



St. Ignatius of Loyola Council

was led In Columbian Year 2018-2019 by

Grand Knight Mark Williams

... Here are a Few of the Things We Did Last Year:

2018 through 2019

First Sundays, we hosted **Pancake/French Toast/Sausage Breakfasts**. These events, chaired by Eugene Okafor and Hans Rechenmacher, are popular with all parishioners and we use these events to raise Seminarian Scholarship Funds and make families aware of the Knights and our programs.

Seminarian Scholarships: St. Ignatius of Loyola Council awarded RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) scholarships to all five seminarians at Mundelein Seminary. Since being chartered in 2001 we have provided 70 scholarships totaling over \$35,000 to our seminarians.

Tithing: The Council **tithed 10% its general fund-raising to the Parish** as an unrestricted tithe to support our priests and parish. We also donated over \$1,000 to the Paradise Fire Relief, Hurricane Relief, and to the Columbian Foundation for Knights in need. We joined with the Aptos Council to obtain a \$10,000 grant for Hope Services, Employment, Media and Community Connections program.

2018

July 15th : - **The 2018 Parish Family BBQ** was supported with Knights barbecuing, setting up the serving tables and assisting in the clean-up. We do so in support of our Pastor who asked for our help with our parish's Family Picnic.
Employment, Media and Community Connections

August – Margaret Mary J. Mangan Achievement Award was awarded by Columbiettes Supreme Council to our local Columbiettes. The Mangan Achievement Award began in 1993 to recognize the good works performed by Councils in a given year. Our Columbiettes have received this award every year since they were chartered – a significant record!

August 3rd : - **St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Drive** was supported with Knights conducting an internal drive among Brother Knights to add as a special donation to the parish effort.

September 14 – 16- The 39th Annual Festival was supported by Knights help in setting up the Stage and Canopy, Booths, Power Distribution/Lighting, and Signage (and later the tear down) plus Knights, Columbiettes and family members volunteers in almost every booth.

September 30: - Young Adults Summer BBQ, Life Teen Kick-Off & the Festival Kick-Off Breakfast were each supported with Knights barbecuing and serving Holy Family's Young Adult and Youth ministries as well as assisting in the kick-off for Festival volunteers.

October – People With Intellectual Difficulties – Parishioners, Knights and family members responded to Knight's efforts raising nearly \$1,100 for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. We presented checks to Hope Services and Special Olympics Northern California. The Columbiettes assisted the Knights in these efforts.

October/November – A “Coats for Kids” and a Coats for the Homeless Drive were hosted by the Council. More than 125 coats were donated, and four cartons (48 new coats) for children were purchased by the Council and delivered through Sacred Heart to those most in need in San Jose.

November/December – **Village House.** Our Council provided security and some volunteer staffing for the rotating women’s shelter during their 6-week stay at Holy Family. Council and family members provided dinner for the ladies for one of the six weeks. Columbiettes funded the food purchases for sack lunches for the shelter.

November 10 – **Sacred Heart Food Boxing** - Council members volunteered to help Sacred Heart box food for those in need during the upcoming holiday seasons..

November 14 – **Rosary for Peace** - Council members joined the Columbiettes and Holy Family Parish for the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, for Unity and Peace.

December 14 – **Vets Holiday Spirit Party**– Past Grand Knight Marv Lewis chaired our Council’s annual treats for the **Palo Alto VA Hospital** vets & family members, with our parishioners supporting the effort.

2019

January – March Essay & Free Throw Contests. The Council held the *Free Throw Competition* and the *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest* for Holy Family & public school, and home-school students, with winners recognized at a school assembly & receiving cash awards or recognition in all efforts.

January 26 - Walk for Life: Knights, family members and parishioners participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco

February 16 – Village Harvest: Knights volunteered for backyard fruit harvesting at local homes with Village Harvest. Harvested fruit was donated to: Second Harvest Food Bank, Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos, West Valley Community Services, St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, and Sacred Heart Community Service.

March 2: The Council supported our Columbiettes Council in their Mardi Gras celebration, a parish-wide event and a fundraiser for the Columbiettes.

March 16– 7th Annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner was held in the Community Center, chaired by Grand Knight Toby Laufer, had a “huuuuge” crowd of “Irish for one-night” attendees.

April 9 Chrism Mass Dinner – Bishop Cantú and over 110 priests from every parish in the diocese enjoyed dinner, desert, and libations following the Chrism Mass. Columbiettes created the perfect environment and Holy Family Education Center students volunteered to serve in many roles.

May 18 – 12th Annual “Honor our Vets BBQ” with tri-tip, burgers, hot dogs, beans, salad, fruit, and desserts and beverages served by over 25 knights, family and parishioners to over 175 veterans, family members and hospital staff at the VA Polytrauma Hospital in Palo Alto.

June 2 – Fr. Andrew’s 10th Anniversary of Ordination. The Community Center was packed with about 500 parishioners as we gathered to recognize our Pastor’s anniversary. Knights, Columbiettes and every parish ministry participated in making this a most memorable afternoon!

June 22 – Corpus Christi Procession. Knights and Columbiettes joined other parishioners in a procession of Corpus Christi from Holy Family to Transfiguration Parish.

June 23 – Wheelchair Foundation Drive. Knights hosted a fund drive for the Wheelchair Foundation to provide mobility to physically disabled in the US and around the world. Over \$18,650 was donated by parishioners and the Council. This provided 124 wheelchairs for those in great need.