



The Messenger

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Grand Knight's Report



Hello Gentlemen,

As most of you know by now, I have been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. And while none of us can predict the day and time we part from this earth, it is humbling to know that I probably don't have as much time as I once thought, and certainly have hoped for. So, I have been reflecting.

How, when my time finally comes, will I be remembered? When I got married to Gloria, I stood in front of all that came to our reception and said that there are hopefully two times in our lives when people gather to celebrate us, our weddings, and our funerals. So, as I reflect on my life, will I have more people at my funeral than came to my wedding?

I can't control what others think of me, all I can do is try to do the right thing at any given moment and love others as much as I can. That is why I joined the Knights of Columbus after Carson died. I wanted to do what was right but also to know and feel love in my heart without the pain. It has certainly allowed me to do that. It has allowed me to grow in my faith and to be the hands of Christ by helping others.

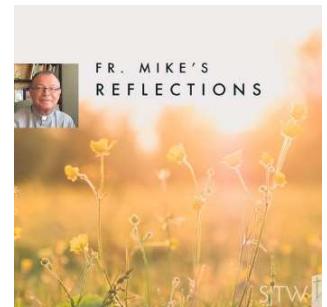
If you have not been active with the Knights for a while, if you haven't helped with a pancake breakfast, fish fry, Coats for Kids distribution, etc., please consider doing so. There are few that are doing so much, sacrificing their time to help make this council of ours successful, to help our council make a positive impact on the lives of others. But they need help. Burnout is starting to be felt, and without help we can't do everything we do. When we all joined the Knight's we decided that we could spare a couple of hours in the form of service work as a Knight of Columbus. I am asking that you reflect and ask if you can spare a couple more as we have our upcoming events. The next Pancake Breakfast is on November 14th and the distribution for the Coats for Kids is on November 4th. Please consider helping at either or both of those events. If you are unsure how you can help please contact me.

Respectfully,

John Jordan



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PASTOR'S CORNER

with **Father Mike**

Have you ever seen a symphony orchestra? I went with a friend of mine to my first orchestra at St. Ben's in St. Joseph, Minn. It was stunning. It was the Minnesota Orchestra, I think. There were over 100 musicians. I was dumbfounded to see all of the violins stroking up and down at the same time. The cello's were also in time with one another but not in time with the violins. The same was true for all of the other stringed instruments. Seeing the brass counting the beat with the movement of their horns, in time with one another, was amazing. And then watching the percussion section and how they all used the drum sticks as if they were linked together so every drum beat was exact. After decades I am still amazed at the sound and the wonder of an orchestra. If you have not gone lately, or taken a child to see an orchestra, I encourage you to do so. While the action is mystical the music is transformative. It should remind all of us that the creativity of humanity is boundless and truly a gift from God. Fr. Mike

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I would like to address our younger Knights this month about the benefits of Long-Term Care coverage.

Younger is a relative term in the Knights, but if you are over 30 but less than 60 years old you should consider a long-term care policy with the Knights. Many Knights over age 60 are relieved that they wisely obtained their policies at an earlier age or are rueing the fact they didn't get coverage before it became cost prohibitive.

If you plan to retire with any assets and use those assets to benefit your spouse or family, you should have a long-term care policy. The policies allow you to protect assets in the event you need assistance later in life with daily needs. The Knights allow you to lock in a premium with an inflation rider that will adjust your benefits level to meet the costs in the future without additional outlays. For a 30 year old you could purchase only \$50 of daily benefit with a 5% inflation rider for a modest premium that will never rise and have a monthly benefit of \$13,490 per month by the time you are 80!

Long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today. Coverage is inexpensive at your current age compared to 5 to 10 years in the future. And in my experience, anyone financially responsible that can budget for the cost of long-term care will eventually attempt to get a policy. Give me a call today to get actual costs for the coverage needed to allow you to ensure you can live the way you wish in your later years. Coverage also allows you to leave the legacy you want for your loved ones, without the risk that money you want to leave to them will go to the nursing home instead.

Vivat Jesus

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

November

14 Membership Meeting

23 Thanksgiving Day

28 Officer Planning Meeting



Rosary and Communion Service

Every Tuesday morning at 11 AM Larry Gervais and / or Chet Welle have been praying the Rosary with the residents of Arbor Lakes Senior Living 12001 80th Avenue North in Maple Grove. We are there by invitation and coordinated by our Parish. After the Rosary we have a formal communion service and distribute the Holy Eucharist to the residents who attend. Then we go to two different Memory care wings and offer the Eucharist to the residents. In one, we go room to room and in the other, we hold a second, shorter communion service at a table with about 4-6 residents.

Every other Sunday at 2 PM, a team of Patrick Farrelly, Jamie Dunn and David Olsem-Miller provide the same ministry.

If others are interested in attending, contact one of us. We have a limit of 4 attending at any given time and have to follow whatever Covid protocol they have in place when we arrive. (Masks, etc).

Contact Patrick at pmaplegrove@aol.com if you would like to join in this ministry.

RECRUITING

Have you asked a friend, acquaintance, or total stranger to join the Knights this week? You should, and direct them to **Knights.net** to join us on-line. Free first year dues have been extended. They can enter their personal information and use the code DFALSTAD in the agent referral box and BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to have their first year dues waived. Have them use your member number or 2743823 as a referral number so we know they are interested in our council.

Once they are an on-line member we can schedule an in-person exemplification ceremony for them.



Remember your pledge in your first degree to carry your rosary always and to pray it often. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers. Some are having health or family issues but some may be just listed randomly for your prayers. E-mail djfalstad@yahoo.com to add anyone to the list.

Jim Roehl John Ruffing Saima Prabhu John Jordan

John Jordan's Mother Jamie Dunne Fran McLaughlin

Larry Gervais Patrick Farrelly Shanna Dunne

Fanucci Family Paul Vandergon David Wenthold



Report of the Fourth Degree

Talk to any Sir Knight if you are interested in taking the next step and advancing to the 4th Degree in the Order. The next exemplification will occur in the spring.



If you are interested in joining with your brother Knights next year on Lake of the Woods we plan to leave June 10th, 2024. Please contact Dan Falstad at 612 310-5254 details.



The Minnesota Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament is coming up in November. The Knights of Columbus have a strong relationship with the Special Olympics and this event in particular as it is run by a Brother Knight.

Thank you to those who have signed up to help. Links below are for signup, but slots may be full for the tournament closest to SJTW in Brooklyn Park the weekend of Nov 10-12, but there are also other opportunities across the state that.

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0101&console_type=event_list&res_code=DsRYRv&ht=1

Please consider volunteering some of your time to this event which shows our commitment to supporting the dignity of life in all its natural phases.

The collection drive for our Coats for Kids program started in October and runs until mid-November. We would like to have at least 1 Knight spend 30 minutes after each mass taking donations for this cause.

Please considering signing-up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEAF29A5F8C16-44576914-coats>



We had a great volunteer turn-out for the end of summer outdoor mass and picnic and we received feedback that it was the smoothest picnic the attendees could remember. Thank You for taking the time to sign-up and help out. It was a great help to know we had all the slots manned and the officers hope you enjoyed participating in the service to our parish. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Your Newsletter

Please forward articles, pictures, and suggestions for changes to the newsletter to Dan. This is your newsletter and you can include whatever you wish.

We are always looking for a new editor as Dan is moving out of the area. He can remain in contact with you for as long as you need if you would like to take over publishing.

CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"Service Season" has begun and this is the first of several volunteer opportunities that I encourage you to consider.





Ladies Auxiliary

MAY	May 10 Flowers and pizza! Knight's Room May 11-12 Mother's Day corsages and flowers May 13 LKC Meeting May 18-19 LKC After Mass Social Hour
JUNE	Rest!
JULY	Jam!

LKC Meetings 2nd Monday of the month unless noted –

Youth Room

After Mass hospitality 3rd Sunday of the month (Sunday after monthly meeting)

Baptism books distributed to parents at time of Baptism

Ongoing – 1st Anniversary cards and Masses

NOVEMBER	Nov 3 Set up Country Store November 4-5 Country Store November 12 Knights Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Nov 13 LKC Meeting Youth Room Nov 18-19 LKC After Mass Social Hour Parish blanket collection
DECEMBER	December 2-3 Christmas Bake Sale December 14 Knights Christmas potluck and gift exchange Dec 16-17 LKC After Mass Social Hour Wrap up parish blanket collection
JANUARY	January 8 LKC Meeting and baby blanket making Youth Room Jan 13-14 LKC After Mass Social Hour
FEBRUARY	Feb 4 Knights Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Feb 13 Mardi Gras Dinner with Fr Mike and Deacons Feb 17-18 LKC After Mass Social Hour Feb 23 Friday night Lenten fish fry
MARCH	March 11 LKC Meeting Youth Room March 15 Friday night Lenten fish fry March 16-17 LKC After Mass Social Hour March 16-24 Annual Used Book Sale for CROSS March 24 Palm Sunday distribution of Easter eggs March 24 Palm Sunday Knights pancake breakfast
APRIL	April 8 LKC Meeting Youth Room April 13-14 LKC After Mass Social Hour April 27 Knights Steak dinner Date pending KC Ladies State Convention Glow-in-dark rosaries for First Communicants Lanyards for Confirmands



Nancy Berg and Sandy Gervais delivering baby shower gifts.



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join the Lady Knights. “You don’t have to be married to a Knight, retired, or know how to bake! As Father Mike would say, ‘Who doesn’t need more prayers and hugs!’”

To learn more about CPL or the Lady Knights, visit the SJTW website at <https://www.sjtw.net/commitment-to-parish-life>; <https://sjtw.net/kc-ladies-auxiliary>.



FLEECE BLANKET LOVE OCT 15 - DEC 31

The Need for warm blankets is always URGENT!



Fleece Blanket Love!

Oct 15- Dec 31

Once again the Ladies will be collecting blankets for homeless shelters. Have you put an extra blanket on your bed already? Blankets are needed now! Great family project to make a fleece blanket and donate it! Blankets can be placed in the Pack n’ Play or ordered online. Amazon Prime days are coming up!

Blanket Drive Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZY8RP6J60BTS?ref_=wl_share

“A life not lived for others is not a life.” –

Mother Teresa

Living as the hands and feet of Christ in today's world means embracing a Commitment to Parish Life. Parishioner Nancy Senst joined the Lady Knights in 2017 while looking for volunteer opportunities. She’s now finishing her second year as President of the 50-person group, the second largest in Minnesota. Through fundraising, volunteering, and events held throughout the year, the Lady Knights work to help the homeless, unborn, and local communities.

Nancy decided to run as President during COVID when the Lady Knights were recruiting for board members. “I was thinking about it but reluctant to say yes. As I pulled up for ‘parking lot Mass’, I noticed I was next to the current VP. I rolled down my window and said, ‘Ok God, I’m in!’”

Nancy’s work with the Lady Knights strengthens her relationship with God. She states, “there is a definite hands-on effort to help those in need. This is verified by the gratefulness of those groups receiving blankets and financial donations.” The group also celebrates first wedding anniversaries and the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. “Working on these projects brings a special focus on God’s love. I would be remiss if I didn’t mention that the most important thing we do is pray and support one another.”

Nancy encourages other women in the SJTW parish to



Country Store and Craft Sale

Nov 4 and 5

Better put this one on your calendar. Fr Mike's jellies and jams will surely sell out again! If you are interested in donating items for the sale, please contact Nancy Berg at stampinnanc@gmail.com



Lady Knights of Columbus Holiday Bake Sale

Dec 2 and 3

Let's face it, these cookies and treats are too good to wait until Christmas to eat! If you are interested in donating baked goods or novelties for the sale, please contact Susan Mack at susannmack@icloud.com

Thank you for supporting the Lady Knights. If you are interested in joining, please contact Nancy Senst at nlsenst@gmail.com