

From the Chaplain



August

### The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is **venerated** (but not **adored** as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), her virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive for us to exhibit a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in the last century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

Before making a consecration it is best, if you will, to make a careful preparation extending over some period of time. One good way to make that preparation is described in the last part of St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion book.

The most essential thing is not **making** an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity, though that is important. The essential thing is to **live** that consecration.

Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

**Union** — Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to **become** like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.

**Dependence** — Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have,



temporal and spiritual.

**Obedience** — Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of **love**, and plan to carry it out with fullest **generosity**.

St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises.

We honor Mary and the Saints with devotions, to intercede with the Father and the Son but we do not worship Mary and the Saints. Ultimately, it is **God** Himself Who is offended by every sin. For this reason it is **God**, likewise, Who is the ultimate **object** of every act of Christian reparation.

Prayer for August:

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially those we hold dear to our hearts.

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.  
Amen.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be examples for all people in our love for our families, for our Church and for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!  
Deacon Chuck



Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope you all are enjoying your summertime. It is probably the hottest time of the year. I see that the sweet corn in my garden is really taking in this heat. The corn has grown several inches in the last week or so. It just takes the heat during the day and a little water at night.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Dick Klaesges for organizing the Fourth Degree Knights at the Corpus Christi Procession. Also, thank you to John Kinnick and Roger Renner for organizing the booth at Riverfest this year. None of these events would be successful without all the Knights and family members that helped out. Thank you all. Coming up in August, we have the Twins Family night at Target Field and MN State KC Softball Tournament in Lakeville. It is good for all to take some time off our busy work to relax and enjoy spending time with fellow Knights and families.

August 12th is the anniversary of Father McGivney's birth. Let us all take a little time this month to honor our founder by enjoying the great outdoors with a picnic with our families and friends.

In January of 2013 our council will have the Marion Hour of Prayer to Honor our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have the icon for one week in which we will hold adoration. There will be more details coming up closer to the date. I encourage all of our Knights to participate.

Our fundraiser to benefit St. John Vianny Seminary is progressing along. Mark your calendar for October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a mass and dinner event. There will be more details forthcoming.

Even though the daylight hours will slowly decline we all have plenty of time to increase our spiritual time for prayer.

Peace,  
Vern Rausch  
Grand Knight

## History 2018 Presidential Facts 2

I hope you're ready for more of those brain stimulating facts, 'cuz you're gonna' get 'em anyway.

### President #26: Theodore Roosevelt

– Roosevelt assumed the presidency upon the assassination of William McKinley in 1901. He finished that term and was elected for another full term. But, did you know he was the first president to receive a Nobel Peace Prize and that he was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously by President Bill Clinton (#42) in 2001?

**#27: William Howard Taft** – This was the first president to become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

**#31: Herbert Hoover** – Hoover was the president who had the depression settle in during his watch. That wasn't a good footnote to the first president from west of the Mississippi. He was born in West Branch, Iowa, in 1874.

**#32: Franklin Delano Roosevelt** – FDR was the first president elected for an unprecedented 3<sup>rd</sup> term and then a 4<sup>th</sup> term, which he was unable to complete, dying in office on April 12, 1945.

**#35: John F. Kennedy** – I'm sure all of you know that he was the first Catholic president. Okay, I'll admit it isn't a very obscure fact, but it is a first! And we all know he was assassinated in office on November 22, 1961.

**#37: Richard M. Nixon** – I can't enlighten anybody with this modern day stuff! Nixon was the first president to resign. Remember Watergate?

**#38: Gerald Ford** – Ford was the first person to be the vice-president and the president without being elected to either position. He was appointed vice-president by Nixon when Vice-president Spiro Agnew resigned and then assumed the presidency when Nixon resigned. He then ran for the presidency on his own, but was defeated by Jimmy Carter (#39).

**#41: George H. W. Bush** – The first George Bush holds the honor of being the first president to have served as the United States Ambassador to the United

Nations and the Director of the CIA before becoming president. He and son George W. Bush (#43) are the second father-son duo to become presidents.

There's probably a lot more unknown facts floating around out there, but I don't want to overload your cranium, so I'll do the same and float on outta' here, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

As a well spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death.

Leonardo da Vinci

Too bad all the people who know how to run this country are busy running taxicabs or cutting hair.

George Burns

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible. George Burns

### Why Marriage Matters Speaker

Come hear St. Thomas Law Professor Teresa Collett explain why marriage matters from a legal perspective at the Ramsey County Government Center on Wednesday, August 8. A nationally sought-after scholar and speaker on the topics of marriage, religion, and bioethics, Professor Collett will discuss the legal dimensions of the Minnesota Marriage Amendment, as well as the responsibility of Catholics to shape law and policy. The event will begin with a 6:30 pm social followed by an address at 7:00.

For more information contact Pat Larson at 763-913-9495.

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# The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Aug. 13 Family Night at Target Field
- Aug. 14 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Aug. 15 The Assumption  
Holy Day of Obligation

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## 2012 HAUNTED HOUSE – THE 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR

### LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The key dates for the 2012 Haunted House are as follows:

Construction – Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Open Haunted House dates:

- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – 7-9PM
  - Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 7-10PM
  - Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 7-10PM
  - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 7-9PM
  - Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – 7-9PM
  - Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – 6-10PM
  - Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – 6-10PM
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> – 7-9PM
- Teardown – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – all day until done.

With construction on 2 weekends, open Haunted House for 8 days & teardown on 1 day, we need lots of workers!!!!!!!!!!

Please check your calendar for these key dates to volunteer when 100s of phone calls are made in September. You can save lots of phone calls if you would contact us ASAP. Send an e-mail to: [RaymondDDalzell@cs.com](mailto:RaymondDDalzell@cs.com) or call Ray at 763-757-1241.

Ray Dalzell, Steve Beberg, Mike Johnson, Pat Worcester, Rick Landowski - chairs



## 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; Ralph Smithers; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing; Michael Abbott; Frank Barnaby (father-in-law of Deacon Chuck Waugh); Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or [mickeyp1543@gmail.com](mailto:mickeyp1543@gmail.com).