

Knights of Columbus

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Lead with Faith Serve Others Protect Your Family Defend Your Values



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When an abortion facility opened across from a local hospital in Pueblo, Colorado, in early 2023, District Deputy Robert Begel led an effort to purchase advertising space near the facility that promoted A Caring Pregnancy Center. Three Councils and Bishop Joseph C. Willging Assembly 90 contributed to the cost of the ad, which will run for 13 months on a bus-stop bench in front of the abortion facility. The bench was blessed by Father Jeganmari Thangavel, Administrator of the Spanish Peaks Catholic Community. Countless number of people have prayed across the street from this sign and many rosaries have been prayed that the women going into the abortion clinic will change their minds and spare the life of the baby. According to the Guttmacher Institute

In 2005, 1.21 million abortions were performed in the U.S. From 1973 through 2005, more than 45 million abortions

Adoration

Adoration is held the first Friday of every month. All Knights are encouraged to attend. Next adoration is March 1st.

occurred in the U.S. The abortion ratio, the proportion of pregnancies ending in abortion, was 22.4. In other words, 22% of all pregnancies in the U.S. (excluding miscarriages) ended in abortion in 2005. In the first 10 months of 2023, there were an estimated 878,000 abortions in the formal US health care system. 50% of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25. Women aged 20–24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and teenagers obtain 17%. Roughly 121 million unintended pregnancies occurred each year between 2015 and 2019. Of these unintended pregnancies, 61% ended in abortion. This translates to 73 million abortions per year.



Matt Winters is a fairly new Knight and a new father was presented with a Bible from Deacon Pat our Grand Knight at the February 8th Council meeting held at St. Paul The Apostle Catholic Church.



Three new Knights went through the Exemplification process on Saturday afternoon on January 27th. Above is Chris Flores, Daniel Giron, Father Edmundo and William Johnson. Below is a photo of the new Knights with their families and Father Edmundo.



The Tostada Dinner that was held after the 4:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, January 27th was a huge success. Louie Archuleta and his volunteers were able to feed approximately seventy people.





St. Michael the Archangel

The above photo is of the new St. Michael The Archangel award that will be given out to the recipient of the Knight of the Month Award this coming year.



Knight of the Month

Fred Gonzales was the recipient of the Knights of Columbus Knight of the Month award for January. He is pictured with his family, Father Edmundo and the Grand Knight, Deacon Patrick Byrne.

Cards of Thanks

The Diocese of Pueblo sent a thank you note for the \$2,000 donated to St. Therese Catholic School. The Diocese of Pueblo sent a thank you note for the \$3,000 donated to build the new Poor Clare Monastery. Conner Ryan (Seminarist) sent a thank you note for the donation of funds he received.

Bingo

Bingo every Friday from 11:00 - 3:00. A big thank you to all that work and volunteer their time and effort. Bingo callers and volunteers would very much be appreciated.

Marriage In The Modern Age

On Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 in the morning there was a workshop on marriage. Bob Begel spoke on the topic of marriage and it was followed by a video talking about the importance of keeping your relationship alive. This will be an ongoing series on marriage.



Living Last Supper

The widely acclaimed production of the Last Supper of Our Lord was held on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m. following the mass. It was an epic portrayal of the events that took place on the night our Lord was to be betrayed. Kudos to all that participated in the production. Below are some photos from the production.



Friday Fish Fry

Friday Fish Fry will be held every Friday during lent and the last Friday will be March 22nd. Good Friday is March 29th and there will be no Fish Fry on Good Friday.



Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus, Family of the Month for January was Dick and Tina Willis. Dick and Tina are actively involved at St. Paul and a lot of the seasonal decorations that adorn the altar come from Tina and Dick.



Stubenville of the Rockies

Jeremy Peltier reported that a Catholic Youth Conference is going to be held in Denver at the Gaylord of the Rockies from June 21st to the 23rd. This year's theme is "Illuminate" and about 50,000 youth are expected to attend this year's Stubenville Conferences. Jeremy reported that there are about twenty kids interested in attending and the cost will be about \$6,000.00. They have already raised half the funds and the kids plan to have a pancake breakfast on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th to help raise more money. Jeremy is also planning a burrito fund raiser to help with the expenses.