

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2149

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

The next monthly meeting for the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #2149 will be Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 pm. The Rosary will be prayed at 7:15 pm. The Home Association will meet at 6:45 for a short meeting to discuss a potential parking lot project. Afterwards, Leon and crew will be frying fish & Glenn collecting dues!

Dear Brother Knights and Catholic Community – Happy New Year! It's a new year and a great time to make a change for the better in your life. Make a resolution to not miss weekly mass or if you already are a weekend regular, try to attend an extra mass during the week. Come to mass 25 minutes early and pray the rosary. If you are a twice a year confessor, try for every month or two. Attend a Signum Crucis meeting, start reading the daily scriptures, and make sure to read the "Beautiful Eucharist" book that was donated at Christmas! Consider checking into the Exodus 90 program. Attend a men's retreat in KC on February 17th or do a consecration to St. Joseph starting on February 16th. You have so many options, just pick one and start a new positive habit or devotion. Don't let the "perfect" get in the way of the "good"! Also, please read the St. Basil quote at the end of the newsletter and pray about what it means for you!

December meeting - A meeting of the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #2149 was held on December 12th. **Marc Rackers** was drawn for the attendance prize but was not present so the pot grows to \$25. **Doug Luebbering** was drawn for the 50/50 prize of a KofC t-shirt.

Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary Participating in Food Drive – Thanks to all who donated to the food drive. The total was over 1,100 pounds of food donated and delivered to the pantry in St. Elizabeth. Thanks to Phil Luebbering for being the delivery person.

KofC Christmas Party – Thanks to all the Ladies Auxiliary members and brother Knights that assisted at the Christmas Party. We had 45 children participate in the event. Special thanks to Richard Wieberg for getting Santa safely to the event.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive – Thanks to Brother Phil Luebbering for organizing the blood drive on December 28th. It was a great success with 24 donors participating.

Roses for Life – This weekend the Knights will distribute the Roses for Life. Please sign a rose and leave it in the pew. These roses are delivered to a legislator to show our support for life and to encourage them to vote pro-life!

Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on January 21st – Serving from 8-11:30 am. Adults \$10. Kids \$5. Under 6 is free. Brother Knights - Please look for the work list in the bulletin next week.

Knights of Columbus Valentine Dance – February 10th – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center featuring Shiloh - music from 8–11 pm. - \$35/couple, \$20/single – BYOB – No one under 21 Allowed.

Remember The Unborn signs – The first sign was placed along the highway across from the rectory. Special thanks to Randy Buschjost, Dick Schellman, and Jim Lueckenhoff for putting it in place and for getting lights on it. It looks great. We hope to find a spot for one in Meta soon. The 8'x3' and 4'x2' signs are available for purchase from the Ladies Auxiliary or the Knights of Columbus. The 8'x3' signs are \$225 and the 4'x2' signs are \$90. A smaller option will be available this spring possibly.

Invite your neighbor, your son, or grandson to become a Knight of Columbus – St. Thomas Council #2149 is looking for a few more good men. Please prayerfully consider Catholic men – young and old in your life that could benefit from joining the Knights of Columbus. Contact Jeff Cassmeyer or Glenn Prenger or go to www.kofc.org.

Good of the Order – Pray for healing for Martha Strobe, Justin Veit, Bill Kaiser, Kenny Boessen, Leon Boessen, and Gilbert and Hermina Strobe.

Meeting minutes – The minutes to prior meetings and the newsletter can be viewed on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/>. The Knights section can be found under Parish Groups.

Signum Crucis – is a Catholic men's group that gathers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month – the next gathering is January 17th at Helias Catholic High School. This month attendees have the option of "Study" (2nd of 4 sessions on the history of the Church led by Chris Hentges) or "Devotion" (Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows). The rosary starts at 6:00 pm followed by the study/devotion segment and then fraternity afterwards in the cafeteria. More information can be found at: <https://www.menofsignumcrucis.com/post/january-2024-newsletter>

Please pray 3 Hail Mary's every day for the unborn. Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

"It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God's sight." – Saint Basil (Feast day on January 2nd)

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