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## Can You Pray for Vocations for Just One Hour?



Brother Knights, Father Jim Lee has requested that the Knights of Columbus pray for religious vocations. Saturday & Sunday AM hours of 1AM, 2AM, or 3AM on February 0st, 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th are designated as our Knights of Columbus hours. The Adoration Chapel is open under COVID-19 restrictions. Please call Mona Bishop at St Mike's office (360) 292-7141 or email [mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org](mailto:mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org) to schedule an appointment. If you do not feel comfortable coming to the Adoration Chapel, please consider praying at home. Thank you and God bless you and your family.

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

\* Walt Dale

\* Ed Sauley

\* John Kramer

\* Fr. Jim Lee

\* Peggy Pursley

\* Sam Pellegrino's Mother-In-Law

\* Florante Jayme

\* Mi-Young Gilman

\* Elaine and Ron DeGroot

\* Ray DeTerra Family

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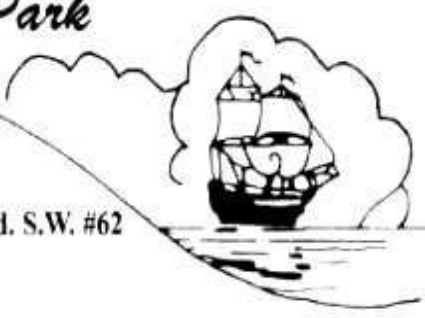
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Off: Sunday ~ Monday

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# Pro-lifers: New ultrasound installation 26 January at Options Pregnancy Center in Olympia, WA

Knights of Columbus Council 1643 in Olympia has provided donations to Options to buy a second Sonogram. Fr. John Tomassi, of St. Michael in Olympia, WA blessed the new machine.

1,600 babies were saved by the first machine that wore out but 98.5% of the mothers who saw the Ultrasound picture had their child.

Br. Ron DeGroot started this initiative from the very beginning. It was with his hard work and untiring effort to follow this effort through many roadblocks that achieved its success. Br. Connerton and Br. Cloninger, in the first picture, from Seattle were very instrumental in getting the initiative through to its dedication.

The Knights and Options are investigating the reasons for this success rate and how to train other ultrasound sites to use these extraordinary positive techniques to achieve these results.



(L to R:) Br. Tom Connerton Council 1846 in Stanwood, Mrs. Sasha Schmidt, Br. Ian Russell, Br. Tom Pursley, Mrs. Peggy Pursley, Br. Corb Thornton, Br. Ron DeGroot, Br. Gary Cloninger Life Chairman for WA State, Br. Bob Adams – Grand Knight 1643, Br. Kevin O’Sullivan, Br. Mike Mock, Mrs. Mary Mock, and Mary Tipps Smith, Director of Operations at the Options Pregnancy Clinic in Olympia, WA.



Br. Tom Pursley, Br. Kevin O’Sullivan, Fr. John Tomassi, Br. Ron DeGroot signing the commemoration board of the event to install the new ultrasound.

# Knights in March For Life Again in 2024



# *St. Michael Parish Bulletin Article: Jan, 2024*

## ***Knights of Columbus Happenings***

As 2023 drew to a close and the weather became colder, our local Knights of Columbus Council 1643 supplied 192 coats to children in the Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater area. Distribution events were held at Sacred Heart and St. George Byzantine Parish, and coats were also supplied to St. Mike Pregnancy Aid, and St Vincent DePaul. This annual charitable event was made possible with financial and volunteer support from the Council, plus individual donations, which were matched by Supreme Headquarters. The Knights of Columbus distributes approximately 200,000 coats annually in 49 States and 10 Canadian provinces through the Coats for Kids program: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/coats-for-kids/index.html>.

Charity is the most important of our founding principles. Learn more about how Knights of Columbus Charities serves vocations, refugees and displaced persons in the Ukraine and Middle East, veterans and active duty military, the culture of life, and other worthy causes in keeping with our Catholic faith at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/index.html>. 100% of donations go directly to those served through these charitable programs.



**What:** The Knights of Columbus Council 1643 is holding a Canned Food Drive

**Why:** To benefit the Sacred Heart Food Pantry with its mission to help those in need in our community.

**When:** Saturday February 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sacred Heart parking lot

**Food products needed:** Nonperishable food including spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned tuna fish, canned chicken, canned meat, and breakfast cereal

**Hygiene products needed:** Soap powder, dish soap, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shaving cream and razors, shampoo, shower soap

We are inviting all Knights to bring donations to the Knights of Columbus Collection Station in the church parking lot. Donations of cash or checks are also gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 1643** and note in the memo: **Food for Families Program**. If you have questions, please contact **Tom Mitchell (360) 790-1253** or **Tom Pursley (360) 888-6833**.  
**Thank you!**

This work of charity is:  
Charity Captain:  
Charity Captain E-mail:  
Event Date:  
Event Location

## Chili Cook Off at Drexel House

John Zyrkowski

[JZTECPAN@AOL.COM](mailto:JZTECPAN@AOL.COM)

**Wed. 2/21/2024 - 4:30p to 6:30p**

**604 Devoe St. SE**

**Olympia, WA 98501**

### Menu

Green Chili

### Quantity

5 Lbs. Chili

### Volunteer

John and Nancy Zyrkowski

Chili

5 Lbs. Chili

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Garlic Bread

60

Dessert

20

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20

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20

Beverage, Cut Corn, and Macaroni

60

John and Nancy Zyrkowski

### Kitchen Serving Support

Lead Server/Set-up

John Zyrkowski

Server Set-up

# Traditional Lenten Fish Fry

Columbian Hall fundraiser

Friday, March 1

6794 Martin Way E. Lacey

Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6

**\$25 per ticket** (12 and under \$12, 3 under free)

\$20 if purchased by Feb 27

\* Carryout Orders Advance Sale Only Pickup 5:30-6:00

## Menu:

Batter Dipped White Fish & Breaded Shrimp

Cole Slaw & French Fries

Chef Sam's Famous Northwest Creamy Clam Chowder

(Baked fish available upon advance request)

For tickets or more information, contact:

Mike Colosi 360-870-5597 or W00dbutcher63@yahoo.com

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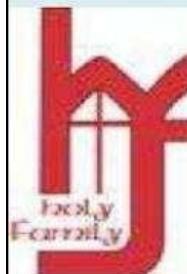
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## Calendar

### February 2024

- Thu 1 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
- Thu 8 4th Degree Officers Meeting
- Wed 14 ASH Wednesday
- Sat 17 Canned Food Drive
- Wed 21 Drexel House Dinner
- Thu 22 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &
- Sun 25 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses

### March, 2024

- Fri 1 Columbian Hall Board Fish Fry - Dinner at
- Mon 4 Council Officer's Meeting 6-7:15
- Thu 7 Council Social, Rosary, & Business Meeting
- Sun 10 Donut Sales After the Sacred Heart masses
- Thu 14 4th Degree Officers Meeting
- Sat 16 St Patrick's Day Celebration
- Fri 22 Columbian Hall Board Fish Fry - Dinner at
- Thu 21 4th Degree Assembly Social, Rosary &
- Sun 24 Donut Sales After the St. Mikes masses
- Thu 28 Holy Thursday
- Fri 29 Good Friday
- Sun 31 Easter Sunday

For up-to-date event information, please visit our website at

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