

FAMILY NIGHT AT FATHER CUDDY HALL

Montgomery Council sponsors many activities in which the whole family can participate, such as setting up the parish creche for Christmas, supporting the parish schools and parish programs (for example, as sponsor couples for preCana programs), collecting for the Tootsie Roll Campaign, picnics for the Council and for Special Olympics, and participating in the Family of the Month program sponsored by the Supreme Council. But perhaps the most fun of the Council family programs are the monthly Family nights, usually the second Friday, and December was no exception. For this event, the Council provided chicken nuggets and French fries, fruit, salads and desert. The suggest donation is \$10/person, \$25 for each family, with the funds this month going to support the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health. This night the Council raised \$425 to support the Inn. A used coat collection also took place.

At Family night, there is usually some sponsored activity. Sometimes, late in the spring as the youth sporting seasons are winding down, the Council Hall on Family night is just a place to gather for food and fun after a game of youth baseball or soccer. However, on this particular December night, the activity was alternating singing Christmas songs between the girls and the boys (see pictures on the next page). Families gathered to wish each other well for Christmas, catch up on the news, grab something to eat, while children colored or played basketball outside. Family night is also a great way to introduce prospective members to Council activities. Pat Gilroy and Mike Bean, who usually run the Family night, are among the most prolific recruiters of the Council.



Parents gather to wish each other Merry Christmas.



The evening was dedicated to helping the Children's Inn.



As always, tables are set up for art.



Coats collected to assist those in need in this cold weather.



First the girls.....



- then the boys with Christmas songs!