

Bud Ward - Family of the Year for Knight of Columbus Council 3989 and 4th Degree Assembly 1681.

Bud Ward and wife Pat have been actively involved in the church and the community. Bud and his wife Pat actively participate in the Lauderdale County RSVP (retired seniors volunteer program). He served at St. Michael's Finance committee several years as well as being Eucharistic minister and Lecturer. Bud and Pat deliver meals for St. Michael's Loaves and Fishes every Wednesday. Bud also takes Father John from Saint Bernard to Mississippi to purchase figurines which are painted by Father John for fundraising. Bud organizes the KOC Intellectual Disabilities of the Shoals, consisting of selling raffle tickets for a Shoals Marriott Package. This raffle raises \$5000 for the council for this cause. Bud is actively involved in Shoals Scholar Dollars. This program raises money for students that meet certain criteria to receive a scholarship to attend Northwest Shoals Community College. Bud has served as Faithful Navigator and District Deputy. He is chairman and main driving force behind our priest appreciation dinner. This event has been well attended by several parishes in the area as well as several priests and deacons that serve the entire shoals area. The Abbott of St. Bernard and Bermingham Bishop has attended in the past. Bud serves as the Master of ceremony for this event. This event is a great opportunity for the church community of the shoals to show their appreciation to all the priests and deacons that serve our area. Bud also helps organize the kitchen for the Lenten fish fries every year at St. Joseph school with proceeds going to St Joseph Catholic School. Bud had a vision several years ago to get a Knights of Columbus Council started in Russellville Alabama. There is a large catholic, predominantly Hispanic speaking population there. Bud has made several trips to the community there and recruited some Spanish Speaking brother knights to help get the message of the Knights of Columbus in this community. This year, Bud was instrumental in seeing a new council started at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Russellville! This was accomplished prior to the dedication of the new church which allowed our new Brother Knights to participate in the dedication as Knights. Bud is always making time to participate in Council 3989 and 4th Degree Assembly 1681 functions.

Danny Tamayo
Grand Knight, Council 3989, Florence, AL

Bill Connolly
Faithfull Comptroller Assembly 1681

