



Knights of Columbus
Chisholm Trail Council #9368
Round Rock Texas
Saint William Catholic Church
December 2022

Brother Knights,

I pray that this letter finds you preparing you and your families for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus in 20 days. Advent is a season of waiting. I find it hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. Every year I find myself scrambling to decorate the house, plan for meals, and plan for our children's visit. This year we have the added event to plan for: the marriage of our oldest son.

Ever since I started working remote (March 2020), I have listened to more news on the radio and on the TV. There is so much negativity, and it is hard to not get caught up in it. The stuff I hear makes it hard for me to believe that this is the country that I grew up in. It must be especially difficult for those that grew up 1 generation before me; those that fought for our freedom. The thing is, I know what the answer is, however I let my thoughts be clouded with the negative things going on. The answer is to pray, and to let God handle it. I just need to stop by the wall plaque that Rebecca has downstairs: "Good Morning. This is God. I'll be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help, so Have a Great Day!"

In the past 2 weeks, our KofC council has participated in a couple of events. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we held our annual "Turkey Cookout". While we still managed to smoke about 20 turkeys, what was truly great was the fellowship. We had really good turnout and we were joined by a large group from the "Share the Will" foundation. This group had a large number of young people that were there to prep turkeys and

serve those in need. Really great to see the young people all happy to be there. I can see the potential for inviting this group to join us for some other events in the future. Thank you to the brother knights that participated in the fellowship, donated the turkeys and hams, and a special thanks to our great chef, Mike Goertz!

Last Saturday was our annual Breakfast with St. Nick. While the attendance started out slow, it picked up later in the morning and we had a good turnout. Every sausage that was cooked was consumed; not sure how many can be tied to brother knights! 😊 A special thanks goes out to our St. Nick (Patrick Brickley), our Santa (Rockstar) and our event coordinator (Larry Hays). One item of note. There was a very tall, young man, that caught me in the hallway and asked me about our RCIA program. I connected him with Fr. Kyle and he answered all of his questions. The point that I want to make with this is that we should always be evangelizing the true wonders of the Catholic Church. That few minutes of conversation may have led this person to connect with our church and possibly join our council down the road. As Father always tells us at the end of mass, “Spread the Good Word”!

The next event for our council is the Christmas party on Wednesday, December 14th in the Pavilion. The council will provide the main entry and beverages. The request is for attendees to provide side dishes. Please see the KofC website to identify the side dish that you plan to bring. We also would like to have some volunteers to decorate the Pavilion prior to the party.

Here is my ask to the council.

Please read and reply to the many communications that I send out. So many times, I don't know if everyone is getting my messages. I would love to see response such as “got your email”, or “got your email and will participate”, or “got your email and cannot participate”.

Thanks and God Bless,
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Upcoming Events:

September 7th

Official start of St. William Perpetual Adoration. **Please sign up for a spot if you don't have one.**

<https://st-william.org/adoration-times>

As of 12/6, these are the available slots:

Wed, 12- 1am

Wed, 2-3pm

Thu, 3-4pm

Thu, 4 -5pm

December 7th

Business Meeting

7 pm in the Pavilion (6:30pm Rosary)

December 14th

Christmas Potluck

6 pm in the Pavilion

December 16th & 17th

Just Because

<https://www.jbmhope.com/>

December 17th

Lessons, Carols & Posada

Main Church

6:30 – 9pm

January 7th

First Friday Adoration

4am in the Adoration Chapel (followed by fellowship)

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