICERS MEETING:

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

SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY MARCH 27 THROUGH 29;

PARISH MISSION. A great way to prepare for Easter! The presentations will be nightly at 7:30 PM at St Mary Church. Presented by Fr. Tom McCarthy, President of St Rita High School Chicago. (Check the parish bulletin for more details)

THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM



The group that went to the March for Life this year for the Joliet Diocese visited the United States Holocaust Museum on the first day in Washington. The wait to get into the museum was long because of security checkpoints so that most Joliet visitors were able to spend only about an hour at the Museum. The place is large—four floors of displays showing the horrors of German propaganda and extermination facilities of World War II. It is a very impressive display of pictures, posters, artifacts and mockups. Persons who have not been properly taught about the events shown there can learn what true evil is.

The display starts on the fourth floor where visitors are taught about the events leading up to the holocaust. This presentation is deeply flawed. Visitors are told that “six million Jews and several million others” were killed by the German National Socialists. In actuality the six million number for Jews is generally accepted but the total killed was more than twelve million. No mention is made of the untold thousands of Priests, Religious, Protestant ministers and the millions of Catholics who went to the same deaths — many for opposition to the state religion of materialistic socialism. Very little is told about the Gypsies and homosexuals who died. The museum tells its story as almost exclusively Jewish.

A film on the fourth floor explains that the holocaust was caused by the teachings of the Catholic Church and Martin Luther. It is a very nasty piece of anti Christian propaganda.

The history of “Progressive” thought with its “Darwinist” philosophies about human evolution, defective people, sub humans and racial purity is completely missing. No mention is made of the American “Progressives” such as Woodrow Wilson who segregated the government and the military by executive order or of the efforts of Margaret Sanger to exterminate undesirables through eugenic abortion. No mention is made of the forced sterilization of “mental defectives” and the “euthanasia” of “incurables” that was begun in American and German asylums in the early twentieth century by our shared culture.

There were some old European laws based on the mistaken notion that people of the Jewish race were not worthy of normal citizen rights because they killed Christ. The German National Socialist Labor Party combined the old racial laws with anti-capitalist propaganda and then mixed it together with Darwinist notions of evolution. Churches were obliged to keep quiet or conform. When the Germans nationalized all medical services, took over all trade unions and all police functions in the 1930’s, the stage was set to implement the “progressive” ideas of the state religion. Segregation of Jews, Gypsies and others began right away. The German Socialists rapidly increased the killings in insane asylums, expanded to nursing homes and then moved the operations to some existing labor camps that then became killing camps. Abortion of “genetic defectives” was implemented. The population was told frequently that euthanasia was the correct thing to do for defective and unwanted people because their “quality of life” would be inferior if they lived. Deformed “defectives” were shown in theaters and on posters. A “master race” was being created by weeding out the unfit through the “science” of eugenics. It was a Godless attempt to assist in the process of “evolution” of the human species by a “final solution” to the “problem” of defectives genes and people. The Germans did not come by these beliefs alone and they still exist in society.

By leaving out the logic behind the evils it displays, the “Holocaust Museum” fails to tell the truth about what happened. The story told does nothing to warn us or to prevent a recurrence of the horrors it shows. Visits there should be accompanied by serious discussion or they should be discouraged.

Vivat Jesus

THE MARCH FOR LIFE!



Bishop Siegel and Father Milota with five more of our Priests led about 200 Joliet Diocesan pilgrims to Washington DC January 22 through 25 for the annual demonstration to ask for an end to baby killing in America. Sister Dominic Dybel, formerly religious education boss at St Mary, was the Chaperone for adults. The event was organized as usual with major assistance from the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus. A reported 400,000 persons were there. The press was silent, to its eternal shame. Recent news reports indicate that Americans are becoming more pro life every year. Pray that the evil of abortion may end soon.



Knights of Columbus Tom Ziemann, Joe Sluis and Frank Borich on the steps of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Helen Sluis and Lynn Ziemann.

A large group of students from Notre Dame was there including Greg Quinn's eldest daughter Bridget who we found with her classmates at the March!



Helen Sluis Bridget Quinn

CAMERON HARPER IS CONFIRMED!



Brother Greg Harper's son Cameron was among the 207 St Mary young adults confirmed into the Faith on February 19. The Fourth Degree provided an honor guard for Father Jim as he confirmed the new members of his flock. The Pastors of the Joliet Diocese were authorized to confirm when Bishop Sartain left for Seattle. Shown here are new Confirmand Cameron Harper, Mrs. "Cookie" Halaby and Cameron's sponsor Nabil as well as Joe Sluis, a member of the honor guard.

Ten Sir Knights were present at the 10 AM Mass for the confirmation and eleven were there at the 1 PM Mass. Thanks to all who came. Vivat Jesus

REGIONAL FREE THROW CONTESTS

Once again our council will host regional free throw contests for this area. The contest is in the gym at St Mary School on Saturday March 12. We need many willing knights there to set up and perform judging duties. Be there at 8:30 AM and plan to spend the morning. The contests are judged using Knights of Columbus judging forms and criteria. Four contests are judged simultaneously with two judges officiating at each contest. We need at least eight brothers to come and help with this effort.

The District contest selects the best free thrower among the boys and girls from the five councils in our district. All junior high/middle school children from each council area are eligible to compete. Competition is by age level and gender. The top three winners from the local competition are in the District contest and the top three winners from the District contest then compete in the Regional contest to ultimately go to the State free throw contest. Come and help! Wear your KC shirt and ball cap! These events are usually very well attended and supported by parents, especially this Regional contest. Tim Cosgrove, our Youth Director and District Deputy will host this event.



THE REGIONAL BEE

The Regional Spelling Bee will be held on a Saturday again this year to give spellers from distant towns such as Kankakee a better chance to attend. This is usually a pretty serious deal with some spellers attending with their spelling coach! Winning spellers from local competitions come from miles around to compete in this event. Winners of this bee go to the annual State of Illinois Bee held in Springfield in April.

The Bee will be in the gymnasium of St Mary School starting at 11:00 AM on Saturday March 12 after the basketball free throw contests. Spectators and helpers are encouraged to attend.

WHY DOES THE ORDER HAVE INSURANCE?

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was founded at a time when there was no such thing as a “Social Safety Net”. Families depended on each other for everything. If a man was seriously injured or died, his wife and children were usually destitute. The difficulty of life for widows and their children caused the formation of various orders of men such as the Moose and Elks. Some groups were basically drinking clubs while others subscribed to non Christian belief systems but all had a function of taking care of the helpless. It was in this climate that our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, determined that there should be a group of Catholic men who would remain loyal to the Faith, who would defend the Church and who would also take care of the helpless. It is correct to tell others that the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization similar to the Moose or the Elks and that we are not officially affiliated with the Church.

From its beginnings 127 years ago, the insurance program of the Knights of Columbus has grown and become one of the best programs in the world. While the Knights were providing insurance for members, other insurance programs and plans multiplied so that what was once a very special thing—Knights of Columbus Insurance—now looks like a lot of other plans. The biggest difference remaining is that the profit from our Knights of Columbus insurance goes to charitable causes while the profits from other insurance companies go to the company share holders. It’s a very good program and worth a look.

Contact our field agent John Cinkus at (773) 934 5065 or email him at john.cinkus@KofC.org



WHAT IS THE NEWMAN CLUB?

Colleges and universities have become horrifyingly secular in the past fifty years or so. Catholic young persons attending virtually every college in the United States are continually barraged by propaganda praising atheistic socialism and disparaging Christianity. There is a desperate need for balance.

The Knights of Columbus have sponsored Newman Clubs and Newman Centers for many years. It is the most important of our ministries. Newman centers at large universities are Catholic parishes with their own Priests and other Religious. At smaller schools there is a Newman Club.

Newman Centers are places of refuge for Catholic students. They minister to their religious needs and provide a place to meet and be supported by their fellow Catholics. The centers provide social and religious activities, retreats and general fellowship in support of our young collegians.

Support of the Newman Club is through contributions from individual members. The councils do not send contributions. Each year the State Council mails contribution requests to every Knight in Illinois. The mailings are usually in the fall but they are late this year. Our Newman Club Chairman, Larry Jourdan, has the forms needed to contribute. You are urged to contact Larry to get a form and make a contribution. Larry can be reached at (708) 479 7021 or by email using ljourdan60448@yahoo.com

As part of our duty to evangelize, it is important that each Knight give serious thought to being generous in donating to this worthy cause. For many years men of our order worked very hard to become “Century Donors” to the Newman Club. The tradition goes back at least as far as 1950 when \$100 was much more valuable and harder to come by than it is now. Why not be part of this wonderful tradition? Contributions can be by check or by credit card.



Blessed Cardinal John Newman

Vivat Jesus

Groundwork

(Sponsored by St. Mary's CCW)

Groundwork was established in 1983. Their mission is a comprehensive domestic violence program, providing emergency shelter, intervention and prevention services for Will, Grundy and parts of Kendall counties.

The following items are of great need. All New Items Please!

Bath & Bedding

Wash Cloths
Bath Towels
Twin Sheets (white or beige)
Crib Sheets
Pillow Cases

Hygiene Products

Deodorant
Skin Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner
Combs/Brushes
Nail Clippers
Soap

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Detergent
(powder only)
Dish Soap
Bleach

Fabric Sheets
Lysol Disinfectant

Kitchen Items

Trash Bags
Ziplock Bags (gallon & snack)
Dish Towels

Gift Cards/Certificates

Grocery Stores
Gasoline Cards
Phone Calling Cards

Clothing Items

Socks (women's & children's)
Pajamas (women's & children's)

T-Shirts (plain)
Slippers (women's & children's)
Underwear (women's, teens', children's)
Infant + Toddler Clothing
Sweat Pants + Shirts (women's & children's)
Gym Shoes (plain white in all women's sizes)

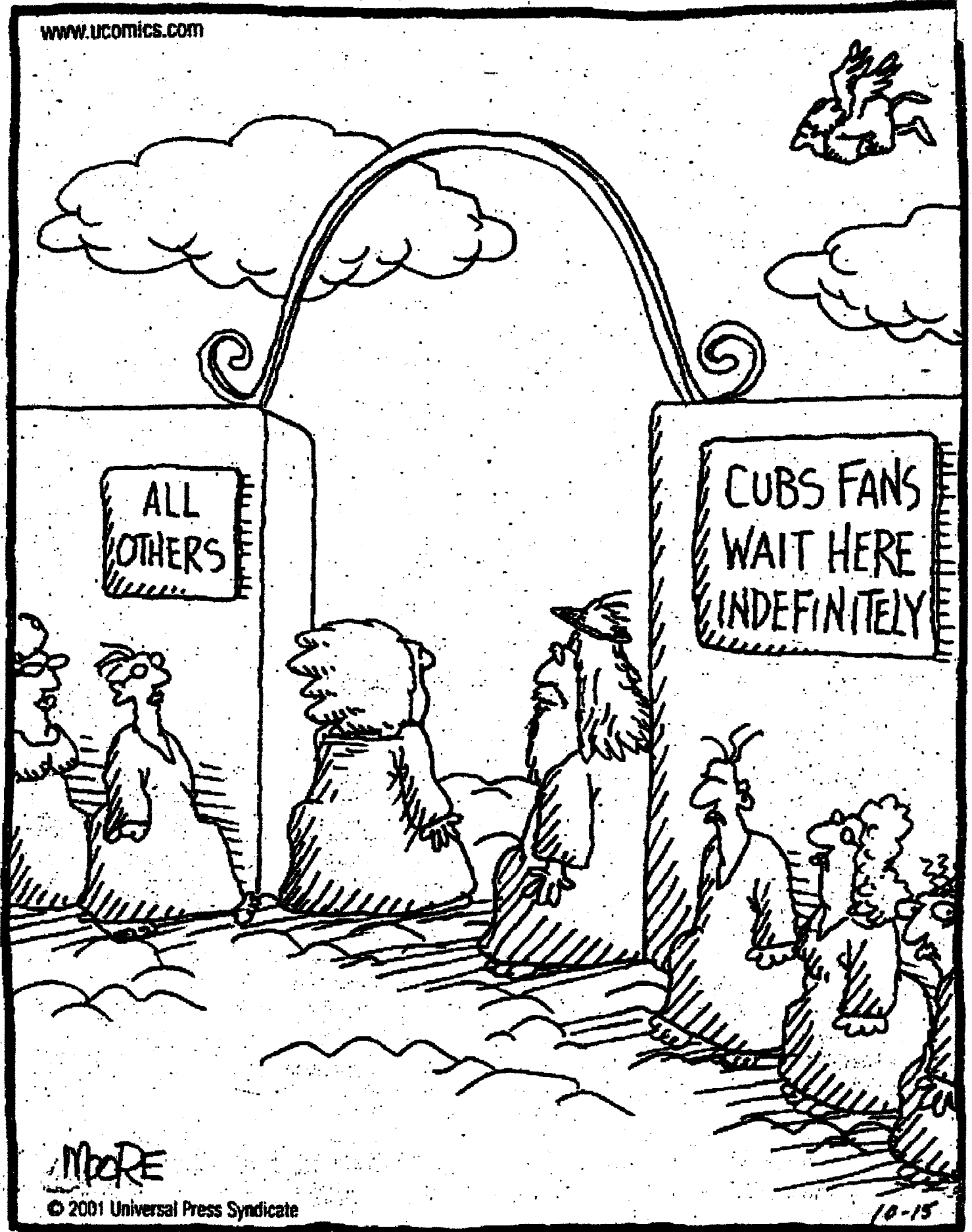
For more information,

Call

Nancy Blake

708-478-3926

Collection dates: March 19 and 20 in Burnett Hall after each Mass



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“The Lord takes delight in His people.”

~ Psalm 49

We take delight in you and are honored by your service to St. Mary Parish. You are invited to an evening of prayer and appreciation in your honor on Friday, March 4, at 7:00 pm. We will begin with prayer in Church followed by special desserts in Burnett Hall.

Our Volunteers represent the hard work that goes into the missions of all of our parish commissions including:

Worship
Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
St. Mary School
Religious Education
Community Life
Christian Service
Parish Administration

THANK
YOU

We also invite all family members who have supported you in your volunteer ministry to participate in our celebration of thanksgiving.

R.S.V.P. before Monday, February 28, 2011.

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