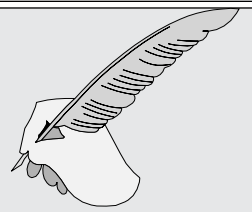




# From the Chaplain

Deacon Sean Curtan, Spiritual Advisor



Fellow Knights and families, What a wonderful Month we have in October; for our Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. We have the 40 days for life, it starts with prayer and fasting -- a peaceful vigil; standing for the sanctity of life and take in a peaceful vigil holding a sign and praying, it is a positive upbeat pro-life message and let's not forget we are all pro-life and that means from birth to death and everyone is a child of God deserving of love and respect and dignity, it would be good for the Knights to have a presence at 40 days for life.

Also during the month of October, we celebrate Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Another Doctor of the Church we celebrate is Saint Teresa of Jesus also a doctor of the Church then Saint Ignatius of Antioch and then we move to Saint Luke, Evangelist. We also celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi; Christians and non-Christians are admirers of St. Francis, he is one of the most beloved Saints in history. He shows us the practice of the virtue of poverty for the ordinary Christian, the special need of the virtue of poverty today and some ways to practice it, so read about St. Francis's life.

We also celebrate Our Lady of the rosary; the rosary originally a substitute for praying the 150 psalms used by those who could read. Praying the Rosary can calm the spirit. We can pray the Our Fathers and Hail Marys while reflecting on the mysteries of the holy rosary and how they affect our own lives. So say the rosary each day and see how it works for you. The Rosary is meant to be a prayer that leads us to Christ and into union with God. We should feel comfortable allowing ourselves a certain flexibility with the rosary.

Also we have the feast of Saint Jude, he is known as the patron of hopeless cases, but we know very little of St. Jude but many people call on his patronage. So enjoy this Month and investigate our faith by going deeper into the richness of it with your mind, heart and soul.

Peace be with you!

## WomenSource French Toast Breakfast

Council 9139 will sponsor a French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, October 30th from 8:30-12:30 to benefit WomenSource, a center in Osseo that provides counseling, education and support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

WomenSource provides a safe, supportive place for women in the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis. Representatives from WomenSource will be on hand to help with the breakfast and answer questions. Please call Sean, 712-5457 or Scott, 493-5543 if you can work at this breakfast.

## Calendar of Events

- Oct. 2, Shar. & Caring Hands Bkfst.
- Oct. 3, 24-Hour Adoration
- Oct. 4, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15, State Soccer Challenge
- Oct. 15, Berkshire Bingo
- Oct. 23, Serve Sharing & Caring Hands Breakfast
- Oct. 25, Planning meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 30, WomenSource French Toast Breakfast

## 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration vigil

It is not too late to sign up for the 24-hour prayer and Eucharistic Adoration vigil Monday, October 3rd from 12 a.m. Sunday to 12 p.m. Monday.

Bring your rosary, some inspirational reading or just sit quietly in communion with our Lord and Savior in offering for the great need our world has for more and stronger religious and sacramental marriage vocations.

Call Tom Olmstead, at 763-639-4187 or email: tjdo@aol.com with a specific time commitment, your name, phone number and to get the entrance access code for late or early hours. If you can not commit, please pray for the success of our vigil in your daily offering.



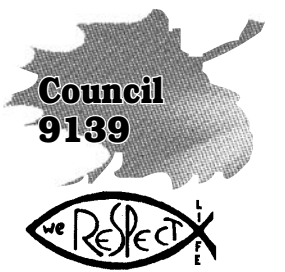
Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Mike McGee, Ken Davies (Forrest Zimpleman's father-in-law), Russ Brown, Amber Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill Johnson, John Fritsch's father, Sandra Sager (Frank's wife), Sharon Pryd (Dick's wife), Dan Padden, Vincent Bazzani, Clarence Dorweiler, Darlene Loeffler (Austin's wife), Bernice Swedzinski, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Lee Gresser, Don Kramer & his wife Sylvia, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter), Dave Wilhelm, Bernie Bartos, & Romana Jorgensen (Jim's wife).

Remember family members & friends who are sick or are having surgery, men and women serving in the military and those men studying for the priesthood or deaconate.

If you know of any Knight or family member who you would like to be included on our prayer list please call Bernie Bartos, 763-577-0997 or Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314 or e-mail: tom@heltemes.com



# THE LEAFLET



Membership Meeting, 1st Tues., 7:00 p.m. West Meeting Room

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## Grand Knight's Message Tom Heltemes, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. When doing adoration in October keep that in mind.

We have now finished our two biggest fundraisers, the Anoka County Fair ticket sales and Lion's Roar. I would like to thank everyone that helped make them such a big success. It takes many knights to cover all the hours needed for those events.

We just concluded the Soccer Challenge. Council 9139 has participated before but not at the level we did this year.

With the help of Bob Smith from St. Vincent de Paul school we used the same process as the Free Throw contest. We had students ages 10-14 use this as their gym class and had a total of 230 youth participate.

The students seemed to have a good time cheering for each other. We ended up with three ties for first and did a shoot-off the next day. Winners will be listed in next month's LEAFLET. A big thanks to Jim Nord and Tim Holtan for all the hard work they did getting the Challenge up and running. Also thank you to the other Brother Knights who kept score and helped in any way.

If you haven't signed up to do an hour of adoration it's not too late. See article on page 4.

Our council is looking at taking on an Ultrasound initiative. Make sure you read the informational article on the bottom of this page.

Peace be with you & your families

## Ultrasound Initiative

The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative is a program that matches funds (dollar for dollar) raised by local Councils with money from the Supreme Council to purchase ultrasound machines for local pro-life pregnancy centers. The Initiative, launched January 22, 2009 (the 36th anniversary of Roe v Wade) is funded by the Culture of Life Fund that we contribute to each year. As of January 2011, over 80 machines have been purchased for pregnancy care centers in 30 states. The ultrasound machines that the Initiative provides serve as an effective way for a pregnant woman, especially one in crisis, to see the developing child and recognize the miracle of life within her womb.

WomenSource, located in Osseo, is a nonprofit pregnancy resource center dedicated to restoring hope for women facing

an unplanned pregnancy. Our Council has been providing financial and fundraising support to WomenSource for almost three years. WomenSource is affiliated with Total LifeCare Centers, a network of pregnancy care centers across Minnesota and Wisconsin. They are nonprofit and rely on donations and fund raising events to support themselves. The staff is comprised of Joanne Anders (the sole employee), trained professional volunteers and others who volunteer their time to assist as needed. In addition to pregnancy counseling, they provide education about abortion procedures, risks and alternatives. There are many additional programs related to the health and care of the women and their born and unborn children.

Over the last three years several involved continued on page 3

## Sharing & Caring Hands Pancake Breakfast

A fundraiser breakfast for Sharing and Caring Hands will be held Sunday, October 2, from 8:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent's School Cafeteria and Gym. We will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes with sides of sausage and eggs. Net proceeds will be donated to Mary Jo Copeland to further her work at Sharing and Caring Hands. If you can work the breakfast, call Tom Clifford, 763-420-5224 or Marty Carman 763-315-1803.

## Guest speaker

The guest speaker following the membership meeting on October 4 will be Kathy Anderson. She will speak about her mission trip to San Salvador and show pictures of the trip as well. Kathy is a very good presenter, so be there at 8:00 p.m.

## Berkshire Rosary

Our council has been leading the Rosary at Berkshire Residence every Thursday at 10. We need a few Brother Knights to help with this activity for one or two months each from Aug., 2011 -- May, 2012. If you can volunteer for one-half hour per week, please call Forrest at 763-424-4612.

## Special Olympics volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the "Fall Bowling Classic". Our day is Friday, November 11, 2011, at the Brunswick Zone bowling lanes in Brooklyn Park and Blaine.

KC members and their families are urged to help out with this great event. To sign up we need the following information: name, address, telephone number and council number. This information must be turned in by October 22.

If you have volunteered to help before you know how rewarding this event is. To volunteer, please contact Skip Levesque, 763-420-5326.

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LION'S ROAR parade -- Ted Hambrook, DGK and Tom Heltemes, GK carry the banner for Council 9139 in the parade. Below, Mark Bergeron (standing), Adam Jack (left) and Devon Bergeron get tootsie rolls ready to give out at the parade.



**Berkshire bingo**

Our council sponsored a bingo at Berkshire on Saturday, August 20th. We had 40 players, the largest group at one of our bingos. We gave away a lot of prizes including new "secret envelopes" that Buzz Schmeltzer donated. I want to thank Bob & Dorothy Andrews, Frank & Sandy Sager, Buzz & Ellie Schmeltzer, Carl Fisher, Scott Passmore and our usual bingo caller Bill Peloquin for volunteering to help. Your time on a summer afternoon is appreciated. Our next bingo will be October 15th.

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Jack Kirscher (left) is presented the Knight of the Month by GK Tom Heltemes. Jack is now a member of the VIP program (very important proposer club). To get the award you must sign up two new members.

**Ultrasound**

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Knights have talked with the WomenSource staff about the Ultrasound Initiative. Until recently, they did not have the resources or volunteer staff to support an ultrasound machine. In July, their Board gave the OK to proceed with the pursuit of an ultrasound machine with the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus and the Ultrasound Initiative.  
Recently, Joanne wrote "We know that we are saving lives simply by being here, but sometimes the evidence is more dramatic... We recently had a woman come into our center who was determined to have an abortion. God was with us that day. Our mentor on duty was able to talk to her and give her information about abortion. I was able to get in touch with our medical director, who had us send her right over for an ultrasound. The next day when our mentor called the client she said, 'I think you just saved a life. I could never have an abortion now.' We were all rejoicing and praising God for his goodness." With an ultrasound machine in their office, they can incorporate the view of the miracle of life in their counseling sessions without the risk of sending the expecting mother to another facility only to have her change her mind on the way. Research shows that 80 - 90% of women considering abortion chose to carry their babies to term after viewing ultrasound images.  
The Initiative requires that the local Council(s) raise half of the cost of the ultrasound machine. The Supreme Council will fund the other half when the fundraising is complete. In addition, the State Council will contribute up to \$2,500 to help the local Council(s) reach their goal. The machine that WomenSource is focusing on is approximately \$35,000. That means that we must raise \$15,000. We have asked the other three councils in our District to join us in this effort. St. Joseph the Worker is on board as well as St. Al's. We have yet to receive a commitment from St. Gerard's. In addition, we also intend to contact the Council's located in Rogers and St. Michael to seek their participation.  
Therefore, the Trustee's of Osseo/Maple Grove Council #9139 are recommending that we make a commitment of up to \$5,000 for the Ultrasound Initiative prior to contacting the Council's outside of our District. It is always difficult to fundraise unless the donor is certain the fundraiser is committed themselves. Since the Ultrasound Initiative is a significant commitment by our Council, the Trustees have recommended the Council inform the membership that at the November 1st membership meeting the first reading of a motion to approve will take place along with input from the membership. At the December 6th membership meeting, a final reading will take place and the membership will vote to approve or disapprove the Ultrasound Initiative.  
We recommend that all members make an effort to learn all they can about the Ultrasound Initiative and Women Source. The respective web sites are www.womensource.org and www.kofc.org/ultrasound. We want to make an informed decision with the membership completely behind this project.