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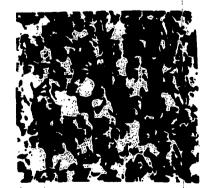
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Knights hope to initiate circle

St. Leo's, Hilton — During the month of April, Knights of Columbus members throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Guam have been participating in "Columbian Squires Month." Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant issued the proclamation commemorating the 62 years the Squires program has been active.

St. Leo's Council 9461 of Hilton, which was activated in early 1987, does not yet sponsor a Squires circle, although it is now conducting a membership drive in the Parma area and anticipates the formation of a Columbian Squires circle when it reaches its goal.

At present there are approximately 22,000 members between the ages of 12 and 18 in more than 900 circles. Participants are from Catholic families and are active members of the Catholic Church. Upon reaching the age of 18, Squires are eligible for membership in Knights Councils that sponsored their circles.

A major goal of the St. Leo's Council is the renovation of the parish hall so that the various groups active in the parish can have a place for meetings and other events. The Knights hold their monthly meetings in the hall every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Healing Masses scheduled

St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester — As part of its 100-day journey from Ash Wednesday through the end of the octave of Pentecost, the parish has scheduled the rite of anointing for each of its four Masses this weekend — Saturday, April 30, at 5 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1, at the 9 and 11 a.m. English-language Masses; Sunday, May 1, at the 12:30 p.m. Spanish-language Mass.

The services are intended for the ill, elderly and home-bound, but all are welcome. The parish asks that neighbors, friends and relatives provide rides for those who need them.

For information or to arrange for rides, call the rectory at (716)436-6693 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Parishioners to honor Mary

parish plans to celebrate the Marian Year with two events. On Sunday, May 1, parishioners will hold a procession and crowing of the Blessed Mother at 10:45 a.m., preceding the regular Mass. On Saturday, May 7, at 3 p.m., the parish will host a recitation of the rosary for peace in five languages: Spanish, Polish, Italian, Creole and English.

Both services are open to the public. For information, call the rectory at (716)436-3110.

Parish Notes

Parish to conduct census

Christ the King, Rochester — Parishioners will be conducting a census of all homes within the parish boundaries on Sunday, May 1. The census is intended to help parish leaders get a sense of how much the parish has grown since the last census took place 10 years ago and to assist them with determining parishioners' needs.

The results of the survey will be used to judge what services the parish might need to offer in the future and to facilitate planning for the parish school. Leaders also hope to reach out to any who are "unchurched" within their boundaries.

For information about this project, call Miriam B. Ganze at (716)544-7132.

Special AIDS Mass planned

Corpus Christi, Rochester — The Rochester community is invited to join Corpus Christi parishioners in celebrating a Mass for AIDS patients and their families on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. The theme of the Mass is "Hope for a cure for AIDS."

The parish sponsoring the Mass to follow the lead of Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who preached at a February 19 ecumenical service for people with AIDS and who issued a pastoral instruction outlining the Diocese of Rochester's response to the AIDS crisis.

Friends and families of AIDS patients will be invited to enter the first names of their loved ones in a book; the patients will be prayed for during the Mass.

For information about the service, call Corpus Christi at (716)325-2424.

Society planning breakfast

Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira — The Rosary-Altar Society will hold a communion breakfast on Sunday, May 1. Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, brunch will be served at the Elmira Country Club. Sister Kathleen Wayne, religious-education director at St. Salome's Parish, will speak about the Marian Year.

The cost per person is \$8.25, which includes a complementary glass of champagne or a bloody Mary.

To make reservations, call: Mary Kay Wright, (607)734-2726; Rita Wayne, 733-6225; Cathy McLaughlin, 734-6747; or Mary Herforth, 732-2577.

Several members of Rice Hallick Auxiliary to VFW Post #5465 attended the annual Spring Conference of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW in Syracuse on March 25 and 26. Participating in the conference were: Ethel Foster, Doris Andrews, Loretta Wilson, Mary Schaefer, Esther Guadagino, Elleen Reynolds and Alyce Ferrarese.

Students at Most Precious Blood School, Pochester, celebrated "Earth Day" on March 22. The day included a Mass prepared by the third-grade class. The class also performed the play "Trees" and presented each class with a spring plant. Dick Shannon of the city Forestry Division talked to the students about trees and what they do for the human race. As part of the day, each class also prepared either a report or a prayer relating to extinct or endangered animals, pets, zoo animals or the effects of acid rain and air pollution on the earth.

On Tuesday April 5 at St. Benedict Hall in Odessa, the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Lourdes #628, St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, presented awards to the winners of their annual poetry contest. The six winners, who wrote poems based on the title, "We, the People," are: Matricia Keeton, Sharon Westervelt, Vicki Daugherty and Jennifer Simiele.

As part of a year-long social justice project, students at St. Joseph's School, Penfield, recently put together more than 300 health kits containing such items as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, soaps, mouthwash, shampoo and deodorant. The kits were delivered to Bethany House and the House of Mercy in mid-March. Currently, the students are collecting diapers to deliver April 30 to Melita House, a residence for pregnant women.

Neighbors

At the annual Monroe County Catholic War Veterans Convention on March 5, John Sdoin of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Post #1156 was installed as county commander by State Commander Robert Marra. Also honored at the convention was Joseph Beauchamp of St. Jerome's Post #1108, who was named Catholic War Veteran of the Year.

Sister Katherine McCutcheon, religiouseducation coordinator of Waterloo's St. Mary's Parish from 1984 through 1987, entered the novitiate of the Georgetown Visitation Order, Washington, D.C., on March 25. Sister McCutcheon, who is the mother of three children, originally visited the Visitation Monastery on retreat in 1987 and chose to remain as a postulant.

During the next two years, she will assist with the monastery's school for girls, and will study in preparation for her first vows, scheduled for 1989.

The fifth-grade class of St. John of Rochester School, Fairport, were treated to a pizza party on April 12 for successfully completing Pizza Hut's "Book It!" reading program.

The program is designed to foster the habit of reading for pleasure. Each member of the class was required to read a minimum of 100 pages per week beyond regular assignments over the last five months.

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