

## Notre Dame's Volunteers to the Life Care Center

*By Carole McCune*

Notre Dame's volunteers to The Life Care Center of Greeneville had a busy November even though several Fridays we could not go to the nursing home due to the residents having the flu. During this time we collected, wrapped, and tagged 55 Christmas gifts for them. We also got together at church and assembled a dozen festive gift baskets with the collection of small items that were donated. The gifts were distributed at the Life Care's Christmas party on December 18

We continue to go, two at a time, every Friday afternoon from 2:00 pm till 3:00 pm and play a simple card game with the residents. We are always in need of small items for prizes. Our group is open to all men and women who, like us, find it fun entertaining our elderly neighbors. A 1-1/2 hour orientation at the nursing home and a free TB skin test is required of all volunteers. If you have prizes to donate, just label your package Life Care; and drop it off in the church hall. If you would like to join us on a Friday, even for 1 or 2 visits a year, please call Carole McCune at 257-4199.

## Knights of Columbus Council 6784

*By Jack Siersma*

K of C council 6784 meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Notre Dame Parish hall. All Catholic men 18 years or older are encouraged to join and participate in the many service activities the council typically performs.

During November, the council conducted our annual Tootsie Roll drive which is a fund raiser for the Tennessee Mental Retardation Foundation. The drive collected almost \$2,400.00 which has been sent to the Foundation. 50% of these funds will be accumulated by the foundation for distribution (grant) to charitable service organizations in this county who provide services to mentally challenged individuals. The council will survey potentially worthy organizations in the future before making a recommendation leading to a grant.

Donations for memorial and honorary bricks are still being received. We are continuing to install bricks in the walkway to the "unborn memorial". If you have a friend or loved one for whom you would like one of these bricks, contact any member of the council for help.

Our annual Free Throw contest for middle and high school aged children was started at the Y this month. This was the local or first phase of the competition. Winners will advance to the regional and state phases in the coming weeks.

The K of C family fun night was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. This annual event was held in the parish hall

for member families and interested prospective members. Snacks were served prior to this fun event.

The council is sponsoring a parish wide Pastor's Appreciation Dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February at the Italian Village Restaurant. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this annual event which honors our pastor and past pastor in appreciation for their dedicated service to this parish and the community.

## Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women

*By Gail Thompson*

The Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women is affiliated with the Knoxville Diocese CCW and The National CCW, and all women of the parish are considered to be members. If you are not already active, you are invited to become more involved.

The CCW has accomplished much since the last newsletter – for the Hope Center, for the community, and for our parish. Sharon Hodges of the Hope Center presented an informative program during our baby shower; and she was most appreciative of the crib-full of baby clothes, toys, diapers, blankets, sheets, and sundries. Thanksgiving was made possible for many Greene Countians with our donation of over 100 pounds of cooked turkey, 24 cans of cranberry sauce, and the volunteer labor of several members of our parish. The CCW also played a major role in providing two Christmas gifts each for 33 ladies at Life Care Center of Greeneville nursing home.

The CCW is working hard to make our new kitchen a reality. Our November pie sale was a huge success. Because so many of you donated the ingredients or purchased pies, we baked approximately 120 homemade apple, pecan, and pumpkin pies and had a profit of \$1,140! This money has been earmarked for the kitchen. A special *thank you* goes out to our chairpersons Loretta DeRuvo and Elaine Janaskie. Thanks are also extended to those who helped: Bob DeRuvo, Tom Janaskie, Ruth Hawk, Mary Lou Lamb, Lois Toth, Carol Marcello, Amanda Norris, Barbara Violette, Marietta & Joe Giordano, Susan Jones, Marie Tocci, Lisa Loewenkamp, and Judy Collins.

On Dec. 16 forty ladies enjoyed the annual CCW Christmas party and shared their joy by donating \$263 to the Coal Fund. Thank you Santa Claus (Dave Kenney) and all of the Committee members: Maggie May, Mary Noe, Charlotte Schaed, Barbara Price, Susan Collins, Margaret Ayers, Ashleigh Ayers, and Judy Collins.

The schedule for upcoming CCW meetings is as follows: 9:00 am on Sat., February 28; 6:00 pm on Sun., March 22; and 9:00 am on Sat., April 25. The Five Rivers Deanery CCW meeting will be in Greeneville this year and will be held on Saturday, March 28. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.