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MOKENA KNIGHTHOOD

PRAY TO END ABORTION!

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GOD BLESS BISHOP J PETER SARTAIN AS HE BECOMES THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF SEATTLE

OCTOBER



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George St Marie (1st Quarter)
Peter Baker (2nd Quarter)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3:
THE RIGHT TO LIFE! Numerous events celebrate life this weekend. Mayor Werner has proclaimed the week of October 3 to be **RIGHT TO LIFE WEEK IN MOKENA**. Our council **CROSSES GO ON DISPLAY** in Lemont and Frankfort. Parishioners give out empty **BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** to raise money for Woman's Choice Services. The CCW will give a small lapel rose to those who donate money to support **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS** for women and men suffering after an abortion. A large group will **DEMONSTRATE FOR LIFE** in New Lenox to illustrate the evil of abortion! See the articles.

MONDAY OCTOBER 4:
CATHOLICISM 201: This study of the Faith has its first meeting in Burnett Hall at 6:30 PM. See the article.

MONDAY OCTOBER 4:
JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS
At Council 4400, 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9:
ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST. A new men's group attends 7:30 AM Mass together and then assembles for a group encounter until about 10 AM. See the article.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12:
COUNCIL MEETING. In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16:
POKER NIGHT 7:00 PM at Tom Snyder's house, 541 Meadow Street, Frankfort. Phone (815) 468 4649

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17:
FAMILY MASS. Once again the council celebrates Mass as a family. All come to the 9 AM Mass together and then meet afterward in Burnett Hall. Fourth Degree knights should be in regalia. See the article.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26:
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEET. In the Deacon Fitzgerald Conference Room at St Mary, 7:30 PM





The CCW will be collecting donations at the Masses on October 2 and 3 to support Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The pain and guilt caused by having had an abortion lives on afterward. These retreats help those who suffer from their abortion through counseling, prayer and teaching.

Be generous in your contribution and wear the lapel "pro life" rose with distinction.

If you know of someone who has experienced an abortion, whether the mother or the father of the unborn child, pray for that person.

Persons seeking help should contact the Rachel's Vineyard national hotline number: 1-877-HOPE 4 ME (1-877-467-3463)



DEMONSTRATE YOUR FAITH

Join your brother Knights and other Christians in holding one of these signs on US 30 from Cedar Road Westward, October 3 from 2:30 until 3:30 PM Meet at the Harris Bank parking lot.



COUNCIL CROSSES

Our Council stores and displays annually about 280 wooden crosses and explanatory signs that inform passers by about the murder of the innocents in America. This year, the crosses are being borrowed by Knights of Columbus Council 1599 in Lemont, which will display about half of them in front of four churches there, and St Anthony Pro Life in Frankfort, which will display our signs and the other half of the crosses at St Anthony Parish. Please pray that the signs will be effective in saving lives!

Vivat Jesus

FAMILY MASS

Our last Family Mass was 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 still 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!





Woman's Choice Services

Real Options. True Choices.

Welcome to the home of Woman's Choice Services

Woman's Choice Services provides Life Choices for Women in Need.

Our Services

Crisis Intervention

Our primary focus is helping pregnant women who feel that they have no hope and nowhere to turn. In a culture where women in difficult and unplanned pregnancies are pressured into abortion, they need a place of light and peace. Woman's Choice Services is that place. By providing vital counseling and connections, Woman's Choice Services helps women see that they have true healthy choices for themselves and their children.

Pregnancy Support

Women who have made the heroic choice to have their children are supported throughout their pregnancy and childbirth. Through our parish-based mothering program, Project Gabriel, we provide the material, emotional, and spiritual support that women need to become good mothers to their children.

Post Abortion

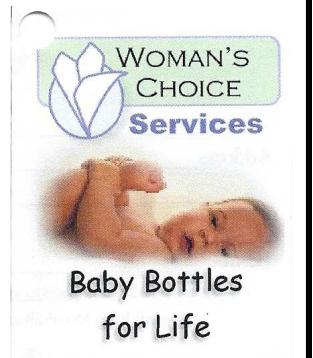
Many of the women who seek help from us have already experienced the pain of abortion. Through the use of the recently released journal, [A Time to Speak](#), and companion support group, A Time to Heal, we help women who have been suffering this pain to find the healing love of Jesus Christ.

Help enrich the lives of others

Do you feel the Lord is asking you to work in this ministry? Could you volunteer your time to counsel a young woman in need? Could you organize and disperse material donations to new moms? Could you dedicate yourself to daily prayer for our effort? Please contact us at info@choicedupage.com or call us at 630-261-9564 if you feel called to join this vital work.

FILL YOUR BABY BOTTLE!

The information above is from the web site of Woman's Choice Services, a Diocese of Joliet Charity. The information speaks for itself. A group of parishioners that includes some of our knights is giving out empty baby bottles at "doughnut Sunday" on October 3. You and everyone you know are urged to fill a bottle with your spare change and possibly a large check. The group will collect the filled bottles at the doughnut Sunday of November (first Sunday, November 7.) Be generous in your support of this wonderful group for women. The office of Woman's Choice Services nearest to Mokena is in the Crest Hill Shopping Center at Larkin and US 30 in Joliet. Volunteer to help!



CATHOLICISM 201

Dear Members of Knights of Columbus:

Sometimes even the most faithful and active Catholics get a little rusty about the basics of our faith and need a "tune-up". Or we might need a refresher to help us answer questions we may be asked by non-Catholics or by those who are questioning and struggling with their faith. Catholicism 201 is a program designed to do just that - to help us learn and rediscover what makes us Catholic.

Please join us for our special series Catholicism 201, an eight week program on Monday evenings beginning October 4. Each session begins at 6:30 in Burnett Hall with a meal, followed by prayer, a DVD presentation and discussions. Since your presence is important to us, there is no charge for the entire program! We just would welcome you to join.

Here are the topics that will be covered in this series:

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| October 4 | The Church |
| October 11 | Sacraments and Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) |
| October 18 | The Eucharist |
| October 25 | Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) |
| November 1 | Sacraments of Vocation (Marriage and Holy Orders) |
| November 8 | Mary and the Saints |
| November 15 | Introduction to Christian Morality |
| November 22 | The Thorny Issues |

We are excited about this program and look forward to having you join us. If you have any questions, need further information or to register by phone, please call me at 708-326-9313. Or you may simply fill out the registration form below and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you.

Peace,

Sister Dolores

Please register me/us for Catholicism 201:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please return this registration form to the Parish Office no later than September 30.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP!

Nora Quinn, daughter of Past Grand Knight Gregory Quinn, has been awarded the John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council awarded only 28 John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarships this year.

An applicant must be a U.S. student entering freshman year of undergraduate study at a Catholic college or Catholic university in the United States and a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus or the wife, widow, son or daughter of such a member or deceased member. (Fourth Degree membership is not a qualification for scholarship eligibility). The scholarships of \$1,500 each are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and are renewable each year of study, pending satisfactory academic performance, to a total of four years.

Nora's other academic achievements include National Merit Commended student (one of only 7 students so honored at Lincoln-Way East this year), Ranked in the top 2% of the Class of 2010, National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, and a PSAE All Star (Prairie State Achievement Examination)

In addition to her academic interest, Nora has been an active in Knights of Columbus events for well over a decade. She has been involved with the Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, baking desserts for the Spaghetti Dinner, Taco Fest, selling tickets for the Turtle Race and herding the turtles down the creek and across the finish line, and has assisted her sister with the Bingo Calling, and the Sisters of St. Francis with their cards at Nun's Bingo for the past several years. This year she added working the Pizza Party Fund Raiser for the Frankfort Township Food Party to her long list of Knight of Columbus Activities. Due to her Knights of Columbus activities, and in conjunction with her involvement with various LWE activities, Nora was awarded the Anne G. Sitzberger Memorial Scholarship for Community Service by St. Mary - Mokena Council.



NORA QUINN

Congratulations to Nora for all her accomplishments, and best wishes and good luck to her this fall as she enters the University of Notre Dame.

MEN MOVING MOUNTAINS

A Monthly Encounter with Christ

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Mary Church is sponsoring a men's study group on the second Saturday of every month. The first meeting will be on October 9.

Men attending will first go to the 7:30 AM Mass. After Mass, the group will assemble for prayer, Gospel study, meditation and reflection until about 10:00 AM. The program consists of a team guided format with active participation by the men attending.

St Mary men are encouraged to attend this program in order to deepen their faith, their understanding of the Church and of themselves.

Registration is not required for this event—just go to the 7:30 AM Mass on November 9 and join the group afterward.

The program is sponsored by the Men's Spirituality Ministry. For more information please contact Tom Morrison at (708) 267 6725 or John Narcissi at (815) 324 4391



Vivat Jesus

The Newman Club

The Knights of Columbus have been supporting “Newman Centers” and “Newman Ministries” at colleges for many years. The Newman Club supports these centers through donations from individual members of the Knights of Columbus. In the near future, all of us will be receiving a request for donation by mail. The mail solicitation is the only way that we raise money for the Newman Centers—there are no “fundraisers” for this.

The Newman Club and its Centers are named after John Henry Cardinal Newman, the Anglican cleric who converted to Catholicism and who was recently beatified by His Holiness Pope Benedict for his heroic defense of the Faith. Newman Centers are a home at college for Catholic students. At many large universities, the centers are churches that conduct Masses for the students as well as social centers for support of their faith. At smaller colleges the local diocese provides similar services for us. With colleges universally teaching humanism and its derivatives, Catholic students need support in their faith more than ever! Your contributions make these centers possible—they are our most important evangelical work. Be generous when you receive the envelope!



CARDINAL NEWMAN

MEMORIAL MASS

The councils whose Fourth Degree members make up the Joliet Assembly annually combine to honor and pray for those who God took home from them that year. The annual Memorial Mass will be at Council 4400 on Wednesday November 10 at 7 PM. All family members and friends of those who died during the past year should plan to attend. The Council 4400 Hall is at 1830 East Cass Street in Joliet.

At the Mass, the names of those knights and their family members who have left us will be read and they will be remembered. Mass will be conducted by Father John Mc Geean, Faithful Friar of the Joliet Assembly. Plan now to attend the Memorial Mass.



Fourth Degree Open House

The Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree will hold an open house during its December meeting. The Fourth Degree is a group of Third Degree knights who assemble into a separate organization to encourage patriotism and to support the Church. Fourth Degree knights wear a distinctive uniform in parades and at Church events that identifies them as Knights of Columbus. Eleven Councils in and near Joliet support and have members in the Joliet Assembly.

Membership in the Fourth Degree is open to all Knights in good standing. Before joining the Assembly you must have been a First Degree knight for at least six months and must complete your Third Degree. The next exemplification of Fourth Degree knights is on February 19, 2011 so that any member who completed his First Degree on or before September 19, 2010 can be eligible.

The Joliet Assembly will hold an open house for prospective new members on Monday night December 6. There will be explanations and demonstrations, a raffle, free food and fellowship. Plan to come and learn about the Fourth Degree of the order!