

Siena Post Dispatch



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Grand Knight's Message

Our sale of "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets was a tremendous success. We sold our entire supply, and could have easily sold more. It was the spirit of the purchasers that was so encouraging, however. The people in our parish wanted to display their faith and proclaim that Christ is firmly at the center of our Christmas celebration here at St. Catherine's. It was a joy to assist in that spirit, and my gratitude to Brother Hank Schmalen for coordinating the magnet project.

I am trying to keep my message as short as possible this month to make way for the true message of this glorious Advent and Christmas Season. It is a message of hope, and peace and salvation.

May you and your families and loved ones have a safe and most blessed Christmas ...

Vivat Jesu
Jim

Council Christmas Party

Our annual Council Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 9 at 6:30 PM in the Father McKinstra Community Room. This is always a fun evening for all ... members, families and especially the little kids. We're again expecting Santa to make an appearance to the delight of all, as well as music stylings from Steve and Sylvia with the accompaniment of our parish's own "New Christy Ministers". They must be heard to be appreciated, and you must be present to hear them.

We will again be serving the Kruger family's famous deep fried turkey with dressing, ham and beverages. Your only, yes only price of admission to this evening of fun and fellowship is just a dish to share. If your last name begins with the letter "A" through "H", please bring a hors d'oeuvre or salad; "I" through "Q" a vegetable or other side dish; and if your last name begins with "R" through "Z", please bring a desert.

So that we can plan accordingly, please call or email Brother Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326, hschmal@sbcglobal.net, or Brother Jim Winstead at (847) 426-0078, jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net with the number of people in your family attending.

PADS HELP NEEDED

Our first opportunity is coming up in October to help those less fortunate. We have agreed to supply two people, the third Monday evening/Tuesday morning of every month while the shelter is open. The dates for this year are:

October 17-18	Fred McCarthy
November 21-22	The Schmalens
December 19-20	OPEN
January 16-17	Don Miller
February 20-21	OPEN
March 20-21	OPEN
April 17-18 (If needed)	

All you have to do is show up with a non-sugar snack and milk (our council will reimburse you), and help the PADS Staff in whatever way they need. This might be putting out a snack, or helping to give out bedding, etc.

It is from 7:00pm to about 9:30 or 10:00pm on Monday night and then again from 5:00am until

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7:00am the next morning to help with breakfast and cleanup. This can be a wonderful experience for you to share with your spouse or older child.

If you can volunteer and do not have an ID card from past years, Brother Schmalen will need to pre-register you. Contact Hank Schmalen at (847) 426-7326, or hschmal@sbcglobal.net with the month you would like to volunteer.

Vocation Raffle Sale

By now you should have all received your 2 Vocation Raffle Ticket books. Please plan on either selling or purchasing the tickets and returning them to Brother Ed Pudlo no later than December 19th.

Also, our weekend for selling the tickets in the narthex after masses will be on December 10 and 11. Please plan on stopping by our table to help with the sale after you attend mass.

Retreat Weekend

Peace and quiet for an entire weekend ... sound good? Consider joining us for a silent retreat the weekend of February 17 - 19. I know, you think to yourself that there is no way that you could not talk for an entire weekend, or this is just for those "holy guys". *WRONG!!!* This is for YOU!!! It is a great time, at a great facility to focus yourself on what truly is important in this life.....getting in touch with our God!!! Spaces for the weekend are limited and I now have brochures available. Contact Hank Schmalen hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 426-7326 for additional information or to place your reservation.

Mall +1

“Mall + One”, what the heck is that you ask?? During the Christmas shopping season we keep the Church open all of the hours that Spring Hill Mall is open plus one hour. But to do that we need to have someone "staff" the Church during those hours. All you have to do is be there!!! You can pray, read, do Christmas cards, talk.....Deb and I even played games last year.....it was such GREAT couple time !!!! It begins the day after Thanksgiving and sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex. This is not just a Knights function but who better than to sit and protect Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament than His Knights of Columbus!!! Consider taking a shift sometime during this Christmas season. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Hank Schmalen at hschmal@sbcglobal.net or (847) 426-7326.

November Birthdays

Russ Bonfiglio	Ben Newhouse
Henry Burmeister	Otto Nichols
Ray Gerdes	Bob Noga
Jerry Gilmore	Al Popp
Phil Kehoe	Don Skellie
Tom Lewandowski	Wade Wiltsie

Happy Birthday to all!

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Upcoming Events

Officers Meeting	December 8	8:00
Council Christmas Party	December 9	6:30
Vocation Raffle Ticket Sales	December 10 & 11	
Council Business Meeting	December 12	7:30
Rosary Weekend	December 17 & 18	
Freethrow Contest	January 14	

If you have an announcement or article you would like to have appear in the Siena Post Dispatch, please mail or email it to jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net.

“The Good of the Order”

Please remember in your prayers the following Brothers and family members who are ill or in distress:

Jim Roy	Chris Gardynski
Dan Stroick	Bob Waclawik
Bill Livingston	

If you know of a Brother Knight or Brother's family member who is in need of our prayers and is not listed above, please email the names to jas.winstead@worldnet.att.net for inclusion in our next newsletter.
