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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev Michael A.Danner



The Gifts of Lent

Among the many gifts and blessings of the Season of Lent are the re-charged tools we use to live a life reflecting our dignity as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. The OCIA is a summary approach to the Christian living we expect to achieve. If you have been fortunate enough to serve as a sponsor or a catechist in the OCIA process, you are already alerted to the "tools" to which I refer. On appointed days in Lent the conferrals and scrutinia are ritualized. The significance of these gifts, of course, would need catechetical reflection at other times during dismissals from Mass. Some "tools" to be considered are methods of prayer (Conferral of the Our Father), words to express the mysteries of God (Conferral of the Creed), methods for establishing values (Scripture readings appointed for the Sundays of Lent with catechesis during the dismissals from Mass), faith community (Parish) supports for perseverance in the faith, hope and charity underpinning our daily living, social justice, and teaching by example (Admission to the Sacraments). Of course, there are additional gifts and blessings collateral with any or all of our Lenten efforts. Here we just suggest that attention to the OCIA activity in the Parish is worth recalling in order to lend deeper significance to the season of renewal offered to us all. How valuable and meaningful are these tools, these gifts? Well, where do we go when natural disasters hit home or neighbors, homeland or neighboring nations?space? when a baby newly born renews a sense of awe? when astronauts return to earth attempting to describe a view of our planet in the far expanding blackness

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

April 28

7:00pm gather; 7:30pm gavel

St Jude Church Lower Level

****NOTE****

NEW MEETING TIME

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

April 10

Pancake Breakfast

(Last Breakfast of the 2010 Fall/Winter Season)

April 14

**Rosary @ the GR Home for Vets,
4:00pm in the Chapel**

April 17

Palm Sunday

April 21-23

Easter Triduum

April 24

Easter Sunday

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONT'D

of space.....when a high school student dies while finishing a basketball game? when State resources fail in face of often hard-won union efforts? when ?

Peace, Father Mike

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

I'm going to repeat a notice that I shared at our March meeting for those that were unable to make it. It's important that you be not only be able to make an informed decision in your alms giving and possible time you might spend supporting various charities.

Our State Deputy, Tom Marcetti, sent a forceful letter to all the Grand Knights in Michigan:

"Effective immediately, no Council or Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in the Michigan Jurisdiction may host a fund raiser, sponsor or cosponsor an event, or take part in any activities associated with or in connection with a local, or the national council of Komen (Susan G. Koman). Furthermore, no Council or Assembly shall sanction the use of their council names, the name of "Knights of Columbus" in general, or allow the emblem of the Order to be associated in print or other media with Susan G. Koman for the Cure."

This is the pink ribbon, pink trash barrel etc. fund raising organization that is raising money for the cure of breast cancer. A noble cause right? Well it seems they have some other agenda's. For one, they contributed "**more than three million dollars**" to Planned Parenthood funding abortions, and money to further support embryonic stem cell research! So, what this means is that the good people of our country that helped raise money for the cure of breast cancer were really funding the Culture of Death. I had heard report of this some time ago, but this is the first real confirmation I've seen. Tom directed our State Advocate to research this, and issue his recommendations. I take that as a very credible source.

While we're on the topic, Bishops Paul A. Zipfel of Bismarck and Samuel J. Aquila of Fargo in a March 10 statement called upon pastors, clergy and the lay faithful to be prudent and just in making

their charitable decisions, particularly on issues related to human life and marriage.

Here is the list of organizations they singled-out:

American Association of University Women

Amnesty International

Crop Walk/Church World Service

March of Dimes

Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Additional organizations were recommended by Al Kresta (listen to Holy Family Radio in the Monday thru Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 for his program) that claims to represent Catholics.

Call to Action

Catholics for Choice

Catholics for Equality

Dignity

New Ways Ministry

SNAP

Voice of the Faithful

Women Priests for the Catholic Church

As not only Catholics, but also members of the Knights of Columbus, I'm sure you want to see that your money is spent in a way that is in line with our faith and the values of the Knights of Columbus. Please feel free to share this information with friends and family. There are many worthy causes out there, and the Knights have always been active in those. Below is a link to our Supreme web site regarding our efforts to raise funds for the people of Japan.

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/japan_earthquake_03142011.html

Vivat Jesus, *Jon Wright*

P.S. Book of the month is "Fatherless" by Brian J. Gail ★★★★★ (that's a five out of five astrix review).

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1st Degree Anniversaries

April 1	Edwin Kuberski	49 years
April 1	Merlin Fritzen	48 years
April 1	Roger Terhaar	30 years
April 13	Robert Foster	26 years
April 15	Charles Ausberger	21 years
April 23	Clark "Boo" Allen	21 years
April 25	John Magin	13 years
April 12	Richard Sedlecky	13 years
April 1	Ken Berg	12 years
April 6	John Corey	12 years
April 8	Richard Myer	12 years
April 15	Tom Samuelson	8 years
April 1	Walt Wendell	5 years
April 15	David Motyka	3 years

April Birthdays

April 1	Richard Sedlecky
April 4	Rev. Michael A. Danner
April 6	Jim Arizola
April 15	PeckGreen
April 15	Richard Myer
April 15	Karl Rettig
April 24	David Gillstedt
April 29	Shannon Birthday



Easter Egg Hunt!

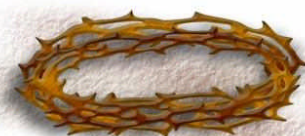
Saturday, April 23, 2011
 11:00am at John Ball Park Zoo

Our own Clark "Boo" Allen will sing our National Anthem
 Packaging of Easter Goodie Bags will be packed on Thursday, April 21st. Contact the following individuals if you can help pack the bags:

Bob Wallington, 610-1616
 John Wisniewski, 458-1883
 Dick Beduhn, 308-9829

St Jude Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

Evening Mass
 7pm in the Church
 Tuesdays during Lent at St Jude
Stations of the Cross
 7pm in the Church



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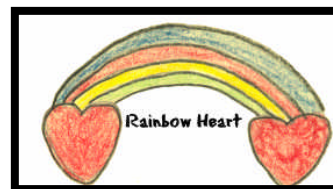
Committee Updates—Bob Foster Membership / MI Drive / RSVP Program

Hello out there in the land of Knights business! Membership is a most vital link to a great Council. But remember, it is not numbers that we need so much as good Catholic men that believe in Good Catholic goals. Men that are not afraid to pray and interact within Parish life. The men that are members of this Council are these kind of men, and we just need more of them. So please do not be afraid to ask a good Catholic man to get on board.

The second item is about Helping Those with Intellectual Disabilities, the 35 year old activity that is now known as the MI Drive. This is, as has been said before, the only true community action service that our

Council is involved in. So please get involved. See last month's newsletter on how you can donate to the MI on a personal level.

The last very important committee is the Council's involvement in the RSVP program. It is better known as a program that aids the Catholic Church in supporting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. This support is vital in our current times as we are very much aware. We have given some financial aid to two Seminarians: Chuck Schwartz and Michael Hodges. Hopefully our Council will continue to fund these fine men. And guess what, both of these Seminarians will be attending our Clergy and Religious Vocations Appreciation Dinner to be held here at St Jude on June 14, 2011. You will get to meet them personally.



Have You Donated to the M.I. Drive Rainbow Heart Fund?

Send your donation to

Bob Foster, 1077 Maybelle St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or call
458-9727 for more information.

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