



# DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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St Charles Borromeo  
Council 10570



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## *From the Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, it is time to reflect, spend time with family, and most importantly focus on our Lord Jesus.

If you pay attention to the news these days, your hear constant discord is occurring in our country, and throughout the world. You have the "liberals versus the conservatives," and various "us against them" creating division and animosity among many, and which is even cropping up among some within different religions. Remember the goal of the Catholic Church is one thing only....to bring everyone into God's loving Grace. We can do this by emulating Jesus, our shepherd, by living our lives in service to others and loving one another.

I want to take a moment to thank all Knights that assisted in our November activities, for your dedication and tireless support for the council and church. As part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal and family organization, we have a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources helping our parish and community. Remember our success depends on you and we have faith that we will always be successful. We do what we can, we help as much as possible and our rewards are not of this world.

Please continue to pray for one another, there are a number of us that need the support and strength of prayer.

Your humble servant & brother in Christ,

**SK Gary D Trujillo, Grand Knight**

Grand Knight



## ***A letter from Santa to Jesus***

My dear precious Jesus, I did not mean to take your place, I only bring toys and things and you bring love and grace. People give me lists of wishes and hope that they came true; But you hear prayers of the heart and promise your will to do. Children try to be good and not to cry when I am coming to town;...But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound. I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season; But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reasons. I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame; But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame. I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter; But no nail-scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter. You may find several of me in town or at a mall; But there is only one you, to answer a sinner's call. And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray; To worship and adore you on this, your holy birthday.



*"O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen." — St. Ignatius of Loyola*



**JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE OTHERS**



## DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

December 19 – Jacque Zamora  
December 22 – Gary D Trujillo  
December 24 – Jason H Rodarte  
January 5 – David Ortiz  
January 7 - Jeremiah S Houdobre  
January 11 – Joseph H Pohl  
January 11 – John A Topolski  
January 21 – Louis J Hernandez  
January 29 – Joseph R Valdez

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday!

# 4 PRINCIPLES 4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM

JESUS IS THE REASON  
FOR THE SEASON

MERRY CHRISTMAS



## COUNCIL KNIGHTS IN ACTION:

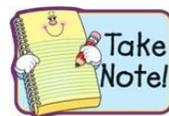


### During November Brother Knights performed the following volunteer activities:

- ❖ Three (3) Brothers served as Lectors at three (3) different Masses
- ❖ Three (3) Brothers served as Eucharistic Ministers at two (2) Masses
- ❖ Seven (7) Brothers served as Ushers at eight (8) different Masses
- ❖ One (1) Brother took the Eucharist to the homebound two (2) different times
- ❖ Three (3) Brothers led the weekly Rosary before six (6) different Masses
- ❖ Three (3) Brothers assisted in the weekly collection count during the four (4) weeks of the month.
- ❖ Five (5) Brothers and seven (7) family members assisted at the Church Turkey Bingo
- ❖ Eight (8) Brothers assisted at the Posole Fundraiser
- ❖ One (1) Brother taught three (3) classes on Introduction to Scripture at Holy Family Parish
- ❖ One (1) Brother taught three (3) classes to Confirmation I & II students at St Charles Parish
- ❖ One (1) Brother taught 3 weeks of a Mariology class for the University of Dayton's VLCCFF community
- ❖ One (1) Brother taught (1) class on the Spirituality of of Sienna at St Anne's parish



## UPCOMING EVENTS: *Council events & other items of interest*



- **December 9: Pancake Breakfast with Santa in the St Charles School Cafeteria, 10am -2pm**
  - **December 10: Knights Family Holiday Potluck in the St Charles School Cafeteria at 6pm (1800)**
  - December 15: The Christmas Story at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 6:30pm
  - December 16: Las Posadas begin at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (hosted by various ministries)
  - December 17: Saving Jesus – An Advent Story in Icons, San Jose room at St Joseph on the Rio Grande Parish, 7-8:30pm
  - **December 20: Tamale/Chile relleno delivery, St Charles Multi-Purpose Building, 1-6pm**
  - January 20: Annual Rev. Dr Martin Luther King Jr Mass at St Joseph on the Rio Grande at 12 noon Advent
- \* **Please review the church bulletin and flyers about the upcoming Advent and Christmas events to be held at St Charles Borromeo**

Please note that this is just a partial list of known events, if you know of any other event please do not hesitate to advise the Grand Knight, so the event can be listed here. (Council 10570 events are listed in **bold** text above)

Jesus  
Calling

When I joined the ranks of humanity, born in the humblest conditions, My Glory was hidden from all but a few people. Occasionally, streaks of Glory shone out of Me, especially when I began to do miracles. Toward the end of My life, I was taunted and tempted to display more of My awesome Power than My Father's plan permitted. I could have called down legions of angels to rescue Me at any point. Imagine the self-control required of a martyr who could free Himself at will! All of this was necessary to provide the relationship with Me that you now enjoy. Let your life become a praise song to Me by proclaiming My glorious Presence in the world.

## Charity is sowing to the Spirit

*Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. – Galatians 6:7-8*

In this verse, we have encapsulated the entire Catholic teaching concerning the idea of “merit.” Many people think that when the Church speaks of “merit” she means “extra good deeds you do to make up for inadequate atonement for sin.” But this completely misunderstands the Church’s teaching. In reality, everything that we do that contributes to our salvation is the result of the grace of Christ, not a supplement to or a cause of grace. Sowing to the Spirit (seeking God consistently in prayer, or doing works of mercy, or faithfully approaching the sacraments) is not a thing we do to put God in our debt. We do this because God is at work in us already and inspiring us to obey him.

*Acts of penance are not a payback that evens the score, but a way of recalling that we are constantly in God’s debt. ~ Practicing Catholic*

## **MONTHLY CHALLENGE FROM THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN**

An exciting initiative called “Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain” began July 2, 2018. Check out this month’s challenge below. A new challenge for each month will be shared on the Knights of Columbus social media pages, as well as in *Knightline* and *Columbia* magazines. It is also available in multiple languages at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

**Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ...Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”** (Gospel for 12/23, Lk. 1:39; 41-42)

“In great haste”: my brother Knights, these three words teach us volumes! Mary set out “in great haste”—and the rest is history. Mary is the first evangelist. With the incredible news of the annunciation, she wastes no time fulfilling the command to visit her cousin Elizabeth. My brothers, we know that so many things can weigh us down and prevent us from delivering the good news to others with that speed and urgency. The Lord knows our every sorrow, weakness, fear, or excuse. And yet He invites us to look to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and call upon her intercession. May we be known as her reliable sons who likewise carry the news “in great haste,” leaving behind everything that impedes us.

### **December 2018 Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month I challenge you to pray at least a decade of the Rosary daily. Secondly, we are often in situations in which faith topics come up and we choose to say nothing. This month I challenge you to engage in those conversations and share what you love about the Catholic Faith.

**Engage in the challenge and put your faith into action today! *Vivat Jesus!***

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## **VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Online ABUSE AWARENESS INFORMATION**

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe recently changed policy regarding the abuse awareness training for the protection of children. First, **ALL** volunteers **MUST** complete the training, whether you are in a Mass ministry or volunteer in any capacity in any parish. Second, the training must be renewed every FIVE years. The training can now be completed either at a class or individually ONLINE. And, it is completely FREE! For details, please pick up a copy of the flyer from the table in the St Charles Borromeo lobby, or visit the Archdiocese of Santa Fe’s website @ <http://www.archdiocesasantafe.org/> **Please note: since Knights volunteer at church activities, all Knights are required to be in compliance with the Abuse Awareness Training. Once you have completed the training, please provide a copy of your training certificate to the Council Advocate.**

**Newsletter Submissions:** Please submit anything of interest (articles, anniversaries, events, obituaries, service projects, etc) to the Grand Knight (rdo1381@aol.com) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the newsletter.

**Why Encourage Membership in Knights? It’s an Opportunity to Grow in Jesus Christ**



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## Disability Income Insurance – Receive an income even when you can't work.

A lot of us know about disability insurance, and many of us even have it, and yet it's chronically misunderstood.

Many people receive disability coverage from their employer, yet they don't know too much about the particulars. Is it short-term disability? Is it long-term disability? Is it both? Does it cover your entire salary? Or only part? How much? Yet despite the confusion, disability income insurance provides critical protection to families, especially those who rely on their paychecks to pay the bills.

That's why the Knights of Columbus introduced Disability Income Insurance in 2011. Now Knights and their families have a trusted provider to turn to help protect their paychecks from the unexpected.

So, if you're among the more than 100 million workers without private disability income insurance\*\*, or among the 38 million families who live paycheck to paycheck\*\*\*, a tailored Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance plan may be just the right solution for you – even if it's a supplement to what you already have. So be sure to reach out to me today, and get the conversation started, so that you can take advantage of this exclusive portfolio of protection that's been assembled for you.

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NOVEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
**MICHAEL R ARIAS**



NOVEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
**JOSEPH T GONZALES FAMILY**

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.



On November 10, 2018 at an Exemplification held at the Lamy Council, two Brothers from our Council became Sir Knights of Santo Rosario Assembly 2733. Congratulations to (l-r) Sir Knight Gary D Trujillo & Sir Knight Edward J Torres

**JESUS** is  
the Reason  
for the  
**Season.**

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.



## MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



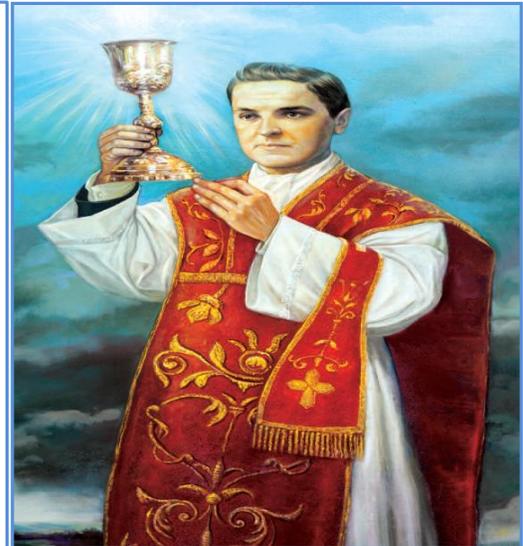
The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

***"The blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of Mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin"***

### PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### The Candy Cane:

#### The true meaning of Christmas:



**Scripture:** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his stripes you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

The candy cane is a long-time Christmas tradition. Everywhere we look we see them. They are used as decorations on Christmas trees and, of course, they are one of the most popular of all Christmas treats. I have heard several stories about the history and meaning of the candy cane. I don't know if they are true, but I do think that the candy cane can teach us a few things about the true meaning of Christmas.

First of all, if you look at the candy cane like this , it looks like the letter J. Jesus starts with the letter J, so that should remind us of Jesus and help us to remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday.

If you look at the candy cane like this , it looks like a shepherd's crook. The shepherd used his crook to keep the sheep from wandering away from the flock and getting lost or eaten by a wild animal. The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd." The candy cane should remind us that Jesus is our shepherd and he will keep us from wandering away and getting lost or hurt.

The candy cane is mostly white. White is a symbol of purity. That should remind us that Jesus was the spotless Lamb of God and that because he came to be the sacrifice for our sin, we can become as white as snow.

As you know, the candy cane has three red stripes. The Bible tells us that before he was crucified, Jesus was beaten with a whip which made blood-red stripes across his back. The Bible says that we are healed by those stripes. The stripes on the candy cane should remind us that Jesus suffered and died, so that we can have everlasting life.

To many people, the candy cane is a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time or just a piece of candy to be eaten and enjoyed. I hope that this year, every time you see a candy cane, you will be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

***Lord, we thank you that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who keeps us from harm. We thank you that because of his suffering and death on the cross, we have life everlasting. Help us to remember that we find the true meaning of Christmas in him.***

## Advent is a word with Latin roots. It means "approach" or "coming."

### ***But what is Advent, really?***

Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first Sunday of Advent, which begins on December 3rd this year, the Church celebrates its own kind of New Year's Day. Advent begins each year on the Sunday closest to November 30th, which is the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle. Sometimes people mistakenly think that Advent is part of the Christmas celebration. But actually, Advent is a time of preparation all its own. Christmas doesn't actually begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve, and then we enter the beautiful season of **Christmas** and **Christmastide**.

Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent, so its nickname is the "Little Lent."

In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing on the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child is Our Lord and Savior, Who will suffer and die for our salvation. Advent has been around for a long time, long before it was actually called "Advent," and possibly as early as the 2nd century. Originally, it was celebrated for 40 days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been adjusted to four weeks, but the symbolism remains.

You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass during this Advent season. Although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels: the Gloria. We will wait to sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day, just as they did over two thousand years ago.

The Scripture readings at Mass remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through the darkness. Isaiah 60:19 reminds us of this promise: "The sun shall be no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of many Advent wreaths is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath (or candleholder) holds four Advent candles which are lit one by one throughout the four weeks of Advent. The burning flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "the light of the world." (John 8:12)

There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose (pink) candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* (Latin for "Rejoice") Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our wait for Christmas is almost over.

Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on Gaudete Sunday.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has its own meaning. The first Advent candle, called the "Prophet's Candle," symbolizes *Hope*, and reminds us that Jesus is coming.

The second Advent candle, called the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizes *Faith*, and reminds us of Mary and Joseph's difficult journey to Bethlehem.

The third Advent candle, called the "Shepherd's Candle," symbolizes *Joy*, and reminds us of the joy the world experienced when Jesus was born.

The fourth Advent candle, called the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes *Peace* and reminds us of the message of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated, the materials used have symbolic meaning:

**Evergreens** remind us of our eternal life with Christ.

**Holly** represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus.

**Pinecones** symbolize Christ's Resurrection.