

Grand Knight's Message-

"No Priests, No Sacraments, No Church"

That was the reality for Catholics in post-war Poland as the Nazis had systematically executed and destroyed an entire generation of priests. In fact, many priests were crucified on the altars and in the sanctuaries of churches as a visible sign of the Nazis' contempt for the Church. However, out of this horror arose the greatest Catholic of our time, a young Father Karol Wojtyla, who would later become our beloved Pope John Paul the Great.

While much is publicized in the popular media about the shortage of priests in our nation, I am grateful to see that the parishes of Avon and Avon Lake currently have five men in the seminary discerning God's call to the priesthood. We can be hopeful that out of the pain of the clergy sex abuse scandal, the Holy Spirit remains active calling men to the vocation of the priesthood and assuring that the sacraments will be available to all who seek God's grace.

We should take the opportunity to recognize the courage that these seminarians possess in answering God's call to the priesthood. By answering God's call to the priesthood, they are "swimming upstream" against the values of our secular and materialistic society by recognizing God's presence in their lives and His desire for each and every person to have an intimate relationship with his Son.

We should also appreciate the talents and sacrifices of the wonderful priests who serve our parishes. We are fortunate to have the sacraments readily available to us at all times. We may take it for granted that a priest will be present for Sunday Mass, Saturday Confession, the baptism of our children and grandchildren, or to give the Last Rites to sick and dying family members. Without their commitment to us, we would find ourselves in the very same plight as the post-war Polish Catholics.

You can show your support for our priests and seminarians by supporting our Vocations Recognition Program scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2009 at our hall. More information will follow in this publication.

Vivat Jesus,
Scott Cedeon

Our [Calendar of Events](#), current and past [Ragan Reports](#) & [Grand Knight's Messages](#), as well as [Daily Scripture Readings](#) and much, much more is available on our website:

www.frragan.com

1st Degree -

Just a reminder that now is a good time to ask your friends and neighbors to join our Council. We have a 1st degree scheduled for Thursday September 18th. Candidate call is at 7:30 PM with the Degree beginning at 8:00 PM. Need an Application Form 100? go to our website at

www.frragan.com and click on the members tab.

Quarterly Communion-

Mark your calendars (or use the one on the reverse side that's already marked) for our next Quarterly Communion September 21st at Holy Trinity Avon at 9:00 AM. We encourage you to bring all your friends & neighbors to join us in the Celebration of Mass.

Flag Retirement Ceremony-

Sir Knights from Lt McManus 4th Degree Assembly will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at 7:00 PM on Thursday September 11th in the newly refurbished pavilion at Fr Ragan Council. In addition to the Sir Knights, local Boy Scouts are scheduled to assist at this special "Patroits Day's event. If you have any old and/or worn flags, bring them that evening or drop them off at the hall during any of our scheduled events.

Ladies News-

A reminder to all ladies-The Isabella Guild (Ladies Auxiliary) of Fr Ragan Council has its first meeting of this fraternal year scheduled for Tuesday September 9th at 7:00 PM. Denise Brock, EMH Physical Therapist is returning with a presentation and Q and A session. We got lots of information from her last visit. Bring a friend, guests are welcome and membership is open to any spouse, widow or daughter (18+ years of age) of a Knight as well as to any other Catholic Women. In addition to supporting the Council they have a lot of fun and plenty of activities that make membership worthwhile.

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CLAMBAKE / STEAK FRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

MOORE ROAD, OFF ROUTE 611 IN AVON

SERVING FROM 3:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

\$19.00 PER DINNER FOR EITHER A BAKE OR STEAK DINNER

\$ 6.00 FOR EXTRA DOZEN CLAMS

CLAM BAKE INCLUDES



1 DOZ. CLAMS, ½ CHICKEN, CORN ON THE COB, SALAD, CLAM CHOWDER, BOULION, FRENCH BREAD, FRESH VEGETABLES, SWEET POTATO AND DESERT

STEAK BAKE INCLUDES



STEAK, CORN ON THE COB, BAKED POTATO, SALAD, CLAM CHOWDER, FRESH VEGETABLES, FRENCH BREAD, BOULION AND DESSERT

CHILDREN MENU

HOT DOG OR HAMBURGER OR CHEESE BURGER

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SEPTEMBER 08

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| AUGUST 31 | SEPTEMBER 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | LABOR DAY  | | Ohio Pet Placement Bingo  | 6:30 PM Officers Meeting 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Mtg | Fr Ragan Bingo  | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| GRANDPARENTS DAY  | | Meeting 7:00 PM  Isabella Guild <small>of Father Ragan Council No. 2269 Knights of Columbus</small> | Ohio Pet Placement Bingo  | 7:30 PM Foundation Mtg Flag Retirement 7:00 PM  | Fr Ragan Bingo  | Tim Bruder Golf Outing Bob-O-Link  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | | Lt McManus Assy Meeting 8:00 PM Amherst  | Ohio Pet Placement Bingo  | 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting 1 st Degree Candidates 7:30 PM  | Fr Ragan Bingo  | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Quarterly Communion Holy Trinity Avon 9:00AM  | Fall  | | Ohio Pet Placement Bingo  | 7:30 PM Foundation Mtg if Needed | Fr Ragan Bingo  | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | OCTOBER 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | Ohio Pet Placement Bingo  | | Fr Ragan Bingo  | |