

MARCH 2023 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT

MOPS

MOPS and MOMs/NEXT no longer falling under the Christian Service umbrella, now part of Education.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our council continues to support St. Christine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry every Monday, Tuesday and Friday when the kitchen is open.

The Knights continue to look for fund raising activities to help support the Parish and the community. Some of the St Edith and local groups that our Council has helped support either financially or by volunteering this past year are: St. Edith School, St. Edith Youth Group, St. Edith Christian Service, St. Edith CYO, St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Christine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, Miracle League of Plymouth, Special Olympics of Michigan, Senior Clergy Village and many other organizations.

The Knights purchased over 100 coats for the 'Coats for Kids' collection. The coats were donated to Christ the King School/Parish in mid-November.

The Knights had a successful fundraiser with the help of Buddy's Pizza in Livonia and Plymouth. When presenting the coupon that was printed in the Parish Bulletin or mentioning our K of C Council name at the time of order a percentage of each bill was donated to our Council.

Our council will be the host charity for an upcoming Texas Holdem' event at Vision Lanes in Westland scheduled for March 16th thru the 19th. These events are always one of our largest fundraisers.

The Knights have helped Sandy Rogala/Gospel of Life with the Baby Bottle Drive.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

The AAA Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign finished with \$5085 collected and \$400 extra from the ASAP Program from the Knights of Columbus.

The Gospel of Life group welcomed about 6 new people that joined us before the first Wednesday Soup Supper. Announcements were made at Mass and in the weekly parish wide Friday email.

The weekend of March 12th is the Baby Shower to benefit Right to Life—Lifespan Wee Care.

They will host Katie Montes, Director of Mary's Mantle, to speak on Wednesday, April 19, at 7pm. All are welcome. Sandy still need to confirm location of her talk with the Parish Office.

FUNERAL LUNCH

Luncheons have been going well for the most part. Not as many people want to volunteer to help the day of (unless it's someone they knew who passed away) but there are a few members of our Knights of Columbus who have been coming in to help on a rather regular basis and that is helping a lot. Desserts are easier to get than workers!

We have had a few luncheons where the number of attendees ended up being more than anticipated but since we now have an on-site caterer, he can make adjustments as soon as he sees the number of people in church are far more than we planned for. Bob Modes Catering is doing a great job and no one leaves hungry!

PARISH COUNCIL

-MOPS will now be under the Education Commission rather than Christian Service.

-Donna Del Favero is the new Worship Commission Parish Council representative and Dan Vincent will represent the Evangelization/Welcoming/Hospitality Commission.

-Our parish Lenten theme will be "Connect with Us" to encourage people to reconnect with one another.

-The Family Masses have been well attended by both school and RE families.

-Parish spirit wear with the St Edith name and logo will be available for parishioners to purchase in the coming months. Sample items will be on display in the Gathering Space soon.

-Over 300 people attended the organ rededication and recital.

-Our finances are in good shape. The organ has been paid off. Our next project will be the fire safety overhaul upgrade.

-In the fall we will begin a new program at the school called "Young Fives." 17 children are already registered.

-CYO Friday Fish Frys will include dine-in and takeout. Curbside will not be available this year.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE/HOLIDAY OUTREACH

This Easter the focus will be on helping 6 local charities rather than on individual local families as in past years. During each of the weekends of Lent parishioners will be asked to donate specific items for a particular charity. Those charities include:

Lighthouse Mission

Blessings in a Backpack

Right to Life Baby Shower

Pope Francis Center

Vista Maria

St Christine Food Pantry

(Parish Objective: 1.6)