



Knightly News

Council 2084

August 2011

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From the Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus has four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. A recently released annual survey disclosed that in the state of Michigan the Knights of Columbus gave a total of \$5,052,743 in charitable donations. The distributions were to church activities, vocations, community activities, mentally impaired, youth activities, and Catholic education. Members of the Knights of Columbus in Michigan donated 2,575,650 hours in charitable activities. These activities include:

Visits to the sick/bereaved, donating blood, Habitat for Humanity, general volunteer service, and hours of fraternal/family service.

I am proud to be a small part of not only a state wide but world wide Catholic organization. By each of us doing our own individual part in supporting the Knights of Columbus we have a stake in the impressive numbers mentioned above.



Members of St. Charles Council 2084 at one of our casual summer meetings.

I am proud to be a member of St. Charles Council 2084. As a Council, we have a part in the numbers previously mentioned. We work hard together as we realize our mission and faith leads us to good works. We also have a lot of fun working together and planning activities. None of what we do would be possible without the support of our good members and the parish as a whole. With everyone's support we can live up to the Four Core Principles.

I invite all members, especially those who are not quite as active, to step up and attend our meetings and find out how you can become more supportive in our activities.

Visit the Vet's

Jim Merdzinski is the facilitator for members of our Council in visiting veterans at the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids. Once a month, Jim, as well as other Knights and friends, visit the Vets on a Sunday. The visits consists of just paying a visit to a vet, and giving assistance to those who need help in getting to Mass in the chapel. Thanks to the current regulars who make these visits on a monthly basis: Jim Merdzinski, Tim Dugan, Dave Lykins, Tony Kasperak, and Ed Draper. If you would like to learn more about this important endeavor please contact Jim Merdzinski.

We're on the web!

www.stcharleskofc.org

Danish Festival Booth

August 19th and 20th is the annual Danish Festival. As we all know, our aebleskiver booth is our biggest fundraiser and we need many hands to make this fundraiser a success. Help is needed at the booth for cooking and sales. Kitchen help is needed for preparing the batter and general clean-up. On Monday, August 1st, many of us will be meeting at Ralph Van Ocker's to bring out the booth and prepare it for use. We will be having a steak BBQ afterwards. If you can come help we will be glad to see you. Bring a dish to pass, and come share the work, and enjoy the fellowship, not to mention the good food. The fun starts at about 4:30 pm, but late comers are always welcome.

If you can assist working the booth during the Festival please call Michael Willadsen at 616-712-6140.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions—August 2011

General Intention: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and find their lives in Christ.

Missionary Intentions: That Christians of the west, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

August Dates to Remember

- 1—Danish Festival Booth clean up at Ralph Van Ocker's, 4:30 pm.
- 3—District Meeting at St. Charles 7:30 pm
- 4— St. Charles Meal
- 5—Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
- 6—Rosary 9:00 am
- 9—Danish Festival Meeting—Library 7:00
- 11—St. Charles Meal
- 11—Regular Meeting at John Brown's House 7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)
- 12—Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
- 13—Rosary 9:00 am
- 18—St. Charles Meal
- 19-20—Danish Festival
- 21—Visit Veterans Home (contact Jim Merdzinski for more information)
- 25—St. Charles Meal
- 25—Regular Meeting at John Brown's House 7:00 pm (Rosary at 6:30 pm)
- 26—Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
- 27—Rosary 9:00 am

To be holy isn't easy, but it isn't difficult either. To be holy is to be a good Christian, to resemble Christ. The more closely a person resembles Christ, the more Christian he is, the more he belongs to Christ, the holier he is.

Josemaria Escriva, The Forge.