

The Good Knight

*“In Service to One,
In Service to All”*



Issue 5

June 2023

In this issue:

- Saint of the Month: St. Anthony of Padua
- Word of the Month: Blessing
- The Role of the Recorder
- Recent & Upcoming Events
- Installation of Officers
- Knight of the Month; Family of the Month
- Good of the Order
- A Prayer for Fathers

Greetings! The month of June is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of hearth and home. In June the Church celebrates many feast days and solemnities. We also remember and honor our fathers, alive or deceased.

As you anticipate the summer months, I offer you the following Summertime Prayer taken from A Book of Irish American Blessings and Prayers by Andrew M. Greeley.

We thank you, Lady Wisdom, You who preside over the turning of the seasons and the long days and the short nights, for blessing us with summertime, with sunlight and heat, with sand and surf, with humid days and rainy nights.

Grant that we may use well our summer respite for rest and recreation and recollection. Protect us – and all those we love – from summer dangers. Help us to see in the heat of summer a hint of the passion of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor and Current Grand Knight

**THE ACID TEST OF OUR FAITH IN THE PROMISES OF
GOD IS NEVER FOUND IN THE EASY-GOING,
COMFORTABLE WAYS OF LIFE,
BUT IN THE GREAT EMERGENCIES,
THE TIMES OF STORM AND OF STRESS, THE DAYS
OF ADVERSITY, WHEN ALL HUMAN AID FAILS.**

Ethel Bell

Important Dates

June 2023



- 4 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
- 11 Feast of Corpus Christi
K of C pancake breakfast
- 13 Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
- 14 Knights of Columbus executive meeting by Zoom
- 16 Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 17 Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 18 Father's Day
- 21 Knights of Columbus general meeting in parish hall
- 24 Parish Family Dance after 5 p.m. Mass
- 29 Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
K of C Mass @ 7 p.m. & Installation of Officers

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 May we recognized Bro. Joe Lauer. Bro. Joe has served as treasurer for the last twenty years, ever since we became a council. He recently announced that he would be stepping down from this position. Of course, Joe will continue to be an active Knight in so many ways, including the Knight Riders

program, grocery gift card sales, monthly pancake breakfasts, and our support for pro-life. Congratulations, Joe, and many thanks for your years of dedicated service, particularly in the role of treasurer.

The Good Knight

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service

On Monday evening, May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker), between 30 and 40 parishioners gathered for a prayer service to honor St. Joseph and to pray in front of a travelling icon, blessed by Pope Francis. The icon of St. Joseph usually hangs in St. Michael's Oratory in Montréal. The program was well-organized. It began with a Liturgy of the Word followed by the recitation of the joyful mysteries of the rosary, and concluded with a Litany to St. Joseph. The reflections for each decade were very meaningful. Thanks to those who attended and especially to the many volunteers involved in leading the prayer service.



Seniors Brunch

On Sunday, May 7, the Knights of Columbus prepared a hearty brunch for the Seniors. There were about 110 seniors in attendance. The community service project was spear-headed by Bro. Gerry Goudreau (second from the left), with the help of Bros. Tim Morris, Louis Kloster, Wilbur Collin, Paul Weisenberger, Pierre Vermette, and Gabriel deRuiter.



Talent Show

On Saturday, May 13, the Knights of Columbus hosted a talent show after the 5 p.m. Mass. About sixty people attended the event, which featured seventeen different performances including poetry recitation, calculus problem solving, music, and even a sword fight. A big thank you to our Family Program chairperson, Bro. Gerard McLarney, as well as to Bros. Dennis Madu and Rene Rouleau for help with the sound system.

Mothers Day

At the weekend masses on the Mothers Day weekend, our Council distributed 200 carnations to the mothers in our parish, as a token of appreciation for the important role they play in the family. God bless all mothers!



Soapbox Derby

Every year, as part of Beaumont Daze, Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 hosts a soapbox derby. The event was initiated about thirty years ago by Conseil Lapointe #6264, the French Council in Beaumont at the time. When their charter retired in 2016, Council #13064 took on the project.

The morning begins with the Knights pulling a K of C float in the parade. The float is designed like a boat, carrying a model of St. Vital Church. 50th Avenue west of the Beaumont Community Centre is then barricaded from traffic, and races begin down the hill. The council owns eight soapbox cars,



many of them built by Knights. The club cars are available to contestants, who are 8 to 13 years of age. Up to thirty-six girls and boys can participate.

Many thanks to Bro. Paul Weisenberger for organizing, once again, this popular community project. At least a dozen other Knights also volunteer their time to help run the soapbox derby and ensure the safety of both competitors and bystanders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Dance

A family dance is being planned for Saturday, June 24, following the 5 p.m. mass. It will be held in the church basement. Due to fire regulations, dance tickets are limited and will be sold at the grocery gift card table. The cost is \$15 per family or \$5 a person. Proceeds will go towards door and dance prizes as well as the anticipated parish picnic.



Council #13064 Executive Officers 2023-2024

At our general meeting in May, elections were held for the executive of our local council. Some positions remain open. Our current executive includes the following:

Grand Knight	Bro. Louis Kloster
Deputy Grand Knight	Bro. Gabriel deRuiter
Chancellor	Vacant
Recorder	Bro. Vincent deRuiter
Treasurer	Bro. Sid Eriavaz
Advocate	Bro. Joe Stack
Warden	Bro. Joe Mahe
Inside Guard	Vacant
Outside Guard	Bro. Dennis Madu
Trustee 1 st Year	Bro. Pierre Vermette
Trustee 2 nd Year	Bro. John deRuiter
Trustee 3 rd Year	Vacant
Chaplain	Fr. Les Drewicki
Financial Treasurer	Bro. Paul Weisenberger

Installation of Officers

The newly-elected executive will be installed after a 7 p.m. mass on Thursday, June 29. All Knights and their spouses/families are invited to attend.

The Good Knight

Liturgical Matters

Why is it that, in some churches, the altar servers stand with lighted candles on each side of the ambo (lectern) during the reading of the gospel?

The lighted candles signify the light of Christ. Like a candle that lights the way in the darkness, Jesus lights the way for us as we journey through life. Without Christ to show us the way, we can get 'lost' in the darkness; we can easily stumble and fall, hurting ourselves and others.

One of the ways that Jesus shows us the way is through His Word ... through the bible. God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to us personally and enlightens us.

Word of the Month

blessing

The word blessing takes its root in the Latin verb: benedicere, to speak well of (Bene—well; dicere—to speak). Therefore, to bless someone is to speak well of him or her. But this implies a special form of "speaking well."

Catholic theologian and author, Fr. Ron Rolheiser, writes: To bless someone is, through some word, gesture or ritual, to make him or her aware of three things:

- i) the goodness of the original creation where, after making the earth and humans, God said that it was "good, very good";
- ii) that God experiences the same delight and pleasure in him or her, that he experienced with Jesus at his baptism when he said: "This is my beloved child in whom I take delight";
- iii) that we, who are giving the blessing, recognize that goodness and take that delight in him or her.

Thus, the ritual blessing that we are given at the end of Mass: "I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" could be paraphrased to sound like this: "As we leave this celebration, let us feel deeply and take with us the deep truth that we, the world, and our lives are good, very good. There is no need to live in guilt and depression. We are, despite our faults, very good and delightful to God. Let us, therefore, take delight in each other and in ourselves. We are, after all, extremely pleasing to God."

American Presbyterian clergyman, Craig Barnes, wrote: "Blessings are only signs of God's love. The real blessing, of course, is the love itself."

Birthdays in June

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

- | | |
|-----------|------------------|
| • June 5 | Bryan Oulton |
| • June 7 | Ted Kotylak |
| • June 17 | Chris Bendoritis |
| • June 20 | Camille Bérubé |
| • June 27 | Francis Feth |



As you celebrate the gift of life, may the good Lord bless you and give you peace.

Wedding Anniversaries in May/June

- | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| • May 17 | Dan and Dale Chalifoux |
| • May 27 | John and Donita Kloster |
| • June 5 | Ted and Carmen Kotylak |
| • June 11 | Camille and Jo-Anne Bérubé |
| • June 17 | Chris and Wendy Bendoritis |
| • June 21 | Jean and Diane Boucher |
| • June 21 | Jam and Jackie Abello |
| • June 27 | Paul and Sheree Weisenberger |
| • June 29 | Joe and Belinda Halbach |
| • June 29 | Vern and Karen Reichert |
| • June 30 | Jeremy and Kris Bujold |

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

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.

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • Guilbert Bérubé | Tumor in Eye |
| • Wilbur Collin | Upcoming heart surgery |
| • Vincent deRuiten | Military deployment |
| • Cheryl Fisher | Recovery from surgery |
| • Ken Galm | Deceased |
| • Denis Hinse | III |
| • Everett Hoffarth | III |
| • Bonnie Fleming | Stroke; broken hip |
| • John Kloster | Stroke recovery |
| • Wayne Larocque | Deceased |
| • Weston Lauer | III |
| • Raymond Mahe | In hospital; health issues |
| • Ron Morris | Health issues |
| • Bryan Oulton | III |
| • Albertine Porter | Cancer |
| • Jean Marc Vermette | Cancer |

About the Knights of Columbus

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Conn., founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Irish Catholic community. He was particularly concerned with the needs of the widow and orphan. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with two million members in more than 16,000 local councils. During the past year, Knights around the world donated more than 47 million service hours and \$150 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families and currently has more than \$116 billion of life insurance policies in force.



Based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Order remains committed to strengthening Catholic families and parishes and to practicing faith in action through service to all in need.

The Good Knight

Saint of the Month: St. Anthony of Padua



Anthony was born in the year 1195 in Portugal, although the people of Padua, Italy, have great respect for him. His family was wealthy, and they wanted Anthony to be a great nobleman. However, Anthony wanted to serve Christ, and he joined the Franciscan order of priests. For many years he studied the bible carefully. He was quite sickly and was unable to do any missionary work. He lived in a cave and left only to attend Mass and sweep the nearby monastery.

One day, however, he was asked to replace a preacher who was unable to attend Mass. They discovered that Anthony had a great gift for preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. His reputation as a speaker grew and, soon, Anthony was travelling through France and Italy teaching theology and evangelizing to people. Anthony's words caused many people to believe in Jesus Christ. Legend tells us that even the fish liked to listen to his words. Jesus worked through Anthony as he preached. Miracles began to happen, and people were cured of diseases when Anthony touched them.

In 1231 Anthony died at the young age of 36. He was so well-loved and respected that, within one year of his death, he was canonized as a saint. Christians often pray to St. Anthony when they have lost something, although it is not clear as to why.

In many images, St. Anthony is depicted holding the Child Jesus. He is featured in this painting, entitled *Madonna and Child with St. Anthony of Padua*, by Flemish painter Anthony van Dyck (c. 1630).



You Asked Us...

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

The current Recorder of Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064 is Vincent deRuiter. As Recorder, Bro. Vincent:

- Is responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, especially meeting minutes;
- Maintains all correspondence of the council; and
- Performs such other duties as the Grand Knight may direct.

The jewel of the recorder is crossed quills suspended from a ribbon of yellow and white. The quills represent writing, knowledge and communication, and are also symbolic of the recorder's duty to write and preserve letters and documents (records). The ribbon of yellow and white represents intellect and goodness.



Family of the Month

Each month, our council also recognizes a family in the parish that serves the faith community in significant ways. In May we honored Bro. Gerry Goudreau and his wife Rose. Bro. Gerry once again organized the seniors' brunch on May 7. He is very quick to volunteer where needed, whether it is to help lead a Knights-sponsored prayer service or to be a judge at the finish line for the soapbox derby. Gerry sings in the French choir.

Rose is the president of the Catholic Women's League. She is also an eager volunteer within the parish, whether it be to decorate trees for Christmas, proclaim God's Word at the 9



a.m. mass, or tend the perennial beds around the church. We are grateful to them both for all they do for our parish.

Have You Heard This One?

Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would, Sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout counter."

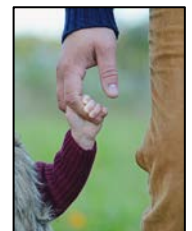
"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the checkout.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at the convent, we call it Catholic shampoo."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said, "The curlers are on the house."

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find perseverance and courage to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.



We pray for our own fathers around the world, whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers, but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Author Unknown