

Knightly News

December 2023



Knights Of Columbus Michael J. Costello Council 6043 The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I hope that you had a great Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorite days. Thanksgiving does bring out the spirit of giving and led to one of the largest food basket distributions managed by St. Vincent DePaul and our Knights. By any measure, it was a big success. The amount of food delivered to each household was significant and I am sure made for a Happier Thanksgiving for the families involved. Thanks to all who were able to participate in making this event the success it was.

Now we are starting the season of Advent and we had a very nice start with the "Breakfast with Santa" celebration on the first day of Advent. Gift cards for three well done Keep Christ in Christmas posters were awarded during our "Breakfast with Santa". Santa appeared once again this year but he surprisingly had two life like elves show up with him. They indeed had a lot of life in them and entertained the kids and elders alike with their big smiles and fantastic elf clothes. There was even a Fr. Mark sighting joining in the elfin fun. Maybe Santa will bring them again next year. The craft for kids table was filled with kids making Christmas themed crafts. Kudos to our craft leaders and several teens who volunteered to help out at the craft tables. Fellow parishioners seemed to linger longer at the tables with their friends and family members. A good sign that the event promoted fellowship and community. The Mom's group showed up once again and served their signature hot cocoa to all. We had wonderful decorations and Christmas music adding to the enjoyment. Lastly, we had a fantastic breakfast prepared by a white coated chef and his many volunteer helpers, including our jr. knights. I think we can be proud of our contribution to a good start to the Advent season.

Our annual Knights Christmas party is going to be on December 16 at Brother Mark Kotch's home. A signup genius is already out. It is always a great time when Brother's and Sister's get together to enjoy each other's company and foster our relationships at a fun event.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and faith filled month of December. There are many very good resources to choose from to help grow our faith and experience a deeper closeness with Jesus and one another during this Advent Season. I wish you, family, and friends a very Merry Christmas.

Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the City, the watchman stays awake in vain.' Hope you all have a great month of December and a wonderful Christmas!

Vivat Jesus, Grand Knight Tony Soby

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From the Council Faith Director

God is Faithful!

J.M.J.

Matthew 18:12-14 (alternate reading: Luke 1:26-38)

What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he Rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

I often ponder as to the role of a shepherd OVER 2000 years ago. In specifically the story told of the shepherds around the time of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus.

Imagine doing your normal daily routine and witnessing not only Angels heralding the birth of Jesus but also seeing a major star shining so brightly that you could not help but to look and to witness, in person, the glorious birth called CHRISTMAS...the day the heavens poured forth Alleluia, Glory to God in the highest.

As a second course you get the added privilege of seeing a major caravan of not only A King but 3 Kings appearing to give their homage to The Holy Child...All in a home hewed out of the earth, straw and barn yard animals including sheep.

IMAGINE WITNESSING THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD AND THE MOST MIRACULOUS STORY THAT WILL BE PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES! All the way to 2023 and beyond.

Remember you as a shepherd are everyday people like us, doing everyday duties like us, whose role is to ward off evil, as well as dangerous animals from the flock. This person was under the great responsibility of not only keeping track by counting every one of the sheep in their charge everyday, but to be strong enough to fight off and protect any and all predators!

What a glorious night and weeks to behold. The story will be told and the feeling of Christmas past and future will never go away.

We have the privilege of preparing for Our story of Christmas through these 22 days of Advent. Preparing for our own ALLELUIA moment and for the sights, sounds, and the pure Joy of Christmas.

Let's all rejoice! Remember David also was both a shepherd and a King.

Respectfully; Dennis Maurice, Worthy Lecturer MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Coming Events

04/11/18/25 December

Coffee Fellowship, Vic's Cafe, Monday 8:00 am

04/11/18/25 December

Santa Rita Safeway Pickup, 8:30am Monday

05/12/19/26 December

Gateway Safeway Pickup, 8:30am Tuesday

06/13/20/27 December

Daily Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus, 12:10pm Wednesday

01/08/15/22/29 December

Gateway Safeway Pickup, 8:30am Friday

01 December First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

03 December Breaksfast with Santa

03 December Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
06 December Taize Prayer Service, 7 pm. St, Augustine's
07 December Council Officers Meeting, 7PM, Zoom

14 December Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Zoom and St. Augustine's Hall;

16 December Council Christmas Party; PGK Mark Kotch's Home

17 December Donut Social after Masses

01/08/15/22/29 January

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03/10/17/24/31 January

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05 January

Gateway Safeway Pickup, 8:30am Friday Council Officers Meeting, 7PM, Zoom First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

10 January Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Zoom and St. Augustine's Hall

20 January San Francisco Annual Walk for Life West Coast

21 January Donut Social after Masses

Virtual Meeting Attendance Information:

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Council Zoom Meetings will use the following access:

If you have installed the Zoom Application, Start Zoom and use Meeting ID: 745 680 7847

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To access the meeting using your browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7456807847

To access via your telephone, dial 669 900 6833 and use Meeting ID: 745 680 7847





Council 6043 55th Annual Crab Feed

The Knights of Columbus 55th Annual Crab Feed will be held on **Saturday**, **February 10th** at St. Augustine Church Hall. Come and enjoy delicious crab, cocktails, dancing and raffle while supporting the Knights of Columbus at this charitable event. Bring your friends and family -- you won't want to miss this fun evening!

Be on the lookout for more information regarding ticket sales through email, Flocknote, Council Newsletter and the bulletin.

We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

Best wishes,

Knights of Columbus, Council #6043 <crabfeedatccop@gmail.com>



Faith in Action - Life

New CCOP Respect Life Ministry

Check out the new CCOP Respect Life Ministry webpage at: https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/respect-life-ministry.html

Or by going to the CCOP home page at https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/, and selecting "Living", then "Family Life Ministries", then "Respect Life Ministry".

Lots of information on Local Pregnancy Resource Centers, Pregnancy Hotlines, Post-Abortion Healing, Pro-Life Organizations, Pro-Life News and Events, and more.

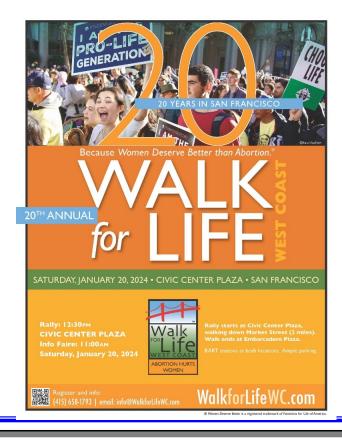
Come join us every second Sunday of the month, after the 12 noon mass, for a rosary in the St. Augustine Grotto (weather permitting). Starts at approximately 1:15pm.

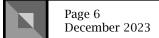
San Francisco Annual Walk for Life West Coast – January 20, 2024

Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Info Faire: 11:00 amRally: 12:30 pm

- Walk: 1:30 pm. Starts at Civic Center Plaza, with walk down Market Street to Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building (2 miles)
- https://walkforlifewc.com/
- If you are interested in attending the Walk for Life West Coast, or for more information on this event, please contact John Reimer at 925-989-4847 or reimer_jr@sbcglobal.net





Additional Notes from the Worthy Grand Knight

- 06 December Taize Prayer Service, 7 pm. St, Augustine's
- 07 December Council Officers Meeting, 7PM, Zoom
- 🚺 08 December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, The Mother of God!
 - 09 Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass @ 1pm, St. Augustine, Reception following in the Hall.
 - 14 December Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Zoom and St. Augustine's Hall
- 16 December Council Christmas Party
- 17 December Donut Social after 8 and 10am Masses
- 25 December Christmas Day. O Come Emmanual!!
 - 01 January 2024 The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God.

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The 4 talks by Father Mark during the February retreat can be found below. You can simply click on the link to get to the podcast without any special software or accounts. If you need help with the podcasts, then please ask another Knight for help. The Worthy Grand Knight is always available to help out too.

Adopted Sons of God: https://tinyurl.com/CCOP-Into-The-Breach-Part-1

Masculine Spirituality: https://tinyurl.com/CCOP-Into-The-Breach-Part-2

Male Archetypes: https://tinyurl.com/CCOP-Into-The-Breach-Part-3

Men of Faith: https://tinyurl.com/CCOP-Into-The-Breach-Part-4



Council Website, Facebook and YouTube Sites



https://www.kofc6043.org/



https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?



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Michael J. Costello Council 6043
5 subscribers





SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

10:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK

We will be webcasting Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. You will be able to join us live on our Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityof Pleasanton/. The video will then be stored on our YouTube page and website for later viewing. This will be our first effort at webcasting, and will be pretty rudimentary, but hope you will join us as we continue to journey through Lent.



DAILY MASS WEBCAST

12:10 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK

We will be webcasting daily Mass Monday through Friday starting March 25 at 12:10 PM You will be able to join us live on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityofPleasa nton/. The video will then be stored on our YouTube page and website for later viewing.

Check the CCoP website and/or the CCoP Facebook page and/or the CCoP YouTube for updated information on coverage of Masses.

CCoP Podcast Notification

CATHOLICS OF PLEASANTON PODCAST IS NOW LIVE!

We have launched our own podcast called "Catholics Of Pleasanton" that will feature daily gospel readings and homilies with additional content coming soon! The podcast is a series of homilies, inspirational messages and content to nourish the faith of the community in Pleasanton and beyond.

You can find us through the Apple podcast app, the Google podcast app, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. Be sure to subscribe so you don't miss an episode!

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From Your Browser

You can also access it from your browser: https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/catholicsofpleasanton

A great way to get your #10INTODAY!





WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION!

Eucharistic Adoration participants are needed... Adoration takes place every Monday and Wednesday from 12:45 PM - 5:00 PM in the St. Elizabeth Seton Eucharistic Chapel - behind the large chapel. Typically, a participant agrees to one hour, or a half hour, every week on one of those days. This is a perfect time to offer God more than your usual "ten minutes of prayer". If you are not familiar with the practice, it is simply being quiet in the Lord's presence meditating on scripture, the rosary, a religious book or simply "being".

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE OUTSIDE DOORS DIRECTLY INTO THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL.

Any questions contact Sharon McKee 925/963-7745 or Linda Loftus 925/462-0974

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to join us every First Friday for Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be in person as well as online.

In Person Eucharistic Adoration St. Augustine Church

After 8:30 AM Mass until 10:00 AM Seating will be socially distanced and masks must be worn at all times.

In Person & Online Eucharistic Adoration St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

After 12:10 PM Mass until 2:00 PM

Watch LIVE on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityofPleasanton/

Watch LIVE on

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/TheCatholicCommunityOfPleasanton

Message from Brother Dominick Pietro

Brothers it is very important today to stay close and in touch with our Lord. A wonderful way to do so is through Eucharistic Adoration. Many blessing and peace can be realized by spending just a half hour with him. Please take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with him.

Blessing to all.

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Council Activities in November

Activities for November reported by Deputy Grand Knight Paul Calderon and JC:

November 2023

The eve of All Saints environment setup at StA (See photo)

Fr Kwame 25th ordination anniversary mass Sat 11/4 4pm with KoC brothers (see photo)

Funeral SES Ivan Ellis Sausser 11/4

Jeff Manchester funeral Sacrisint SES 10am 11/5

Veterans 8am rosary StA cemetery KoC brothers 11/11 (photo)

Mass of Remembrance StA 7pm mass 11/13

ICF setup SES chapel 7pm

Healing mass 10am StA LC 11/18

Food basket Sat delivery , 4 families delivered, JC, Dave Melander, coordinator Robert Strawn Rob Fjerstad 11/18 11am StA

Raley's Thanksgiving fruit basket pickup, in memory of Larry Murphy 11/22.

Fruitbasket, 9am Thanksgiving 9am mass 11/23

11/25 decorations for 11/27 Christ the King 10am mass

KOC support scheduled activities follow;

- -Livestream duty, Eucharist Adoration 1st Friday 12:10 to 2 PM and daily mass 12:10-1PM at SES Chapel
- -Sachristant duty, KOC Wednesday Mass 11:30AM-1PM SES chapel.
- -LC duty, Greeter and Sunday's Collection on 4PM family mass at STA church.

-Adults choir ministry, STA 10AMSundays.

The Manchester family has been with our church for many years. One of the daughters Andrea has volunteered in the office and grew up with our Faith Formation Program here at St.Augustine's.

A special thanks to our Knights of Columbus support on this last minute call to serve, especially Brother Tony Musni. We had the following KOC Brothers:

Head Eucharist minister:

Dan Hughes Tony Musni

Incense Bearer:

Paul Calderon Tony Musni

Altar server:

Tim Jorgenson Tony Musni



Council Activities

Report Continued

Greeters:

Don Sabatini Allan Redmond Bill Pilz David Melander

Our Wednesday KOC brothers ministering All Saints Day noon mass service at St. Elizabeth Seton church. The attendance was 293 adults and approximately 25 kids.

Thanks to Michael Harmon's flocknote to all the KOC brothers, the following ministers helped out.

HEM: Dan Hughes. (bread), Rob Fjerstad (Wine), Tony Musni (Altar server).

Bread: Paul Calderon, Bill Pilz, Tony Musni,

Wine: Don Sanservino, Tim Jorgenson, Tony Soby.

Cross bearer: Robert Strawn

1st reading: Bill Pilz

2nd Reading: Tony Musni

POF: Robert Strawn

Usher: Rob Fjerstad, Paul Calderon, Michael Studendorff (head count)

KOC Gift Bearers: Rob Fjerstad, Tony Soby, Paul Calderon.



Eve of All Saints Environment Setup





Fr Kwame 25th Ordination Anniversary Mass





All Saints Day Mass



Ron and Nancy Silva Coat Drive Dispersal







Breakfast with Santa







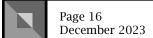


Breakfast with Santa Continued









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Check our website for more menu items



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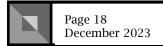


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Scramble eggs plain & Chorizo - Green Chilaquiles - Chile Colorado - Chile Verde Refried Beans - Eggs Benedict - California Benedict - French Toast - Bacon &
Sausage Links - Country All Star Potatoes - Homemade Chili - Grilled Hot Links with
Pepper & Onions - Ambrosia Salad - Potato Salad Hummus - Greek Salad - Spinach
Strawberry and Goat Cheese Salad - Fruit Salad - Strawberries with Homemade
Whipped Cream - Prawns & Cocktail Sauce - Smoked Salmon Lox - Carved Honey
Baked Ham - Roasted Herbs Tri-Tip - Chicken Lemon Caper Sauce - Garlic Batter
White Rice - Chicken Tenders - Grilled Cheese - Beer Battered Fries Spinach/Cheese Ravioli - French Pastries Desserts - Coffee - Bottomless Mimosas.
ALL YOU CAN EAT BRUNCH BUFFET

Adults \$ 48 - Seniors \$ 40 - Children 10 yrs & under \$ 29 Children 4 yrs & under FREE.



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Knight of the Month for October 2023

Brother Bob Dompe has been awarded Knight of the Month for October 2023. Brother Bob Dompe, Newsletter Editor; for all his efforts behind the scenes. This includes the Newsletter, and other support.

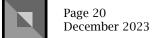


SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Our council has many events that have kids (under 18) around, so it is important to have as many Brothers be certified for Safe Environment from the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus safe environment training has been upgraded to a new system. Anyone that has been through the training in the last 3 years should have received an "invite" email to log into their new system. The site is now up and running, but is still having problems. Go to the Supreme website's safe environment page.

Hospital Ministry

Brother Dave Frankenberger is leading the Hospital Ministry and they are in need of volunteers. This is a ministry that delivers the Eucharist to those that cannot attend Mass. As a volunteer, you would only be asked to deliver once a month. The more people volunteering would lessen what each person would need to do. Contact Dave



Knight's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee Gathering

When: Every Monday Morning; 8:00

Where: Vic's All Star

Kitchen in Pleasanton. 201 Main Street

Why: No Agenda—

Just Brother Knights getting together for

coffee & conversation



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Our Council is located in the Oakland Chapter (oaklandkofc.org), District 47.



Prayer List

For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

Jessica Nett-Granddaugther of Brother Thomas Egan

Grace Tuttle-Daughter of PGK Tim Tuttle Karen Mortenson-Wife of PGK Dennis Mortenson Jim Schibler-Brother of PGK Michael Schibler

Ernesto Castro-Council Brother

Dave & Mary Grubbs-Council Brother and Spouse

> Friend of Brother Dennis Roberts Ray Alsdorf-

George Hegarty-Council Brother

Bill Sroka Council Brother

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Mike O'Brian-Council Brother

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Cathy Turney-Sister of PGK Michael Schibler

Dave Porter-Family Friend Brother Dennis Roberts

Richard V Gonazles-Father of Brother Rick Gonzales Michael Butzner-Brother of Brother Mario Butzner

> PGK of our Council Dan Hughes-Phillip Nico-Son of Brother Bill Nico

Carol Wortham-Wife of Deacon Gary Wortham Cathy Dompe-Sister of Brother Bob Dompe Michael Tamburro Cousin of PGK Stephen Natale Jill O'Brien Spouise of Brother Mike O'Brien

David Bessette Brother-in-Law of Brother Dennis Roberts

Vickie Forrester Sister-in-Law of Brother Bob Wolf

For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

Mother of Council Brother Robert Strawn

For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.



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