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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Michael A. Danner



"RIGHT" ain't EASY

Everything going the way you wanted it this week? The world events shaping up just like you planned? No upsets? No disappointments? No unexpected agenda? Wow! You sure are lucky—or better, blessed beyond the human condition. Like persevering through the winter snows and icy highways, it would seem that most of us need to adjust to patient flexibility and unperturbed abilities to shift into the "Plans B." This past week we had a rather beautiful team analogy for consideration. "Who dat?" Did you watch the superbowl game? The "Aints" ain't Aints anymore. The **Saints** have returned. The Saints have revived a team, a city, a nation. Why? How about perseverance? How about doing the right thing trusting team mates to do the same? How about admitting weaknesses and correcting them? How about risking to do what we know must be done? These are not easy times. Some among us will be looking for the "easy" ways out. Can we as the K of C fraternity prefer to find and follow the "right" ways out? Christ, be our light.

Peace Father Mike

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 14

Pancake Breakfast

March 17

St Patrick's Day

March 19

**Solemnity of St Joseph,
husband of Mary**

March 25

**Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord**

**General Council Meeting
St Jude Thaddeus Center**

6:30 gathering; 7:00 gavel pounds

March 28

Palm Sunday



The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. The entire month of March falls during the liturgical season known as Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Robert P. Foster

Well hello out here in the world of Knights of Columbus readerland.

This is coming to you from the snow capped mountains of Colorado in the city of Montrose near the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. On our journey we have visited a couple of Father Mark Peacocks' priest friends that he went through the seminary with. Plus we touched lives with Angelo and his family in Texas. We have been recognized as strangers among the parishes we have visited and been welcomed warmly into their communities. We have also seen many results of the Knights of Columbus along our way and I will be bringing back much enthusiasm for the Knights of 389.

I read the meeting minutes and now the Knights of 389 know that we do have some ventures to make more dollars so that we can give away to worthy causes. And do not forget that the annual mentally impaired drive is almost upon us. The Cinco de Mayo, the donut sales and the Texas Hold'em should all be great ways to involve our Council. The old Council saying – "Many Hands

Make Light Work" is needed in all these events so please join in on as many as you can.

I am very sorry to hear about the problems of the Guardian Angel Homes but in this climate that our country is in only gives us a reminder that we who can must do what we can do. The history of the K of C is filled with involvement through tough times. And we are, for sure, not at the turn around yet.

The one thing that we can do is pray. I would suggest that we start with the rosary. There are so many ways and times to do this-- at home, at the Church, on your way to work, with your family, and at the Vets Home. It does not cost a dime and you can always find the time.

One last item, I am including a photo of a stop we made along our way outside of Amarillo, TX.

At this place along the highway are life sized stations of the cross as well as a "Calvary hill" rendering depicting the crucifixion. Each of these crosses also contains life size bronze images of Jesus and the two criminals condemned with Him. In addition to these moving scenes, is a memorial to the unborn. It was truly one of the most stirring I have seen. I am including one of our many photos of it with this newsletter. Know that the 40 Days for Life is going on during these 40 days of Lent and if you have the opportunity to pray a rosary at the clinic at 320 Fulton Street, I invite you to do so with all the other brother Knights and families who will be there as well.

Meanwhile --- we are having a great Lenten pilgrimage and the only thing we miss is you

all. Vivat Jesus!
Bob Foster



Dedicated to the Sanctity of Life in Loving Memory of the Innocent Victims of Abortion



General: That the world economy may be managed according to the principles of justice and equity, taking account of real needs of peoples, especially the poorest

Missionary: That the Churches in Africa may be signs and instruments of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Marcel Mercier	68 years	3/4	Tom Farley
3/16	David Gillstedt	18 years	3/23	John Corey
3/13	Karl Rettig	13 years		
3/26	Lowell Vickery	20 years		
3/1	Ted Hamilton	12 years		
3/1	Tom Farley	12 years		
3/23	Tom Kaplanowski	7 years		
3/25	Norb Fisher	2 years		

Congratulations!

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Congratulations to Allison Singer of Holy Trinity Parish whose poster was selected to advance to the State level in her age group!

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance. As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

The Council's Seminarian

Charles J. Schwartz

First Theology

Shrine of St. Francis Xavier &

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Parish, Grand Rapids

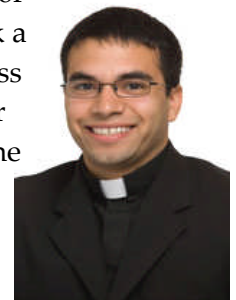
Write to Charles in care of:

St. Mary's of the Lake

1000 East Maple Ave.

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Please keep Chuck in your thoughts and prayers. As part of the RSVP program, send Chuck a note from time to time to express not only the Council's, but your own, gratitude for answering the call to serve.



From the Deputy Grand Knight

Greetings brother Knights & Families. We have entered a special season for Catholics, of course I mean Lent.

There are always special ways we can enter into this holy season, Father

Tom offered several good recommendations in a recent bulletin. There are also opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Jude in the Chapel on March , following the morning Mass as well as the Chapel at St Isadore's (let me know if you need the combo lock's code).

In March on four consecutive Monday evenings the St Jude is presenting "What Makes Us Catholic", a DVD series in the Brophy Center. Of course there are the Stations of The Cross, which can be a meaningful family event every Friday evening. You might consider a "Spiritual Adoption" of an aborted child. This can be a very rewarding experience. One of my favorites is the **Magnificat**, a monthly mini-version of the Liturgy of the Hours, with information on the saints and a meditation for the day. This is a very manageable (for busy people) way to begin a regular prayer life. It has morning and evening prayers, and they don't take a long time, as well as the daily Missal of the Mass. So if you're busy and can't get to



mass everyday, you can at least take part in the gospel readings of the day. And yes, sometimes I fall asleep during the night prayers.

If you're at all unsure of your involvement with the Knights being worthwhile, or making a difference, I offer you the following excerpt that I *borrowed* from Supreme's web site:

Supreme Board Votes \$150,000 for Wheelchairs for Haiti; Local, State and Individual Knights of Columbus Haiti Donations top \$400,000

This is why I joined the Knights, as I've said before, to make a small difference when combined with thousands of brothers of the same mind, makes a large difference.

I also ask you to keep Holy Family Radio in your prayers. They are working hard to get a studio and move in the equipment, so they can get on the air full time by approximately May (I'll let you know as I know more). All is going well, but your prayerful and perhaps financial support is appreciated.

Finally the most important thing to do if you're a good Catholic during lent is to eat lots of fish. By Easter I'm beginning to grow gills, but it's all good.

Vivat Jesus! *Jon Wright*

LENT



An Ash Wednesday visit with Rev. Al Diagiaco, Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish-Neumann Hall at the University of Kentucky

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