



# The Carpenter



Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

May 2018

Spring has sprung!



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## Grand Knight's Report



Dear Brother Knights,

At the May business meeting we will nominate our slate of officers for the upcoming year. If you would be able to be more involved and are willing to step up and be an officer, either email me or attend the meeting letting us know you are interested in being more involved.

While many of our officers are willing to repeat, it is always good to get some new people active to bring new thoughts. And even if you are not interested in being an officer, try to make some more meetings as additional ideas and thoughts would be good for our council.

Vivat Jesus!  
Todd Thobe  
Grand Knight

## 2017-2018 Council 12772 Scholarship Winners announced

Three young St. Joseph students have each been awarded a \$500 scholarship under the Knights of Columbus Fr. Thomas J. Cadden Scholarship program. The winners are Ciara Donovan, Ben Grywalski and Ivan Jacob Wehner.

Ciara plans to continue her studies at Columbus State University. Ben will continue his studies in chemical engineering at Case Western Reserve. Ivan plans to study anthropology and archeology, with his college undecided as yet.

Congratulations to these fine young students!!

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## District Deputy Report



“Catholic pews in the U.S. are emptying, according to data from a recent Gallup survey, which showed that Mass attendance is down to a 39 percent weekly average over the past 10 years. The average Mass attendance in 1955 was at 75 percent, which roughly consisted of all age groups. During this time period, around three in four Catholics had attended Mass within the prior week.”

“In particular, older Catholics have become less likely to report attending church in the prior seven days,” noted the Gallup study. The age group with the highest number of weekly attendance was the 60 and above demographic, with 49 percent. That number dropped from 59 percent over the past decade. This compares with our protestant churches at 45%.

“This rise and drop among the younger demographic is mainly due to the fact that younger adults are more likely in recent years to identify with non-Christian religions across the board. In 2016, Gallup reported that one in five Americans are associated with no religious identity at all.”

The Knights of Columbus for the past two years has started to focus on building the Domestic Church by having councils participate in specific programs to evangelize people to the Catholic Church or bring back Catholics who have fallen away from the Church. The information from this Gallup poll released in

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Send greetings to our adopted Seminarists:

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## April Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous Minutes approved.
- Of the Year Awards were announced as noted in the April Newsletter.
- Three apps for K of C Scholarships were received from Ciara Donovan, Ben Grywalski and Ivan Wehner, and it was agreed to give \$500 awards to each applicant.
- Thanks expressed to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Three Volunteers requested and secured to communicate support Seminarians Gordon Mott and David English.
- Reminder that the State Convention will be held on May 18-20 in Covington KY; Council will be represented by Todd Thobe and Mark Needham.

### Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted, four outstanding checks.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- Current bank Balance noted.
- Final Fish Fry report still in work.
- 15 members' dues still unpaid.

### Program Activities Report

- Brother Balmert reported that Cash Bonanza ticket sales reached 425, and this will comprise our 1st Turn-In due April 15. This will net us over \$1,500 in rebates.
- 3 State Activity Membership activities were filed—the March Blitz and our 1st Degree ceremony, and re-upping a Brother member.
- To satisfy Supreme's "Domestic Church" requirements we will have a Council Picnic on Saturday, June 23 at the Haaser residence.

### New Business

- A request for funds for 3 Brothers doing a Kairos weekend was approved for \$300.

### Unfinished Business

- Pro-Life weekend will be held on April 14/15; our banner is already up, and sufficient literature is available for handouts.

### Good of the Order

The People of Syria, All unborn Children, Nora Donova, Florine Hamlin, Daniel Donovan, Kelsey Chapman, Mary Sanders, Christine Patilla

## First Trash Pickup of the year scheduled for May 12

Council Brother Mark Needham has announced that our 1st trash pickup for 2018 will take place on Saturday, May 12.

This program began in November 2012 when Brother Needham began discussions with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), seeking a commitment from them to allow our Council to collect trash along a 2-mile segment of Rt. 42, starting 3.5 miles north of Plain City and ending north of the Rt. 33 freeway.

We are looking for 8 to 10 Knights who will split into two groups, each working both sides of a one-mile segment of the highway. Anyone who has not seen the safety video should be at the Church basement by 9:30am; others should be there by 10:00am. We usually finish by 12:30pm.

ODOT provides safety vests, plastic trash bags and warning signs for motorists, and next-day pickup of the collected trash. They have posted green roadside signs acknowledging our K of C Council efforts. Under our agreement, our Council is required to do the trash pick up four times each year, and this month's cleaning will be our 22nd trip to the area.

### May Birthdays/Anniversaries

#### Knights

Jim Colopy	5/3
Rob Loula	5/12
Mike Schurman	5/13
Mike Peck	5/19
Joe Craft	5/22
Al Crock	5/26
Carl Haaser	5/26
Mark Collins	5/27

#### Spouses

Jeanne Rudolph	5/3
Karem Jarrell	5/6
Emily Winner	5/7
Emily Blankemeyer	5/17
Kathleen Wilson	5/17
Elaine Bonacci	5/23
Amy Colopy	5/24
Phyllis Runyon	5/25

#### Children

Daniel Adams	5/1
Jill Needham	5/6
Megan Wenerstrom	5/7
Jon Santini, III	5/8
David Summers	5/10
Owen Hanna	5/23
Avery Heindel	5/23
Regan Rudolph	5/23
Andrew Farrand	5/28

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Phillip & Tess Lashley	5/4
David & Teresa Farrand	5/6
Wally & Beverley Cooper	5/20
Thomas & Kimberly Gilles	5/20
Robert & Agnes Loula	5/20
Kevin & Lori Thelen	5/30
Joseph & Laura Weisburn	5/31

### May Dates to Remember

**May 9: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the Church**

**May 12: 9:30am, Hwy Clean-up meet at Church basement**

**May 23: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC**

# The Chat Corner ...

## Mary Mother of the Church

By Lori Crock



May is Mary's month and this May is particularly exciting because Pope Francis has designated a new Marian feast day on the Monday following Pentecost to venerate her as Mary Mother of the Church. According to Cardinal Robert Sarah, this is a way to foster Marian piety and the maternal sense of the Church. This new feast day is on Monday, May 21 this year.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Blessed Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. We are called to joyfully celebrate Mary's role in the life of her Son, her role in the Church, and we are reminded that she wishes to be involved personally in our lives as a loving intercessor, gentle guide and strong mediatrix.

In Pope Francis' new *Apostolic Exhortation Guadate Et Exsultate of the Holy Father Francis on the Call of Holiness in Today's World*, he teaches us how the Beatitudes apply to our life today and concludes the letter stating that he would like his reflections to be "crowned by Mary because she lived the Beatitudes like no other."

Pope Francis continues to teach us about Mary: "Mary is the saint above saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. All we need to do is whisper, time and again: "Hail Mary ..."

May we seek Our Lady's intercession, may we especially honor her this month by praying the Rosary often and may we seek to be more like her with patience, humility, spiritual strength and perseverance to do the will of God.

Lori

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## Hanging in There

By Deacon Tony Bonacci



Is it worth it to "hang in there?" **Jesus, The Good Shepherd**, says, **yes it is!**

And He **proves** it by sharing His life with us—His *resurrected* life. Like when He *heals* us or *restores* us—that feeling you get when you know the medicine is *working*. Is it the medicine? A health professional would say, "yes, it's the medicine." A believer would ask, "but who gifted the person who *discovered* that medicine?"

Or that feeling you get when a friend or family member *picks you up* when you're feeling down? Or says an *optimistic word* when you're worried? Or *suggests a neat place to go* when you're bored? Who sent that person into your life at just the right time?

**Jesus, The Good Shepherd** shares His life with us when He makes us "*Children of God*," not only at our Baptism, but in our lives *today*, and in the life to come.

**Jesus, The Good Shepherd** shares His life with us *when we claim the gift of salvation*, when we *trust* in His promise of eternal life. We can't even imagine what's in store for us in heaven: maybe the *ecstasy* of being in God's presence; maybe no pain, no sorrow, no troubles, no diseases...

If one of our deceased loved ones could speak to us today, they would say that the new life of Springtime (flowers, etc.) is only a *tiny taste* of the joy to come; you think that full moon, that star, that comet, that space station was beautiful? You should see it from **here!** It's only a speck in God's universe!" They would say, "**IT IS WORTH IT TO HANG IN THERE!**" - because **The Resurrection is real! The Resurrection is the source of new life!**

We are gathered into one flock, and we are destined for heaven. In the *meantime*, Jesus feeds us with His Body and His Blood - the Eucharist. **Jesus, The Good Shepherd** makes the Resurrection **real** in our lives!

**It is worth it to "hang in there," because the best is yet to come!**

## Cash Bonanza Results: a boost for our Council Charities

Setting a goal of selling 5 tickets per member was, well, maybe a bit ambitious, but worth a try. We managed to sell 437 tickets, or 4.2 tickets per member, which will result in a total rebate to our Council of some \$1,600, equivalent to an extra Fish Fry but without the attendant sweat and toil.

This rebate will help our Council to continue its aggressive support of a number of key charities such as Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, the Plain City Food Pantry, support for two Seminarians, and our Scholarship Program.

For those of you brothers (less than half of our Council membership) who supported the Cash Bonanza, a sincere THANK YOU for your purchases.

And sincere thanks to Brother Mike Balmert for stepping up as our new Ticket Chairman. Good job, Mike!

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April demonstrates the need for all of us to help rebuild our Church.

The full article on church attendance can be found at <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/04/11/mass-attendance-in-us-down-in-recent-years-gallup-poll-finds>.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jeff Fisher, DD  
District 37

## State Program Activities near completion for Fraternal Year

Each year, the K of C State organization outlines a program of recommended activities to guide Councils in their chartable and fraternal efforts. The areas of these activities include Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Youth and Membership. Our annual goal is to complete a program of activities in all these areas which will make us eligible for the Star Council Award given by K of C Supreme.

In addition, Councils must achieve a new-member goal and a minimum number of new insurance members

In this Fraternal Year which ends on June 30, Council 12772 will have successfully met the State requirements for program activities after we complete a Domestic Church project and hold the now-planned Council Picnic on June 23.

Also, we still need one new member by June 30 to qualify for Star Council.

The Council Program Director is an appointed position and for the past nine years, Bob Hess has served in this role. He is now working with Greg Wayton, who is expected to step into the Program Director slot in the new Fraternal Year beginning July 1.