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Blue skies, big smiles at KC picnic, awards event



Ken Chevrette, Mike Schilling and Vern Yelle work the grill to perfection.



Gregory John and Keith Stuttgen toss some fun before the food is served.

What a day for a picnic. The Father Finley Council conducted its second Family Picnic at Tartan Park on Aug. 2. For a fee of five dollars for each adult people enjoyed steak, hamburgers and hot dogs potato salad, chips, watermelon and ice cream along with pop and beer. Each adult was also asked to bring a dish to share. What a feast! The weather cooperated with blue skies and perfect temperatures.

Grand Knight Arnie Kaiser and Past Grand Knight Greg Mencke conducted a brief awards ceremony

to highlight the past year's fundraising efforts (more than \$23,000 was given to charity) and to recognize Arnie and Judy Kaiser as KC Family of the Year, John Florin as Knight of the Year and Scott Bowley as Rookie of the Year.

Plenty of play equipment and games kept both the young and young at heart occupied.

Each child won a small raffle prize and everyone enjoyed playing Bingo for some great adult prizes. We hope to continue this tradition next year!



Scott Bowley receives the Rookie of the Year Award from Arnie Kaiser.



Greg Mencke congratulates John Florin for receiving Knight of the Year.

Coming events

- Sept. 12 Transfiguration Fall Festival Chicken Dinner
- Sept. 13 Transfiguration Pancake Breakfast
- Sept. 26-27 St. Thomas Fun Fest
- Sept. 27 Pray Rosary at Regions 40 Days for Life 7 -8 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Franciscan Friars 100 Years at Sacred Heart
- Oct. 6 KC meeting (7:15 p.m.) Transfiguration
- Oct. 11 Corporate Communion Blessed Sacrament
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day 
- Oct. 18 St. Thomas Pancake Breakfast
- Oct. 27 Officers meeting and First Degree ceremony Transfiguration
- Oct. 31 First, Second, Third Degree St. Peter's Church N. St. Paul



Arnie Kaiser accepts the KC Family of the Year Award from Mencke.

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Grand Knight's message:

Brothers,

On June 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI announced the "Year of the Priest" and encouraged Catholics to pray for the sanctification of priests. The Knights of Columbus were founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882 and we would not exist as a group without the guidance of this venerable priest.

The priest, who is called to his vocation by God, brings the truth of Christ to each of us through his leadership, teaching, and self sacrificing example of tireless service. The priest is absolutely essential to the full practice of our faith.

Without the priest there is no Baptism, no Reconciliation, no Confirmation, no Holy Eucharist, no Sacrament of the Sick, and no Ordination of new priests.

The Catholic Church as we know it in our lives would suffer immeasurable loss if the priest were not there for us.

Priests deserve our love, respect, and above all our prayers to support them in the challenges they face as men who stand for Christ in a world that may not always appreciate their contribution. As a part of the Father Finley Council's support for the "Year of the Priest," we will feature a brief profile in each Courier edition about one of the priests from the parishes we serve.

May God bless our priests and grant them the grace and peace of Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Arnie Kaiser
Grand Knight



September birthdays

- Sept. 1 Arthur DeChene (PGK)
- Sept. 2 Gregory Klosner
L Williams
- Sept. 3 Clyde Klosner
- Sept. 6 David Koch
- Sept. 12 Vincent Arceno
Robert Dollerschell
James Falteisek
- Sept. 15 Robert Van Hout
Daniel Willenbring
- Sept. 16 Jeffrey Floreno
- Sept. 17 Jaime Jirik
- Sept. 18 Peter Laramy
- Sept. 21 Raymond Colosimo
- Sept. 22 David Bartos
Fr. Tom McDonough
Brian O'Reilly
Deacon James Saumweber
- Sept. 26 Dennis Le Vasseur
- Sept. 28 Fr. Curtis Wehmeyer

October birthdays

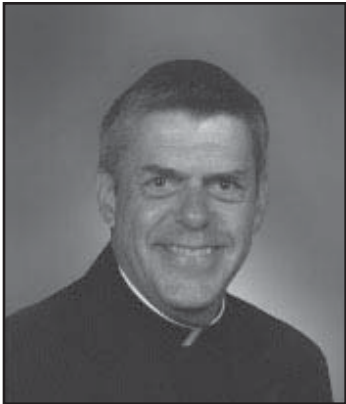
- Oct. 1 Kenneth Atkins (PGK)
Timothy Heuer
Martin McDonough
- Oct. 3 Hugh Markley (PGK)
- Oct. 7 Paul Severson
- Oct. 9 John Schultz
- Oct. 10 Steve Fischer
Timothy Hanson
Robert Lang
- Oct. 11 Robert Prybella
- Oct. 12 Phillip Stewart
- Oct. 15 R. Joseph Cousineau
- Oct. 17 Dominic Pierre
- Oct. 19 Raymond Bennett
Gary Heaser
Paul Rettinger
- Oct. 21 Timothy Roering
- Oct. 23 Roger Schleicher
Joseph Roger
Timothy Rounds
Don Weinberger
- Oct. 25 Pierre Dalton (PGK)
Thomas Hoel
- Oct. 26 Kim Ketterhagen
- Oct. 29 Enrico Pirri
- Oct. 30 Gary DeCurtins III
- Oct. 31 Arnold Kaiser

KC member interest survey: Complete and return via mail

Attached to this edition of the Courier, you will find a KC Member Interest Survey. We need to update our member e-mail list and would like to have your service program interests, so you can be included in the activities you prefer. After entering your information, fold the sheet in half, tape the edge and it will be ready for postage and mailing.



'Year of the Priest' profile: Fr. Bob Hart, Transfiguration Parish



Fr. Bob Hart

Our "Year of Priest" profile in this edition is about Fr. Bob Hart, Pastor of Transfiguration Parish and Chaplin of the Father Finley Council.

Fr. Bob was born and raised in the Chicago area and graduated from Saint John of the Cross Parish Grade School. His father, Irwin, was active in the founding and development of that parish, and this past year, Fr. Bob officiated at his funeral there. Fr. Bob attended Fenwick High in Oak Park, Illinois and then graduated from Saint Thomas College in Saint Paul.

He returned to Chicago and worked for more than a year then returned to St. Paul. God's call to the priesthood led him to enroll in the Saint Paul Seminary and he was ordained in the Diocese of Saint Paul.

In his first assignment, Fr. Bob served as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. In 2002, he became Pastor of Transfiguration Parish in Oakdale where he currently serves. The parish is home to 1,800 families, with 600 children in Faith Formation Classes and a successful K-8 grade school with 375 students.

In addition to his spiritual duties, his many day-to-day activities mirror those of a corporate CEO. Fr. Bob's special concern for the needy and social justice has supported programs at Transfiguration including Feed My Starving Children, the food shelf, and clothes for Joseph's Coat.

We are grateful to Fr. Bob for his dedication to the members of the parish, the community, and his support for the Knights of Columbus.



Members of the Maplewood Monarchs, a local Special Olympics team, were on hand at the Aug. 4 council meeting, to say "thank you" and to accept a check from our council from Greg Mencke (far right) for approximately \$1,200. The council had set aside part of its profits from its Tootsie Roll Drive to help the Monarch athletes defray their equipment and competition expenses.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers ...

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| Lecturer | Joseph Peisert |
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| Outside Guard | Ray Bennett |
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John and Vivian Fick	Marie Pirri
Francis Gaffy	Fred Ranallo
Glen and Christine Gulden	Maggie Reimer
Lois Glaudel	Richard Ryan
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Bob Hazelton	Angeline Sowada
Joseph and Ben Hoffman	Robert Sett
Matthew, Alecia, Wyatt Hoffmann	Flo Stark
Doris Johnson	Marion Yelle
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