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**“Strong in Faith and Service”
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**The Monthly Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus
St. John the Baptist Council No. 10232**

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Faithful Brother Knights and Families:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We have had a very busy and productive year, and are looking forward to building on this past year's progress in 2014.

This past month we celebrated the 41st anniversary of the worst that humanity has to offer. I am referring to the single worst Supreme Court decision in our country's history, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Since the Supreme Court's decision, over 55 million infants in the womb, at the beginning stages of life have been discarded for all different sorts of reasons. To counter this argument I submit the following from Mother Teresa when addressing the American people.

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

The council is also making preparations for the upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners, which begin on the Friday (March 7th) following Ash Wednesday. Much remains to be done before then including prepping the trailer for the event.

For me, being an officer in the Council has been a very rewarding experience; and one that I have been glad I could share with my family. Nothing goes further in promoting the virtues of service to your children than demonstrating service through your own actions. As we look for the new leaders of the Council, consider what you have to give; and remember, *"you make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."*

Fraternally,
Danny Garcia

Family of the Month

The family of the month is very much involved in the church and the Knights of Columbus. The Family of the Month for February is **Tom and Pam O'Donnell**.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. This month's Knight of the Month is **Joe McCarty**.

Important Council Announcements

- **Council 10232 Dues Now Being Collected!**

The council is collecting dues for the new fraternal year. They can be paid at the council meeting on **February 6th** or by remitting a check (**please no cash**) in the amount of **\$40** (you may add an extra \$5 for the council's charity fund if you like) payable to "**Council 10232**" to **Ron Belz, Financial Secretary at 78 Jay Drive, Madison, AL 35758. Please contact the Grand Knight for relief of dues should a financial or medical condition exists.**

- **Bunco, Sunday February 9th, Church Basement**

The February Bunco game will occur on Sunday February 9th beginning at 6:30pm. Bunco is a fun dice game for adults, which permits fun adult fellowship. No skill is required, only \$5 a person and a covered dish to share.

Council 10232 Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Benediction Each First Saturday of the Month

The council has been actively supporting the First Saturday devotion conducted on the first Saturday of each month. Mass begins at 8:30am in the chapel, which will be followed by Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Council Prayers for Priests Team

The purpose of this program is to pray for our priests by name on a daily basis for his priestly intentions and his personal sanctification. This is accomplished through a team concept. When a priest is selected, a Team Leader is identified to recruit six other team members thus forming a seven-member team. Each Team Member attends Mass on his designated day of the week, recites at least one decade of the Holy Rosary daily, also recites the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, and says the Daily Commitment Prayer daily. Participation in this program is not restricted to members of the Knights of Columbus, but would be open for participation to any Catholic desiring to participate. I hope you will offer your full support to this program and will be an active participant. The council currently has three prayer teams! Please contact Brother Joe McCarty to volunteer at joemccarty@ohiocpa.net.

Community Activities

Council Provides United Cerebral Palsey with Monetary Gift

The council will make a \$200 gift to UCP this month to help with their charitable activities. UCP educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.

Council Activities

Council Membership Recruitment Opportunities

We are currently working towards bringing in as many eligible men into the council this fraternal year as possible. It is imperative that we make it our business to offer every eligible man at St. John's the opportunity to join our council and receive the gift of brotherhood.

Lenten Fish Dinners Begin March 7th and Proceed Until April 11th

Council members will once again fire up the fryers and will be frying fish on the Friday evenings of Lent. Dinners will begin on March 7th and proceed for the following 5 Fridays for a total of 6 dinners with the last taking place on Friday April 11th. The dinners were originally envisioned as a way to attract parishioners to Stations of the Cross services held on the Friday's of Lent and will continue to serve that purpose. Therefore, serving will commence at 4:45pm and will end at 6:15pm. Everyone's help will be needed to make the dinners a success. If you haven't signed up to help with this great seasonal traditional please send me an email at dgarcia227@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Activities

Council Members Participate in Birmingham Pro-Life March

Several council members participated in the pro-life Mass and march in Birmingham. This is the second time the council participates in this worthy activity. Brother Juan Benjamin led several of our members to Birmingham.

Spring 40 Days for Life

As we entered the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday we also began the 40 Days for Life Campaign, which will begin on Ash Wednesday and culminate on Palm Sunday. Our council will be supporting this worthy cause by attending the Rosary at the Huntsville Abortion clinic every Saturday (except on the first Saturday when we will attend Mass and Prayer in form of the Blessed Sacrament) during the campaign. As Knights we must be fervent in our opposition to abortion. I would like to offer my thanks to Brother Juan Benjamin for his leadership in the Pro-Life area this year.

Grand Knight Delivers Remarks at 14th Annual North Alabama Stand for Life Rally

Pro-life groups gathered for the 14th annual "Stand for Life" rally on the eve of the decision's 40th anniversary on the eastside steps of the Madison County Courthouse. The rally was held on Monday January 21st at 12:00 noon. The agenda included an introduction by Reverend James Henderson, an opening prayer by a local minister, remarks by local ministers, remarks by Danny Garcia of the St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus, brief remarks by local and state pro-life office holders, remarks by local office holders in attendance.

Minutes for Council Business Meeting of January 3, 2013

Pro-Life Remarks

*Written by Brothers Danny Garcia, Joe McCarty, and John Phillip
Delivered by Brother Joe McCarty
15th Annual Stand Up For Life Rally at the Madison County Courthouse
Huntsville, Alabama
January 17, 2014*

I regret to report that we are witnesses today to a steadily intensifying national attack on the right to life and on the sacrosanct dignity of each and every human being, each made in God's image.

The widespread practice of abortion, of discarding surplus embryos from fertilization procedures, of the use and killing of embryos for stem-cell research, of euthanasia and of many other anti-life acts are spreading in open and hidden forms worldwide, but most alarmingly, these practices are taking place in broad daylight in our own country. These inexcusable actions constitute a practical intolerable, painful and terribly real bloody inexcusable war against the dignity of human life and the right to human life. Most significant, this war is contrary to the most fundamental expression of our rights as human beings articulated in our Declaration of Independence.

Let us review this document's enumeration of the basic rights of all men. Thomas Jefferson identified "*self evident truths*," primary among these being "*that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*" These famed and precious rights are listed in this specific order for a reason. Life is listed first because one, Jefferson acknowledges that is a gift granted only by God; and two, without life any other rights we might have as individuals lose significance.

It should be noted that this basic philosophy was not original with Thomas Jefferson, but had already been espoused a century before by European philosophers such as John Locke and Montesquieu.

What we have today is an attempt to subvert this fundamental philosophy and to make it appear that the Government is the one true agent of our God-given rights. But, as people of faith, we must counter these misguided claims. The root of our very being lies beyond human institutions, in God. To truly be human, we must become fully human. We must let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest potential of our being. This is the very core of the mystery of our humanity, which is both material and spirit, body and soul. Our nation's founders recognized this.

With that background, we are here today because forty-one years ago our national Government, via the Supreme Court, in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, gave US citizens the "right" to abortion. These two decisions together created a virtually unlimited legal right to abortion throughout pregnancy. As we mark the 41st anniversary of these decisions, we are bound to remember the estimated 55 million preborn human beings that have been deprived of their God-given lives, and the millions of mothers who have been wounded, as a result. This has been the price paid by our society for a government-created right.

So, what can any of us do in response to this national tragedy? As a member of and a leader in the Knights of Columbus, I wish to speak of the pro-life activities of this organization. One need not be a Knight, or even Catholic to join with us in these endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and service organization with over 8000 members in the State of Alabama and approaching 2 million members worldwide. We are men of "faith" who are speaking out for those who cannot defend themselves. We remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death.

State, district, and local councils are conducting projects aimed at building a culture of life in their individual communities. One of the most successful of our Order's initiatives in this area is the Ultrasound Initiative through which councils (both state and local) partner with the national Supreme Council in funding the purchase of ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers. To date we have placed 9 ultrasound machines across Alabama with agencies akin to the Huntsville Right To Life. Fundraising is now underway toward the purchase and placement of a machine in the Selma area.

Other ways in which our members in this state are working to bring about a culture of life are the following:

1. **We Volunteer** . Members volunteer their time with local pro-life pregnancy centers. By helping gather needed clothing, formula and all of the necessities required for infant care, we help enable young mothers choose life and to reject abortion.
2. **We Advocate** . Members work to change laws in their communities and cities across the country. Many council's have established pro-life committees, which work through pro-life groups in their local communities and churches. We also dialog with local, state, and national elected officials to seek legislative remedies to this evil practice in our country.
3. **We Donate**. Our members hold fundraisers and allocate funds that could make a big difference in the shoestring budgets of local pro-life organizations. The Ultrasound Initiative is a nationwide example of this.

And, perhaps for people of faith, most important...

4. We Pray . Prayer is the power that should support all of our pro-life activities. As Jesus counseled His disciples in Mark 9:29, there are demons that:

"...can only come out through prayer."

Knights pray for life individually and with our families; in our homes, churches, and across the street from the local abortuary. Knights' councils pray for life issues at regular meetings and take part in the pro-life marches held in communities across the country on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and other occasions.

The pro-aborts base their opposition on "right to choose." But we also have a right, and a duty, to choose. What we choose to do, or not do, about abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and embryonic research will impact lives for generations to come. I challenge all who may hear may this message to support the philosophy codified in our Declaration of Independence by demanding, that first and foremost, values human life at all stages.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

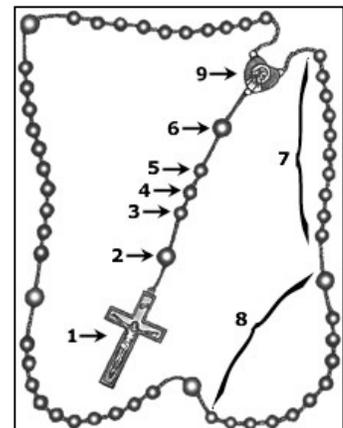
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

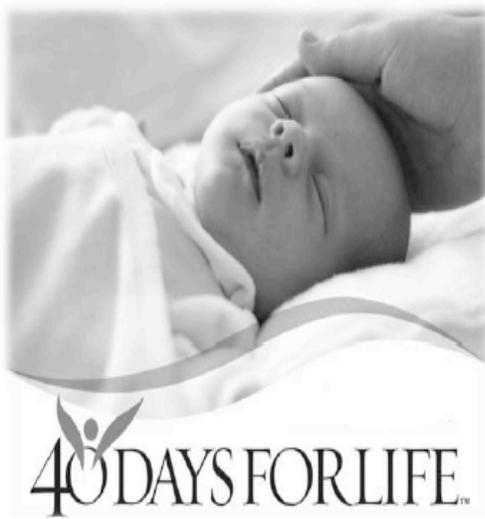
Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



Saturday, Mar. 8th, 11:00 am
(We assemble at 11:00 am, March begins at 11:30 sharp!)

**Special 40 DFL MARCH for LIFE
and Peaceful Prayer Vigil**

Note: *We assemble at 204 Lowe Ave (corner of Lowe & Green), then process prayerfully as a group to the vigil site at Madison and Lowe, escorted by Huntsville Police Dept. (We will extend the March a few blocks this time by marching past the abortion facility, then looping around the block to the West, coming back to the vigil site at Madison & Lowe. Map & additional details to follow.)*

612 MADISON ST., HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

Across From

AL WOMEN'S CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES.

- HSV Police Dept providing Special Event Coverage for traffic & safety
- Special sidewalk space reserved!
- Bishop Emeritus David Foley of the Diocese of Birmingham, Representatives of other local Christian Churches and Knights of Columbus officials will speak
- Knights of Columbus from all North Alabama Councils have been invited

Mass Schedule

Parish/Pastor	Masses				Reconciliation (Confession)	
	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Holy Day	Saturday	Sunday
Good Shepherd Fr. Louis Giardino 13550 Chaney Thompson Road 882-1844	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	M, W, F 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	None
Holy Spirit, Reverend Michael MacMahon 625 Airport Road 881-4781	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:40 a.m.	M-F 7:30 a.m. M, T, TH 12:00 p.m. W 7:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	None
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Military Chapel (Redstone Arsenal) Rev. George Rzasowski Bldg 376 876-2409	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	M-F 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, Fr. Joy Chalissery 2421 Shady Lane Drive 852-0788	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	M None W-F 12:00 p.m. T 6:30 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	None
Saint John the Baptist, Fr. Phil O'Kennedy, 1055 Hughes Rd Madison 722-0130	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	M,F 8:30 a.m. T 6:15 a.m. W 6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	W-Th 6:00 – 6:25 p.m. S 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	None
St. Joseph, Rev. Gary New 2300 Beasley Avenue 534-8459	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	T, W - F 7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	None
St. Mary Of the Visitation Rev. Glen Sayers 222 N. Jefferson St 536-6349	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	M-F 8:00 a.m.	As Announced	4:00 p.m.	None

**St. John the Baptist Council 10232
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Trustee – 3rd Yr	John Phillip

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Corp Commander	Seth Tolson
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