

*From the Chaplain*



For Sunday, March 7, 2010, the Gospel Reading talks about two “incidents” that happened in Jerusalem. You can find the account in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 13, verses 1-9.

Jesus was asked by some listeners to address the issue of sin and its consequences as it relates to the disasters that happened recently to the residents of Jerusalem. The first incident occurred in the temple at Jerusalem. Pilate, who was the Roman governor of Jerusalem at the time, ordered his troops to kill a group of Galileans who had come up to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the temple. The second incident which Jesus addressed was a natural disaster, a tower in Jerusalem which unexpectedly collapsed, killing 18 people. The Jews often associated such calamities and disasters as a **consequence** of sin.

The real danger which Jesus points out is not a **consequence** of sin but that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death does not give us **time** to repent of our sins and to **prepare** ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds us that misfortune and calamity can befall **both** the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and turn away from sin **today** before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well.

Jesus’ parable of the barren fig trees illustrated his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad



fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the **consequence** of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and sin. Jesus’ parable depicts the patience of God, but it also contains a warning, God’s judgment will come – sooner or later – to everyone.

God, in his mercy, gives us **time** to get right with him, but that time is not only during Lent, but right **now**. A sudden and unexpected death leaves one no time to **prepare** to settle one’s accounts. Jesus warns us that we must be ready at all times. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up.

It has been a little over two weeks since Lent started, how is your heart, mind, soul, and body?

As Knights of Columbus, we need to lead by example. May we use the time God has blessed us with **wisely** and “produce plentiful fruit” on our journey to his heavenly kingdom.

Peace,  
Deacon Chuck



*Prayer List*

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Merle Mevissen; Ray Pipenhagen; Tom O’connell; Patrick O’Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zele-nak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz; PGK Bill Bauer.

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

*Grand Knight’s Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy spring and Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all of you out there and also to all of us who are Irish only one day of the year. By the time you are reading this, I am hopeful that the sun’s rays have started to reduce the snow piles that are lining our driveways. We seem to have received an abundance this year.

Speaking of abundance, we have an abundance of good men in our midst, but we need a few more to fill open positions in our council. Please join me in thanking Vern Rausch for accepting the open position of Deputy Grand Knight. Welcome him to his new role and offer him your support. We have other openings as well, but two that are really going to need to be filled are two trustee positions that will be open. If you can step forward to help complete council business at our meetings and council audits, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone that helped make the Mid-Winter Breakfast a success again this year. I heard comments from numerous people who came to dine with us that they really look forward to this breakfast every year. We have upcoming events that need many hands to help insure their success. These include the Ham Bingo and Fr. Mike’s Fish Fries. Looking a bit further into the future, before we know it, we will be preparing for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

I have one last item to mention; in an effort to move forward with technology, we would like to have as many members as possible submit your email address for a paperless, lower cost method of receiving the monthly “Shield”. This will reduce our council’s paper, printing and mailing costs. It will also be useful for updating our current call list for communicating information.

Jim Masteller  
Grand Knight

## History 2018

I decided to look back quite a ways and learn about the early history of Anoka. I used two great sources for my research. The first was the Hennepin County Library where I found a book about the history of Anoka County as well as Champlin and Dayton. It was written by Albert Moses Goodrich back in 1905. (Do any of you recall hearing that last name anywhere around town?) The other source was the Anoka County History Center, which has a treasure trove of historical information for much of the state of Minnesota. So, let's get on with it!

Way back in 1766 Captain Jonathan Carver came up the Mississippi to St. Anthony Falls just as winter was setting in. This kind of hampered his exploration, but he did explore about 14 miles above the falls and came across the mouth of a river that he called the Rum River. This, apparently, is a very loose interpretation of a Chippewa word meaning just about any beverage you want to name. Mr. Goodrich states that there have been several attempts to have the name changed, but it remains to this day.

It appears that the first house or building was constructed about where the Rum and Mississippi Rivers connect in the fall of 1844. It was used as a trading post and residence for five men.

More settlers eventually came to the area and the first church was built by the Congregational Society in 1857 on, what he says was, the present site of St. Stephen's. Since I wasn't around in 1905 I'm not sure where that was.

Aaron Greenwald is considered to be the first man to volunteer his services for the Civil War, being the first to sign up when President Lincoln called for 75,000 troops in 1861. He was killed at Gettysburg.

Another little tidbit of information to enhance your knowledge concerns Cooper's Corners. That would be the business establishment on Highway 65 in East Bethel. James Cooper had built a home there for his family in 1857 and around 1876 Hugh Spence started the store near the Cooper home. It has been called Cooper's Corners ever since. Mr. Cooper eventually obtained ownership of the store and ran it until his death in 1893.

Anoka was a Dakota word meaning 'on both sides' and is the most widely accepted explanation for the name of the town. Lumber was the main industry in the beginning with many saw mills being built

on the Rum River, but eventually several flour mills and a potato starch factory were added along with all the businesses necessary to make a town function.

There have been several disasters over the years: an infestation of grasshoppers in 1857 along with a financial collapse the same year; a major fire in 1884; and the tornado of 1939. I have covered the tornado already and will look at some of the other disasters later 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month! Mike Petschl, historian

## *A Prayer for Priests During this Year for Priests*

Dear Lord,  
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you".  
(Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

## Council Fish Fry

The annual fish fry at the KC Hall a week before Good Friday will not be held this year. Please support the fish fry at St. Stephen's Church that night instead. If there are questions regarding this you may contact Al Kempf at 763-421-0116.

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Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- March 5, 12, 19, 26 Fr. Mike's Fish Fries  
St. Stephen's FCC
- March 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- March 12 Lenten Stations, 7PM  
St. Stephen's
- March 27 Ham Bingo, 6:30-10:30PM  
St. Stephen's FCC

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### Lenten Stations of the Cross

The Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus will host the Lenten Stations on Friday, March 12th. The stations will be at St. Stephen's Church at 7:00 PM. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Lenten prayer service.

Ken Erkens, chairman

### MID-WINTER BREAKFAST WRAP-UP

On Sunday, January 24th, we held our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Breakfast in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's. Thank you to the 44 people who volunteered and helped us to serve 339 people. We cleared \$869.15 this year for the 'Adopt-A-Student' program at St. Stephen's School. At our last business meeting in February a motion was made, seconded, and passed for our council to add another \$120.85 to this amount and make our total contribution \$1000.00.

Thank you everyone who stopped by after Mass and enjoyed our breakfast and helped us to attain these numbers.

**Jeff Kieffer, Phil Lesnar, John Smetana**  
chairs

### Antique Coca-Cola Cooler Chances!

The Westinghouse WD-10 Point of Sale Coca-Cola Cooler that has been in use in the hall is being used as a hall fund-raiser. We will be taking \$5 donations to win the cooler until the April 13th general meeting. There are only 100 tickets for this fund-raiser. The cooler is in working condition and would be great for a family room or garage. Current value of the cooler is around \$300 on most price sources. Donations will be taken during all KC meetings until April 13th. If you can't make a meeting, please contact the Hall Manager to make a donation. The hall manager can be contacted at 612-532-2499.

### Minnesota State Slogans

Minnesota - where visitors turn blue with envy.

One day it's warm, the rest of the year it's cold.

There are only three things you can grow in Minnesota: colder, older and fatter.

### HAM BINGO

Ham Bingo night is coming soon. The date is Saturday March 27, 2010. It will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year's event will be held in the Faith Community Center. We need lots of help so please give me a call if you can work. There will be two shifts again. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 and the second shift is from 8:15 to 10:15. I would really encourage you to attend this event with your family. Attendance has been trending down the last few years. Please tell your friends or better yet bring them along as well. Everybody always has a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

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