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Grand Knight's Message

Paul Greninger, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,
Our Coats for Kids program has been recognized in the Columbian magazine web site. To view it, go to Knights in Action web page at www.kofc.org/knightsinaction. They told me publication in the magazine will come at a later date.

helped with the January events. Please see what you can do in February to help.

Jesus, purify my heart, purify my mind, purify my body, and purify my soul.

God Bless you:
Paul Greninger GK

I also received an email this month from Joanne at Women Source it said "We saved a baby today because of the ultrasound and God's intervention. So Exciting!" Let us all keep praying and supporting them in this important cause.

SAVE THE DATE all Knights and Family members are invited to a magician show and dinner April 30th!! More information to come in the next newsletter.

I would like to thank all of you that

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Wednesday
March 1



Membership dinner

The membership dinner was held on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, in the east meeting room.

We had five new prospective members join us and all have signed Form 100s and are planning on coming to the major degree on Jan. 28th in Regan Hall.

Kevin Ahlers, Tom Heltemes



Holy Family Prayer program

Brother knights, bring your wives and families to the Holy Family Prayer Program and Rosary on Friday, February 3rd, 7 p.m. in the SVDP main worship space. Our chaplain, Fr. Michael Barsness will be the main celebrant and there will be a beautiful blessed icon of the Holy Family on display. This is part of the special KC annual Marion Prayer Program.

If you would like to help with ushering or welcoming duties, call Tom Olmstead or leave a message at 763 639 4187.

Stations of the Cross

Council 9139 will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17th. If you would like to participate please give me a call.

Tom Heltemes -- 763-425-2314
or email tom@heltemes.com



State KC Bowling Tournament

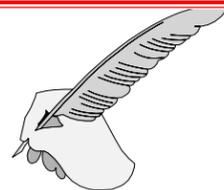
The Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament will be held at the Hutch Bowl, Hutchinson, Minnesota, 1150 MN 7, Hutchinson, MN 55350. It will be held the weekends of March 25-26 & April 1-2. For more info call Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314.

Italian Dinner

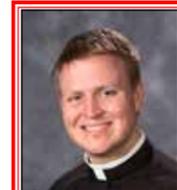
Our annual fundraising dinner for WomenSource and Feed My Starving Children will be held on Saturday, March 18 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Regan Hall. We will be serving a variety of pastas and sauces as well as salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages. Advance tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 11 and 12 for \$10. On the night of the event tickets will cost \$11 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-10 (5 and under eat free). This is our largest Pro-Life fundraiser. Please plan to support our efforts by bringing your family and friends to Regan Hall for a great dinner and a fun night out.

Tom Clifford and Rob Moreland

From the Chaplain



Fr. Michael Barsness, Chaplain



Brother Knights and families,
I was reading recently an article by Dr. Peter Kreeft on Love. Lent is around the corner and Love is an important topic for us to understand for the season of Lent. We think of Lent as a season of self-denial simply and rarely do we connect it with love. In the article Dr. Kreeft distinguished four different kinds of love based upon the book "The Four Loves" by CS Lewis. Yes four distinct kinds of love, agape the kind of love Jesus taught/showed, storge (natural affection or liking), eros (sexual desire), and philia (friendship).

One of the main confusions about the Love Jesus taught is that feelings are often confused with its practice. He said that feelings are passive you receive them and cannot control them whereas agape is something actively chosen. We cannot help but feel things, he states:

We are not responsible for our feelings-we can't help how we feel-but we are responsible for our agape or lack

of it, eternally responsible, for agape comes from us; feelings come from wind, weather, and digestion. "Luv" comes from spring breezes; real love comes from the center of the soul, which Scripture calls the heart (another word we have sentimentalized and reduced to feeling). Liking is a feeling. But love (agape) is more than strong liking. Only a fool would command someone to feel a certain way. God commands us to love, and God is no fool.

This is where Love connects to our denials in Lent. Like love we have to choose to not eat meat or watch TV and sweets. Lots of feelings come our way and hunger, lethargy, boredom, etc., we don't choose them, but when we choose them for the sake of someone (our Lord) we do so for Love. Love is a choice, and we need to make that choice daily often despite what we might feel. Dr. Kreeft goes on:

Jesus had different feelings toward different people. But he loved them all equally and absolutely. But how can we love someone if we don't like him? Easy we do it to ourselves all the time. We don't always have tender, comfortable feelings about ourselves; sometimes we feel foolish, stupid, asinine, or wicked. But we always love ourselves: we always seek our own good. Indeed, we feel dislike toward ourselves, we berate ourselves, precisely because we love ourselves; because we care about our good, we are impatient with our bad.

We fall in love but we do not fall in agape. We rise in agape.

God is agape, and agape is not feeling. So God is not feeling. That does not

Insurance agent report

Brother Knights,
Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future



April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. (I know it's snowing but the grass will be up before you know it!) It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

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I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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Calendar of Events

Every Sat. at 10 a.m. the rosary is prayed at the Robbinsdale Abortion Center, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale.

- Feb. 3, Holy Family prayer program
- Feb. 7, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14, Valentine's Day
- Feb. 28, Planning meet., 7 p.m.
- March 1, Ash Wednesday
- March 17, Stations of the Cross
- March 18, Italian Dinner

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Seminarian update

I was blessed to serve at St. Vincent's this past summer, and it was hard for me to say goodbye after my ten weeks were finished. I thoroughly enjoyed all the opportunities to dive into ministry that I experienced during my short stay here! One of the enormous gifts for me were the number of times I was able to help out with the various youth ministry programs here. I attended Extreme Faith Camp with Fr. Barsness and saw a number of St. Vincent's youth (along with several hundred youth from other parishes) encounter our Lord in the Eucharist and experience deeply his merciful love. I was also able to witness the same on a larger scale at the Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester later in July.

Being able to preach on a regular basis at the parish was also a great blessing. I am enormously thankful for the amount of feedback I received from parishioners. It was also wonderful encountering everyone after the daily Masses and weekend Masses. These opportunities confirmed for me that I have indeed found my calling, and that this is the way Jesus is asking me to follow him.

Fr. Treacy and Fr. Barsness provided a good example for me as priests who love what they do. I received plenty of advice from them, and Fr. Treacy, as the pastor, really encouraged me to dive into all the different facets of parish life during the summer.

Now that I'm back at the seminary for my final year, my class has begun focusing on the practicals of parish life. We are just completing courses on parish administration, pastoral counseling, and a final preaching class. In addition, we are beginning to learn what it means to be a good priest in the confessional, and we will have an entire class devoted to learning how to offer the Mass next semester. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to next spring when we will finally be ordained priests and are able to be in the parish full time!

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St. Vincent de Paul School Winners



Front row:
Alexis Brands,
Brynn Kosta,
Ellen Cliff, Isabel Schlaefer,
Ben Stueve

Back Row:
Helen Hoang,
Lauren Chams, Elise Myhre, Sophia Seibert, Maddie McGeary

Not pictured:
Alexa Hatcher and Abby Chams

Faith Formation Winners



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Lucas Salitros Tyler Kramer Hailey Englund



Kevin Salitros Caterina Vete Mikayla Sok



Jack Jifacek Michael Slind Samatha Longenecker

"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster & coloring contest

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster/coloring contest is now finished. Religious education students grades K-6 grade participated.

Posters were judged on Dec. 15th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners received awards. The winning posters/colored pictures were displayed in the church gathering area during the Christmas season.

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Chaplain's message

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make him or agape cold and abstract. Just the opposite: God is love itself, feeling is the dribs and drabs of love received into the medium of passivity. God cannot fall in love for the same reason water cannot get wet: it is wet. Love itself cannot receive love as a passivity, only spread it as an activity. God is love in action, not love in dreams. Feelings are like dreams: easy, passive, spontaneous. Agape is hard and precious like a diamond.

As we prepare for Lent let us keep this in mind.
Many Blessings,
Fr. Michael