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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev Michael A. Danner



APPLYING THE GRACE

We've made our way through the Parables recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel over the last few Sundays at Mass. In fact, before we know it, we will have finished Cycle A, The Gospel of St. Matthew, and we will again be in Advent thumbing through the books for Cycle B, The Gospel of St. Mark. Therefore, these Sundays at hand will be focused on the "summary" questions: "Is it necessary to pay taxes?" and "What is the most important commandment?" and "Should we practice what we preach?" and "Do we need to be prepared for Christ's coming all the time?" and "Should we be using God's gifts wisely?" and "Is Christ the authority figure in our lives?" The Parables were certainly and pointedly applicable in the face of many of our contemporary challenges involving violence, dishonesty, greed, lack of faith, ingratitude, inconsiderate stupidity, neglect of civil duties, honest employment, just wages, maintenance of Baptismal character, respect for authority, goldbricking, lust, twisting facts and meanings of words, laziness, murder and torture, union and management practices, use of resources, expense account fraud, and religious intolerance to mention just a few. Has this **Year of Grace 2010-11** helped us in our spiritual journeys to face any of these day to day

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Brophy Center

Open Meeting

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 29—Dec 2

Texas Hold'em @ Westgate Bowl

December 4

Council Christmas Gathering

Social 12:30 / Lunch 1:00pm

St Jude Brophy Center

Dec 8

Feast of the

The Immaculate Conception

Rosary @ the Vets Home Chapel, 4pm

Dec 11

Pancake Breakfast & Photos with Santa!

8:30am-12:00noon

Dec 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 24

Christmas Eve

Dec 25

Christmas Day

Dec 30

Feast of the Holy Family

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow Brothers—Just a short note -

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please pray for those that are less fortunate or are suffering from health problems.

Looking forward to a great year in 2012 and encourage all members to provide service to their community. . *Larry Wilson*

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONT'D

onslaughts? Has our spiritual life deepened in a way that has helped us in our personal encounters with disease, pain, grief, fatigue, disappointment and the like? It is surely the intention of the Church that through participation in the Sunday Liturgies centered on the recall and proclamation of the Holy Scriptures we might bring some lotion of comfort to pressing responsibilities and a notion of assurance for the personal prayer and devotion that begins and ends each day. May attentive Sunday Liturgies and prayerful daily devotions bring us comfort and wisdom. Peace, *Fr. Mike*



Council Seminarian Justin J. Wiltse

Justin is currently a college sophomore and comes from the NE side of Grand Rapids. His home parish is St. Isidore.

Letters and cards of support along with any contributions to support his continuing vocational education can be sent directly to him at the following address:

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**Knight Vision
Deputy Grand Knight**

On November 3, 2011 Council 389 had the opportunity to set up a display at Catholic Central High School as part of the high school's Ministry Fair. Thirty two groups were present that day, and each group presented how they serviced the Christian Community. Groups represented were from colleges, church youth groups, and Christian bookstores. Worthy Knights Bob Foster and Ted Hamilton produced a display that attracted many of the students. Most were inquisitive as to what the Knights did as many thought this was an organization for old men.

In retrospect I can't say that these students have it wrong. Look at our Council as an example. Ryan Farley and Ryan Banaszak are the youngest members, at 29 and 20 respectively. As a group we need to entice our next generation to become Knights, or our council will dissolve as other councils have already done.

We have talked, and the literature that Ted placed before the students, concerned joining the Knights at the required age. Then as they continued on to their various colleges or universities, a local Council could be found. In a recent past

issue, the Columbia had a list of College Councils that had active groups. Notre Dame was the first campus to gain a Council, but now there are over 250 campuses that support a Council. Michigan alone has three (3) College Councils, and they are not all on Catholic campuses.

Another tidbit that Ted offered was literature on the Squires program. This was received well. The item that drew the most interest was the scholarships offered by the Knights. Many young people are looking for avenues that will help them to go to the next level. Asking them to join would be beneficial to both the student and to the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to Bob and Ted for providing such an impressive display, especially the loop, which was effective in attracting the students. Thank you to Ted and his wife Ceil, for taking the time to man the booth, and answer all of the students' questions.

Vivat Jesus, *Thomas M. Farley DDK*



A REMINDER FROM THE EDITOR

Please retain your newsletters to refer to for dates and times of upcoming events. If you happen to discard your newsletter, the current and several months of past issues are available online on the Council's website or contact the Grand Knight for specific details.

www.home.catholicweb.com/StJudeKofC389

Catholic Community Service
Breakfast at the Cathedral of St Andrew

At the request of the Cathedral of St Andrew, Council members co-hosted a pancake breakfast with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver on November 20th. The proceeds from this breakfast were donated to the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to the breakfast team for making this joint effort a success!



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**All honor to you, Mary!
From you arose the Sun
of Justice, Christ our God**



Join the Council for a scriptural rosary celebrating this feast in honor of our Blessed Mother at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans at 4pm in the Chapel.

Feast of the Holy Family, December 30th

Collect: O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



The Reason for the Season

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will. Source: www.catholicculture.com

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