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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA COUNCIL 7399

Gentlemen, Brothers & Friends:

### Grand

### Knight's

### Message

Wow! Advent is here and Christmas is right around the corner. What a wonderful time to be alive! There are plenty of opportunities to fulfill your pledge of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism this week and during Advent!

Please read this message carefully and pledge to participate in one or more activities.

Thank you to all of the Color Corps from Assembly 3154 for providing an Honor Guard for Sir Knight Gary Koch. The turnout was fabulous! His family was appreciative of your efforts.

Thanks also to all who attended our monthly social and for the generous donations of food and baby supplies! A special thank you to the Costello family and all who may have assisted with the clean up!

## **Become**

## **an Adorer**

This week, we buried our brother Gary Koch. Gary was a faithful adorer between 3:00 and 4:00 pm on Saturdays. I invite one or two of our membership to honor Gary, by taking up his devotion to the Eucharist and filling this much needed hour of adoration.

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception/National Night of Prayer - December 9, Midnight to 1:00 am**

Annually, St. Catherine of Siena ministries have participated in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception/National Night of Prayer by honoring Our Mother Mary through homage to Her Son in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. This year the event begins on Friday December 8th and ends at 1:00 am on December 9th..

Traditionally, the Knights of Columbus have taken the last Holy Hour of the event from Midnight to 1:00 am Saturday, December 9. **I invite EVERY Knight to come and pray with us to show our nation that we believe in the power of prayer and support this annual national event, to show our love for Our Immaculate Mother, and to ask Her to intercede with Her Son for the petitions we place before Him in the Eucharist.**

## **Christmas**

## **Food**

## **Drive**

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive will continue to collect non-perishable food items and gift cards for food items for the needy of our area, through December 10. Please be generous. Food items can be deposited in the box marked "Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive" in the Narthex. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket during the Offertory.

## **St.**

## **Gerard**

## **House**

## **Baby**

## **Supplies**

## **Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Baby Supplies and Gift Cards for St. Gerard House. The mission of St. Gerard is to provide pregnant teens and new teen mothers that are abandoned, abused, or in foster care with spiritual, physical, emotional and psychological guidance. St. Gerard provides an accredited high school education, day care and residency for these teens. Donations can be placed in the box marked for St. Gerard House through December 14. Needs include larger size diapers, wipes, baby bottles, and onesies.

**Christmas Holly Ball Spectacular - December 9, 6:30 pm**

I invite all Council and Assembly members, their families and friends to join us for this event. If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, call or text Grand Knight, Lou Manz or Faithful Navigator, Tom Scherch..

The Faithful Navigator invites anyone who has not purchased tickets and is free on Friday and Saturday to help with the event. Help is needed in the following areas:

- **Kitchen crew & floor servers**
- **Bar Tenders**
- **Preparation & serving of *hors d'oeuvres***
- **Preparation & set up of salads before the meal**

The Faithful Navigator reminds all Sir Knights that the Assembly needs YOU in order to have a successful dinner/dance, where the proceeds go to what we signed up for when we joined the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

If you are available, call or text Tom at 904-614-4009!

**Quarterly Fellowship Breakfast - December 10**

The Council will host our quarterly Parish Breakfast on Sunday, December 10

after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses. Help is needed. If you are available, please help in the following areas:

- **Early crew** showtime is 7:30 am to set up the hall and prep the food.
- **Early mass servers:** showtime 8:30 am finish setup and the food.
- **Late mass servers:** showtime 10:30 am for after 10am mass
- **Cleanup crew:** showtime 11:15 am clean up hall and kitchen.
- All help is greatly appreciated. Click [here](#) to sign up. Send questions to Dan Costello at [daniel.costello@kofc.org](mailto:daniel.costello@kofc.org) or (904) 637-9223.

The Breakfast Menu consists of Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Peaches. Coffee and Juice. Prices are \$20.00 Immediate Family, Adults \$7.00, Children 6 to 12 years of age, \$5.00, and Children 6 years of age or under eat FREE! If you can't work, at least come to one of the Masses and join us for breakfast. Meet and greet your fellow parishioners and their families.

**Looking**

**Ahead...**

**Christmas Food Drive Packing/Officer & Director Meeting - December 11, 5:30 pm**

Food collected during the Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Drive will be packed prior to the Officer & Directors Meeting on December 11. Packing of the food into boxes for distribution will begin at 5:30 pm. The meeting, normally scheduled for 6:30 pm, will begin as soon as the boxes are packed and the area policed. Pizza will be provided for participants.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12, 6:00 pm**

The Parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a procession, Rosary, and Mass on December 12 at 6:00 pm. Color Corps has been invited to participate. Everyone is invited to celebrate this feast. Our Lady

of Guadalupe is patroness of North America and of the Knights of Columbus.

**December's Monthly Social - December 14, 5:00 pm**

December's Monthly Social will be celebrated on December 14. Unlike our regular socials, this social will be a combined event with the Music Ministry and the Filipino-American Ministry. It will begin at 5:00 pm in the church with Candlelight Christmas Caroling. At 6:00 pm the celebration will continue in Lademia Hall celebrations with finger sandwiches, hot cocoa, and cookies. December's social will not include dinner. Come celebrate Christmas with our other ministries and drop off your food and baby supply donations.

**Feast of the Holy Family Mass for the Sacredness of Marriage and the Family - December 31**

On this feast, we will celebrate the sacredness of marriage and the family at all Masses. The Color Corps will assist at one of the Masses during the weekend, where the Vocations Chalice will be exchanged.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship - January 8 through 13 2024**

I have lined up Lakeside Elementary, Montclair Elementary, W.E. Cherry Elementary, Grove Park Elementary, S. Bryan Jennings Elementary, and St. Johns Country Day School to participate in our Free Throw Championship in January. The event will take place during school hours January 8 through 12; with the Council Championship to be held on Saturday, January 13. We will need a minimum of 5 brothers and/or sisters to assist at each school with registrations and rebounding. Schedules will be finalized in December.

**Patriotic Rosary for Justice & Peace - January 15, 6:30 pm**

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will pray a Patriotic Rosary for Justice &

Peace beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church. Everyone will be invited. See the bulletin for details.

**Monthly St. Catherine's Parish Day at Family for Life - January 16, 8:00 am**

Beginning on Tuesday, January 16, every third Tuesday will be St. Catherine's Parish Day at Family for Life. On those day, Fr. Andy will celebrate 8:00 am Mass at the Family for Life office; followed by a Rosary and procession outside the Women's Choice abortion center.

**Knights of Columbus Drive Weekend - January 20 and 21**

The weekend of January 20 and 21 the St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus will be very visible at the church and in the community. We will be conducting a recruiting drive after all Masses, including the Spanish Mass, in an effort to recruit new members. A spokesperson from the Knights of Columbus will speak during each Mass. An exemplification will follow within weeks of the drive.

That same weekend, we will be conducting our first post-pandemic Tootsie Roll Drive Fundraiser for Persons with Disabilities after each Mass. We are finalizing permissions to collect at Publix stores in the area. Wal-Mart no longer permits fundraising, except for Scouts and Salvation Army. We are looking for two chairpersons from the Council and Lady Knights.

Regards & God Bless,  
Lou Manz PGK, PFN  
Grand Knight  
St Catherine of Siena Council 7399



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