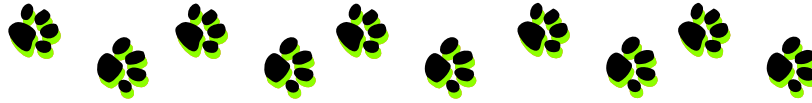




# LADIES AUXILIARY PAW PRINT EXPRESS



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## Calendar of Events

May 4-6, 2012 Knights of Columbus

State Convention

“Meet & Greet”

Ladies Auxiliary

Awards Session (TBA)

Westin Hotel, Lombard

Summer District Deputy

Meeting

TBA



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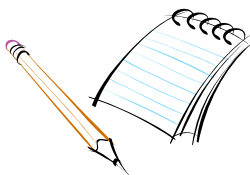
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## #1063 DANIEL DOWLING CHICAGO

The Ladies Auxiliary of Daniel Dowling Knights of Columbus had a busy September.

On September 21st twenty one members and friends volunteered for three productive hours at the Greater Chicago Food Depository; sorting apples and packing cornflakes for distribution to the many food pantries and homeless shelters in the Chicago and Cook County area. The Dave Brady Food Pantry in our parish will benefit from the approximately \$300 in credit we earned to put toward the food it buys for distribution. The smiles on the faces of our volunteers, feeling so good in giving a helping hand to others less fortunate, was a sure sign we'd be back.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> we hosted our “Girls Night Out and Vendor Fair” to benefit the Cancer Society of America. It was a fun night of shopping with a dozen vendors, and over 80 stopped in to shop and socialize. The \$5 fee covered a margarita or a soft drink besides the entry. The Parish Boy Scout Troop ran the kitchen and with their donation of \$140 we managed to contribute \$880 to cancer research....a very worthy cause and something that has touched every family.

Maggie Gentilcore, President

## #3602 NINA COUNCIL PARK FOREST

The Ladies Auxiliary of Nina Council Knights of Columbus of Park Forest submitted several items to display at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield in August. These items were pall (burial) cloths made from pillowcases, sundresses made from pillowcases and dresses made from t-shirts. There was a new category this year titled "Recycled Garments" in which these items were displayed. No awards were received, but the Ladies Auxiliary of Nina Council 3602 was proud to have had their items on display during the Illinois State Fair.



On going participation by our members in the Haiti Pall (burial) cloth project in which we take old pillow cases and sheets then cut them into burial cloths and



decorate them with crosses, doves, small pictures, flowers etc., cut from scraps of fabric donated by parish members and friends. These are sent to Haiti to be used in the burial of the hundreds of dead for whom there are actually no caskets.

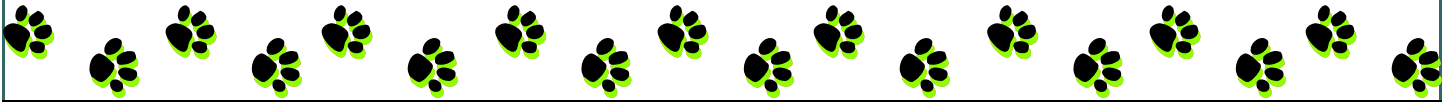


Other pillow cases which are more decorative are used to make sun dresses for the little girls in an orphanage in Haiti. Some other sun dresses are made from recycled decorative t-shirts with the bottom of the dress made from donated fabric.

Other members of the group have been crocheting baby hats for the children in Haiti or for donation to babies here in the area.

Additionally, the Ladies recently participated in a reception following a 911 Program sponsored by our Nina Council 3602 Knights as well as helping with the distribution of Tootsie Roll candy in the annual drive to help the people with Intellectual Disabilities.

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On a lighter side the Ladies Auxiliary members joined with the Knights to attend a play: Smoky Joe's Café, followed by a delicious dinner at which the wives and significant others were honored.

President: Linda Marron  
Sandy Brunson, Secretary  
Jackie Smith, Trustee

**#3914 MARION LADIES  
AUXILIARY  
RIVERTON**

During my term as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of St James, Riverton, IL, I was affiliated with 2 Bunco Card parties, a Salad Luncheon, Membership Tea, Mother-Daughter Breakfast, Christmas with St Nick & Santa, set up and served the reception for First Communion children and parents, helped serve coffee and donuts on the 3rd Sunday when it was Ladies Auxiliary's turn to serve, VBS — Ladies Auxiliary cooked a meal one night of the VBS, and served refreshments on the last evening of VBS.

The Knights of Columbus holds Fish Fries beginning in September and ending in April and the Ladies Auxiliary prepares home-made desserts and sells them at the Fish Fries. Besides volunteering for the dessert sales, we've sold the raffle tickets for a fundraiser. At Christmas we sold the Christmas Buttons "It's OK to say Merry Christmas to me". We sold them for \$3.00 each.

Being President is just one of my many volunteer efforts. I am involved with the Springfield Bread

Line (St. James Church 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month), Senior Luncheon preparations at St. James (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday which begins in September and ends in May), Funeral luncheons and a Eucharist Minister for funerals, Thanksgiving baskets, St. John's Hospital volunteer (Tuesday mornings). My husband and I have belonged to the "Why Catholic" for the last 4 years.

Amma M. Fanale, Past President

**#4849 BELLARMINE LADIES  
AURORA**

The Bellarmine Ladies of Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 at Holy Angels Church in Aurora is small but we are growing! For the past 15 years, due to the dedication of a small group of women, we have been able to provide handmade Rosaries to all second graders in all of the seven Catholic grade schools in Aurora. We have given out almost 3000 Rosaries in that time. About 100 Rosaries were sent on the South America Mission Trip. At Holy Angels School, we have been blessed to be able to go into the school and let the second graders make their own. Making and distributing Rosaries has been our main apostolate. However, our auxiliary is very active in assisting the Knights in their activities. We help with the annual summer picnic and Christmas parties, with activities, games and prizes provided. We usually hold a Bake Sale in conjunction with their Pancake Breakfasts. For the last couple of years, we have been holding a free game night (bunco, dice, cards and board games) for a fun Ladies Night Out for the auxiliary, and to invite anyone interested in joining us. Our Mission is to serve God, support our

Knights (husbands), and support each other. We welcome all who wish to become involved!

Laura Wright, Chair

**#5573 GOOD SHEPHERD  
PLAINFIELD**

We have sad news to share this month, our Social Secretary Elaine Krol passed away on October 26th. She was one of the most gracious, creative ladies who ever graced our lives. We will always miss Elaine and as I said at her wake, we ask her to walk with us in our journey. We will honor Elaine's memory and that of another cherished member -Joyce Hilburger who passed away this year with a memorial celebration at our November meeting. May their lives always be an inspiration to those of us who were blessed to know them.

Our cookbook with 590 recipes is at the publisher as I write this. We will have it available for sale in time for Christmas gift giving. The title "Come to the Table-One Family in Faith" was inspired by the Parish Mission Statement.

We don't have a meeting in December, but will join the Knights at a festive dinner party at Giovan's Restaurant in Crest Hill. We invited the St. Mary Immaculate Parish Priests to join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun. Santa always finds time to make an appearance and share a bit of Christmas cheer.

We will have a special guest at our January meeting to inform and inspire us. We find this is a great way to start off the new year.

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We wish all of our sisters in Illinois a Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year!

Grace Blaszak, President

#### #5574 MADONNA DELLA STRADA CHICAGO

Last March our auxiliary held our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Prayer Breakfast that everyone said was fabulous. Our program consisted of entertainment by Ernie Michaels and the Windy City Jammers (Folk), Brother Paul and Friends (Classical Singers), breakfast and then our wonderful speaker Fr. Elias, O. Carm.

Our keynote speaker was Fr. Elias, O.Carm. He was born in Germany but moved with his family to Cincinnati, Ohio. Next, Elias moved to China, where he attended grade school. Later his family settled in northern Virginia near Washington, D.C. In 1975 Elias joined the Carmelite Order. Completing undergraduate studies in history and philosophy at Fordham University and Catholic University, he studies Theology in Rome, Dublin and Oxford, specializing in patristic theology, history, liturgy and spirituality of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. As Carmelite priest Fr. Elias has served God's people in Europe and U.S. in school, retreat houses, parishes, and as novice master. In August 2011 Fr. Elias was assigned to Chicago, where we have graciously welcomed him as our pastor, here at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> our Ladies Auxiliary had an attractive Hospitality Table in the narthex of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Louise Kaegi, Secretary  
Villa D. Perry Gordon, President

#### #5918 ROBERT P. CONNELLY WOODRIDGE

The Ladies Auxiliary 5918 had their Installation of Officers at the monthly meeting which was held on Sept 14, 2011. Our officers were installed by our State Chairlady Sandy Decker.



New officers are: President : Nancy Stock, Vice President : Cindy Grubba, Secretary: Rhonda Schultz, Treasurer: Marcela Fanning, Historian: Maria Moreno DiMaria, Sunshine Lady: Connie Grubba. Trustees: Tara Smith, Debbie Jandris, and Nancy Genardo. In September, the Ladies Auxiliary conducted a drive to collect items to fill Christmas stockings to be shipped to our troops serving overseas. We published a list of items that were needed to fill the stockings in the bulletins at St. Scholastica and Christ the Servant Parishes in Woodridge. We published the lists the weekend of Sept 3/4 and had our collection of the items on the weekend of Sept 17/18. The ladies gathered the items and then delivered them to the OSOT warehouse on Sunday Sept 18, 2011. Our initial collection brought in 267 lbs. worth of items for the stockings. We gathered additional items by leaving boxes behind at both churches for those who couldn't make the drop off dates. I estimated that the second collection was about another 100 lbs.

Nancy Stock, President

#### #8002 Fr. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY WINFIELD

The Ladies Auxiliary in Winfield held a small fundraiser for a wounded Veterans home located in Wheaton for Veterans Day, November 11th. They are in need, and we need your help in spreading the word and collecting from other Councils.

We will be collecting donations from Knights and Ladies who would be willing to donate items that they mostly need, (laundry detergent, marking pens, cash). We would love to present them with this donation on **Veterans day, November 11th.**



Donations from other Councils were requested and needed to be dropped off by the deadline November 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be given to the Knights or the Ladies of St. John's in Winfield at their meetings, or call me or our Vice President Rachel, and we'll be happy to pick up your donations. Let's show our appreciation for all that they have done to keep us free!

Colleen McDonald, President  
Rachel Sedlacek, Vice President

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**AUXILIARY QUESTIONS**

DOES YOUR AUXILIARY PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- ⇒ Lady of the Month & Lady of the Year (program/certificates) ?
- ⇒ Donate to charities ?
- ⇒ Hold fundraisers to **donate to charities?**
- ⇒ Has your auxiliary **registered** with the State KC office and the State Chairlady?
- ⇒ Have you emailed or postal mailed an article for the State Ladies Auxiliary newsletter?
- ⇒ Do you help the Knights of Columbus Council that you are a program of ?
- ⇒ Hold membership drive to get new members ?
- ⇒ Attend State Convention and Ladies Auxiliary "Meet & Greet" ?
- ⇒ If you attend the convention does your auxiliary send entry forms in for competition of awards? If not, check the Ladies Auxiliary web-page for information on Ladies Auxiliary awards.



**#12801 MARY'S MILLENIUM STREAMWOOD**

2011-12 continues to be a banner year, St John's celebrates 50 years as a Parish, the Knights celebrate **11** years, and the Ladies celebrate **6** years.



The Annual Awards Banquet was festive and spiritually rewarding. The Knights honored the Past Grand Knight, Jerry Huinker and the Ladies honored our Past President, Patricia Kippes with a bouquet of white roses with a single red rose in which rested a gavel pin of gold with a Ladies Auxiliary charm dangling from the gavel. All Ladies present were given white tote bags, banded in navy blue with our Ladies Logo imprinted on each tote bag.

The tote bags have been designed to become a "Presentation Package" for all new members which include a rosary, name badge, membership card, and documents pertaining to the Auxiliary, such as a 3 ring folder containing our By Laws, a Yearly Calendar of activities, the Membership Roster, a Tri-fold "All About Us", an example of our monthly newsletter, Membership application forms and the Initiation Pledge in certificate format.



Our Ladies and Knights have supported the Fight Against Breast Cancer by sponsoring a walker in the AVON 2 Day Walk. This will be our participant's 8<sup>th</sup> year to walk for the cause and our 6<sup>th</sup> year to support her, and our 6<sup>th</sup> year total of \$6,000 to "Fund the Cure". Our thanks to the Knights for their support of our efforts.



Our Parish will publish a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Directory which will contain this photo of our wonderful Ladies. We are now 32 members strong! What a dynamic group.

Johna Brand, President

**#14553 K of C WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OAK LAWN**

Our WA hosted a Linen Drive for Catholic Charities which turned out to be a huge success. We filled a pick-up truck, a jeep, and a car with gently used and some new bed linens, blankets, kitchen and bath towels, tablecloths, napkins and other related items. Kathy Vanderwarren, Marilyn Lapniewski, Knight Ron Lapniewski and Grand Knight Ray Vanderwarren made the delivery to the Catholic Charities facility located on 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Worth. Unloading was done with the assistance of some CC staff members. Timing of this drive was ideal since Catholic Charities recently welcomed 35 new homeless families. They were very grateful to receive these much needed items.

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Thanks to all who contributed linens and especially to those who hauled the bags and boxes to CC.



Pictured are K of C WA 14553 members Marilyn Lapniewski (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left), Kathy Vanderwarren, Chairperson of the drive (far right), and Catholic Charities staff members.

Debbie McDonald, Secretary

**#14929 LADY KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL AURORA**

October 18th marked the Installation of the Lady Knights of Council #14929 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora, Illinois. Our Mission Statement is "To promote the Family, Faith and Charity aspects of the Knights of Columbus, to help support the Knights in their endeavors and to serve our community through commitment and action". The Knights of Columbus-Council 14929 offered leaf raking to those who needed help on October 29th. Also, we will be helping them with a Pancake Breakfast on November 27th. We hope to continue to be of assistance for Family Potluck in December.

Our Slate of Officers are: Sue Johnson, President; Joan Woodrick, Vice President; Marilyn Prisco, Secretary; Phyllis Snyder; Treasurer; and Sarah Wimmer, Marlene Stangle

and Maureen Flinn; Trustees. Rev. Ruben Herrera is our Moderator.

The picture below are the officers.



Maureen Flinn, Rockford Diocese Coordinator

**FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

- Bunco
- Ice Cream Social
- Cooky Dough Sales
- Candy Sales
- Poinsettia Sales
- Christmas Gift Basket Raffle
- Penny Drive
- Rummage Sale
- Cook Book Sales
- Garage Sale
- Fish Bake
- Fish Fry/Duck Pond game
- Salad Luncheon/Card Party
- Bake Sale
- Bingo
- Trivia Night/Tea Party

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

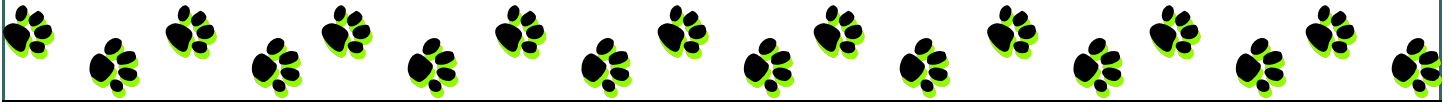
1. Spend more time with family and friends
2. Fit in fitness
3. Tame the bulge
4. Quit smoking
5. Enjoy life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of debt
8. Learn something new
9. Help others
10. Get organized

**Change** is hard work and there is no short cut to achieving it. To effect the change in habits, we need to bring the action back into the realm of consciousness and regain the ability to make choices.

**Behavior Change**—Making a change in behavior is rarely a simple process, and usually involves a substantial commitment of time, effort and emotion.



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*Measure Your Lifetime in Blessings*

*Measure your lifetime in blessings, Not in the years you have known...Count up the number of people you've touched, Add up the love you have shown...Measure your days in the gladness That you and your loved ones have shared...Tally the smiles on the faces of friends, Total the times you have cared...Yes, measure your lifetime in blessings, And you'll always remain in your prime- For youth is a feeling you keep in your heart, Whether seven or seventy-nine.*

**ATTENTION PRESIDENTS!**

**Does your Ladies Auxiliary have By-Laws and do they have a Charter?**

If not, please contact:

Sandy Decker  
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630-393-1891  
Subject: By-Laws/Charter

**It is urgent that you organize a committee to develop By-Laws for your Auxiliary.**

**Charitable Gifting Suggestions:**

1. Newman Fund
2. High School Scholarship
3. Needy families of parish (check for information and go thru Parish Center office)
4. Pennies for Disaster Fund (KC program-but Auxiliary could help support)
5. Seminarian gifts (sponsor Seminarian.)
6. Military (send supplies) notes
7. Support MRLD-Tootsie Roll Drive (KC program)
8. Special Olympics
9. Local Food Pantry

**Ladies Auxiliary 1 1/2" Logo Labels**

**NEW**

Use them for your letterhead  
OR  
Identify your group on a name badge  
OR  
Identify your property and separate it from the Council Property  
Use your imagination for other uses

**\$1.10 FOR A STRIP OF 10 LABELS (That includes shipping)**

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### Romans 8:31

This is the most beautiful advice I have ever received in an email.

An Angel says, "Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice."

1. Pray
  2. Go to bed on time
  3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
  4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
  5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
  6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
  7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
  8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
  9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
  10. Take one day at a time.
  11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
  12. Live within your budget, don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
  13. Have backups, an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden.
  14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
  15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a spiritually enlightening book with you to read while waiting in line.
  17. Get enough rest.
  18. Eat right.
  19. Get organized so everything has its place.
  20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life...
  21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
  22. Every day, find time to be alone.
  23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
  24. Make friends with Godly people.
  - 25..Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
  26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank You Jesus"
  27. Laugh
  28. Laugh some more!
  29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
  30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
  31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
  32. Sit on your ego.
  33. Talk less; listen more.
  34. Slow down.
  35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
  36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful before. **GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.**

"If God is for us., who can be against us?"

## WANTED!

**ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR  
AUXILIARY. PLEASE E-  
MAIL IF YOU WILL HAVE  
AN ARTICLE FOR THE  
APRIL NEWSLETTER BY  
THE DEADLINE**

**MARCH 1, 2012**



Thank you.

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Thank you,

Sandy



Ladies Auxiliary Motto

CREAM CHEESE DIP

- 1 8 oz. pkg. Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. minced onion
- 1/2 cup milk

Beat together until creamy and smooth



Katie Senese

PAT'S V. DIP

- 7 8 oz. pkg. Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1 8 oz. Sour Cream
- 1 pkg. chipped beef (cut up)



Salt, pepper, garlic salt to taste

Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour.

Pat V.

FLORIDA PUNCH "SLUSH"

- 2 cups Vodka
- 2 cups Gin
- 1 large orange juice



Boil 7 cups water, 2 cup sugar  
 Pour hot water over sugar.  
 Large concentrate orange juice  
 Large concentrate lemonade  
 3 cups tea (steeped)

Let cool and then add 2 cups Vodka and 2 cups Gin.

Freeze into containers.

Margaret Decker

TOMATO CUPS

- 1 can large biscuits
- 1/2 cup mayo
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella and cheddar cheese
- 1 10 oz. can Rotel tomatoes (mild) drained
- 1 tsp. basil
- 1/2 chopped onion
- 10 pieces bacon (cooked and crumbled)

Separate each biscuit into 2. Spray muffin tin with Pam  
 Place (press) a biscuit in bottom and upsides.

Mix ingredients in bowl. Spoon filling into cups.

Bake 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Garnish with Fresh basil.

Makes 16 muffin cups.

Mary Ann Smolucha

