



# The Outer Guard

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## FEBRUARY 2021

### *From the Grand Knight ...*

Brother Knights,

Do you remember what prompted you to join the Knights of Columbus?

Odds are a friend, father, grandfather, or a Brother Knight simply asked you to join.

I was no exception; I was asked by a friend and a Brother Knight to join the Knights of Columbus. To this day, I do not regret my decision to join!

There has been no better time to join the Knights of Columbus then now!

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the council will be co-hosting a new member Exemplification at 3:15pm at St. Boniface Church.

The ceremony will last about 30-40 minutes. Family members are welcome to attend.

I am challenging every member to simply ask one person if they want to join the Knights.

For many of us, all it took was for someone to just ask. It is that simple!

Invite them to put their Faith into Action and see how our two million strong Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization continues to be a force for good!

Vivat Jesus!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, GK

## BLOOD DRIVE

### Edwardsville Knights of Columbus

Sponsored by Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143

MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

Wednesday, February 17  
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall  
7132 Marine Rd.

To schedule an appointment,  
Call Lynn Ripper at 618.799.9255  
or go to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org).

Use sponsor code 9920 to schedule online.

[WWW.BLOODCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.BLOODCENTER.ORG)



All donors will earn a  
GIFT CARD OR T-SHIRT!

### *40 Days for Life*

Our Council has the responsibility and privilege to **stand for life** during this important Lenten/Spring Campaign.

Our efforts during the previous campaigns have helped to prevent the deaths of several innocent babies.

Please sign up to **pray for life** at Hope Clinic in Granite City on Saturday, March 27. We need to fill one-hour slots (24) from 7 AM to 7 PM.

At least two guys and/or friends or family members are needed during each hour.

Please reach out to me through text or email with your preferences and I will get back to you.

Thank you and God bless,

Tom Tucker  
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## **Fred Mills Club Holiday Raffle Winners:**

The Fred Mills Board thanks everyone who participated in the Annual Fred Mills Club Holiday Raffle! Your generosity helped raise \$193 for the Fred Mills Club Building Improvement Fund. The winners of this year's raffle are:

Brian Gerstenecker  
Kathy Lask  
John Matthews  
Tom Tucker

Congratulations to the winners! The \$25 gift cards to Dierbergs will be mailed out to you very soon!

## **Family of The Month**

For February, we salute the Papajcik Family as Family of the Month! Jeff is a member of the council and volunteers as a reader at St. Boniface Church. Sue currently serves on the St. Boniface Finance Council and as the Safe Environment Coordinator. Also, Sue serves as an officer with the local Daughter's of Isabella Circle. Jeff and Sue's Son, Nick, regularly manages the audio/video for each mass at St. Boniface. Thank you, Papajcik family, for all you do for the Catholic Community!

## **Knight of The Month**

For February, we salute Jack Miller as Knight of the Month!

Jack currently serves on the Fred Mills Club Board and is one of the three lead fish fry chairs.

Jack has been a big part of helping keep The Hall clean and safe since the beginning of the pandemic.

Back in the fall, Jack would routinely setup UV lights and cleaning equipment to disinfect the hall following fish frys.

Recently, Jack renewed his ServSafe Manager Certification to be the council's key resource for helping serve food safely to the community and to maintain compliance with the Health Dept.

Outside of the Knights, Jack regularly volunteers his time at the Glen-Ed Food Pantry and the USO Center at Lambert St. Louis Airport.

Thank you, Jack, for all you do for the council and the community!

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## **Permanent Life Insurance is an Asset Like No Other**

Whole life insurance offers financial security for your loved ones and builds cash value; it also has tax advantages not available anywhere else.

Your policy can be designed to serve specific needs and goals, and change as your life changes.

### **Young and on a budget**

When you are young, the need for coverage is of primary importance. It is also the time you may be least able to afford a premium. Many opt for a term life policy. But when the term ends there is neither cash value nor death benefit.

With Knights of Columbus Limited Pay Whole Life, at application you can choose how many years you want to pay a premium, from five years to age 100.

The policy is then contractually paid up at the end of that period. Instead of a traditional 10- or 20-year pay life policy, the flexibil-

ity of Limited Pay Whole Life allows you to have, for example, a 26-year pay life policy because you have 26 years until retirement.

### **Life in transition: your middle years**

Helping with children's college tuition or assisting aging parents can be significant short-term expenses.

You can take a loan from your whole life policy or use its cash value as collateral on a conventional loan.

Conversely, if you find yourself with excess funds (through inheritance, for example), you can put your money to work in a Single-Premium Whole Life (SPWL) policy.

One payment can fund a permanent life insurance policy and begin to grow additional cash value on a tax-favored basis.

### **Estate planning**

Depending on the size of your estate, there may or may not be significant taxes to be paid, but there will almost certainly be expenses.

The death benefit from your whole life policy is tax-free, liquid, and paid almost immediately to beneficiaries.

This can provide your loved ones the means to comfortably settle your estate.

### **Right at any age**

It is rarely too soon or too late to add whole life insurance. Please contact me to discuss a policy design that is right for you.

Vivat Jesus!

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# Building the Domestic Church

## *While Strengthening Our Parish*

### The Family Fully Alive

*The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together*



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

FEBRUARY, 2021

*Faith In Action: Holy Hour*

**The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life.**

### Breaking Open the Theme

The sacrament of marriage is a wondrous divine mystery. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen liked to remind couples, it takes “three” to get married: husband, wife and God. By virtue of the sacrament of baptism, Christians no longer belong to themselves, but to Jesus Christ. As a result, when a baptized man marries a baptized woman, Christ himself is the one who gives the spouses to each other on their wedding day. It is Christ who also receives their vows as the Church witnesses their exchange of love and blesses it in Christ’s name. This is why it is important to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is present and also why the Church recommends that Christian marriages take place within a Mass. Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is made present in the love of the spouses. He becomes the source and unshakable guarantor of their unity as a couple. He transforms their love: “spouses love each other with a love that is greater than themselves, in fact, with the very love that brought them into existence in the first place!” By virtue of the great sacrament of holy matrimony, human love participates in Christ’s own sacrificial love wherein he gave up his body for sinners on the cross. To receive the graces of this sacrament fully, married couples must enter into the total self-gift of Christ on a daily basis, holding nothing back in their love of each other through prayer and sacrifice for the good of the beloved.

### Meditation

From a homily by St. John Chrysostom on *Marriage and Family Life*

How is marriage a mystery? The two have become one. This is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself. ... They come to be made into one body. See the mystery of

love! If the two do not become one, they cannot increase; they can increase only by decreasing! How great is the strength of unity!

From Pope John Paul II’s *Familiaris Consortio*

The spirit which the Lord pours forth [in the sacrament of marriage] gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. ... Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.

### Family Reflections

1. Do we think of marriage differently when we remember that Christ is present in the sacrament of marriage? How does this change or challenge our personal views of love?
2. What do we think of St. John Chrysostom’s principle of Christian married love — that spouses and family “increase” by “decreasing”? How does this principle relate to the words that we hear from John the Baptist: “He must increase; I must decrease” (Jn 3:30)?
3. Have we loved each family member by sacrificing for them as Christ has done for each of us? In what ways do each of us do this? In what ways could we be better at this?

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 128

A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
and who walk in his ways.

What your hands provide you will enjoy;  
you will be blessed and prosper:

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your home,

Your children like young olive plants  
around your table.

Just so will the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.

May the LORD bless you from Zion;  
may you see Jerusalem's prosperity  
all the days of your life,  
and live to see your children's children.

Peace upon Israel!

## Family Project

Read the following nuptial prayer from the order of Celebrating Matrimony. Share memories about your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal.

At this meal, have each child share one thing they appreciate about their parents' marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

## Nuptial Blessing

Holy father, who formed man in your image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world; O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful. ... May they also sustain, O lord, by their deeds the home they are forming and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel. ... Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Adam Davis Michael Dresner	2 Dennis/Ginger Hessel 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	3	4 Frank Troeckler Jr.	5 Fish Fry Team #3 Carry Out Only	6
7 Brad Bolt Raymond Kerkemeyer	8 Brian Reeves Council Meeting 7:00pm	9 Jeffrey Chitwood Todd Frank Thomas/Sandy Allen	10 Sergio/Dawn Cortes	11 Gregg Korte	12 Thomas Saksa Brad/Audrey Bolt	13 Brandon Kozak Clifton Sachs Rosary For Life @ 9:00am St. Mary's Parish
14 Valentine's Day	15 Thomas Dammerich John Smith Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00pm	16 David Carrion	17 Ash Wednesday Rev Jeffrey Goeckner Jeff/Lisa Worman	18	19 Vincent Hess Fish Fry Team #4 Carry Out Only	20 Michael Ziolkowski
21 1st Sunday in Lent Melvin Heien Jr. Christopher Taylor Exemplification @ 3:15pm St. Boniface Church	22 Matthew Wilkinson Matt/Leanne Raker Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	23 Steven/Alice Bartels	24 Dave/Angela Berczek	25	26 James Strack Jr. Fish Fry Team #1 Carry Out Only	27 Frank/Kathy Troeckler
28 2nd Sunday in Lent William Edward Rodney	Notes:					