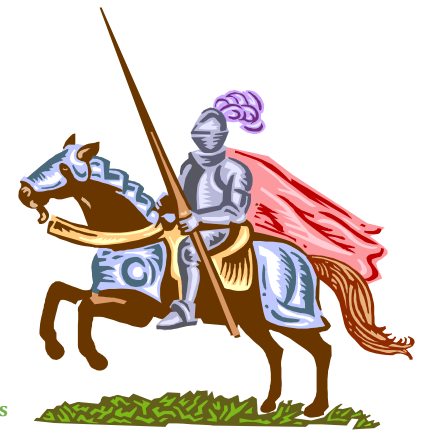


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October is a Big Month for Us

By Will Friesen, Grand Knight

In Bavaria Oktoberfest actually ends on the first Saturday in October. I want to draw on that image to illustrate that this month we are leaving behind the party of the summer and turning our focus to getting ourselves ready for the first day of November, All Saints Day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines saint as, “The ‘holy one’ who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life.” This is the calling of every baptized Catholic. It causes me to pause and wonder, can I be holy?

Matthew Kelly wrote a book entitled, *The Biggest Lie in The History of Christianity*. It is a short book that I strongly recommend. In the book he says that while it might be hard to live a holy life, that anyone can experience a holy moment.

Have you ever sat in the Cathedral and seen the sun shine through the stained glass and felt a closeness with God? How did you feel the first time that you held your newborn and looked into their eyes? Didn't you want to scream, “Thank you Jesus!”. Have you ever heard a really great Christian song and felt that God was speaking right to your heart? These are holy moments.

Matthew says that if you can live a holy moment, then you can put a few back-to-back such that you can live a holy minute. If you focus on putting a few minutes together for yourself then you can consider helping someone else find a holy moment. In that instant, you are holy to them.

One song by Brian Doerksen entitled *Refiner's Fire* brings me many holy moments. You can find the song on the internet. The refrain says, “My heart's one desire is to be holy. Set apart for you Lord. I choose to be holy. Set apart for you, my master. Ready to do your will.”

October Calendar

October 3

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

October 5

Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, SI

October 7-8

ID Drive, SJE

October 10

Business Meeting and Dinner, 6 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

October 13

Cornhole Tournament, 6 p.m., OLA

October 14-15

ID Drive, OLA

October 17

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

October 19

Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m.,
Smokey Oaks Cafe

Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, SI

October 21-22

ID Drive, SI

October 24

Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

October 28-29

ID Drive, Emigh's Hardware

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Raising money for Camp Recreation is a holy cause. We are doing exactly what the Lord wants us to be doing in that moment. At the moment when you hand out a tootsie roll, consider the expression on your face. Look into the eyes of that other person and make that moment a happy one for both of you. Keep your shoulders up, your eyes smiling. Expect God to touch you in every interaction. Trust me, you will feel those holy moments. And finish the exchange by saying God Bless you.

When we are hosting the Corn Hole, we want to be a symbol God's love. We want those men to wonder why are these Knights so happy. We want them to think, "How can I get some of that." They will want to be around more of that. We will not need to ask them to join the Knights. They will beg to sign up.

Now go make October a holy month.

Our ID "Tootsie Roll" Drive for 2023 is in full swing. This is our annual event for campers with special needs that we help to send to Camp ReCreation every Summer. When we help those in need, we make their lives better and allow God's light to shine in us and on those around us. Please support our ID Drive with your time and treasure and let's join together in praying for another successful event again this year.

**More Than a Bullet Point**

By Ken Macdonald, Life Chairman

The issue of abortion often gets discussed in the context of a "political football", but this issue is much more important than just a bullet point in a debate presentation.

This issue is about LIFE and the dignity and respect we have for life in our world. Life is the key "right" in our society. All other "rights" lose their impact or meaning if we do not respect life. As an example, healthcare should be a right, but if we do not respect life, doesn't healthcare become less important? Life is the basis, the foundation, of our respect for our brothers and sisters and their needs and rights. Jesus spoke of the man who built his home on a solid foundation, and when the winds and storms came, his house stood firm. Another man built his house on sand, and when those winds and storms arrived his home was lost. Life is that foundation on which all of the other "rights" stand. The other rights depend on the foundation of the right to life to be their foundation.

We need to understand the need to respect and protect those who cannot care for themselves. This includes the unborn, our seniors, and those who are unable to care for themselves. If we do not respect life for the importance it carries, how can we make those mentioned above a priority as we look to care for one another. Make "Life" your foundation!

A Lot Going On In October

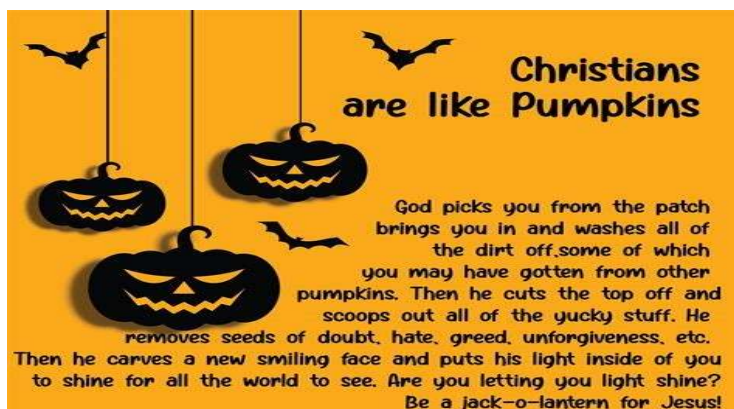
By Frank Consulo, Deputy Grand Knight

October will be a busy month. The month kicked off on October 1 with 40 Days for Life at the corner of Manzanita and Madison. We'll continue with our first of several ID Drives, starting at SJE the weekend of October 7-8. Check the calendar for the other dates, and please give Joe Romanazzi call at 916-524-3394 if you can. And October 13 will be the first of hopefully several Cornhole tournaments at Bannon Hall at OLA. We'll start the fun at 6 p.m., which will include a backyard BBQ. Hope to attract Catholic men to the Knights of Columbus. We hope this may be a program that can grow with us at other parishes.

SJE asked our help with an event on October 28th where we will be cooking a hot dogs and hamburger BBQ for the school kids, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. if you can help, please give me a call at 916-366-7131 .

I have a small story to share. One day working at St. Vincent DePaul I was picking up food at one of our suppliers, getting ready to leave, and a young woman on a bicycle came up to me and asked if I could give her something to eat. She looked very tired and hungry. I had a bag, put some stuff in it for her, and gave her some milk. She drank the whole quart. She asked me to give her a Blessing. I thought at that moment that I was not good enough to give a blessing. Then as I looked up in the sky, I thought of Jesus. I gave her the sign of the cross said a pray to help her. She smiled and went on her way. That smile has stayed with me this week.

Finally, remember this is the month of the Holy Rosary, with the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.



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Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Smiles for Saint Ignatius Fall Festival

By Mike Fazio, Editor

A beautiful, sunny September Sunday provide the perfect backdrop for the Saint Ignatius Fall Festival. Our brother Knights, as usually, were integral to the day's festivities.

The day began with testimonials from parishioners to garner support for the parish's Capital Campaign to raise money to pay off the debt associated with building the new school and parish offices. Brothers Rich Romo (7:30 a.m.) and Mike Fazio (9:30 a.m.) were two of the parishioners to speak about how the parish impacted them and their families and to encourage parishioners to generously give to the campaign.

Then the festivities began. Brother Knights manned the grill to cook hot dogs (affectionately called Iggy Dogs) and hamburgers for approximately 300 hungry parishioners. Grillers included PGKs Loren Wallin, Peter Kilkenny, Mike Dougherty, and Joe Romanazzi; DGK Frank Consulo; Recorder Gary Mello, Guard Ben Dougherty; and Brothers Dan Aseltine, Ken Macdonald, Rich Romo, Bobbie Bello, and Mike Fazio. Treasurer Steve Millner manned the Bingo area where the competition was fierce! And GK Will Friesen, PGK Gene Gobbo, and Guard Bill Davis staffed our table at the Ministry Fair in the gym, where we spoke with people about our Council's great work. And PGK Joshua Figeroa helped with clean up. Our efforts were appreciated by Father Tom Lucas, the parish staff, and the festival organizers. SI knows it can count on Council 4970 when help is needed.

Many Knights. Many hands working together for a common good. We helped bring people together in community. To help them become what they received at mass-the Body of Christ.



PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions in your prayers:

**All children lost to abortion
All unborn children and their mothers**

All Caregivers of the sick

Joe Kievernagel

Dan Aseltine

Jerry Butler

Pope Francis

Pope Benedict (dec)

Michael Aseltine (dec)

Christopher Scott (dec)

Jacintha Ezeudoye (dec)

John DePiazza (dec)

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Are Good Works Necessary for Salvation?

By Will Friesen, Grand Knight

I have been writing a bit about service to God, but is service really necessary for salvation?

I am reminded of a conversation that I had with a Lutheran friend. I would say that he was easily my best friend at the time. As a good Lutheran he liked to quote one verse that was a favorite of the founder of his church, Ephesians 2:8 and 9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast."

I too love this verse. It says that a bishop does not earn greater favor with God for his job than any Knight for their service. No matter how many service hours or what type of service hours, we do not earn the right to think that we are better than anyone else. I believe that this transcends our service to the church and extends to our careers. No single job is more important than another in the eyes of God.

On that day, I said to my friend that whenever he quotes a verse, I want him to quote the line just before and after his favorite passage. We were at my house, so we used my bible. The prior verse says, "that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." God is promising immeasurable amounts of his grace and kindness.

But the real kicker is the verse that follows, "For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the GOOD WORKS that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." Before we were even created by God, he had a plan for us. He knew and planned what "good works" that we would do. And he expects us to live up to his plan.

My friend was not convinced. He had been told his whole life that by faith alone we are saved. So I continued, "Is there a test to know if you really have the faith necessary for salvation?" He shrugged so I flipped to the book of James to read snippets of chapter 2:14-26. "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" Skip to verse 17, "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." That is pretty clear, faith without works is dead. I skipped down to verse 22 where James explains Abraham's work at the altar, "You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by the works."

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JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

The Pearl of Great Price



Caryl Chessman (1901-1954) was a British Roman Catholic who was a popular artist, poet, mystic (in the tradition of Catherine of Siena, and Teresa of Avila) and a prolific spiritual author. She wrote *The Pearl of Great Price*, which reads as follows:

It was during the London blitz [in World War II] that the glory of the ceaseless elevation of the Host came home to me as never before. It was often difficult then to go to Mass, or to be able to receive Communion. Of course, Mass was offered daily, but there were many things to hinder and sometimes to frustrate our efforts to get to it. Fantastic hours of duty, day and night, sirens and bombing that forced one to take cover again and again on the way, and finally the possibility, too often realized, of finding a ruin where last night there was a church. In those days I learned forever how thankful one should be for being able to go to Mass easily, even when easily means a long country walk on a dark winter's morning. Now more than a year after the end of the war I still experience a sense of relief like a load falling from the heart every time I go to Mass, and over and over again on the way I think of those others who still have, and may always have, dangers and hardships to face in order to go to Mass—of martyrs and potential martyrs in persecuted countries, of missionaries who endure any privation, any risk, to take Christ to the ends of the earth to be adored, to give him, as the bread of life, to any little spiritual starveling in pagan lands, who but for the Church would count for nothing in the world's eyes, but who in the eyes of the Church is worth the shedding of Christ's blood on the cross, and the lives of the martyrs given that his blood should flow for them in the chalice. If someone with the knowledge to do it would write a book about the price that gallant men and women have paid gladly to go to Mass all through the ages, from the time of the catacombs until now in all the countries of the world, what an inspiration that would be!

When Chessman wrote, *The Pearl of Great Price*, she recalled that going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion was often difficult, if not impossible. Now more than eight decades later, it is possible and easy to go to Mass but our church attendance has dropped significantly. According to a 2021 Gallop survey, for the first time ever, fewer than half of Americans – 47% – were members of a church, synagogue or mosque. In 2022, Gallup found the percentage of people who believed in God dropped from 98% in the 1950s to 81%. Among Americans under 30, it was down to an unprecedented 68%! What happened? Why have so many people turned away from God? Why is there is often no interest in organized religion and revulsion at the idea of dependence on God and Christ? **Secularization** is the primary reason. Secularization is the transformation of a society from close identification with religious values and institutions toward nonreligious values and secular institutions. The belief is that as societies progress, particularly through modernization and rationalization, religion and family lose their authority in all aspects of social life and governance. This results in the breakdown of community, people turning away from God, creating endless problems including societal dysfunction, violence, abuse, abortion, addiction, disease, doubt and fear. These ills can be only cured if we turn back to God and Jesus Christ.

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My Brothers, as God heard the cry of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt, so also has he heard the cry of humanity enslaved by sin and death. Our Catholic faith teaches us that Jesus Christ is our deliverance, power and strength and offers a future full of hope. In the words of Caryll Houselander, "Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another."

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines faith like this; "Faith is a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God who invites his response, and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed."

It is not by works that we are saved, but if you claim to have faith and that faith does not fire up a desire to work in service of our Lord, then you need to spend more time in prayer. Pray that God gives you the type of faith that will call you to service. Pray for the living faith that is completed by charitable works.

The book of James is probably the smallest book (2 pages) of the New Testament. It is often attributed to the apostles, but I am not sure which James. It is a very powerful book. It is a very Catholic book.

Faith is a gift from God that demands action. How real is your faith?

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Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Our Ladies Luncheon last month was another great success. The 10 ladies at Black Angus enjoyed a very nice lunch as served by a fantastic waitress, Rae. Thank you, Rae for your attention to detail and spot-on service.



Our next luncheon will be at 1:00 PM, Thursday, October 19th at Smokey Oaks Café, 9634 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks (located just east of New York Ave) The manager is looking forward to having our ladies served by his staff.

So, let's make him happy with another one of our great turnouts. The more the merrier. No RSVP necessary, but if you have any questions, you know who to call to get the answer! Contact either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933, or myself, at 916-261-8674. The restaurant's phone number is 916-

536-9330.

