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Viva Cristo Rey!

Deacon Nabil Halaby in procession with Father Jim as they leave the Deacon's first Mass. Deacon Halaby wears the Cross of Jerusalem on his Stole to signify the place of his birth.



IMPORTANT RAFFLE INFO ON PAGE 3

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5:

LABOR DAY: Show your flag and be proud to be Catholic!

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6:

JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11:**

ST MARY ID DRIVE: We collect money outside the Church at all Masses for the Intellectually Disabled (TOOTSIE ROLLS) (article Pg 3)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13:

COUNCIL MEETING: We meet in the FRANCISCAN ROOM of St Mary School starting at 7:30 PM.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16
THROUGH SUNDAY SEP-**

EMBER 18: ID DRIVE: We

need everyone for this as we set up in front of Berkots and other locations for the big TOOTSIE ROLL push for the Intellectually Disabled (article PAGE 3)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17:

POKER NIGHT: We meet this time at Joe Kral's house, 19403 Kevin Ave., Mokena. Phone (708) 478 4543. The game starts at 7:30 PM (Be there or be square)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24:

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Come and help your brothers raise money for council activities. (article page 5)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17:

OFFICER AND DIRECTORS

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

CRISTEROS!

The Mexican revolution of 1910 resulted in a major disaster for Mexico. The ruling classes were autocratic in nature while the Catholic lay people tended to believe in socialism. As wars raged the split became stronger. A Socialist president, General Venustiano Carranza was finally elected in 1916. Carranza had fought against the government with Pancho Villa, Zapata and others. The Church had supported the established government, without awareness of the danger that awaited defeat.



The flag of the Cristeros

A revised socialist constitution was approved in 1917 that contained powerful anti Christian articles. Teaching religion was outlawed, public display of religion was permitted only with state approval and supervision, religious organizations and priests had to be licensed and churches were not allowed to own property other than that "necessary to achieve their objectives". The constitution was then used as justification for many other laws that had the objective of stamping out Christianity. The first laws passed were minor in nature and not generally enforced. There was a period of truce between the government and the Church that lasted until 1924 when a strong atheist, Plutarco Elias Calles, became President of Mexico. Calles and his PRI Party enforced the new laws throughout Mexico and then signed laws that forbade wearing clerical garb in public, criticism of the government by a priest and other severe restrictions. Church and private property was confiscated, monasteries, religious convents and religious schools were closed.

Church organizations started to resist with boycotts. On July 11, 1926, the Catholic Bishops suspended all public worship as too dangerous. On August 23, 1926 about 400 armed Catholics were in the church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Guadalajara. A shootout with federal troops ended when the Catholics ran out of ammunition. 18 dead and 40 injured resulted. In the following days federal troops attacked churches in several Mexican states where they executed the priests. Civil war resulted. Catholic volunteer armies started to capture towns and small cities against local militias but had harder time with large cities that were defended by the federal army.



Cristeros hung by the army

On February 23, 1927 the Cristeros defeated the army for the first time. War raged with both sides winning battles. The government burned all the villages on the high plateau country of the State of Jalisco and placed the inhabitants in concentration camps. Those sent to the camps often died from mistreatment and malnutrition, producing renewed strength in the uprising.

The Cristeros held the upper hand throughout 1928 and 1929, winning the war. A peace was signed on June 21, 1929. Church bells rang again and Masses resumed. 90,000 people had been killed. Very few priests remained. The socialist government betrayed the peace and about 500 Cristeros leaders and 5,000 others were shot. The PRI ruled Mexico for 70 years and the last of the Cristeros executed was shot in 1951. Huge numbers of Cristeros emigrated to the United States, particularly to Los Angeles. Mexico still suffers greatly from many anticlerical and property confiscation laws that are still in effect. Viva Cristo Rey!



VOCATIONS RAFFLE!

Seminarians need a lot of money in order to pay for their schooling. In years past the Church paid all of the costs but that has all changed. Seminarians have to pay for a lot of the costs themselves. To help them, the Knights of Columbus raise money each year with a statewide raffle that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars. Raffle ticket printing and prize money are the only expenses—all the rest of the money raised goes to vocations.

Raffle booklets cost \$15.00 each with \$6.00 from each going to the state vocations fund and \$9.00 from each going to our council vocations fund. Last year the St Mary council sold 83 books of tickets! The deadline for turning in raffle money to Joe Sluis is November 15. Please turn in your completely sold booklets as soon as possible. Waiting is dangerous since it is easy to forget or to lose the tickets. This year the raffle tickets have a notice that you cannot require anyone to pay for them. This notice is required by the Post Office. If you give anyone a ticket without charging \$1.00 for it then the council will have to pay for the ticket! Please remember the following rules:

DO NOT TAKE THE BOOKLETS APART

DO NOT REMOVE THE FRONT COVER

SELL ALL 15 TICKETS—PARTIAL BOOKLETS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

RETURN THE BOOKLETS OF STUBS WITH \$15 PER BOOKLET TO:

Joe Sluis

11533 St. Vincent Ct.

Mokena, IL 60448

TAKE CARE OF THIS RIGHT AWAY SO THAT THE BOOKLETS ARE NOT MISPLACED!

IF YOU NEED REPLACEMENT BOOKLETS OR CAN SELL MORE THAN ONE, CONTACT JOE AT (815) 469 9204 OR EMAIL HIM AT MOKENAJ@AOL.COM

TOOTSIE ROLLS!



The council conducts a “Tootsie Roll” drive every year to raise money for the Intellectually Disabled. The KC Council at St George Parish in Tinley Park invented this great way to raise money

about forty years ago and it has been copied by many organizations to raise money for charity by standing on street corners with a donation can. Mokena is one of the few towns in the country that does not permit fund raisers to stand at street intersections so that we have to stand in front of stores or at railroad stations to collect the money. The tootsie roll drive works like this: The council buys supplies for the drive consisting of cases of tootsie rolls and aprons if needed. Volunteers ask for donations from passers by and give a tootsie roll for any donation. We do this on two consecutive weekends—first at all the Masses at St Mary Church and the following week at as many locations in town as possible. We need everyone to pitch in for this, including the women and older children! To volunteer contact Pete Baker at (815) 806 1499 or Dan Michalak at (815) 463 1044. The work is easy and fun!

Strict accounting is used to make sure that all money raised goes to charity. Forms showing all our expenses and income are submitted to the State Council with a check for the net proceeds after expenses. The State Council collects the tootsie roll money from all participating councils and then returns a form to each council to designate who gets the donations. A list of approved charities that help the “Intellectually Disabled” comes with the form. The council votes on how to distribute the money and Financial Secretary Dan then submits the form. The State Council collects all the forms, tallies up all the donations and then issues a single check to each charity. It’s a great way to raise money!

CHANGING THE GUARD



Larry Jourdan

The council recently lost an energetic and successful membership director in Larry Jourdan. Larry was able to organize a group of brother knights into a highly effective membership committee that got the job done. Under Larry the council's quota for new members was met and the only reason we did not receive the coveted star council award was because too few members bought KC insurance. Well done Larry!



Donald Zich

Grand Knight Don Bauc has appointed Don Zich as our new membership director. Membership is everyone's responsibility and ideally Don only has to sign up the new members that all of us bring to him! Make it so! The Knights of Columbus is a great organization that we should easily be able to "sell".

CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The St Mary Council has a separate organization attached to it that was originally established to save up money for a Knights of Columbus clubhouse. The organization is called "The Columbian Club" and it has existed since 1977. In the beginning fund raisers and other events were held to build up the money held by the club but nothing has been added for many years. The club is usually called the corporation. In the nineteen eighties it was realized that a clubhouse was unrealistic and the assets of the corporation began to decrease as money was spent on St Mary Church projects. The corporation has donated many items to the church over the years that include the range hood system over the stoves in the Burnett Hall kitchen, the griddle in the kitchen, furniture for the school and for Burnett Hall, a defibrillator for the church, the Nativity scenes and other items. Most of the corporation money is now gone but a residual amount remains that has been used annually since 2000 to award scholarships to deserving students. The "Anne Sitzberger Scholarships" are awarded each year in memory of Anne, who devoted herself to support of the knights for many years. Anne Sitzberger was married to Past Grand Knight Art Sitzberger and was the mother of Past Grand Knight Steve Sitzberger. This year the \$500 scholarship for an outstanding eighth grader was awarded to John Narcissi of Mokena. John will attend Providence High School this fall. Two high school seniors tied in their division and were awarded \$500 each. Victoria DiNaso will attend Arizona State University and Rosemary Quinn will attend Marquette University.



HE'S BACK!!

After teaching school in Africa for a while, our member Sir Knight Father Dennis Kasule is back in Illinois. Father Dennis is a Diocesan Priest from the Diocese of Kampala, Uganda. Arriving about two weeks ago, Father Dennis will now be teaching at the Mundelein Seminary. We hope to see him at meetings and other events.

Those of you who have not met Father Dennis should avail yourselves of a wonderful opportunity to learn about Uganda and meet a great brother.



Father Dennis Kasule

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday September 24. Money raised at this event goes to support the Council budget which includes our annual assessments for the Supreme Council and the State Council as well as for our local expenses and charities in Mokena. Our superb "secret recipe" spaghetti sauce is popular and a great testament to Master Chef Rich Ciancio's cooking skills. The dinner is served after the 5PM Saturday Mass and is advertised throughout Mokena. Come and enjoy this great meal and help with its preparation and service. Contact Joe Kral at (708) 478 4543 to volunteer.



The Diocese of Joliet will once again sponsor a bus trip to Washington to MARCH FOR LIFE and pray in front of the Supreme Court to end abortion. The trip will be January 20 through 24, 2012. Plan now to join our Bishops, about 200 worshippers from the Joliet Diocese and 350,000 others in this huge annual event. Buses will leave from and return to Romeoville. The cost per person is \$425 for adults and \$325 for students, which includes most meals, lodging and transportation. Come and be inspired! Paperwork and deposits of \$100 per person are required by November 1. To learn more go to

www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/MarchForLife.asp

The web site has information and the forms you will need to sign up. There is some financial assistance available for full time students. There is no planned air travel for participants this year. The Joliet Assembly is investigating the possibility and will report back as soon as possible. If you might be interested in going but don't want to ride the buses then please contact Joe Sluis at (815) 469 9204 or email him at MOKENAJ@AOL.COM.

The March for Life is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

MYSTICAL BODY, MYSTICAL VOICE

Dear Gentlemen of the KC:

Have you ever worked hard to choose just the right words to express to your family or friends what you wanted to say or what you were feeling? We all have, because words speak volumes. And the liturgical prayer of the church, or the words we use at Mass, are no different. It is important that we have the best words to make present the realities of our faith.

Beginning the first Sunday in Advent, the Mass prayers are changing! To assist you in understanding the fullness of these prayers, why the changes are happening and to deepen your understanding of the Mass, we are offering a 5 week program beginning Monday, October 10. The program is a video presentation and discussion called *Mystical Body, Mystical Voice*. The program is similar to Catholicism 201.

Each Monday we will begin in Burnett Hall at 6:45 p.m. with dessert, followed by prayer, and the program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Session I: The Word Becomes Flesh**
- Session II: Maturing in the Word**
- Session III: Liturgy of the Word**
- Session IV: Liturgy of the Eucharist**
- Session V: General Tips for Catechesis**

So, have dinner at home and then join us at 6:45 p.m. for dessert and a marvelous program that will not only help you personally, but assist you in explaining the new prayers to your family and friends. To register, simply fill out the attached registration form or call 708-326-9303. There is no charge and you even get great dessert each week!

Peace,

Sister Dolores Zemont

Please register me/us for *Mystical Body, Mystical Voice*:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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