

From the Chaplain



The Lord be with you: and with your Spirit!

It's been several months now that we have had the new responses during mass. I'm still getting used to them. You may, or may not know, but I am a convert to the Catholic faith. It took a while to get used to the old responses when I first converted but with time it became a part of me. It became a part of my understanding of my faith and how I wanted to express my gratitude for the blessings God has given me.

One simple response that did not change is saying "Amen" when receiving the precious Body and Blood of Christ. Sometimes I answer a little louder and give a robust **Amen** when I feel particularly blessed that day for the opportunity to receive this gift. Other times, a quieter Amen when I have been humbled by the awesome compassion and mercy that God has shown me. By the love He has shown me through family and friends and through the Church.

When I am distributing communion, I am so often baffled when a person doesn't respond at all. Their minds may be on other things, problems within the family, at work, or just issues in general. When things in life seem to be going bad or not the way I thought they would, that's when I personally need to be **more** attentive at mass and in my prayers. I need as **much** help as I can get and I feel a certain strength and courage when hearing the word of God and receiving the Eucharist. I guess you could say it's an attitude of gratitude. I expect a lot from God when I go to mass just as God expects a lot of me when I leave mass. It's the



strength and courage I receive from mass that allows me to strive to meet His expectations.

At the end of mass, when I am the Deacon of the Mass, you have heard me say "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord... and each other". This captures the message of the Gospel and sets in our minds the **expectations** God has for each of us when we leave.

One of the new dismissals is: "Go in peace, **glorifying** the Lord by your **life**". This new text captures the same sentiment but... it raises it to a new level. It leaves no doubt what God expects of us and how we are to live our life.

Blessed be the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is our companion on this journey. My friends, "Go in peace, **glorifying** the Lord by your **life**".

Deacon Chuck

The easiest thing to be in this world is you. The most difficult thing to be is what other people want you to be. Don't let them put you in that position.

Leo Buscaglia

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The fundraising committee is looking for donations for the silent auction or donating a dessert to be served at the dinner. If you are interested in donating any items, please contact me.

We still have a couple of open positions for officers and directors. These positions will give you an opportunity to learn about our council's activities. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in these activities.

Peace,
Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope everyone is enjoying our above average winter weather. Many warm wishes to you all and know that spring is not far away. This year is a leap year so we can observe an extra day at the end of the month.

I want to send an advance 'Thank You' to all the Knights and their spouses who will work at the Cana Dinner which is being held at the Church of St. Stephen on February 4th. It is very important for us to respond to the needs of the church.

The Mid-winter breakfast in January was cancelled this year. We look forward to having it again next year. There are a couple events coming up over the next few months. They are the Ham Bingo and the Tootsie Roll Drive. These events will need help. Please consider donating your time to make them successful again.

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd and the Lenten season will be upon us. My early life memories of Lent were fasting and attending Stations of the Cross. My parents always made sure I practiced these. Well, to this day I still do.

We received an invitation from the Dayton KC council to participate in an Ultrasound Fundraiser. The goal is to raise enough money to purchase an ultrasound machine. The recipient is the Cornerstone Women's Center in St. Michael, MN. Due to the cost of these machines, several KC councils in the northwest metro have teamed up for this event. The Ultrasound Fundraiser will consist of a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. It is scheduled for March 31, 2012, at the St. Michael-Albertville High School.

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Marriage Amendment November 2012

This November citizens of Minnesota will be voting on an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. This is not a redefinition of marriage. It is taking the current definition in the state and making it part of the State Constitution. It allows for all eligible voters in Minnesota to affirm what marriage is and not leave that decision to individual judges or legislators.

As Catholics we are grounded in the fact that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. We have the scriptural support for that fact in both the Old and New Testaments. We have centuries of sociological support that marriage provides the cornerstone for society - families.

When special interest groups become the drivers on changing the definition of marriage to something other than the union of one man and one woman, personal and religious freedoms are lost.

Massachusetts passed a law redefining marriage to allow for same sex unions. Boston Catholic Charities had to drop their adoption program when the state then dictated that they must place children in same sex households. Also in Massachusetts, a father was arrested and jailed for not wanting his children to attend classes which promoted same sex unions, as his religious beliefs said otherwise.

So this amendment takes on a universal meaning, much larger than affirming the definition of marriage. The passage of the amendment allows for the continued practice of religion as a matter of conscience, not the practice of religion as dictated by the state.

What can we as Catholics do to promote passage of this amendment?

Pray - for a renewed culture of marriage in the church and society. Marriage needs to be strengthened, not redefined.

Educate - visit MCC Marriage Amendment resource page for Church teaching, FAQs, other sources.

(<http://www.mncc.org/issues/marriage>)

Action - Our State Officers and Supreme have pledged our support in passage of the Marriage Amendment this November. Get active in your parish as a Parish Captain. Take part in educational and information presentations on supporting the passage of the Marriage Amendment. Pat Larson

EFFECTIVE WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHURCH IN TOUGH TIMES

Brother Knights and Families,

Have you ever wished that you could leave a financial gift as a legacy to your parish (or favorite charity) but thought that only RICH people could afford to do this? You don't have to be wealthy to make a significant financial impact on your parish. There's a very cost effective way leaving a sizable gift that will benefit your parish. Consider making your church the beneficiary of a *life insurance policy!*

Perhaps you have an existing policy that is no longer needed. It's a simple process to transfer an existing policy to your church or charity and your gift may even qualify as a tax write-off! Another method is to purchase a new life insurance policy and make your church the beneficiary! Small, affordable payments create a wonderful "leveraging" effect that your church will benefit from. For example, a \$50 per month premium on a sixty year old person that lives to 85 can produce a legacy of over \$28,000! This nearly *doubles* the amount you paid in. And the longer you live, the greater your gift! That's the beauty of using life insurance to leverage your giving! Oh, one more thing: *your priest will LOVE you!*

Give me a call and I'll be happy to share the details!

God bless,

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The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall (Oops!)
- Feb. 20 Presidents Day, no mail
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

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History 2018 - The Truck drivers' Strike of 1934

I have been doing some genealogy research recently on my mother's side of the family. My grandfather was a coal yard driver at that time and was involved in that strike. From my mom and uncles I learned that, during the strike, he would head into town every day with a lead pipe in a garden hose to be used as a billy club. Now that's pretty heavy stuff and it piqued the curiosity of this old historian. I had to know more, so I went diggin'.

The General Drivers Union Local 574 in Minneapolis was a small craft union in the 1920s. By 1933 they had decided to expand and began organizing the coal yard drivers. In February, 1934, 600 drivers went on strike and voted to join the union. By May 3,000 more drivers from various industries had joined. Fresh off that kind of success the union decided to push for legitimacy by seeking a collective bargaining agreement with the employers. They refused, so the union went to work building their own strike support system replete with telephones, a strike kitchen, a hospital and pickets. When July rolled around the union was in control of the truck traffic in Minneapolis and used groups of roving pickets to shut down the businesses. The police were sent in to break things up setting up a nasty confrontation. On Friday, July 21, 1934, a truck load of roving pickets was fired on by the police killing two and wounding 50 others. That day has been known as 'Bloody Friday' ever since.

Over 20,000 people attended the first funeral. In order to try and maintain order the governor sent in the National Guard. Unfortunately, that only helped escalate the tension. The strikers had been holding their own against the billy clubs, but the stakes had been raised by the use of firearms. In response, many strikers armed themselves. The union moved quickly to disarm them, but the violence continued to escalate. It must have seemed like a war zone downtown. Eventually, the employers yielded to public opinion and settled the strike. The union had won the battle for certification.

I hope Grandpa never needed to use that reinforced garden hose. I have been told that every day when he would head out the door, all Grandma would say was 'be careful', but I'd be willing to bet she picked up that well-worn, family bible and said a few extra prayers for his safe return. And that will do it for this month, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!
Mike Petschl, historian



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Ralph Smithers; Michael Lehn; John Gubernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Jeff Kieffer; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mickeypl543@gmail.com.