

Chaplain's Corner



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We are nearing the end of our current journey with the "Hail Mary". We will dig into why we ask Mary to "Pray for us" and why it's **important** as many other religions are not accustomed to addressing anyone but **God** in prayer.

"Pray for us sinners...."

We, saints and sinners alike, are all in this Body of Christ together, whether we are living or "dead," because we all are **united** in Christ by the same Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit made us saints, and also perfected our brothers and sisters, the Saints in heaven. Although we seem to be separated by both space and time, in the Spirit, we are united as members of Christ. There is no big difference between asking a breathing saint beside us to pray for us, and asking St. Stephen or Mary to pray for us. We are **all** in Christ. He is alive, and we are all alive... in Him.

Many Christian religions are not accustomed to addressing anyone but God in prayer. That's why, at first, praying to saints may seem idolatrous to them, even when a Catholic explains that we are really just asking—to pray means to ask—we are asking the saints to pray **FOR** us. But if you really think about it carefully you will find that to ask for prayers from Saints in Heaven are really no different than when other Christians ask their friends to pray for them on Earth. If you can ask your relatives or friends to **pray** for you on Earth, how could we **not** ask our friends to pray for us... in Heaven?

Catholics know Mary is not God. She is not the Savior. She is not the **ONE** Mediator. **Jesus** is the only **Mediator** between God and man; we can always approach Him. He loves us tenderly. He also loves Mary tenderly. She is, like each of us, a member of His Church, embodying for all of us the prayerful posture, "Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). She is a living **example** to us of receiving all the **grace...** He desires to give us. She stands as our example of how powerful the grace



of Christ is. She received grace upon grace and **with** her and **through** her, we receive these graces.

So, we ask our friends and family, the Saints in Heaven and **Mary...** to pray for us, as we need **all** the help we can get in following in the footsteps of her son.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Vivat Jesus

In Memoriam

We lost 4 members in February:

- Gil Bisek a 40 year member was 76.
- Jim Oakes a 43 year member was 83.
- Dan Ross a 31 year member was 65.
- Bob Duclos a 59 year member was 91.

Please remember Gil, Jim, Dan and Bob and their families in your prayers.



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

- Jim & Ruth Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schauf; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Dan Ross; Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob); Bob Belousek; Steve Waterman; Ed Melnarik; PGK Steve Seman.

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

Grand Knight's Message



Hello Brother Knights,

Our 15th Annual Spaghetti Dinner was held on January 17th, and if you were not able to attend, I would like to report that it was a lot of fun. The food was delicious and the music was lively. John Smetana, with the help of Ray Danzl and Phil Lesnar did an excellent job at getting it all together this year. They are all Past Grand Knights of Council 2018. The event allowed us to make a donation of \$1,000.00 to *Hope 4 Youth*, a homeless youth resource center located here in Anoka. Their goal is to end youth homelessness, which is up 39%, by 2024. They are in need of the money and they are on track for meeting their goal. Thank you to all that attended.

On March 22 through March 28, we will be hosting the traveling Icon of The Immaculate Conception.



This has been a decades long tradition with the Knights of Columbus. This is the second time it is centered around the Immaculate Conception. The first time this Icon made its rounds was in 1981-1982. It is a copy of the original painting housed in the cathedral Basilica Notre Dame de Quebec in Canada. Archbishop Gerald Lacroix of Quebec said that like Mary, Knights must "be open to the Holy Spirit" as they engage in the new evangelization in their own states, diocese, and parishes. The Icon will be displayed at the Church of St. Stephen during these dates. We will have a Holy Hour during this time. Please watch the St. Stephen Bulletin for the time.

Joe Soler
Grand Knight

Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Wrap-Up

This year's Spaghetti Dinner/Dance, held on January 17th, was enjoyed by 68 people. Once again, the food was wonderful and so was the music. The dance floor was filled throughout the evening. A lot of conversation and laughter at the tables!

We received donations from many businesses, in and around Anoka, to raise money for HOPE 4 Youth. Businesses donating this year were, Sparky's Café, Furniture & Things, Anoka-Ramsey Farm & Garden, Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Coborn's, Coborn's Liquors, Cork, Billy's Bar & Grill, Lunchbox Coffee & Deli, MaGillycuddy's, Serum's, The Mad Hatter Restaurant & Tea Room, Acapulco Restaurante Mexicano, Noble Roman's Take-n-Bake P'za, Down Home Stained Glass, King's County Market, G-Will Liquors, Pappy's Café, Northdale Construction, and lyricarts Main Street Stage. If you find yourself at any of these places, please tell them 'Thank you for your donation to the KC Spaghetti Dinner/Dance.'

We also had donations from a few members. Thank you to Aberle's, Donlin's, Danzl's, and Santer's. If you see any of these people, please tell them 'Thank you', also.

We were able to collect \$779 that night for these donations. There was \$30.25 collected in the tip jar on the bar that was added to the \$779 to make a total of \$809.25 going to HOPE 4 Youth.

I attended the planning meeting in February to give my report of the event. I also wanted to ask the officers if the council had the funds to cover an additional \$190.75 so the check to HOPE 4 Youth could be cut in the amount of \$1,000. I was told Anoka's council had received a check from HOPE 4 Youth in the amount of \$100. This check came with a thank you for letting a number of kids, who use HOPE 4 Youth's services, have breakfast at St. Stephen's on January 25th. This was the Sunday the Knights of Columbus were hosting the pancake breakfast. The officers believed the council should return the amount of that check, plus take the additional \$90.75 from its coffers so the \$1,000 check could be cut to HOPE 4 Youth. At February's general meeting, I made the motion to do this and it was quickly seconded. When asked if there was any discussion on the motion, there was none and it was voted on and carried. HOPE 4 Youth will receive a check in the amount of \$1,000 from our council.

This event is happening for the 16th time next year. One thing that will change is Linda and I plan to join all of you in the main hall. Linda will not be behind the bar most of the evening and I will not be emceeing. I have decided to step down as one of the co-chairs. It has been a fun event to help put together, but it is time for Linda and I to enjoy the evening in the main hall with all of you.

Ray and Phil will still be taking care of food for the evening next year. If someone would like to help them chair next year's event, let one of them know.

Immediate Past Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Co-Chair: John Smetana

HAM BINGO

The Ham Bingo event is coming soon. The date is set for Saturday March 28, 2015. It will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in St. Stephen's School gym. A bingo can win you a Ham. We will have door prizes again at the end of the event. You must be present to win. 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. Everybody always has a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo. Vern Rausch, Bingo Co-chairman (763) 422-1128
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A Holy Death -- 125 Years Ago

The hush of the room is conducive to meditation. The items locked within protective glass focus thoughts on life's end, but also on the hope of resurrection and the joys of heaven. Here, in the McGivney Gallery of the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn., are objects displayed for veneration: the cassock he was buried in, a chasuble, a scapular, and an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All of them are second-class relics, since he wore them regularly during life.

These objects were taken from the original burial site when the remains of Father McGivney were disinterred from the family plot in Waterbury and reinterred in a marble sarcophagus in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he founded the Knights of Columbus while serving as a parish priest. Why dwell on Father McGivney's death at a time when evidence of a possible miracle through his intercession is being studied at the Vatican? It happens that 2015 marks the 125th anniversary of his passing away, on Aug. 14, 1890. Father McGivney was a priest for nearly 13 years when he died two days past his 38th birthday, a young but not uncommon age for a priest in America to pass away in the 19th century. Priests had tough lives in urban environments like New Haven. Parishes were understaffed, congregations were large, sick calls were many, and illnesses could spread quick and deadly in the days before antibiotics.

After serving seven years at St. Mary's, Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston and the mission church of Immaculate Conception in neighboring Terryville. The Sunday Mass schedule—shuttling by horse and carriage five miles each way between the two churches—would tax a man of robust

health. Yet Father McGivney performed his duties with faithfulness and cheer for six years.

He contracted pneumonia and was confined to bed in the St. Thomas rectory before passing away. The events surrounding his death, and the outpouring of love and gratitude shown him, will be covered, will be covered in forthcoming newsletters leading up to his August anniversary.

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SAVE MONEY ON FUNERAL PLANNING!

One of the greatest acts of love you can give your family is peace of mind by pre-arranging and pre-paying your funeral. This is a subject that few like to think about, but it is one that EACH of us will have to deal with. Funerals can be quite complicated and involved – and expensive! Mortuary costs will run thousands of dollars, but there are other considerations that can easily double those costs:

- ▲ cemetery plots and headstones
- ▲ cost of opening and closing the grave
- ▲ police escorts
- ▲ costs associated with the funeral Mass (priest's honorarium, musicians, sacristan, etc)
- ▲ funeral luncheon
- ▲ obituary notices
- ▲ prayer cards, guest book, etc.

Fortunately, the Knights of Columbus is in a position to help. Our **FREE FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE** helps you plan your funeral so others don't have to. Whether you plan to be buried or cremated we also have low cost policies that will help you pay your funeral costs for **pennies on the dollar!** This helps your family through the grieving process without the added stress of figuring out how to pay for your funeral. Why pay more than you have to? Contact me before you go to the funeral home for pre-arranging to see how we can help.

Don't put this important planning decision off! Call me today for your **FREE FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE** and a quote on a low cost policy to pay for your funeral. As a trusted Brother Knight, I am always available to assist you and your loved ones.

God bless,

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 3 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- March 10 Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 Lenten Fish Fries
St. Stephen's FCC, 5:30-7PM
- March 28 Ham Bingo, 6:30-10PM
St. Stephen's School Gym
- March 29 Palm Sunday

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History 2018 1920

Prohibition took hold as scheduled on January 16th, with all kinds of twists and turns throughout the year: if you were storing alcohol for personal use somewhere other than your residence, you had to move it to your residence; New Jersey made the determination that 3.5% beer was still legal; and there were police raids all over the place.

There was a big murder trial about to get under way. Two anarchists, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, were charged with murder and the payroll robbery of a shoe factory in Braintree, Massachusetts. They were eventually found guilty and sentenced to death. This incident interested me a long time ago and I did some research. I'm not sure the evidence would have held up in today's legal system.

Sanity returns! The Post Office ruled that children could not be sent by parcel post. Did people actually do that?

So much for Minnesota nice. Three African-Americans were lynched by a

mob of 5,000 in Duluth, Minnesota.

There was a lot of labor unrest in 1920, leading to the formation of unions, strikes and clashes with police. There was a 1920 railroad strike in Chicago and a streetcar strike in Denver became violent.

The big baseball scandal occurred this year when eight Chicago White Sox players were indicted for working with gamblers to fix the World Series in 1919. I believe it was called the Black Sox scandal. If you saw the movie 'Field of Dreams', those were the guys coming out of the cornfield down in Iowa.

New York has a history of terrorist attacks. One occurred on Wall Street on September 16th, when a bomb left on a horse drawn wagon exploded, killing 30 and injuring 300.

Oops! Here's a big one I almost missed. Back on August 26th, the bill giving women the right to vote was signed into law. Fearing for my well-being, I will not make any cute comments on that subject, but will rather ease out quietly, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

Thank You Anoka!

Brother Knights,

The St. Katharine Drexel Knights of Columbus Council #14984 wishes to extend a huge THANK YOU to Anoka Council #2018. With your support, the fish fry benefitting Brother Knight Greg Berres was successful way beyond our expectations. Not all the numbers are in yet but this event has gone a long way towards getting back the mobility that Muscular Dystrophy has taken from Greg.

A special thanks to Kelly and Ray Danzl for facilitating the use of the Anoka KC Hall, and to each and every one of you who attended the event. Your generosity has always shown what Fr. McGivney envisioned when the Knights of Columbus began.

Please know that our little council in Ramsey stands ready to respond to you when called upon.

In Christ,
Dale Kraus
Event Chairman