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Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?



Brother Knights, Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations. Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on January 0st, 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th are designated as our Knights of Columbus hours. The Adoration Chapel is open under COVID-19 restrictions. Please call Mona Bishop at St Mike's office (360) 292-7141 or email mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org to schedule an appointment. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the Adoration Chapel, please consider praying at home.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

* Walt Dale

* Ed Sauley

* John Kramer

* Fr. Jim Lee

* Peggy Pursley

* Sam Pellegrino and His Mother-In-Law

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200 Coats for Kids Distributed Dec. 7 and 14

Council 1643 appreciates all the support of our third annual free cold weather coat distribution. We distributed over 200 coats over two sessions, one on December 7th and the second on December 14th. Both events were held at Sacred Heart. We helped Families in need as we had both Children and Adult sized coats.

In addition to Brothers, Sacred Heart Staff and volunteer translators helped the events go smoothly. A special thank you to the new Pastor Fr. Bryan, parochial vicar Fr. William and facility manager Caroline Huber and staff.

Again, thank you to all who contributed with your time, talent or treasure.



KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS – A BIG THANK YOU!

Our council held our annual Knights before Christmas Tree Delivery on Saturday, December 14th. We helped 25 families from around Thurston, Mason and Lewis counties that may not have had a Christmas without the Knights' help. Everything was carefully packaged with care including the tree, the decorations, and the lights for the families at St. Michael, Sacred Heart, and St George, so that the Knights could deliver these items without delay.

Thank you to Schilter Farms and Hunter Farms for donating the trees and to the parish contacts who organized our delivery list. Also, appreciations to the Knights who delivered the Trees and decorations and to those who shopped and made ornaments. And a special thanks to everyone who help made this program a success again this year.



COUNCIL-ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 19

86 members and soldiers from Fort Lewis-McCord had a very nice pot luck dinner and Christmas Party at Columbian Hall on Thursday, December 19th. The Soldiers and Airmen from JBLM and Camp Murray with their families participated as our guests and were presented with surprise Christmas checks courtesy of Funeral Alternates, Inc. and the Knights of Columbus. The following pictures were taken at the event.



We shared our food and sang Christmas Carols. Then the Soldier families received the Christmas Checks.



And enjoyed each other's Merry company.



Some statistics about our work in 2024, so far, include:

We have provided over 1,000 appointments so far in 2024

We have seen 486 patients so far in 2024

We have served 10% MORE abortion-vulnerable women than in 2023

107 moms and dads have taken our parenting classes and life skills classes so far in 2024

We have given out more than 20,000 diapers so far in 2024

3 of our patients accepted Christ in the office so far in 2024

We have prayed over all our patients

We have provided hundreds of referrals for housing, food, childcare, dental care, health insurance, WIC, substance abuse and addiction recovery, and trauma recovery so far in 2024

I hope these stats help – please let me know if there's anything else I can provide. Feel free to quote any of our publications including that year-end letter you called about. You are welcome to just copy part of it for your newsletter if there's a particular section that would work.

God's tremendous blessings to you, Kevin! We thank God for you.

With sisterly affection,

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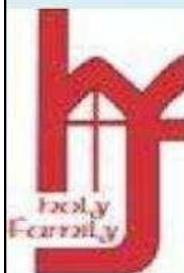


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January 2025

Mon 30 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Thu 2 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Thu 9 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Thu 23 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &
Sun 26 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses

February, 2025

Mon 3 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
Thu 6 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
Fri 14 4th Degree Officers Meeting
Sat 15 Canned Food Drive
Sun 23 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses
Wed 26 Drexel House Dinner
Thu 27 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &

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