

# HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS





# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11187

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## Worthy Brothers,

"Tis the Season " as the saying goes. I would like to wish each and everyone of you and your families a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

We are quite blessed to be experiencing growth in our council this year due to everyone's help, individual participation, and support with our recent membership drives.

We have just had an all-time record Pancake Breakfast this past weekend which saw many new faces both in the kitchen serving and at the tables with our Parish families abuzz with the Joy of Christmas in Herrmann Hall after the Sunday Masses. You could sense this as Father Leo has previously commented. The Pancake Breakfast Guys stepped up to meet the logistical challenges and produced a successful outcome for all of our customers. Must have been a new secret recipe for the pancakes. Who knows but the overall result produced good fruits and sweet results for our Church family.

I overheard Santa talking about going to the South Pole for vacation after all of the 141 little angels told him what they wanted for Christmas this year.

If possible during the upcoming Christmas Masses, lend a hand wherever and whenever you are able. Be the hands and feet of Jesus during the Holiday Season to those who need it the most.

*Francis Wilamosky*

Grand Knight  
grandknight@kofc11187.com

## Chancellor's Corner - Getting the Whole Picture

How many of us can remember, as children, saying "I didn't mean to do it". Many times, this refrain occurred between siblings who wanted to push their responsibility, or misfortune, to others, namely their brother or sister. When we allow other's misfortune to contribute to our well-being, it's not acceptable. In the end, we are to blame, and we need to take responsibility.

In Psalms 1, "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but who meditates on His law, day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields fruit in season... whatever they do prospers." "Not so the wicked, they are like chaff that the wind blows away."

In Titus 1:7-9, "Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless-not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined."

Luther explains each of the Ten Commandments with a positive view of each "thou shalt not". Loving your neighbor doesn't just mean not bearing false witness, but also defending your neighbor and supporting them. Take responsibility, and speak well of your neighbor.

*Raymond Ganem*

Chancellor

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to express my appreciation the Council for the Breakfast with Santa today. I know that many of you worked very hard with preparing and implementing what I believe was a great event. There was a wonderful spirit in Hermann Hall this morning with so many people from all generations coming together. In a sense, Evangelization took place in that many whom we don't see regularly at Weekend Masses, especially many of our young people. I am praying that many found that our parish community is a place of welcome and hospitality and will return on a more frequent basis.

God's blessings!

*Fr. Leo*



## Membership Meeting Notes - November 8, 2023

Grand Knight Francis Wilamosky called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Missing were the Chancellor, Inside Guard, both excused, and Warden, absent. Wayne Patterson motioned to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Blamer. Voted upon and passed.

**Chaplain Report:** Father Leo talked about Issue 1 passing yesterday and stressed that Pro-Life supporters must rely on hope for the future and remain people of faith, what can we do to help those with having a baby that need medical and shelter assistance. Seton is getting a lot of new Parishners as the number of families is increasing. Need for more Greeters, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, did you notice the "Help Needed/Wanted" ad in the 11/5/23 bulletin? Hoping to offer the Precious Blood at all Masses starting with the first Sunday of Advent.

**Membership and Reading of Applications:** Mark Decker stated that we obtained 9 new members and 2 transfers at the Exemplification he held at his home on 11/5/23, next one will be in January, has 3 candidates already. Recruiting new members requires asking men of the parish if they are a Knight. If you need any Form 100, let him know. Has a goal of having an Exemplification event in the Church.

**Grand Knight Report:** GK Francis Wilamosky welcomed new members Dan Carroll, Mario Andrino, and transfers Alex Rospert, Ty Bowman and had them introduce themselves. Received a thank you card from Dustin Goodchild for supporting his St. Paul Outreach ministry at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN and another thank you card from Anne Miken, Director of Communications and Outreach for Fairfield County of Developmental Disabilities, for our donation. Received a \$1,000 check from the Boutselis Family Donor Advised Fund that is stewarded by The Catholic Foundation.

**Deputy Grand Knight Report:** Chuck Slaby emailed out another version of the THANK YOU information that can be used for a 22" x 26" poster to let the Parishners know the parish and local community organizations/activities that the Council supports.

**Treasurer's Report:** DJ Murphy sent out the financial report to the officers, program chairs, and those who requested a copy, let him know if there are any questions or if anyone else wants a copy. Any new member wanting a copy of the FY 2023/24 budget, email him at [treasurer@kofc11187.com](mailto:treasurer@kofc11187.com).

**Financial Secretary Report:** Frank Hare reported that we do not publish dollar amounts in the Newsletter, if anyone wants to see the financials, let him know at [financialsecretary@kofc11187.com](mailto:financialsecretary@kofc11187.com). Received a \$XXX rebate from Supreme for the "Food for Families" program, thanks to Bob Coholich, Program Director. 2024 membership dues will be a total of \$35, \$30 for regular dues and \$5 for Gimme Five, plans to start online collecting on 11/20/23 to save the Council printing and postage costs, printed statements will be mailed on 12/15/23. Currently have 49 members that are either Honorary Life or Honorary.

**Chancellor Report:** Absent, no report.

**Advocate Report:** Mark Decker mentioned that the "Transportation Ministry" is moving forward and plans to make a formal request presentation at the December Business Planning Meeting.

**Warden Report:** Absent, no report.

**Trustees Report:** Jesus Garcia, no report.

### Programs and Committees

**Program Director:** Bob Coholich reminded all Directors to submit to him a write up on any event that has occurred so he can get it listed on our Council's Program Report. Supreme has required the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Community Director complete the Child Protection program by 12/31/23.

**Church Director:** Wayne Patterson asked all members if they had their rosary in their pocket, if not the next time it will cost them \$5 as a Knight is expected to have a rosary at Council meetings. In addition, if your cell phone rings during a meeting, it will cost \$5. Both fines will go to the S.O.S. program. He has meet with Father Leo in regards to our Council purchasing a new rose vestment for the Parish, plans to make a motion to purchase one next month. Has Christmas Cards that Knights can mail to 27 Seminarians along with a \$25 gift card to Amazon, restaurant or fast food, or for gas, must be mailed by 12/8/23, let him know if you want to participate. Plans to have a training session for Eucharistic Ministers very soon, watch the Parish bulletin for the date.

**Report of the Fourth Degree:** FN Wayne Patterson stated the Assembly is selling 200 tickets for the VA Raffle, cost \$10 each, winner of drawing receives \$1,000, drawing 11/15/23, has 38 tickets left, let him know if you want tickets. The Assembly Memorial Service will be 11/15/23 with a Thanksgiving dinner in the PAC, followed by a special ceremony in church to honor Fourth Degree Knights who have passed before us, and then return to the PAC for dessert, all Knights and their wives are welcome. If you a new 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member and interested in becoming a Sir Knight, let him know.

**Community Report:** Dan M. Murphy mentioned that the Seton parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is interested in working with the Knights, perhaps conducting a Food Panty Drive for a downtown church or looking for other ideas to work together.

**Youth Director:** Al Kluczynski mentioned that the National Catholic Youth Conference will be in Indianapolis next week, 11/16-19/23.

**Family Director:** Chuck Slaby stated the Family Fall Festival on 10/28/23 was a success, had 11 trunk and treats participates with 65 to 80 kids attending. Thanked everyone that helped at the event.

**Right to Life:** Mike Gohr plans to contact the downtown Right to Life group to see how they are handling the defeat of Issue 1 last night. Sees a lot of single Moms at the Bishop Griffin Center so there is a need to get ideas as to how to get more men involved in raising their children.

**Public Relations:** Absent, no report.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Frank Hare mentioned that help will be needed for the second Pancake Breakfast on 11/12/23.

**Basketball Free Throw Contest:** George Bartos is working with St. Pius X Council on the K of C Free Throw Contest for ages 9 - 14 that will be held in early 2024. St. Pius X holds their contest during gym classes for those attending their school. Seton could hold one for SPY and PSR students on a Saturday or Sunday. More details to follow.

### Unfinished Business:

**MOTION:** Chuck Slaby made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Family Budget to spend on three \$XXX gift cards for the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, purchase some toys and gift bags that Santa Claus hands out at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa on 12/10/23, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Patterson. Discussion occurred, voted upon and passed.

**MOTION:** Al Kluczynski made a motion to donate \$XXX from the Youth Budget to provide meals for Parish Youth participating in the Portsmouth Food Drive distribution on 12/15-17/23, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Ganem. Discussion occurred, voted upon and passed.

**MOTION:** Wayne Patterson made a motion to spend \$XXX from the Church Budget to purchase hams for the Portsmouth Food Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Kluczynski. Discussion occurred, voted upon and passed.

**MOTION:** GK Francis Wilamosky made a motion on behalf of Dan M. Murphy to donate \$XXX from the Community Budget to St. Vincent de Paul at Seton Parish as they are running low on funds and November/December is a busy time for them, this is separate line item in the approved budget for FY 2023/24, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Slaby. Discussion occurred, voted upon and passed.

**New Business:** None.

**Field Agent Report:** Absent, no report.

**District Deputy Report:** Absent, no report.

**Brothers in Need:** Molly McNeely, Ed Straub, Nancy Straub, James Berry, Martha Todd, John Hemmeile, Shawn Roberts Family, Mike Welling, Lucretia Gracia, Maureen Patterson, Mike Sillings, Steve Patterson, Sarah Rigby, Tricia Bliss, Jean Eichas, Franzisca + son Christian, Erin Blevins, Sandra Blamer, Margaret LaRosa, and Father Sunder.

**Lecturer Report:** Steve Blevins spoke that for the entire month of November we remember our departed brothers and sisters in Christ who have fallen asleep in hope of their resurrection, but we especially remember the souls in Purgatory by offering a Mass for them, or offer up a Rosary in prayer for their souls, or offer up daily discomforts you may experience for them. We should also remember our brother Knights who have preceded us in death because our brother Knights who come after us will pray for us so let us always keep them in mind as they keep us in mind.

**SOS Fund:** \$XXX was collected this evening along with an additional \$XXX check for the "Support our Seminarians".

GK Francis Wilamosky asked all Veterans to stand up so they could be recognized for their service, thanked everyone for coming, great turnout with 37 members in attendance, and then officially closed the meeting at 8:20 pm with prayer and invited everyone to join us for a social gathering in the PAC's kitchen. Next Business Planning Meeting is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Membership Meeting is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, rosary prayed at 6:30

## **Business Meeting Notes - December 5, 2023**

Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Slaby called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with a prayer.

**Grand Knight Report:** DGK Chuck Slaby on behalf of GK Francis Wilamosky reported that the GK sent a thank you correspondence to Mr. and Mrs. John Boutsellis thanking them for their donation of \$1,000 to our Council. Our Council received a request from the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus hoping to secure a donation for the \$XXX renovation project of the Garden of the Holy Innocents at Resurrection Cemetery. Father Leo asked if the Council could possibly have a promotion that all kids eat free at the 12/10/23 Breakfast with Santa and 5 Officers responded positively so it was announced in the 12/3/23 bulletin. A group photo of the Knights of Council #11187 is tentatively arranged for 10:45 am at the Breakfast with Santa. Looking for someone to assume the Warden Officer position as Scott Huff is unable to attend meetings, call, text, or email the GK or any Trustee if you have an interest. All Knights are invited to assemble in the Narthex on 12/21/23 after the 9 am Mass to deliver to the office our annual Christmas Basket for the Seton office staff and Priests.

**Guest Speaker:** At 6:40 pm, Lincoln Purcell gave an update on his Eagle Scout project in regards to updating the Pickerington North High School Band Booster Concession stand which was a huge success and appreciated by all concession volunteers. He was assisted by 15 Scouts and presented the Council with a Thank You card for our donation.

**Deputy Grand Knight Report:** Chuck Slaby reported that he is in

the process of exploring a Scripture Discussion for teens being led by Brother Knights. This would be a Knights sponsored event, 6 Knights interested in leading it along with 5 to 10 teens, it would be open to both boys and girls. Day, time, and location is still to be determined, has proposed to Father Leo and waiting for his response. If anyone has questions, let Chuck know. He also reminded members that Breakfast with Santa will be this Sunday, 12/10/23, volunteers needed.

**Chaplain Report:** Absent, no report.

**Treasurer's Report:** DJ Murphy sent out the financial report to the officers, program chairs, and those who requested a copy, let him know if there are any questions or if anyone else wants a copy. The Trustees will need to pick a date to conduct an audit that is due by 2/15/24.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Frank Hare thanked the 40 to 50 members that have already paid their 2024 dues on line, plans to send out another email tomorrow encouraging members to pay their dues on line to save postage, will mail statements on 12/15/23 to those that have not yet paid. Asked if there is any communication he needs to send members with the statements, let him know. Currently we have 256 members and have attained 114.2% of our new members quota for this FY. Reminded everyone to support Seton's Portsmouth Food Drive by donating either money or food.

**Chancellor Report:** Ray Ganem, no report.

**Advocate Report:** Mark Decker discussed the Resolution he has prepared for the "Transportation Ministry" for Seton Parishners that he plans to present at the 12/13/23 Membership Meeting.

**Warden Report:** Absent, no report.

**Membership:** Mark Decker stated that that he has two Form 100 candidates, Michael Gromofsky and Robert Dominguez, Nicholas Walter is also interested. Brian Grodesky, a current 1<sup>st</sup> degree member is a candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at the January Exemplification. Will need someone to set up the Membership table at the Breakfast with Santa on 12/10/23.

**Trustees Report:** Jesus Garcia, no report.

## **Programs and Committees**

**Program Director:** Absent, no report.

**Church Director:** Wayne Patterson reminded us of the obligation for the Fourth Sunday in Advent by attending the Sat. evening Mass on 12/23/23 or the 8 am or 9:30 am Mass on 12/24/23 and the Christmas obligation on 12/24/23 with Mass at 4 pm, 6 pm or Midnight or 9:30 am on 12/25/23.

**Report of the Fourth Degree:** Faithful Navigator Wayne Patterson stated that the Assembly meeting for December is cancelled due to the PAC being set up for the 12/24/23 Mass. The Memorial Service in November honoring deceased Sir Knights went well.

**Community Report:** Absent, no report.

**Youth Director:** Al Kluczynski mentioned that the Youths that attended the National Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November, we sponsored some scholarships, had a great time and there are pictures available on the SPY web site.

**Family Director:** Chuck Slaby stated that the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest will occur on 12/10/23 during Breakfast with Santa. He has the material for the Concentration to the Holy Family that will occur the end of the month.

**Right to Life:** Absent, no report.

**Public Relations:** Absent, no report.



**Game Night with the Knights:** Mark Decker reported the next one will be Saturday, 1/20/24, at 7 pm in the PAC with Euchre and Poker being played. Plan on attending as this provides Knights and their wives with a fun night out with other Knights.

**Coat Drive:** Dick Petersen reported the annual Coat Drive was completed and a success.

**Free Throw Contest:** George Bartos discussed the plans for holding a contest for both girls and boys, ages 9 to 14, in the PAC on 1/14/24 from 4 to 6 pm for Seton SPY and Religious Ed along with St. Pius X PSR and possibly Our Lady of Miraculous Medal students. Will need 6 Knights to run the event. St. Pius X Council 5253 will hold their contest on 1/24 & 25/24 during the Parish School gyn classes from 8:15 -10:55 am and 12:55-2:15 pm, with 3 to 4 Knights needed to help at each session. The kit/packets have been ordered for the contest.

**Unfinished Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

**MOTION:** George Bartos made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Council Budget to purchase items for the Christmas Basket for the Seton Parish staff of about 15 people, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thom Laughery, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Wayne Patterson made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Pastoral Request Budget to purchase a rose vestment for the Parish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Ganem, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Mark Decker made a motion to establish a Transportation Committee to study and research the feasibility of establishing a Transportation Ministry for Seton Parish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Slaby, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Mark Decker made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Membership Budget to purchase snacks and refreshments for the Game Night event in the PAC on 1/20/24, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Bartos, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Mark Decker made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Membership Budget to purchase snacks for the January Exemplification that will be held at his home, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Slaby, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Al Kluczynski made a motion to spend \$1,000 from the Youth Budget for March for Life to be held in Washington DC January 18-20, 2024 with 15 youths participating, cost is \$XXX per person that covers fees, transportation, meals and lodging, Bishop Fernandes is scheduled to participate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Decker, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

**MOTION:** Al Kluczynski made a motion to spend \$650 from the Youth Budget for the Youth Confirmation Retreat held at Heartland Retreat Center, Marengo, OH from January 26-28, 2024, cost is \$XXX per person, 28 youth in the Confirmation class, 7 youth retreat team volunteers and chaperons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Bartos, discussion and voting will occur at the December 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Slaby closed the meeting at 7:40 pm with a prayer. Membership Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023 at 7 pm, rosary prayed at 6:30 pm.

Respectful Submitted

*Vince Pulles,*

Recorder

## SUPER DELUXE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

2023

~~08 October~~

~~12 November~~

10 December w/Santa

2024

14 January 2023

11 February 2023



### Eagle Scout Project Update

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## Cinnamon Roll Sales

2023

~~16/17 September~~

~~07/08 October~~

2024

20/21 January



### Help Needed

The council is need of a warden to replace Scott Huff who is stepping down. Nominations will be taken the membership meeting. If you are interested please contact the Trustees and throw your name in the ring!

The duties for warden are as follows:

**Warden:** The Warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

*The Trustees*

## Financial Secretary

Please note that it is 2024 dues time. Our dues request will remain the same at \$30. There is also a voluntary donation that can be made for our Gimme \$5 program (to benefit those with developmental disabilities).

If possible, please go to this online site <http://www.kofc11187.com/> (and click on the **Pay Dues** button) to pay and save our Council the expenses of mailing you a statement. Please stay on the "Give Now" tab and have your membership number handy when completing the form.

Otherwise, statements will be mailed beginning 12/15/23. For those who have paid their 2024 dues, your membership card will be mailed starting 1/15/24. Priests and Honorary Life members (age 70+ and 25 years of continuous service) do not have to pay dues. Honorary members (age 65-69 and 25 years of continuous service) dues are \$10.

*Frank Hare*

Financial Secretary

### Honorary Life Members

Rev. Leo Connolly  
Rev. James Klima  
Rev. David Schalk  
Rev. Jeffrey Tigyer  
Rev. Cyprian Obioha  
Rev. Sunder Ery

Mr. Larry Albanese	Mr. David McVay
Mr. Kenneth Besancon	Mr. Warren Meisner
Mr. Richard Boisseau	Mr. James Northrop
Mr. Martin Brotzge	Mr. Patrick O'Linn
Mr. John Buckley	Mr. John Pizzuto
Mr. James Comer	Mr. Vince Pulles
Mr. Patrick Corcoran	Mr. John Samborsky
Mr. Mark Dembski	Mr. Michael Sergio
Mr. Gilbert Durosko	Mr. James Sheridan
Mr. Neil Ferguson	Mr. Clarence Smithberger
Mr. John Fry	Mr. Frank Spiers
Mr. Thomas Gramlich	Dr. David Strominger
Mr. Daniel Heitmeyer	Mr. Matthew Thelen
Mr. CW Higdon	Mr. Lawrence Van Orman
Mr. Joseph Hirt	Mr. Fran Vendetta
Mr. Bernard Holland	Mr. Eugene Venetta
Mr. Albert Kluczynski	Mr. Michael Welling
Mr. Patrick Mahan	Mr. Robert Williams
Mr. Dave Mc Allister	

### Honorary Members

Mr. Daniel Bauer  
Mr. Robert Coholich  
Mr. John Elizondo  
Mr. Michael Ellis  
Mr. Floyd Matherne  
Mr. Michael Monnin  
Mr. Alexander Pokora  
Mr. Anthony Sheck

## Lecturer's Reflection

Recently we celebrated All Hallows' Eve, which consists of All Saints' Eve (or Halloween), All Saints' Day (for the souls in Heaven), and All Souls Day (for the souls in Purgatory). For the entire month of November we remember our departed brothers and sisters in Christ who have fallen asleep in hope of their resurrection, but we especially remember the souls in Purgatory. There are some who think the Catholic Church stopped teaching about Purgatory all together, but make no mistake - the Church has always taught Purgatory. To begin, here is what our Catholic Church teaches in the Catechism about Purgatory:

**§1030** "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

**§1031** The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come (St. Gregory the Great, *Dialogues*).

**§1032** This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken of behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies in 1 Corinthians*).

With that said, here are ways to remember the souls in Purgatory (this is by no means exhaustive): offer a Mass for them, offer up a Rosary in prayer for their souls, offer up any daily discomforts you may experience for them. In the narthex (or gathering space) of our parish there is a necrology that lists the names and dates of Seton parishioners who have passed away - offer a prayer of Eternal Rest or Psalm 130 (commonly known as *De Profundis*) for them whenever you are at the parish; we can't assume that all who have passed away have gone directly to Heaven.

Remember, those who were alive before us prayed for those who passed away. Not only should we not forget our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, we should also remember our brother Knights who have preceded us in death - because our brother Knights who come after us will pray for us who are here today; this is a spiritual work of mercy. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in Purgatory, let us always keep them in mind as they keep us in mind.

*Steven Blevins*

Lecturer



## The Nativity Story ...

About two thousand years ago, in the town of Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter. One day an angel appeared before her and told her she had been chosen to have a special baby. The baby would be God's son and she must call him Jesus.

Soon after the angel's visit, Mary and Joseph were married. Mary was due to have her baby when they were told they had to go on a long journey to Bethlehem, which was where Joseph came from. This was because they had to pay a special tax. Mary had to ride on a donkey for a few days over the hills of Galilee.

At last Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. It was crowded with other people who needed to pay their taxes. Mary was very tired and needed a place to stay. At each inn, the story was the same. There was no room for them. Eventually, one kind innkeeper said he had a stable where he kept his animals. They were welcome to stay there.

And so it was that a few hours later, Mary gave birth to her son in that stable. She wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger full of hay.

At the same time, on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep. A bright light appeared in the sky. They were very afraid. It was an angel sent by God. The angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find Him in Bethlehem.

The shepherds wanted to go and see the baby. When they arrived at the stable, they were filled with joy at seeing Jesus lying in the manger. They knelt down and worshipped Him. They told Mary and Joseph how the angel had appeared in the sky and told them that Jesus was to be the Savior of the world.

A New Star in the Sky Far away in the East, three wise men named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, saw a new star shining high in the sky. These men, who were kings, studied the stars and they knew this was a very special star. They studied their scrolls where it said that whenever a bright new star appeared it meant that a great ruler had been born.

The three wise men decided to find this new ruler. They went to Jerusalem to see King Herod, as they thought the baby would be in the palace. They asked to see the child that would be King of the Jews. The king was troubled. He thought this new king may take away his throne. He told them to return when they had found the baby so that he could worship the child himself.

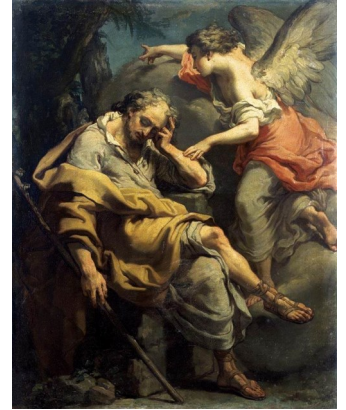
The wise men set off to find the baby. They were guided by the star to the stable in Bethlehem. Here they knelt down and worshipped Jesus. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night, the three men had the same dream where an angel warned them that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus and told them not to go back to his palace.

The wise men went back to their own country without calling to see Herod. Soon after Joseph had a dream where an angel told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt as King Herod had ordered that Jesus be killed. They left Bethlehem right away. When the wise men did not return, Herod ordered that baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. They did not find Jesus as he was safe.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



The Annunciation  
by Luca Giordano



Joseph's Dream  
by Gaetano Gandolfi



Angels visit the Shepherds



The Magi



Flight to Egypt

**For more information on Pro-Life Activities**

Email us at [prolife@uscgb.org](mailto:prolife@uscgb.org)

Pro-Life Activities

## 2023/2024 Council 11187/Assembly 2900 Calendar (Approved)

July	August	September
01 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 02 Knight's Mass 12 Membership Meeting - 7:00 19 Assembly Meeting 25 Business Meeting - 6:30  <b>04 Independence Day</b>	02 Membership Meeting - 7:00 05 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 06 Knight's Mass 16 Assembly Meeting  <b>School Starts</b>  <b>07-12 Festival Final Prep</b> <b>11-13 Seton Festival</b> <b>13 Car Show</b> <b>27 Seton Open</b>	02 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 03 Knight's Mass 05 Business Meeting - 6:30 13 Membership Meeting - 7:00 20 Assembly Meeting  <b>04 Labor Day</b> <b>15 Game "Knight" w/the Knights</b>  <b>16-17 Cinnamon Roll Sales</b>
October	November	December
01 Knight's Mass 03 Business Meeting - 6:30 07 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 08 30th Anniversary Mass 11 Membership Meeting - 7:00 18 Assembly Meeting - PAC 31 Business Meeting - 6:30  <b>09 Columbus Day</b> <b>12 Council Anniversary</b>  <b>08 1st Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>21-22 Cinnamon Roll Sales</b> <b>28 Family Fun Festival</b>	04 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 05 Knight's Mass 08 Membership Meeting - 7:00 15 Assembly Meeting  <b>11 Veterans Day</b> <b>23 Thanksgiving</b>  <b>12 2nd Pancake Breakfast</b>	02 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 03 Knight's Mass 05 Business Meeting - 6:30 13 Membership Meeting - 7:00  <b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>31 New Year's Eve</b>  <b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>30 Consecration of Holy Family</b>  <b>10 3rd Pancake Breakfast (Santa)</b>
January 2024	February	March
02 Business Meeting - 6:30 06 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 07 Knight's Mass 10 Membership Meeting - 7:00 17 Assembly Meeting 30 Business Meeting - 6:30  <b>01 New Year's Day</b> <b>15 MLK Birthday</b> <b>20 Game "Knight" w/the Knights</b>  <b>14 4th Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>21 Cinnamon Roll Sales</b>	03 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 04 Knight's Mass 07 Membership Meeting - 7:00 21 Assembly Meeting  <b>14 Valentine's Day</b> <b>19 President's Day</b>  <b>14 Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>11 5th Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>16 1st Fish Fry</b> <b>23 2nd Fish Fry</b>	02 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 03 Knight's Mass 05 Business Meeting - 6:30 13 Membership Meeting - 7:00 20 Assembly Meeting  <b>17 St Patrick's Day</b>  <b>24 Palm Sunday</b> <b>24-30 Holy Week</b> <b>31 Easter</b>  <b>01 3rd Fish Fry</b> <b>08 4th Fish Fry</b> <b>15 5th Fish Fry</b> <b>16 St. Patty's Party</b> <b>22 6th Fish Fry</b> <b>30 Easter Egg Hunt</b>
April	May	June
02 Business Meeting - 6:30 06 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 07 Knight's Mass 10 Membership Meeting - 7:00 17 Assembly Meeting 30 Business Meeting - 6:30  <b>15 Tax Day</b> <b>20 Game "Knight" w/the Knights</b>  <b>13-14 Cinnamon Roll Sales</b> <b>27 Blue Coats Dinner (PAC)</b>	04 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 05 Knight's Mass 08 Membership Meeting - 7:00 15 Assembly Meeting  <b>12 Mother's Day</b> <b>27 Memorial Day</b>  <b>18 Wives' Appreciation Dinner</b>  <b>(HH)</b>	01 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM 02 Knight's Mass 04 Business Meeting - 6:30 12 Membership Meeting - 7:00 19 Assembly Meeting  <b>14 Flag Day</b> <b>16 Father's Day</b> <b>17 Game "Knight" w/the Knights</b> <b>19 Juneteenth</b>



### December 2023

02 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM  
03 Knight's Mass  
05 Business Meeting - 6:30  
13 Membership Meeting - 7:00

24 Christmas Eve  
31 New Year's Eve

25 Christmas Day  
30 Consecration of Holy Family

10 3rd Pancake Breakfast (Santa)



### January 2024

02 Business Meeting - 6:30  
06 Rosary EC - 8:00 AM  
07 Knight's Mass  
10 Membership Meeting - 7:00  
17 Assembly Meeting  
30 Business Meeting - 6:30

01 New Year's Day  
15 MLK Birthday  
20 Game "Knight" w/the Knights

14 4th Pancake Breakfast  
21 Cinnamon Roll Sales

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