



*From the
Chaplain*

**February 8
St. Jerome Emiliani
(1481?-1537)**

Filling in for our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Mike, I thought I would give a little information on a saint whose feast day is February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani.

In his early years, St. Jerome was a careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, where he was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison, Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, some say miraculously, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews and began his own studies for the priesthood.

In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital.

Around 1532 Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928 Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Events lead us, every day, to make choices about our lifestyle; of what we should do or not do. Luckily, we have holy men and women who are examples of faith and of how we should make choices and live our lives. Please take time this coming Lenten season to revisit the saints of the Church and ask them for guidance and inspiration on your journeys as you walk in the footsteps of Christ.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck



**February 2013
History 2018
Minnesota Droughts**

It's been pretty dry around here for a couple of years now and the Mississippi is so low down south they are dredging in order to keep barge traffic moving. There is even talk of trying to raise the water level by bringing in more water from the Missouri River.

In light of all this, I decided to look back in State history to see if there were any other comparable years. There were other dry years back in 1829 and 1839, but those dry spells only lasted one season. Then along came 1863 and 1864 to parch the landscape thoroughly. River and lake levels dropped and marshes dried up. A missionary-farmer, who had lived near Lac Qui Parle since 1837, said he had never seen it that dry.

As 1865 rounded the corner there was hope when heavy snows came in February and March. The beginning of April continued to give hope as water levels began to rise, but optimism fell again by mid-month. The roller coaster ride continued in May when more rain came late in the month, then died out in early June. The first half of June produced 1/5 of an inch of rain and those pesky grasshoppers, a sure sign of drought, were back in abundance. Fears of a third consecutive year of drought were prevalent.

But by mid-June the deluge started. Temperatures cooled and the rains continued through July and most of August breaking the drought. The fall was mild, but winter came in with a vengeance, with heavy snows and arctic cold. The annual mean temperature in St. Paul was 43 degrees and the precipitation level was recorded at 38 inches.

Hopefully, we can make that same turn around this year, although I could definitely get by without the arctic blast. No matter what the outcome is, the global warming debate will continue and, since I'm no scientist, I'll leave that discussion to those who are, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!
Mike Petschl, historian



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope all is well with you. I am sure a lot of you will be watching the Super Bowl. I hope you enjoy the game.

At our January meeting we read and approved the transfer notice of Lawrence Kreisgen into our council. Let's all extend a welcome to him.

I would like to thank Ray Danzl and John Smetana for coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner & Dance. We were entertained by the Miller Brothers Band. All proceeds from this event went to the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" charity. This charity helps out families of military service men and women while they are serving our country.

I want to extend a big thank you to Dave Hudoba for managing the Basketball Free Throw Contest. Over 160 girls and boys participated in the event. The top shooters will advance on to the district event later this month. I would like to also thank Ms. Rebecca Gustafson and Mr. Kurt Werk at St. Stephen's School for allowing the kids to participate in this event during the school week.

Ash Wednesday will soon be here. This means the Friday Fish Dinners will also be happening. We are in need of help with this event. We need a couple of people that are willing to commit to working in the kitchen area. This is a very important event that St. Stephen's Church relies on us to manage. The current co-chairs have been running this event a long time. We need to help these gentlemen. If you are able to help, please contact me at 763-422-1128. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Let's keep those that are sick and ailing in our prayers. May God's grace be with them!

Peace,
Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

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God bless,
Dale Robinson

Dale Robinson, FIC
Certified Senior Advisor
Knights of Columbus Field Agent

The USA A Culture Of Denial?

The horrific events in Newtown, Ct were just that, horrific. It was every parent, every spouses nightmare, the call that would come saying an innocent loved one had been gunned down for no reason. The thoughts and prayers from Supreme to every Council go out to the victims and survivors of that day. Those prayers are not only for the moment, but for the days and weeks ahead as they must deal with the reality of that day.

Of course we had the expected outcry on both sides of the gun issue, pointing, then explaining, pointing more and more rationalizations on gun control in the U.S. Even President Obama appeared on a television special from Newtown, saying this was not acceptable, and happens too often. I find it even more scary to think about the planned shootings that get caught in the early stages, and do not happen.

Along with President Obama's remarks came the mainstream media adding to the outcry. Many made the point that the U.S. is one of the few countries where gunning down students and teachers has become a cultural norm compared to the rest of the free world. They and President Obama seem beside themselves to figure out who is to blame, who is responsible. Don't we need better laws, more legislation, proclamations. Surely that will help. In all of this rhetoric, all of this finger pointing, the obvious is lost. The question should be, 'what kind of Culture are we?' Are we a culture that respects life, in all of its stages? Are we a culture of Life?

What seems to be lost on the people in the 'know' from those on news broadcasts, commentaries, and even elected officials is that the answer is no. When the media decries that we are one of the few countries where this type of act occurs, they fail to look inward and admit that we are one of the few countries, or maybe the only country, that condones, accepts and legalizes killing of our unborn children. This horrific act happens 30 times per day in Minnesota, 3,000 times per day in the U.S. We continue to be in denial, and we send out the message thousands of time per day, that Life is expendable. That if you do not want a child to be born, it is legal and okay to terminate that life. Does this destruction of life form the basis or part of the root that these shooters take to another twisted level? I am far from being a psychologist, doctor, or psychoanalyst, just a simple observer.

It is sad that those above who are in the best position to do the most good, refuse to look inward into the soul of our Country and say 'We can do better, we need to be a Culture of Life'. To do so would mean straying from the 'easy way', promote accountably and Christian values on the Sanctity of Life. Maybe it begins with each of us, to address the Abortion Tragedy and lay the foundation of a Culture of Life. Contact your Minnesota elected officials as well as your elected officials in Washington. Tell them that you support a Culture of Life, and that begins by repealing Roe v/s Wade. By eliminating this ugly act, then we can build towards a Culture of Life.

Pat Larson, ProLife Director

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- Feb. 5 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
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- Feb. 12 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
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- Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
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active service with tours in Bosnia, Iraq (18 months), and presently in Kuwait waiting for another assignment in the Middle East. He has celebrated Masses for the Nicollet Assembly when our Friar was not available. Fr. Vakoc and Fr. Fehn were closely involved with Boy Scouts at the same time, and were very close. Let us celebrate the devotion and courage exhibited by these men, and all priests who have been proud to be one of us, a Fourth Degree Knight.

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE
 Ken Hudoba
 Faithful Trustee
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If everybody in this house lives where it's God first, friends and family second and you third, we won't ever have an argument.

Jeff Foxworthy

I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to you.

Andy Rooney



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

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