

# St. Edward Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 8020 News and Happenings

News, with most recent first:

## Knights Announce Monday Knight Football at the Parish Hall



Now that the audio-visual equipment is complete (see story below) the Knights have reserved the parish hall for almost all Monday nights during football season, in order to host a recurring parish event/fundraiser, so that we can continue to donate to parish and school needs. These events are open to the public and advertised in the newspaper. We will be serving food and drinks will be available for a donation. See the bulletin and newspaper for more information!!

Left: Parishioners enjoy football action on the big screen!

## Knights Complete Parish Hall Audio/Visual Upgrade With Marathon Effort And Installation of New Equipment!!!



When the parish hall was completed, one facet of facility usefulness that was left for "future improvement" was technology/audio-visual capability. The Knights have made the gradual upgrading of the hall a project for over a year now. One of the first projects was internet connectivity, which was addressed (and described below) with wiring between all the parish buildings. The next phase was installation of equipment that would be useful for conferences, learning opportunities etc. We filled this need with the addition of a PC and other components, including the flat-screen TV on the north wall. The final project that takes the hall to a best-in-class facility is the addition of a ceiling-mounted audio/visual projector, and projection screen. This will enable the hall to host any kind of teaching seminar and make use of the most advanced learning programs (PC-based, or DVD) as well as for viewing videos on a near cinema-sized screen (12 FEET by 7 FEET!) on the East wall. Also part of this final improvement is the installation of ceiling mounted speakers and wall-mounted speakers.



(See picture) Some of the speakers are connected to a P.A. System that the Knights have also installed. This will ensure that if a speaker is presenting material to an audience - EVERYONE will be able to hear what is being said! Ten of the speakers are connected to the A/V system with 5.1 Surround Sound - which combined with the large screen, will provide a wonderful cinema-style experience for hall renters, our St. Edward schoolchildren, parish events etc. The

Knights are very pleased to be concluding this long project and look forward to many years of enjoyment from our St. Edward family!!!! Many thanks to our chairman of this project, Brother Knight Jim Bodtke, and all the Knights and others who helped with the project. (Pictured is Jim Moroz, hooking up fiberoptic cables!)

## Knights Award Annual Notre Dame Scholarship to Virginia Girsch



The 2012 winner of our annual \$250 Notre Dame Scholarship is Virginia Girsch. The wonderful essay titled "Preparation for Life Through a Catholic Education" can be read in its entirety on the [sainted.org](http://sainted.org) website! Click on the Knights of Columbus link on the home page, the link to the essay is near the bottom of the page.

AT LEFT: Virginia on her first day at Peoria Notre Dame!

## Knights Help With St. Edward's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



The Knights pitched in to help with the St. Edward 110<sup>th</sup> Celebration on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The main meat dish was provided, hot pulled pork to serve hundreds! Also, you might have noticed the sign out on Route 29 by the south end of town. Grand Knight Tazio Grivetti and the children of St. Edward School participated in the construction of the sign. The blue handprints around the perimeter are from the schoolchildren on Fine Arts Day. The twirling, CD's were all individually decorated by the kids, and then strung together to provide an eye-catching effect!

## Knights Serve 140+ Students, Parents, Teachers and Guests at St. Edward School Fine Arts Day!



Every year Fine Arts Day is looked forward to by the students of St. Edward school. It is one of the most fun days of the year! This year, there were special guests, in that the preschool was also invited to join the kindergarteners in experiencing all the great art projects. Also special this year, was a team of Knights grilled up a wonderful cookout meal for over 140!! Jim Bodtke, Ken Hillard, Randy Daly and Tazio Grivetti served up hot dogs, burgers, pork chops, chips etc. The weather was perfect and the kids were able to eat in the bright sunshine on the grass in front of the church! Pictured above are 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoying the cookout, as well as some 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys posing in front of their “stained glass” window, a project led by Grand Knight Tazio Grivetti.

## Knights Host Annual “Movie Night” for Mentally Handicapped



The Knights Hosted their annual “movie night” for the residents of Crabel Court and the Chillicothe community/mentally handicapped. Mr. Bean returned in a madcap spy caper/thriller movie, that the assembled guests got a big kick out of! Hotdogs, snacks, and movie theater style popcorn were also enjoyed by all. The Knights have committed to hosting an additional movie night, making it two per year, likely to be taking place in November.

## Knights Make Additional Improvements to St. Edward Cemetery



The Knights have led the way in completing additional improvements at the cemetery that St. Edward Parish owns. The new circular road (reflecting the expanded boundaries of the cemetery has been completed, including culverts – the new road will greatly facilitate funeral processions, as the cars can enter one end, and all park in a lineup that will allow easy exit, safely onto the road. This is a great step forward for our cemetery, and the road really shows the true size, and additional room available.

## **Annual Chili Supper at Parish Hall a Big Success!**



February 4 was the date for the annual chili supper. Once again the Knights served up award-winning chili, hot dogs, baked potatoes, toppings and desserts. The chili was completely sold out by the end of the evening, and a delicious meal was had by all. In the photos, Dinner Chairman Ken Hillard and some brother Knights are working hard in the kitchen, while a table full of St. Edward school students and alumni enjoy the meal. The Knights raffled off an IPAD, and the lucky winner was Sean O'Brien, parish member and father of several Jaguar students! Thank you to everyone who helped, and to the parish for attending.

## **Knights Sample Home Brewed Beverages at January Meeting**



The regular January meeting of the Knights featured a visit from the District Deputy, final planning of the annual parish Chilli Supper. After the meeting, some hand-crafted beverages were sampled. Thanks to Past Grand Knight Dan Gerke and others for supplying the refreshments.

## **Knights Donate 55-inch TV to Parish Hall**

Next time you are in the parish hall, check out the new 55 inch flat screen TV that the Knights have donated and installed! The flatscreen was sitting un-installed in the closet in the hall for months and months, but finally got put up after some other projects were completed. Hookups for cable, DVD playing and computer will soon be placed beneath the TV. A computer with HDMI output and Blue-Ray High Definition Video and speaker system are also coming soon. In addition, a wireless microphone system for use with guest speakers, seminars etc. will be installed.



All of these upgrades are great amenities to add to the parish hall. We foresee some Monday Night Football usage in the near future!

## **Knights Spearhead Toys for Needy Children**

The Knights have continued their yearly tradition of collecting and distributing toys for needy children. As in recent years, we paired up with the food basket drive for the distribution. With the generosity and support of the entire parish, hundreds of brand new toys nicely gift wrapped, were driven to local homes on December 17 & 18th

## **Knights M&M's for Spare Change Fundraiser for Project Rachel results in \$656 Donation**



You might recall that back in June the Knights held a mini-fundraiser to benefit "Project Rachel". This is the Catholic Church's nationwide ministry to those impacted by abortion. Here in the Peoria Diocese, we have an active effort. The Knights bought and gave away cylinders of mini-M&M's to parishioners, with an attached prayer card for Project Rachel. We asked that the containers be returned to some baskets placed in the church, with any spare change that could be accumulated. We actually ran out of M&M's after the early Sunday mass, so those attending the 10:30 might not know about this fundraiser! A total of \$656 was returned which resulted in the picture above. Tim Roder from the Diocese

office of Family Life is receiving the check from Bob Aker, the driving force behind this effort. Recently, some more containers were dropped off in the baskets which are still in the back of the church. This money will be used to purchase more M&M's and we will have this fundraiser again in the summer of 2012!!! We will be sure to buy more, so that all masses will be able to participate. Thank you to all who donated, the money was greatly appreciated by Mr. Roder.

## Knights Auction Breakfast Results: Huge Turnout! Thank you St. Edward Families!



The Knights once again sponsored the annual Auction Breakfast, serving a record number of over 200 parishioners this year! The turnout was so heavy that additional seating had to be hastily set up. **Thank you** to the school parents and volunteers manning the Auction Craft/Bake Sale for their speedy help in setting up the additional tables!!

Left: Maria Grivetti and Riley Simmons at the Auction Breakfast

The high turnout enabled a record amount raised! \$399 was used to purchase a flatscreen TV which was donated to the auction for the 25<sup>th</sup> (approximately!) annual “Knights of Columbus TV Card Game” held midway through the live auction. 100% of the remaining profit of \$643.53 was given directly to the auction as a cash donation. During the TV Card Game, two decks of cards are sold for \$10 each to auction-goers. One lucky card wins the TV. This means a net profit for the auction of \$1040 every year just from the card game. **BUT THIS YEAR** the parishioners and friends of St. Edward attending the auction purchased **THREE** decks of cards, resulting in a profit of \$1560 for the auction. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the game at the auction, and congratulations to Mrs. Meisinger who won the TV!!



Auction Chair Kristine Timmons accepts the \$643.53 cash donation from the Knights

## Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Results in \$1200+ Raised for PARC and Community Workshop



Once again the Knights of Columbus fanned out to collect spare change in exchange for Tootsie Rolls, to raise money for two local charities, PARC and Community Workshop. The beneficiary of this drive is always organizations that specialize in helping the mentally handicapped. Knight Jim Moroz chaired the project as he has done for years. Knights stood outside banks, Kroger and our Masses at St. Edward, raising over \$1200. A huge thank-you to everyone who put money in the can! **ALL** of our left over tootsies were sold in boxes just prior to Halloween. This added \$200 to our prior total of over \$1000, resulting in the grand total.

## Knights Annual Altar Server Appreciation Party a Huge Success!



The Knights again held an end-of-summer appreciation event for our faithful altar servers, at the Shore Acres Pool. Actually, TWO parties were held, but the low turnout of 10 kids at the first party (lots of families on vacation that week) prompted us to sponsor a 2<sup>nd</sup> event a few weeks later. This time over 30 kids attended – as in prior years, all altar servers AND siblings were invited. The kids enjoyed the pool, and then everyone had a great meal at a cookout in the park featuring burgers, dogs, chips, watermelon, cookies and drinks! Dan Gerke was our grill-master this year, and his efforts were greatly appreciated by all the attendees.

## Knights in Action: Groundskeeping At St. Edward's Cemetery (St. Joseph Cemetery)

Yes, our parish DOES own a cemetery, known as the St. Joseph Cemetery on Rome West Road. The Knights have responded to the need of the parish to keep the cemetery up, by donating time, money and equipment.



Knight Ken Hillard assumed responsibility of the Sextant of the Cemetery. Knights Bob Aker and Jim Moroz volunteered to be directors. (Dee Butler and Jerry Noe, from the parish are also on the board, and Grace Youngman is the secretary) Knights did all the mowing during 2010, the lion's share done by Past Grand Knight Bob Aker.

The Knights also provided the labor to pour a new pad for a shed to house the mowing equipment. The Knights also **built** the metal building. The crew included Randy Daly, Ken Hillard, Bob Aker, Bob Adams, Greg Bogner and Justin Dennis (Son-in-law of Ken Hillard). Knight Bob Adams also donated a Simplicity Riding Lawn Mower to the cemetery. In 2011 the many Knights along with other members of the St. Edward congregation again kept up the cemetery. In a major effort, the utilized grounds of the cemetery were expanded (another ½ acre).



The new area is to the right of the shed in the picture to the left  
A loop road is being installed complete with two culverts, to allow for much easier access for funeral processions. The gravel for the road was donated anonymously.



The Knights have future

landscaping improvements planned for next year. It should be mentioned that this is not a 100% Knights of Columbus endeavor. This is for St. Edward Parish, with others (mentioned above) involved, and of course more volunteers are always welcome. You can contact any of the Knights mentioned above if you would like to help.

## **Knights Annual “Missal Defense Fund” Sausage Sale Helps Offset Cost of Missalettes**

In 2009 and 2010, the Knights established the “Missal Defense Fund” and sold home-made sausage to help defray the cost of missalettes to the parish. \$438 was donated last year. Thanks to all who purchased sausage and we hope you enjoyed it. Sausage will again be for sale after certain Masses in December. Keep your eyes peeled for our card table laden with gift-wrapped sausage in the coming weeks.

## **Knights Donate \$1000 to Rectory Carpet Replacement Project**

Responding to a request from the parish office, the Knights voted unanimously to donate \$1000 to the rectory carpet replacement project. This money was largely the proceeds from dues paid by the members along with the Chili Supper.

## **Knights Spearhead Telecommunications Upgrade for All Parish Buildings**



The Knights, with the assistance and support of the Building and Grounds committee, have undertaken a year long project to establish computer wireless service and a 1 Gigabit Local Area Network upgrade. New lines were bored under the parking lot so that all four buildings (School, Hall, Church and Rectory) are tied together telephonically, cable TV and computer. This has been a huge, complex project, led by Knight **Jim Bodtke**, with many others helping. The results are very worthwhile, and ensures that we stay on the cutting edge of technology.

## **St. Edward Knights win the Peoria-Area K of C Chili Cookoff!**

This event is held annually at the Knights Hall on Radnor Road in Peoria. As our commemorative team shirts say “That’s Why They Call It Chilli” The same recipe is used for our annual St. Edward Chili Supper, so everyone can enjoy the goodness!

*All Catholic Men of St. Edward Parish are eligible and invited to be members of the Knights of Columbus. Contact any Knight for more information. Recent leaders and officers of the Knights include Bob Aker, Bob Adams, Dan Gerke, Tazio Grivetti, Jim Moroz, Jim Bogner, Paul Smith, Billy Galindo, Jim Bodtke, Randy Daly, Ken Hillard, Don Flinner, Lonnie Parr, Bob Campion, just to name a few. The K of C offers many benefits to the 1.8 million+ members of 14,000+ councils. We stand for Faith, Family, Fraternity, and Patriotism, and have been described by no less than Pope John Paul II as “The strong right arm of the Church.”*