



# The St. Jude Journal

Knights of Columbus Council 5801  
Gahanna, OH

April 2010

*"So that in all things God may be glorified."*—Rule of St. Benedict

## Dates to Remember:

- April 14, 2010  
Business Meeting  
8 p.m., K of C Room
- April 28, 2010  
Social Meeting  
8 p.m., K of C Room
- April 30-May 2, 2010  
Measure Up! Campaign

## Letter From Our Grand Knight:

I am far from being a veteran of Men's Conferences, having only attended two in my life. Each time I have gone, it has created a small fire inside of me that burns intense. Once the conference is over and the experience isn't new anymore, it is up to me to keep that fire burning, and it's tough. It is really tough. Being the man God wants us to be isn't a weekend job, where you can add fuel to the fire to keep it burning all week. It's a daily struggle to keep my faith strong despite the struggles of work, family, married life and a world that is becoming more and more unfiltered. Anywhere you go, whether to a movie or to a restaurant or even to the grocery store, Catholics are being bombarded by people that are living the way they want and that not necessarily the way that God wants them to live. Some of those people make movies that aren't supporting a moral and right way of life. Some make music that doesn't help to support a person living a great Catholic Life. I don't think that we have to go much further than some of the "reality" tv that's on these days to see that Being Catholic isn't popular and can't be easy. Of course it's going to be tough to live as God intended, when we have to create that environment for ourselves because our culture doesn't support it well.

In closing, keep that fire burning bright everyday and if there are days that you need a little help, reach out to one of your brothers. We are all in this fight together.

May you and your family have a blessed Easter and remember, as a Church road sign says, the story of forgiveness was hung on a nail.

*Fraternally,*  
**Brian Novotny**



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## **Men's Conference Report**

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Catholic Mens Conference was well attended and the message was hardhitting and real. The speakers were incredible. Robert Rogers told his story of losing his wife and four young children in a flash flood. Father Larry Richards talked about the struggles of being strong Catholic in today's world. Patrick Madrid talked about how important it is to be a strong Catholic man and father. Brian is in the process of reading some of the books these men have written and encourage you to check out these men and what they have to say, either in their books or listen to the speak on YouTube.

And our own Allen Perk was interviewed on St Gabriel Radio's post Men's Conference Show. It can be heard at the following link...

<http://www.stgabrielradio.com/audio/SHMCPCS.mp3>



## **Measure Up Is Coming!**

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Measure-up is at the end of this month. Dale Takach and Wayne Stertzler will be contacting you for volunteers.

## **Charity Raffle**

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Charity Raffle Tickets are still being sold. John Sherman and Wayne Stertzler are heading up the ticket sales again this year.

## **From Our Chaplain:**

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*Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,*

On Saturday, April 3rd, 16 new members were received into the Roman Catholic Church at St. Matthew the Apostle during the Easter Vigil. These neophytes, which they have now become, began their formal journey in August of 2009, and have continued to study, experience, and share with one another their calling to the Catholic Faith. At the Easter Vigil, they celebrated the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) together as a community of believers.

This event was not a random occurrence. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that "it was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to be my disciples." God slowly revealed Himself to them in many ways, and one of them was through members of our own parish family, as they observed the prayerful and reverent manner in which they celebrated the Eucharistic feast: The Mass. I am sure that in their conversations with the parish members who served as sponsors to them in their journey, their own faith was made stronger and settled even more deeply into their hearts.

We are all connected by our own faith. As we see these new members begin their own unique celebration of the Catholic Faith, they also will become beacons of light that will draw even more to the Church.

If you happen to see one of these newest members of the faith, please stop and congratulate and encourage them to become involved in the faith community. They might even decide to become members of the Knights of Columbus, or of the choir, or ushers, or any number of ministries our parish has to offer. They just have to be asked!

We will never know how God may be using us to draw others into a closer relationship with Him. As Knights of Columbus, we have always practiced our faith openly for all to see. That is important, because Sacred Scripture tells us that "faith without works is thoroughly lifeless." The many activities we sponsor in order to raise funds for our numerous charities, are examples of how faith plays-out in the life of a true Christian. Thank you all for the many good works you do as a result of the faith you have been given. May God continue to bless each of you during this holy Easter Season.

*Deacon Harry L. Turner*

## April: St. Jude Council Activities

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11	12	13	14 Business Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Social Meeting	29	30 Measure Up!	1 Measure Up!



### For the Good of the Order:

*Please pray for:*

- Matthew Concitis
- Debbie Gerardi's family
- Chris Young
- Mike Wypasek's son Joel
- Mia Lantz
- Jeff Lytle
- Nick Takach
- John Wayne Stertz

### Fun Run/Walk Report

Rich Schlagheck would like to thank everyone that helped with sponsorships, participation in the race, and the volunteers that day. We had about 130 participants. A special thanks goes out to Mary Macinsky who volunteered to ride around with the policeman for the whole time. (Apparently that was the first time for her in the front seat of a police car.) We netted about \$2100 for the youth group



*Some of our esteemed brothers acted as servers for our own Council Chaplain at Stations of the Cross this lent.*