

My Dear Parish Family,

As you are aware, we have a highly active Knights of Columbus Council that is joined with the parishes in our new parish family, Our Lady of Peace, Nativity and St Mary's. Our Knights are such an integral part of, and do so much for, the community at large and for our parishes. Most recently they have given charitable donations to the Food Pantries in Akron Newstead and Clarence, St. Luke's, St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center, 40 Days for Life, WLOF Catholic Radio, Response to Love, Essay Scholarship, area Catholic Schools St. John the Baptist and Nativity, Brother's of Mercy, WNY Veteran's Housing, Coats for Kids, Supporting local Seminarians, Special Olympics, as well as funding the parish websites for St. Teresa and Our Lady of Peace! This impressive body of charitable giving is made possible through the efforts and energy of the Knights and our parish families. When you give to a Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser, you are helping them to continue to reach out and help our parish and community.

I have been asked, and given permission from our Finance Council, to send out this letter to all our parishioners asking you to consider assisting the Knights of Columbus in their charitable efforts this year. Last year our Knight's council sold one of the winning C&B tickets for a prize of \$1,000. After last year's C&B raffle concluded the Knights of Columbus donated to each of the family of Parishes and I was presented with a check to St Teresa's of \$1,292 from the profits of the ticket sales sold at our parish.

Enclosed you will find a C&B (Charitable and Benevolent) Raffle booklet containing 3 tickets. Each ticket is \$4, or the booklet is \$12. We are hoping that you can help support the Knights of Columbus and our parish family by buying the booklet. Please feel free to sell them to friends, family, neighbors or co-workers. The tickets can be sold individually or bought as a booklet.

This Raffle currently runs through November and the drawing will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is all cash prizes! There is an early bird drawing held on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Grand Prize \$25,000! 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$10,000! 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$5,000! Consolation Prize (10) \$1,000!**

When filling out the 3 ticket stubs Solicitor can be left blank, under Council# fill in 13661. The back page of the booklet can be left blank. Please return the ticket stubs, checks (made payable to the Knights of Columbus) cash and any unsold remaining tickets by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please return your sold or unsold tickets in the attached return envelope to the parish office, collection basket at Mass or mail them to:

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

5771 Buell Street

Akron, New York 14001

If you would like additional C&B booklets to purchase, we have more available in the entrance vestibule. Just fill them out following the instructions listed above and place in any Mass collection, be sure to mark the envelope K of C.

Thank you so much for your very generous support of our wonderful parish and the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus!

Please know of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Peace always,

Fr. Art Mattulke