

# The Good Knight

*"In Service to One,  
In Service to All"*



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**Greetings!** This newsletter is a new publication that is published not only for Knights and their families, but for all members of St. Vital Parish. It is intended to provide information about past activities as well as upcoming events that are sponsored by Beaumont Knights of Columbus – Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064. In addition, we hope that, in reading *The Good Knight*, you will perhaps learn more about our Catholic faith and be inspired to follow Christ more closely.

April is around the corner and, with it, our hopes for an early spring. The word April actually means 'to open'. This month, early-blooming flowers will open. Windows on our homes will be opened to the spring air. Some of us will already start planting seeds indoors. There will be many signs of new life.

For Christians, the upcoming Holy Week is the climax of the liturgical year. We celebrate the last Supper (or First Eucharist) and remember the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. I love these liturgies. They are what we have been preparing for throughout Lent. Let us embrace the paschal mystery and celebrate with joy the fifty days of Easter.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor and Current Grand Knight

## Contact Information for Knights

Any Knights of Columbus members are asked to please notify our financial secretary, Bro. Paul Weisenberger, at [paulweisenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:paulweisenberger@hotmail.com) about any changes to their contact information such as mailing address, email address and phone number. Thank you.

## Important Dates

### April 2023



- 2 Palm (Passion) Sunday
- 6 Holy Thursday
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 12 Knights of Columbus executive meeting by Zoom
- 16 Divine Mercy Sunday
- 19 Knights of Columbus general meeting in parish hall
- 28 Feast of St. Vital; 5 p.m. Mass and Potluck Supper

## The Season of Easter

Some interesting facts about **Easter**:

- The word "Easter" comes from the same root as the words "star" and "east." It means "dawn light."
- During Easter we celebrate more than Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We celebrate his life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven ... all known as the "paschal mystery."
- Easter is more than a day. Easter is a season ... fifty days long! It is a 'week of weeks', ending on the Feast of the Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as they huddled - afraid - in a room.
- Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the paschal (Easter) candle burns brightly in church. This large candle symbolizes the risen Lord and the fire of the Spirit.
- Symbols of Easter, new life, and Christ's resurrection include the butterfly, the Easter lily, eggs, the empty tomb, and water.
- The purple altar cloths in our churches are changed to white, which symbolizes purity, holiness, faith, and light.
- It's time to sing "ALLELUIA", Hebrew for 'Praise God'.



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## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw

For fifty years the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Basketball Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14. The annual promotes athleticism, good sportsmanship and healthy competition. The program is another way in which we support our community, promote Christian values, and make the presence and work of the Knights of Columbus known. The event is held in our local Catholic schools, with boys and girls competing separately and within their age groups.

In early March, local Knights met with Grades 3 and 4 students at St. Andre's Academy and with Grades 4 – 8 students at Mother d'Youville Catholic School. Thanks to Bro. Paul



Weisenberger for organizing these school visits. We are also grateful for assistance from Bros. Joe Lauer, Gary Fisher, and Louis Kloster, as well as Bro. Paul's wife, Sheree. The photo to the left is of the first and second place winners of the Grade 4 competition at Academy St. André.

### Silver Rose Prayer Service

The Our Lady of the Hill Beaumont Knights of Columbus once again organized this prayer service on Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Members of the Catholic Women's League and our parish youth group, The Rock, kindly joined the Knights in leading some of the prayers.

Over the next nine months, the rose, which is fashioned out of silver, will travel through Canada and the United States to Guadalupe in Mexico. With it



is a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was blessed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI when he was pope. A couple of other relics were also present with us: a thread from Juan Diego's tilma and a soil sample from the place where the apparition took place.

Thanks to all who attended and joined us in prayer.



### Church Sign:

YOU ARE NOT TOO BAD TO COME IN.  
YOU ARE NOT TOO GOOD TO STAY OUT.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### K of C Charities Appeal Online 50/50 Raffle

Each year the Knights of Columbus holds a Charities Appeal online 50/50 raffle. The proceeds from the raffle are donated to many small, local charities throughout Alberta.

Anyone can participate. Ticket sales end at 6 PM on April 22. The prize is half of the jackpot, minimum \$25,000. You can purchase raffle tickets by using the QR code on the two posters at the back of the church or by going to this link: [www.koc5050.com](http://www.koc5050.com)

When purchasing tickets, please identify Beaumont Council #13064 Our Lady of the Hill as the council you are supporting. Our council will receive a share of the net proceeds that is directly proportional to the amount we have raised. Thank you.

### Anniversaries in April

- April 17 Paul and Catherine Banic
- April 21 Neil and Claire Connell
- April 21 Gary and Denise Fisher
- April 28 Roland and Lynda Leblanc
- April 30 Eugene and Maxine Cherwonka

May they be blessed with many more years of enduring love.

### Knight of the Month for March

Each month, our council recognizes an individual Knight who, in remarkable ways, has contributed to the council and the parish. In March we expressed our appreciation for one of our newest Knights and certainly the youngest in our Council: Bro. Gabriel deRuiter.

Bro. Gabriel has a servant's heart and soon became very involved in Council activities. He attends meetings regularly and volunteers to assist with our monthly pancake breakfasts and the sale of grocery gift cards. He was an eager volunteer at the K of C spaghetti dinner in February.

Gabriel is a frequent proclaimer of the Word at the 11 a.m. Sunday mass, and is now the newly-elected Deputy Grand Knight of our Council. God bless you, Gabriel, for your service.



### Human Life Matters

As Knights – and as Christians, we stand up for and promote the sanctity and dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.

One of our parishioners, Mark Pickup, writes a blog entitled Human Life Matters, which addresses life issues pertaining to the sacredness of life. Having suffered from multiple sclerosis (MS) for most of his seventy years, Mark writes with conviction and credibility. If you have not checked out his blog, you are encouraged to do so. Just click on the link below:

<http://www.humanlifematters.org/2022/12/currency-of-soul.html>



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## Liturgical Matters

What are the two large books that they use at mass, one on the altar and the other on the ambo (lectern)?

The book on the ambo is called the *lectionary*, and it contains the scripture readings that will be read during the masses throughout the year. One copy, green in color, is for weekday masses, while the one with a red cover contains all the Sunday readings for a three-year period (Years A, B, and C).

The book on the altar is known as the *Roman Missal*. It contains all the prayers that will be read by the priest during the celebration of the Mass. These prayers include the opening and closing prayers, the Eucharistic Prayers, the prayer over the gifts, and the prayer after communion. These prayers change from day to day, and that explains the thickness of the book. The priest uses different colors of ribbon to mark the pages to which he needs to refer.

## Word of the Month

### Concordance

A concordance is an alphabetical listing of all the important words in a bible. It is a useful tool when you want to find specific biblical texts that address certain themes. For example, if you want a scripture passage with the word *patience*, one would look up the word in the concordance and find a list of passages where the word can be found (book, chapter and verse). A concordance is found at the back of some bibles; not all bibles have one.



If your bible does not have a concordance, one can always go on-line. A comprehensive concordance can be found at:

[www.biblegateway.com/keyword](http://www.biblegateway.com/keyword)

Simply type in the scriptural keyword and click on the bible translation of your choice.

## Family of the Month

Each month, our council also recognizes a family in the parish that serves the faith community in significant ways. In March we honored Bro. Joe and Andrea Stack, their two sons, Patrick and Caelann, and daughter Danielle.



The whole family dedicated many hours in preparing for and then serving the spaghetti dinner held in February. For many years Andrea was very involved in sacramental preparation in our parish. Patrick also is a member of Our Lady of the Hill Council.

Thanks to the Stack family for contributing to our community in so many ways. God bless!

## Birthdays in April

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this month:

- April 5 Jolyon (Joe) Stack
- April 7 Andrew Gorman
- April 10 Yves Gascon
- April 12 Jean Bosnyak
- April 12 Omer Brassard
- April 14 Sean Carman
- April 14 Larry Jungwirth
- April 16 Josemon Varghese
- April 18 David Comire
- April 22 Larry Rowan
- April 23 Mark Blaise
- April 23 Eugene Cherwonka
- April 26 Patrick Gobeil
- April 26 Gerard McLarney
- April 30 Pierre Vermette



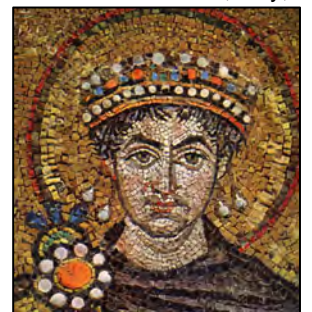
## Saint of the Month: St. Vital

There is little known about this month's featured saint. St Vital, also known as Vitalis, was a second century Christian citizen of Milan, Italy. He led the Christian community in Ravenna, during the Christian persecutions. It is believed that he was the husband of Valeria and the father of twin boys, Gervase and Prothase, all of whom would later be martyred and declared saints. Vital, himself, was martyred in 171 A.D.

As the ancient story goes, a fellow Christian by the name of Ursicinus, had been arrested for his faith in Jesus Christ and was facing execution. Ursicinus was wavering in his faith, so Vital stood in solidarity with him, encouraging him to stand firm. After Ursicinus was beheaded, Vital buried his body. In so doing, Vitalis exposed his own Christian faith and was, subsequently, arrested. Refusing to renounce his faith, Vital was tortured and then buried alive.

A number of churches have been named after this saint, the most famous being the Basilica of San Vitale at Ravenna, Italy,

supposedly built on the site of his martyrdom. While the Feast of St. Vital is celebrated on April 28, the date of his death is uncertain. Interestingly, St. Vital was the patron saint of Father Vital-Justin Grandin (later to become Bishop Grandin). Of course, St. Vital, portrayed in this mosaic, is the patron saint of our own parish.



As a parish community, we will celebrate our patron and protector at a 5 p.m. mass on Friday, April 28, followed by a potluck supper.

**I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN IF IT ISN'T SHINING.  
I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN WHEN I AM ALONE.  
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT.**

This message was found on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during World War II.

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## Testing Your Knowledge: Holy Week

Try this quiz with your family. Answers can be found on the bottom of this page.

- Holy Week begins on
  - Palm Sunday
  - Holy Thursday
  - Good Friday
  - Pentecost
- The liturgical color for Palm (or Passion) Sunday is
  - purple
  - white
  - red
  - rose
- Those preparing for baptism and entry into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil are called:
  - confirmands
  - catechumens
  - neophytes
  - candidates
- The washing of the feet occurs on
  - Good Friday
  - Palm Sunday
  - Holy Saturday
  - Holy Thursday
- The term 'Triduum' refers to
  - Jesus' three hours on the cross
  - Jesus' three days in the tomb
  - The 72 hours between the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Evening Prayer on Easter
- At the Last Supper, Jesus passed a morsel of bread to this disciple:
  - Peter
  - James
  - John
  - Judas Iscariot
- Judas betrayed Jesus
  - for thirty pieces of silver
  - with a kiss
  - in the Garden of Gethsemane
  - all of the above
- The traditional name given to the 'good thief' crucified with Jesus is
  - Barabbas
  - Dismas
  - Cleophas
  - Christopher
- Jesus' body was buried in the tomb of
  - Joseph of Arimathea
  - Nicodemus
  - Bartholomew
  - Simon the Zealot
- Only one of the Twelve Apostles was at the foot of the cross:
  - Peter
  - Paul
  - John
  - Andrew

## The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order. This month we are remembering the following in our prayers. Please pray for them as well.

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| • Guilbert Bérubé    | Tumor in Eye                  |
| • Wilbur Collin      | Upcoming heart surgery        |
| • Vincent deRuiter   | Military deployment (Poland)  |
| • Fr. Les Drewicki   | Smooth transition into parish |
| • Diane Fair         | Stroke                        |
| • Ben Gosselin       | Repose of his soul            |
| • Dennis Hinse       | In hospital                   |
| • John Kloster       | Stroke recovery               |
| • Bryan Oulton       | In hospital                   |
| • Albertine Porter   | Cancer                        |
| • Jean Marc Vermette | Kidney Problems               |

## You Asked Us...

What is the role of the Deputy Grand Knight on the council executive?

The current – and recently elected – Deputy Grand Knight of Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 is Gabriel deRuiter. As Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Gabriel:

- Assists the Grand Knight with the operation of the council,
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight,
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee, and
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct.



The deputy grand knight's jewel of office is a compass suspended from a ribbon of purple, which signifies authority and justice. A compass is the constant companion and guide to the mariner, and was an invaluable tool used by Columbus to guide his ships to the shores of the New World. The compass has 32 flame-like rays, each ray representing a virtue for us to emulate in our lives.

## Have You Heard This One?

Three Knights died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that, before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented.

The first one, said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey."

St. Peter said, "Nooooooo," and he banished him to Hell.

The second one said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus's birth and exchange gifts."

St. Peter said, "Nooooooo," and he banished him to Hell.

The third man, the Grand Knight himself, said he knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me."

He said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with His disciples when He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, and the Romans arrested Him. The Romans hung Him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder."

St. Peter said, "Verrrrrry good."

Then the man continued, "Now, every year the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of hockey."

St. Peter fainted.

## Answers ... Holy Week Quiz

1. (a) from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday
2. (c) red, for the passion of our Lord
3. (b) catechumens, or students
4. (d) Holy Thursday
5. (c) 'Tri' means 'three'; 'Duum' means 'days'
6. (d) Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him (John 13: 26)
7. (d) See Luke 22: 3 – 6, 47.
8. (b) Dismas, who was promised Paradise (Luke 23: 43)
9. (a) Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin (Matthew 27: 57 - 60)
10. (c) John, known as "the disciple Jesus loved" (John 20: 2)