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From the Chaplain - Fr. John Harrold

Prayer to Christ in the Eucharist

According to *The Essential Catholic Handbook*, As Catholics, it is our privilege to participate in offering the Eucharistic sacrifice and in receiving Holy Communion. But there are many additional acts of devotion that help extend Christ's real presence among us. Such a devotion is Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Christ's promise is to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). The practice of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament arose early in the history of the Church. (This was for the convenience of the sick-that Communion might be taken to them.) People then began spontaneously to gather in the churches to pray and worship in the very presence of Christ. Later, because Christ's presence meant so much to them, they asked that the host be exhibited to them on a throne in a monstrance (an ornamental receptacle). Still later, prayers and songs were added, and the priest would bless the people with the host enthroned in the monstrance.

Benediction is an amazingly simple and beautifully proportioned act of worship. We begin by contemplating God's presence in our midst. (Most of the time we are so busy talking or doing things or going places that Christ hardly gets a chance to say anything to us. Contemplation means that we let God "soak into us.") Then follows the actual sacramental blessing: the priest makes the

Sign of the Cross over us with the host enshrined in the monstrance. Finally, we make our spontaneous response in works of praise and thanksgiving.

We celebrate Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction every month in our Partner Parishes. Please join us and encourage others to do so. You do not need to be there the whole two hours, just come for the last hour, 45 minutes or half hour and Benediction!

**From the From the Grand Knight's Table -
David Swierkosz**

Happy New Year to all. As we start another year with new hopes and goals let's not let the current distractions and scandals diminish our faith and trust in God. We need to focus on our Catholic roots and find peace and support through the Mass and Sacraments. The message remains the same. We need to pray the rosary more often and put God back into our everyday lives. If we trust in the Lord and do our part, good will ultimately triumph over evil.

Did You Know - Calvin Kulik

DID YOU KNOW.... that historically the Knights of Columbus had a female auxiliary? The **Daughters of Isabella** was originally formed in New Haven, Connecticut in 1897 as a female counterpart to the Reverend John Russell's Council of the Knights. This organization was very active

during WWI, volunteering as nurses and clerks, hosting parties for servicemen, conducting sewing and knitting classes for the Red Cross, donating clothing for the needy, and working with the blind. In 1921 the name was changed to the **Catholic Daughters of America** and in 1925 the Knights severed ties with the organization. The organization still exists today and professes to have approximately 66,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 "courts" (local chapters) in 45 states and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Peru. For more information click on www.catholicdaughters.org.

From the Newsletter Editor and P.R. Chairman - Ken Nath

For the past few years our council has supported Catholic Charities of Greensburg by helping them at their annual Salt and Light Banquet, by donating and with individuals donating to putting together a tool basket to be auctioned off at the banquet. If you are able and would like to contribute please contact me at 724-468-1106 or see me at church.

On Monday, March 18 we will be hosting the Chapter Meeting at St. Sylvester's. If you would be willing to help with the dinner preparation and set-up please contact me.

Upcoming events:

- **Thursday, Jan 3 at 6:30 PM** - Officers meeting.
- **Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7:00 PM** - General meeting at St. Sylvester's.
- **Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 PM** - Chapter meeting, Location to be determined.
- **Monday, Mar. 18 at 7 PM** - Chapter Meeting at St Sylvester

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