

# STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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Last month's newsletter marked the end of a series of articles on the various parish councils and committees.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the Knights of Columbus are two independent organizations that support our parish.

## The Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Sharon Guck, Rosa Carr and Angie Jacobson

I think it is safe to say that all Mothers in our parish are Christian Mothers.

According to Webster's Dictionary: A Confraternity is: 1) a society devoted to a religious or charitable cause; 2) fraternal union.

All women of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to join the Confraternity of the Christian Mothers. Unmarried women and non-Catholic mothers may join the Confraternity and are accepted as associate members.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, September through May, taking the summer months off. We pray the rosary at 6:00 pm followed by a light lunch, with the meeting at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We have currently been trying a variation of the above schedule. During the winter months we have been meeting Sunday mornings following the 8:30 am Mass. We sometimes have speakers. If you know of someone who would like to speak at one of our meetings, please let one of the officers know. They are listed at the end of this article.

Praying for the children is our foremost duty. Some of the other things we do are:

1. Help fund various religious activities such as:
  - a. TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

- b. NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)
- c. Teen Retreats
- d. Summer Bible School
- e. RE Classes (Religious Education)
2. Purchase gifts for the children.
  - a. Baptism
  - b. First Communion
  - c. Confirmation
3. Purchase videos for children and adults
4. Help with parish activities throughout the year, including, but not limited to:
  - a. January: Epiphany party
  - b. February: Marriage day
  - c. March: Rosary before masses
  - d. Lent:
    - i. Holy Thursday meal
    - ii. Weaving of palms on Palm Sunday
  - e. May:
    - i. Baccalaureate dinner
    - ii. Living rosary:
    - iii. Rosary before masses
  - f. June: Ice Cream Social on Feast of the Sacred Heart
  - g. July: Cedar chest raffle.
  - h. October:
    - i. Respect life Sunday
    - ii. Rosary before Masses
  - i. December:
    - i. Soup and sandwich luncheon
    - ii. Theme baskets and bake sale

Our current officers are:

President: Brenda Smith: 218-847-9943

Vice President: Jill Mickelson: 218-346-3292

Secretary: Nancy Bentley: 218-847-9326

Treasurer: Donna Ulschmid: 218-334-8144

## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was started in 1881 by father Michael McGivney in New Haven, CT. After the civil war, many families were left with very little after the death of their husbands, fathers or brothers. Many times families and friends were their only support. During this time many fraternal lodges and societies were formed to help men come together to support one another and help each other in times of tragedy, unfortunately these also replaced religion for many.

Father McGivney, having suffered the early death of his father which left his mother, him and 6 younger siblings with very little, sensed the need for an organization of Catholic men who could come together in support of one another and their families and to provide monetary support upon a member's sickness or death to his family. With the help of members of a defunct benevolent society made up of primarily Catholic veterans called the Red Knights, the Knights of Columbus organization was started.

This organization has adhered to its charter in providing insurance to its members becoming the 6<sup>th</sup> largest insurance company in the United States while contributing to many charities worldwide.

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 12581 was formed in 1991 by Sacred Heart parishioners who were members of the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus. The initial charter lists approximately 50 members.

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus consists of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knights. They meet the first Monday of each month.. The Knights are a charitable organization that gives to and works within the parish and community.

Some of their projects include:

1. Performing the liturgical minister duties for the Christmas and Easter Masses
2. Sponsoring an annual altar server party
3. Providing scholarships for students attending Catholic Schools or college
4. Poster contest
5. Christmas buttons and goody bags for kids
6. Contributions to the garage, window and steeple funds and the FACC
7. Adopt a highway program
8. Tootsie Roll fund raiser for disabled children
9. Volunteers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Program
10. Donations to various local charities
11. Donations to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, MCCL

Primary fund raisers are the Lenten Fish Fry and the Ice House or Gun Raffle.

If you would like to become a member of this wonderful organization or for more information, please contact Tim Stenger @ 847-2912

### **Greeters**

Have you noticed someone with a smile on their face giving you a friendly welcome as you come to a weekend Mass? This person is inviting you to become part of our celebration.

Many of us will be doing the same to our friends and relatives next week in our own homes as we gather to celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead. Whether at church or at home, we are performing the ministry of greeter.

Every weekend we have a celebration of the Mass. Why not volunteer to greet our visitors, friends and relatives as they come to celebrate with us at Sacred Heart?

Please contact Marlys Jacobson @334-4221 or Al Jacobson @ 847-5510 to volunteer.