

The Good Knight

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



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Greetings! This newsletter is a new publication that is intended 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.

Spring is in the air, and we embrace it wholeheartedly. The month of May brings to mind Mother's Day, and – as May is the month of Mary – the rosary. As we are still in the midst of the Easter season, and will be until the Feast of Pentecost on May 28, there is much to celebrate!

The fifth month is named after the Greek goddess Maia, who is the oldest of the Pleiades ('seven sisters') star cluster. In Hebrew the name 'Maia' means 'close to God'. The word 'mai' is also a northern European word that means fresh, green growth. We embrace this growth in the budding leaves and the perennial plants that begin to poke through the moist ground. And we, as disciples, continue to grow in our knowledge, love and service of the Lord.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor and Current Grand Knight

Comments & Suggestions

To offer feedback, or to submit photos or suggestions for future issues of *The Good Knight*, contact Louis Kloster at lpkloster@gmail.com.

Important Dates

May 2023



- 1 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service @ 7 p.m.
- 3 Feast of St. Philip & St. James
- 10 Knights of Columbus executive meeting by Zoom
- 13 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 Mother's Day
- 17 Knights of Columbus general meeting in parish hall
- 21 Ascension Sunday
- 22 Victoria Day
- 27 K of C Soapbox Derby, Beaumont Daze
- 28 Pentecost Sunday
- 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Knight of the Month

Each month, our council recognizes an individual Knight who, in remarkable ways, has contributed to the council and the parish. In April we chose to honor Father Les Drewicki. Although Fr. Les just arrived in Beaumont in early March, he has already accomplished a great deal. He quickly acclimatized and then prepared for our Holy Week liturgies, which were beautiful and meaningful celebrations of our faith. He has put in countless hours as he gets to know parishioners and becomes familiar with how our parish operates. He is identifying areas of need and is doing his utmost to address them in a timely fashion. In addition to all his time and effort, Fr. Les is personable and pastoral and has a wonderful way with the children in particular. Despite his busyness, he still finds time to attend our Knights of Columbus meetings. Fr. Les, thanks for all you are doing for St. Vital Parish.

**HE WHO TRUSTS IN HIMSELF IS LOST.
HE WHO TRUSTS IN GOD CAN DO ALL THINGS.**

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday, the Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with the parish liturgy committee, organized the annual Outdoor Way of the Cross. It began at the corner of 50 Avenue and 43

Street. The Knights set up a sound system on the back of a truck and gained approval from the City of Beaumont to lead the procession, which ended at the grotto on St. Vital Church property. About sixty people participated in the 45-minute-long event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service

Since 1979, the Knights of Columbus has selected icons with which parishes can pray. They travel from parish to parish throughout North America, inspiring the faithful to follow Jesus more closely and to model our lives after those of the Holy Family. Over the years, most of these icons feature Blessed Mary or, on occasion, the Holy Family. This year the chosen icon is an image of St. Joseph. This beautiful icon, depicted below, was blessed by Pope Francis. It is normally housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and provides a window into the life and mission of St. Joseph.

Joseph was chosen by God to be Mary's beloved spouse and to be the foster father of God's Son, protecting and raising the Child Jesus. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, Canada, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. Furthermore, St. Joseph serves as a fatherly example for us and a model of quiet strength, humility, and fidelity.



On Monday, May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our parish has the privilege of praying with this icon of St. Joseph. At 7 p.m. we will gather for a prayer service led by Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064. It will include a Liturgy of the Word and the recitation of the joyful mysteries of the Rosary. We hope you will be able to join us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1160) states: "Christian iconography expresses in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words. Word and image illuminate each other." Icons speak to us just as Sacred Scripture speaks to us. In the Catholic tradition, icons are kissed, carried in procession, and venerated. According to Church teaching, the praise and veneration shown to an icon is extended to that which it represents. For example, to venerate an icon of Jesus Christ is to show love towards Jesus himself.

Family of the Month

Each month, our council also recognizes a family in the parish that serves the faith community in significant ways. In April we honored Bro. Gerard and Tracy McLarney and their ten children: Jacob, Maria, Paulina, Margaret, Geraldine, Augustina, Paula, Lucia, Cecilia, and Fatima. Before Christmas, Gerard accepted the role of chairperson for our council's Family program. For the last four months he has been organizing the Family Faith Formation and Fellowship (FFFF) program, which invites families to gather after the 11 a.m. mass on the last Sunday of every month. A scripture study is followed by a potluck lunch. Their older children are very involved in the parish youth group, The Rock. During Lent, the family faithfully attended the Stations of the Cross each Friday and eagerly volunteered to lead some of the stations. Thanks to the McLarney family for being strong witnesses of faith and for contributing to our parish community in all that they do.



Kevin Kerrigan Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council, is open to high school students graduating this year who attend St. Vital Church, as well as to members of the Parish who are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a Grade 12 student.

The scholarship has a value of \$500.00 and will be awarded on the basis of all-around achievement and not strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well. In determining the successful recipient, the individual's financial need will also be taken into consideration. The deadline for applying is May 31, 2023. Applications are at the back of church and are also available online on the St. Vital Parish website (See K of C link).

Answers ... Easter Season Quiz

1. (b) Jesus' ascension into heaven
2. (c) Pieta, the most famous being Michelangelo's
3. (c) the Nativity, which is a joyful mystery
4. (a) Tolkien
5. (c) "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life"
6. (d) Peter. He felt unworthy to be crucified as Jesus was.
7. (a) Pentecost, which means "fifty" or "fiftieth"
8. (b) It is believed that Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles.
9. (d) Agnus Dei; 'Agnus' is Latin for 'lamb'; 'Dei' is 'God'
10. (c) red, for the fire of the Spirit

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Liturgical Matters

How are the scripture readings chosen for Mass?

All the readings are found in a large book called the *lectionary*. The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament. The writers tell us what God did for his people before Jesus came. The Second Reading is usually from the New Testament or the Letters written by St. Paul and other disciples. These letters encourage the disciples to continue to live as followers of Jesus. The Gospel passage is taken from one of four gospels, written by Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. We listen to the way Jesus lived, His words and deeds and saving works.

The readings each day have a common message or theme that connects them. In Year A, the Gospels are chiefly from the writings of Matthew. In Year B, the gospels are primarily from the writings of Mark, and in Year C, we generally use the Gospels of Luke.

If we include the weekday readings, we find that over three years, we listen to most of the bible.

Word of the Month:

Grace

Quite simply, the word *grace* means "God's favor or help," and originates from the Old French word, *grace*, which means "pleasing quality, favor, good will, gratitude." Grace is freely given by God; it is a generous, supernatural act of God. Through grace, God works in our lives through the Holy Spirit. The purpose of grace is to strengthen us to resist temptation, to inspire us to do what is good and right, and to sanctify us.

We accomplish great things and experience many blessings in life, only because of God's grace ... His generosity, benevolence, favor ... His very presence in our lives. The short prayer said before a meal – which we refer to as *grace* – is an expression of our gratitude to God for all of these benefits.

Grace is "the free and undeserved gift of God's loving and active presence in the universe and in our lives" (Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth). Through grace we share in the life of Christ and all His goodness. However, as it is with any gift, grace is only helpful if we *receive* it and are *open* to it. Grace will only be effective if we *use* it and *cooperate* with it.

Like God, we too can be *gracious*.

Birthdays in May

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

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| • May 6 | Philip Hawkins |
| • May 10 | Victor Hinse |
| • May 12 | Paul Weisenberger |
| • May 15 | Tuyen Nguyen |
| • May 16 | Jam Abello |
| • May 20 | André Charbonneau |
| • May 24 | Mark Pickup |
| • May 24 | Patrick Stack |
| • May 28 | Jean-Pierre Lefebvre |



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 |
| • Fr. Les Drewicki | Smooth parish transition |
| • Vincent deRuiter | Military deployment |
| • Diane Fair | Stroke |
| • Cheryl Fisher | Recent bowel surgery |
| • Denis Hinse | In hospital |
| • Bonnie Fleming | Stroke; broken hip |
| • John Kloster | Stroke recovery |
| • Wayne Larocque | Deceased |
| • Weston Lauer | Ill |
| • Raymond Mahe | In hospital; health issues |
| • Ron Morris | Health issues |
| • Bryan Oulton | Ill |
| • Albertine Porter | Cancer |
| • John Stretch | Ill |
| • Jean Marc Vermette | Cancer |

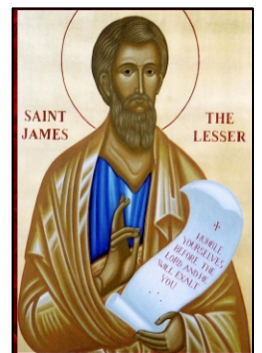
Saints of the Month: St. Philip & St. James

This month we recognize TWO saints. Their names are Philip and James, and, along with ten other men, they were apostles of Jesus. Their feast day is May 3.



We read about Philip in the Gospel of John. Philip lived in Bethsaida, a city on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Without hesitation, Philip became a follower of Christ and was a zealous disciple for the whole time that Jesus was preaching to and healing people.

James was also known as James the Lesser, because he was younger than the other apostle who was also named James. He wrote one of the letters in the New Testament. Historians write that James was a highly respected and admired Christian. Peter appointed him bishop of Jerusalem. In this role, and because of his holiness, he was responsible for the conversion of many Jews to Christianity. He also became known as James the Just.



James insisted that, as Christians, we are saved by both faith and good works. He wrote: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2: 14-17).

James was stoned to death in the year 62 for bravely preaching the gospel.

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Testing Your Faith Knowledge – Easter Season

Choose the correct ending for each of the following. The answers are found on the second page.

- Jesus' return to heaven after his death and resurrection is called the:
a. Assumption b. Ascension
c. Passion d. Nativity
- A work of art that shows Mary holding the dead body of Jesus is known as a:
a. mandala b. ecce homo c. pietà d. mobile
- The mystery of the rosary that does not belong to the Glorious Mysteries is the:
a. Ascension b. Resurrection
c. Nativity d. Assumption
- The Catholic author of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings* was:
a. J.R.R. Tolkien b. J.K. Rowling
c. G.K. Chesterton d. P.D.Q. Bach
- The Nicene Creed that we recite at Sunday Mass defines this person of the Trinity as "the Lord, the giver of life".
a. the Father b. God the Son
c. the Holy Spirit d. all the above
- According to tradition, the Apostle who, at his own request, was crucified upside down was:
a. Paul b. James c. Jude d. Peter
- The liturgical feast that we celebrate 50 days after Easter is:
a. Pentecost b. Transfiguration
c. Trinity Sunday d. the Assumption
- The New Testament book known as the Acts of the Apostles is believed to have been written by:
a. St. Paul b. St. Luke c. St. Mark d. St. Matthew
- The *Agnus Dei* is Latin for:
a. Glory to God b. Our Father
c. Holy, Holy d. Lamb of God
- The liturgical color for Pentecost is
a. purple b. rose c. red d. gold

The Oldest Known Prayer to Mary

This prayer, known in Latin as *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, was first found in a Greek papyrus dating back to 300 A.D. It is the oldest known prayer to the Virgin Mary:

**WE TURN TO YOU
FOR PROTECTION,
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.
LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS
AND HELP US IN OUR NEEDS.
SAVE US FROM EVERY DANGER,
GLORIOUS AND BLESSED VIRGIN.
AMEN.**



You Asked Us...

What is the role of the Chancellor on the council executive?

The current Chancellor of Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 is Chris Oster. As Chancellor, Bro. Chris:

- assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned,
- is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities.
- is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee, and
- performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct.



The chancellor should also be familiar with the Order's qualifications for membership.

The jewel of the chancellor is the Isabella Cross, overlaid with a skull and crossbones, suspended from a ribbon of black and white. The Cross represents atonement and the love of God, who sent to us his only begotten Son. The skull and crossbones are symbolic of man's mortality and the vigilance required to remain faithful at all times. Through the unity of the council, brothers help each other remain steadfast in their faith. The ribbon of black and white signifies strength and goodness.

Have You Heard This One?

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day.

One day Barb said, 'Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played all through high school. Please do me one favor: When you get to heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there.'

Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, 'Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.'

Shortly after that, Rose passed on.

At midnight the following Friday, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, 'Barb, Barb.'

'Who is it?' asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?'

'Barb – it's me, Rose.'

'You're not Rose. Rose just died.'

'I'm telling you, it's me, Rose,' insisted the voice.

'Rose! Where are you?'

'In heaven,' replied Rose. 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.'

'The good news,' Rose said, 'is that there's softball in heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here too. Better than that, we're all young again.'

'Better still, it's springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.'

'That's fantastic,' said Barb. 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! What's the bad news?'

'You're pitching Tuesday.'