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 JULY 27 - ST. PAT'S
2ND/3RD DEGREE
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COUNCIL MEETING
 JULY 11, 2017 7:00PM
 ASCENSION PARISH



Blood Donor Clinic

JULY 27 3-9PM
LATTER DAY STS.
CHURCH PGK
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STS. ANNE AND JOACHIM
 JULY 26

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For council news and parish activities, visit our Knights of Columbus webpage at

www.ascensionparish.ca



The Knights of Columbus have introduced a new program model which will take effect starting in the 2018-19 Columbian Year. Faith in Action will replace Surge...with Service as the basis of our our council's Service Program Structure. The major changes we will see with Faith in Action include:

- a reduction in the service program categories from six to four;
- the institution of required programs;
- the introduction of several new programs,
- a revised feature program list; and
- new criteria to qualify for Columbian Award.

Ascension Council will be adopting the Faith in Action model for this Columbian Year as we continue to provide our most successful programs to our Parish Community.

To learn more about the Faith in Action program model, click on the link below:

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/programs/faith-in-action-faq.pdf>

Ascension Council Faith in Action 2018-2019

<p style="text-align: center;">Faith</p> <p>Spiritual Reflection</p> <p>Sacramental Gifts</p> <p>Vocations RSVP</p> <p>Holy Hour</p> <p>Memorial Mass</p> <p>Blue Mass</p> <p>Padre Night</p> <p>Building the Domestic Church</p> <p>Outdoor Way of the Cross</p> <p>Rosary Program</p> <p>Rorate Mass</p> <p>Alter Servers' Appreciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family</p> <p>Consecration to the Holy Family</p> <p>40 Cans for Lent</p> <p>Pumpkin Carving</p> <p>Wives' Appreciation</p> <p>Family Picnic/Hike</p> <p>Family Prayer Night</p> <p>Good Friday Promotion</p> <p>Stampede BBQ</p> <p>Council Fundraiser</p> <p>Keeping Christ in Christmas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community</p> <p>St. Dismas Prison Ministry</p> <p>Drive for Thrive</p> <p>Coats for Kids</p> <p>Helping Hands</p> <p>BBQ Events</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Basketball Free Throw</p> <p>KofC Scholarships</p> <p>Blood Donor Clinic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Life</p> <p>March For Life</p> <p>Hike for Life</p> <p>Novena for Life</p> <p>Pregnancy Support Centre</p> <p>Mass for People with Special Needs</p> <p>Christian Refugee Fund</p>
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Q: What are the Supreme-recommended programs?

A:

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission
Marian Icon Prayer Program	Habitat for Humanity
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Disaster Preparedness
Rosary Program	Free Throw Championship
Spiritual Reflection Program New	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Holy Hour New	Soccer Challenge
Sacramental Gifts New	Helping Hands New
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	Marches for Life
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics
Keep Christ in Christmas (Posada, Poster Contest, etc.)	Ultrasound Program
Family Fully Alive	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs New
Family Prayer Night New	Pregnancy Center Support New
Good Friday Family Promotion New	Novena for Life New

Bold denotes Featured Programs



Brothers,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2018-2019 Columbian Year. This year will surely bring many exciting challenges as we implement the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action



Service Program model. Ascension Council is well positioned to meet these objectives, thanks to the tiresome efforts of our Past Grand Knight, Br. Kevin Power. Under PGK Kevin's leadership we have seen our council, first if all, grow and transform into a dynamic new membership base. Second, PGK Kevin has elevated Ascension Council and has established our council as a functional, recognizable and dependable member of our parish community. PGK Kevin has also personally carried our council's accomplishments, our combined efforts of charity and service, to the offices of State and Supreme, and we have been well recognized. Noteworthy accomplishments, by one man, for all of us. But I believe you will all agree, that those reasons aside, thanks to the guidance of PGK Kevin, Ascension Council has become a gathering place of friends, friends and men of action.

It is on these foundations that we continue. Faith in Action will encourage our council to design and deliver new programs with the aim of assisting us, individually and collectively, to grow in our faith journey. Faith in Action will more deeply integrate our families into our council activities and strengthen us as a fraternity. Faith in Action will provide all of us with the very unique opportunity to shape our council today as we prepare for the future. When will we see, again, an opportunity to share ideas, to create and develop, to provide and receive your influence on how to present and deliver original Knights of Columbus Service and Faith programs? Remember, Surge with Service has been the basis of the KofC Service Programs for nearly 50 years. Faith in Action is new for everybody and what's not to be lost is the strength and influence that exists in all of us.

Brothers, we have a new service program model. We can carry on, with success, I have no doubt. But what is really at our feet is an unprecedented opportunity to grow. To become more faithful, more charitable and more purposeful. We will support and build up our Domestic Church, become increasingly faithful guides for our families and continue to be example setters in our community.

Your Executive Council has already met to discuss some of the opportunities before us. Our council meeting on July 11th will be an important opportunity to learn more, share your ideas and to become involved. Fraternity is a funny word. It can lend itself to the corporate boardroom. In Ascension Council, fraternity is friendship. It's street level. We have our Past Grand Knight to thank for that.

Brothers, friends, I look forward to seeing you on July 11th.

Vivat Jesus

Phil

GK

"The Angelus"

By: Jean Francois Millet (1847-1859)

The follow description of "The Angelus" was taken from the from Musee d'Orsey. For more details click:

http://www.musee-orsay.fr/index.php?id=851&L=1&tx_commentaire_pi1%5BshowUid%5D=339

"A man and a woman are reciting the Angelus, a prayer which commemorates the annunciation made to Mary by the angel Gabriel. They have stopped digging potatoes and all the tools used for this task – the potato fork, the basket, the sacks and the wheelbarrow – are strewn around them. In 1865, Millet said: "The idea for The Angelus came to me because I remembered that my grandmother, hearing the church bell ringing while we were working in the fields, always made us stop work to say the Angelus prayer for the poor departed". So it was a childhood memory which was behind the painting and not the desire to glorify some religious feeling; besides Millet was not a church-goer. He wanted to catch the immutable rhythms of peasant life in a simple scene. Here he has focused on a short break, a moment of respite.



Alone in the foreground in a huge empty plain, the two peasants take on a monumental quality, despite the small size of the canvas. Their faces are left in shadow, while the light underlines their gestures and posture. The canvas expresses a deep feeling of meditation and Millet goes beyond the anecdote to the archetype.

Perhaps that explains the extraordinary destiny of The Angelus: it triggered an unbelievable rush of patriotic fervour when the Louvre tried to buy it in 1889, was venerated by Salvador Dali, lacerated by a madman in 1932 and became a world-famous icon in the 20th century."

To watch a short video on "The Angelus", click click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/3KjZ3w5MtBo>

[The Angelus Payer](#)

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Field Agent Report

Br. Robert Pettigrew, Field Agent



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2 Corinthians 12:14 (The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians)

Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

Insurance news

As some of you may know, our Chief Insurance Officer Tom Smith recently retired in May. The KofC currently has two men appointed as interim leaders for the Insurance program being Thomas Burkhard, Sr. VP of Field Management & Ronald Franzluebbbers, Sr. VP & Chief Actuary.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news/insurance/interim-leadership-established.html>

- Knights of Columbus Insurance is a Fortune 1000 company, with over
 - \$109 billion of life insurance in force.
 - \$24 billion of assets under management.
 - 42 consecutive years of superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best*. (current rating is A+[Superior]).
- KofC has been designated as a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute, for five consecutive years, underscoring the company’s commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices, and is only one of three companies in the life insurance category to receive this designation this year.
- Knights of Columbus Insurance is committed to serving our members and their families, by providing high quality insurance and annuity products, while upholding the numerous charitable and spiritual causes of building up society and the Catholic Church.

Fraternal News

- Formation and Knighthood degree is June 16 at St Cecilia at 9am for registration and mass.
- Admission Degree at St. Patrick’s on July 27 at 1930hrs.

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland



Summer is now officially here and many of you will be heading out on the road for well-deserved vacations. Please be careful if you are driving and have a safe trip and a safe return home. If you can, please try to attend mass while you are away. Fr. Avi recently spoke to our council about the 1st Precept of the Catholic Church, which is to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, regardless of being on vacation. It can be a fun family experience to find a local church and experience the local Catholic community.

If you happen to be a young adult or have children that are youths or young adults, please be aware of the special Worship and Adoration for Youth and Young Adults at our parish on Friday, July 6th at 7:00pm. There is worship, adoration and reconciliation and it's followed by free food and fellowship.

Although some activities are scaled back during the summer, baptisms continue on every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday morning each month. Check the Ascension website for the forms required.

2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of volunteer service provided worldwide.



K of C in the Community

Disaster Relief	\$7.5M
Christian Refugee Relief	\$6.3M
Coats for Kids	\$2.5M
Food Drives	\$7.6M
Special Olympics	\$14.7M
Habitat for Humanity	\$0.6M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M

First Degree Ceremony

Ascension Council would like to welcome our two newest Brothers. Br. Brian Bolen and Br. Alex Rustandjaja completed their First Degree at St. Patrick's on June 22nd.



"Think of this for a minute today: Whatever you do to each other, you do to Jesus. If we had that kind of faith, we would never be grouchy, we would never be irritable. We may feel grouchy, we may feel irritable, but we would never manifest it because of our faith and love of Jesus."

- Mother Angelica



ST. DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY SOCIETY

SDPM 2018 ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday August 13, 2018 – Collicutt Siding Golf Course – Crossfield, AB

Registration table open: 10:30 am –11:30 am / On Carts by 11:15 am / Start: 11:30 am

Register online at www.DismasPrisonMinistry.org

Registration Fee \$150.00 per person

(Includes: golf, cart, meal, prizes and a \$50.00 tax receipt)

Golf \$150.00 Team of 4 \$560.00 (Save \$10.00 per player)

Wine Survivor

Ascension Council will be hosting an inaugural Wine Survivor Contest this fall. Here's how it works...

Each participant pays an entry fee of \$25. From that amount, a bottle of wine will be purchased for the 'wine pool', approx. \$15-\$20, and the remaining funds from the entry fee will be allocated to a council program. As to which program, that will be discussed and voted on at an upcoming meeting. Participants will be grouped, randomly, into teams of six players. Each week names will be drawn, in snowball raffle style, and participants whose names have been drawn will be eliminated. The team with the last player still standing will wine the wine pool. Yes it's true, even if your name was drawn and you were eliminated, as long as one player from your team is still alive, the whole team shares equally in the wine pool.

More details will be forthcoming at our June Council meeting.



Ascension Council would like to recognize our most recent Shining Armor Award recipients. Congratulation to Br. Karl Senger, Br. Adekunle Sanyaolu, Br. Daniel Santos, PGK Kevin Power, Br. Larry Cox, Br. Pete Jemus and Br. Nnamdi Ahajumobi.

Sts. Anne and Joachim

To learn more about Our Lady's Parents you can watch a short video by clicking on the following link.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=22



KofC Golf

The KofC golf season is in full swing. 😊 The club 😊 meets every Wednesday morning for 9 holes of golf followed by a breakfast in the clubhouse. All KofC members are welcome. If you would like to participate, contact Br. Dale.



Ascension Council Supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Last month Ascension Council provided St. Vincent de Paul representative, and council member, Br. Al Lewis with a cheque for \$955.00. These funds were originally received from the KofC Charity Appeal and our Council 'Paid it Forward' by donating the funds to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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PER *[Signature]*

Comment: Charity Appeal Donation for Council 10065

Ascension Council Beating the Heat

Ascension Council supported Our Lady of Grace and St. Jerome Elementary Schools by preparing a pancake breakfast for the student's year end celebrations. Many thanks to Br. Trevor, Br. Nnamdi, Br. Leonard, Br. Anthony, Brother David, Br. Michael and Br. Phil who volunteered their time to support our Parish Schools.





Are You a Wine Survivor?

Registration for our Council's Wine Survivor contest will be starting soon. Entry fee will be \$25 which includes a chance to win a share of the wine pool and a donation to support a KofC Service Program.

Stay Tuned



FATHERS FOR GOOD

AN INITIATIVE FOR MEN BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/common_challenges/listening.html

LISTENING TO YOUR KIDS

When your child speaks, do you listen? You may give an ear, but do you give attention, your time? Do you try to hear what really is being said?

If not, you're like many of us fathers. We hear but sometimes fail to listen. After all, there are so many messages coming at us, and our kids often don't say what they mean, anyway.

The good news is, you can start becoming a better listener today. Not only with your kids, but with your wife and friends. You may find that your attention is the greatest gift you can give someone today.

The National Center for Fathering conducted a survey at one of the group's father-daughter workshops. Each girl was asked to complete the sentence and give it to her dad: "I wish you would _____."

Here are some of the girls' responses. (Dad, be warned: You may hear your child talking to you.)

- "I wish my dad would try and understand what I'm going through, and be there when I need someone to talk to just as a friend and not as a parent."
- "I need him to completely hear me out and not assume things ... to listen before he speaks."
- "[I wish he] would take time and not talk but let me tell him one secret that I have hidden for a long time."
- "Try to see where I'm coming from before blowing up in my face and later wanting my forgiveness."
- "Listen when I need you to. You don't have to have the right answers all the time; just be there for me."
- "Don't talk; don't argue; just listen."

Few fathers really work to develop listening skills, but this is a key area where we all need to excel. How would each of your children respond if you asked them to fill in the blank: "I wish you would _____"? Maybe it's time for a little qualitative research of your own; ask them to fill in the blank.

Or, if they're too young, ask for feedback from their mom, their teachers, or other people who interact with them regularly.

Action Points

Practice really focusing on what your child is saying. When you're sure she's done talking, restate what she has said in your own words, to make sure you understand.

- Actively give your child non-verbal feedback as you're listening: a nod, smile, look of surprise, raised eyebrows, etc.
- With young children, get down on their level so they know you're focused on them and you're ready to hear them.



Links to K of C Publications

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

