MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Focus on Health of Members

Coronavirus Announcement
Our thoughts and prayers are with the people who have been affected by the Coronavirus and ask that you keep them in your prayers. Our immediate focus is on the health of our KJT members, their families, and others and how we can assist with limiting the potential spread of the virus. As a result, the KJT Home Office is suspending all state, district, and local KJT events until further notice.

As the information on the virus is still being disseminated, we will continue to monitor what health officials are suggesting regarding the virus. An announcement will be made at which time we feel it is once again safe to engage in social activities.

2019 Financials
I am pleased to report that the KJT’s financials improved once again. Assets now sit at just over $90.7 million and increased by 5.7% over 2018. KJT’s net income was $347,651 for the year which helped contribute to an increase in surplus which now sits at $5,535,229. This is a 5.4% increase over 2018. KJT’s assets to liabilities ratio now sits at 106.5% which means that KJT has $106.50 in assets for every $100 of liabilities. A copy of the balance sheet and income statement for 2019 can be found on page 7 of this issue.

Have You Updated Your Child’s Policy?
Are your grown children getting their mail from KJT? When we look at society membership rosters, we often see grown children still listed under the parent’s address. It is our hope that updating these records and having their mail sent directly to them, they will be aware of their KJT membership and can take advantage of the products and programs that KJT has to offer. Please contact your local KJT representative or the KJT Home Office for help in getting these records updated.

Easter Season
As we continue on our Lenten journey preparing for Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday I would like to thank all of you for your membership in KJT. Recruitment of new members is vital to any member organization and I encourage you to continue to look for opportunities to ask someone to join KJT. If you have friends or family members that might benefit from any of our programs we ask that you invite them to join us. I pray for a Blessed Easter Season to all!

Administrative Assistant Position
Description: Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Posting end date: Until filled
Hours/Week: 20-25 hours per week
See full description on Pg. 3

CHRISTOPHER L. URBAN
KJT State President

“To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.” (Ps 116:13)
March 19 is the feast day of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although St. Joseph is somewhat of a ubiquitous person in sacred scripture, he is the Patron of the Universal Church. We see in St. Joseph the importance of the role of husband and father. St. Joseph is necessary right now as a model of fatherhood as we face its near extinction. In a piece called The Crisis of Fatherhood, Ray Williams describes how “America is rapidly becoming a fatherless society, or perhaps more accurately, an absentee father society” and gives startling statistics on the effects of the absence of fathers. Fathers have to be spiritual and moral leaders, as it has been widely noted that fathers are the number one influence on the religious practice of their children. St. Joseph’s courageous care for his wife and foster child, through poverty, danger, and hardship, is a model for us as we seek to restore fatherhood to its foundational role in society and the Church.

The great saint and Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila, taught us the great power of St. Joseph’s intercession:

To other saints, Our Lord seems to have given power to succor us in some special necessity, but to this glorious saint (I know by my experience), he has given the power to help us in all things. Our Lord would have us understand that, as he was subject to Joseph on earth—St. Joseph, bearing the title of his father and being his guardian, could command him—so now Our Lord in heaven grants all his petitions.

The bonds that tied Jesus to his foster father on earth remain in Heaven. I am confident that Jesus wants to help all of the members of His Body, the Church, but especially fathers, through the intercession of St. Joseph and that He would be pleased by our prayers for the restoration of family life through his intercession. I am grateful that God has shown us the power of accepting Joseph as a saintly father and I say to you in response: “Go to Joseph!”

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director

“…the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that his child has been conceived in her.’” (Matthew 1:Luke 1:20)

REVEREND
ROBERT E. (BOB)
KNIPPENBERG
KJT State
Spiritual Director

North Texas KJT Charity Golf Scramble

April 18, 2020 $80 a person/$320 a team

Net proceeds will be donated to KIDS Unlimited Foundation

Old Brickyard Golf Course
605 North Interstated 45 Ferris, Texas 75125

Platinum Sponsor
$850
* 2- four man teams
* Social Media recognition
* Advertising at registration & awards presentation
* Two hole sponsorships
* Opportunity to add business information in player goodie bag. (Cards, koozies, hats, etc.)

Gold Sponsor
$450
* 1- four man teams
* Social Media recognition
* Advertising at registration & awards presentation
* One hole sponsorship
* Opportunity to add business information in player goodie bag. (Cards, koozies, hats, etc.)

Silver
$200
* Advertising at registration & awards presentation
* One hole sponsorship

Hole Sponsorship
$150
* Or four for $500 with a company sign(s) at a hole

To RSVP Contact: KJT Home Office @800-245-8182
or online @ kjtnet.org

Longest Putt Contest - Longest Drive Contest - Closest to the Pin Contest - & More

POSTPONED
MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITY MANAGER

Springtime in Texas

As I drove Highway 71 to La Grange on Tuesday March 3, I admired how beautiful the bluebonnets and paintbrushes were blooming. It was a pleasant trip to the KJT Board Meeting. I always enjoy the celebration of Mass with Fr Bob which sets the tone for a productive meeting.

Stepping back in time to February 14, KJT President Chris Urban and I attended Mass at Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Dubina. The newly organized Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas was blessed and Officers and Directors were installed. I now sit on the board of CCFT as Director representing the KJT. Bishop Cahill was the Celebrant. It is always an honor and pleasure to visit with Bishop Cahill. More details can be found in this issue of the KJT News. After the reception, President Urban presented Bishop Cahill with a check for the Victoria Diocese Priest and Religious Retirement Fund.

As spring comes around I will be looking forward to the start of all the festivals and church bazaars. During this Easter Season we thank GOD for all the blessings we receive each and every minute of our life.

A always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as State Director and Fraternal Activity Manager.

Michael Reznicek
Fraternal Activity Manager
Phone: (409) 771-8101
Email: mareznicek5@gmail.com

Czech Language Course for High School Students

As President of the Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas (CESAT), I wanted to inform you of the new Czech language courses that are offered through Blinn College. so that high school students may take the courses for dual credit. A second year of Czech language courses is in development, so that students may take two years of Czech language in high school.

Because of the rich Czech heritage in Texas, learning the Czech language is particularly appealing to students. It provides an opportunity for students of Czech descent to maintain their heritage and culture that is interwoven in the settlement and growth of many communities in Texas. It may also provide an additional language for students who are interested in majoring in international business or European studies.

The instructor of the course uses distance learning technology so that your students can take the course live online on their high school campus using a computer equipped with a microphone and headset. In the Fall 2020 semester, the course will be offered live online Monday thru Thursday from 7:45 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. Or students may attend the course face-to-face on the Schulenburg Campus. To defray the cost of the course, CESAT and other Texas Czech organizations have provided funds so that scholarships are available for students enrolling in the Czech language courses.

Shannon Williford who serves as the Director for Dual Credit Programs at Blinn College can assist you in getting your students registered for the course. Her contact information is Shannon.Williford@blinn.edu or 979-209-8218.

Please let me (Polasek29@gmail.com) know if you have any questions about the Czech language program offered at Blinn College. CESAT hopes that you will encourage your students to take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity!

By Thadious Polasek, CESAT President
By Janet Jones, Editor
The Catholic Lighthouse

DUBINA – Culture is not about the past, it is about the future, the Most Rev. Brendan Cahill said during Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church -- the first church in Texas named for the saints -- on Feb. 14.

The Mass was on the saints’ feast day in thanking for the Czech Catholic culture brought to Texas from the Moravia and Bohemia areas in the mid-1800s. But the Mass was just the beginning of the newly formed Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT), as the bishop inaugurated its founding officers and directors.

There already are several Czech fraternal organizations in Texas, such as KJZT, KJT and the SP-JST. But this organization is uniquely focused on the faith. Its stated mission is, “To document, study, preserve, celebrate and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands; and to strengthen ties with Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by Sts. Cyril and Methodius.”

Bishop Cahill wore a liturgical vestment with the likeness of the two saints, brothers who evangelized the area that is now the Czech Republic.

“They understood culture,” Bishop Cahill said of the saints. They are credited with creating a liturgical language for the people they evangelized and helped form several Czech dialects. “Culture develops to help us cultivate what God has given us,” Cahill said. And celebrating culture keeps our lives meaningful, he added.

The Rev. Stephen Nesrsta, pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill and one of the founding officers of CCFT brought with him three priests from the Czech Republic to help celebrate the Mass. Those priests, the Rev. Ales Pusatovic, the Rev. Pavel Marek and the Rev. Vaclav Tomicek, came to know Father Nesrsta through a program bringing transitional deacons from the Czech Republic to Texas to learn, among other things, how the culture was transplanted here well over a century ago. After Mass the visiting priests sang the Czech hymn “Svaty Vaclave” for the congregation.

The newly organized CCFT set a goal to support the continuation of Nesrsta’s program.

Marvin Marek, founder and president of CCFT, said he has a very emotional attachment to his “Czech-ness,” nurtured by his immigrant grandfather and other family members who loved the Church. He grew up in Shiner and said about 75 percent of his parish family were Czech.

“It had a great impact on my life,” he said. “The ethnic mosaic that has formed the Church — that’s what makes the Church so beautiful. When we have a love for our own ethnicity, we can better respect other ethnicities. That’s my motivation for doing this.”

Mary Jo Rebecek, whose maiden name is Cernoch, grew up in the area said she spoke mostly Czech up to about second grade. It was her great-great-grandparents who immigrated from the Czech Republic area and settled in Texas. She attended the recent Mass and the reception to learn more about the organization and said she has tried her whole life to continue Czech traditions “for the kids,” exposing them to Czech music and language as much as possible.

Like Rebecek, there were many others who wanted to be a part of the celebration. Marek said he did not expect a large crowd when planning this 2 p.m. celebration, but the church was full, and so was the reception hall afterward, demonstrating the love the Czech Catholics in Texas have for their faith and culture.

The board members extended their gratitude to many people who made the event special including Bishop Cahill, the Rev. Wayne Flagg, pastor of the Dubina church and all the clergy who participated. They also expressed gratitude for the Czech hymns sung by choirs of parishes in Dubina, Cistern, Fayetteville, Hostyn, La Grange, Praha and Shiner organized by Dorothy Blackman. Organist Margie Janecka accompanied them.

They also thanked Ed Janecka, longtime Fayette County Judge, who coordinated the event, the KJZT and KJT societies and the parishioners of Sts. Cyril and Methodius who hosted.

The Rev. Paul Chovanec, pastor of St. Justin Martyr in Houston and one of the people who helped form the CCFT, organized the liturgy for the Mass. He and Father Nesrsta are chaplains of the organization’s new board.

For more information about the organization, visit www.czechcatholicfoundation.org.
Goals of the Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas

These are listed in order of priority, but subject to changing circumstances and further review and approval by the CCFT board of directors.

1. Promote the celebration of the liturgical feasts of the Czech Saints honored in the Roman Missal, especially in parishes founded by Czech immigrants;

2. Promote the celebration of the religious customs practiced by Czech immigrants to Texas and their early descendants;

3. Promote the designation, by the bishops of Texas, of a place of pilgrimage in Texas which honors Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the “Apostles to the Slavs”;

4. Provide grants to Texas Catholic youth leaders to visit their counterparts in the Czech Republic and in Texas;

5. Provide grants, if needed, to continue the annual visits of the newly ordained transitional Czech deacons to Texas in the program established by the Rev. Stephen Nesrsta;

6. Provide grants for the translation of Czech religious writings into English and publishing them;

7. Provide scholarships for Texas college students who commit to studying Czech Catholicism’s sacred music, liturgy, history and literature and their use by the Czech immigrants and their descendants, and to sharing their knowledge with Texas Czech Catholics.

Bishop Brendan Cahill wearing a liturgical vestment with the likeness of Sts. Cyril And Methodius.

Pictured are the Bishop and board members, officers and supporters of the newly-formed Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas: (front, from left to right) Rev. Paul Chovanec, chaplain and director; Rev. Stephen Nesrsta, chaplain and director; Rev. Elias Rafej, director; Bishop Brendan Cahill; Marvin Marek Sr., president and chairman; Clarice Marik Snokhous, director; Steve Vrana, vice president and director; (back) Carol Filer, secretary and director; Joseph L. Peters, treasurer and director; Judith Marek, director; Edwin Marik, director; Deborah Kaspar, representing KJZT Family Life; Michael Reznicek, representing Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT; and Clay Zapalac, director.
FEBRUARY 2020 TOP PRODUCERS

**Brenda Fietsam**  
Society #3, Hostyn  
First Place February  
Top Producer

**Ellen Zdansky**  
Society #72,  
_Corpus Christi_  
Second Place February  
Top Producer

**Tanner Schlottman**  
Society #35, Ennis  
Third Place February  
Top Producer

**Mildred Machacek**  
Society #20, Shiner  
Fourth Place February  
Top Producer

**Joe Landsfeld**  
Society #35, Ennis  
Fifth Place February  
Top Producer

New Application Producer - 2 months  
New Members Application - 2 months

**Margaret Holik**  
Society #48, Hillje  
Sixth Place February  
Top Producer

**Clem Korenek**  
Society #34, Nada  
Seventh Place February  
Top Producer

New Application Producer - 182 months  
New Members Application - 179 months

Reminder:

Please remember to update your records at the KJT Home Office periodically. With the turn of the century, home phone lines are becoming extinct, and most of us use our cell phones as our main lines. It’s important that we have up-to-date communication information here on record. We are proud to personally deliver membership notices, and make it part of our success that we recognize those who have been a part of our organization for so long.

**UPDATED ADDRESSES**  
**UPDATED PHONE NUMBERS**  
**EMAIL ADDRESS**

You are welcome to contact us here at the home office

Catholic Union of Texas  
P.O. Box 297  
214 E. Colorado St.  
La Grange, Texas 78945  
979-968-5877  
800-245-8182  
info@kjtnet.org
Statement of Financial Condition

Income  For Quarters Ended December 31

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Net Gain (Loss) from Operations Before Refunds

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Refunds to Members

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Net Gain (Loss) from Operations After Refunds

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Net Income

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Net Change in Surplus

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Surplus as of Statement Date

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Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus

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IN MEMORIAM OF...

NOTICES OF FEBRUARY 2020

Society #107, Abbot,
Vaclav M. Sinkule, 78
Passed Away 12/31/19

Society #35, Ennis,
Vaclav J. Valek, 85
Passed Away 11/26/2019

Society #35, Ennis,
David J. Mach, 72
Passed Away 1/6/2020

Society #72, Corpus Christi,
Thomas R. Ermis, 76
Passed Away 10/29/2019

Society #35, Ennis,
Scholastica V. Prihoda, 81
Passed Away 10/19/2019

Society #16, Wallis,
Allen Dusek, 74
Passed Away 1/3/2020

Society #101, Danbury,
Scholastica V. Prihoda, 81
Passed Away 10/19/2019

Society #101, Danbury,
Johnnie B. Prihoda, 71
Passed Away 1/23/2020

Society #101, Danbury,
Thomas A. Korenek, 70
Passed Away 11/25/2019

Society #55, Corn Hill,
Richard F. Danek, 60
Passed Away 11/20/2019

Society #20, Shiner,
Charlie J. Kostak, Jr., 90
Passed Away 12/24/2019

Society #20, Shiner,
Robert J. Kucera, 80
Passed Away 9/15/2019

Society #23, Plum,
Johnnie B. Prihoda, 71
Passed Away 1/23/2020

Society #55, Corn Hill,
Richard F. Danek, 60
Passed Away 11/20/2019

Society #27, Taylor,
Robert M. Mokry, 55
Passed Away 1/10/2020

The members of the Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT, wish to express their sincere, and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the dearly departed who are listed above.
May their souls rest in peace.

KJT Memorial Foundation

All those enrolled are remembered in daily prayers and monthly Holy Masses.
Express your love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and times of illness as well as condolences to a loved one’s family by enrolling them today!

Online Applications
For Enrollment
In The KJT Memorial Foundation
Are Now Available at www.kjtnet.org

For donations of less than $25 an enrollment card is sent to the designated individual and for donations of $25 or more, they will receive a hard-bound book with a beautiful holy picture.

25-Year Membership
February 2020

Society #2, Cistern
Bruce Vecera

Society #3, Hostyn
Kolby J. Kolek

Society #4, Ammansville
Sara L. Wick

Society #9, Fayetteville
Mendee S. Sodolak

Society #20, Shiner
Laura Strubhart

Society #28, Granger
Alan J. Shirocky

Society #31, West
Thomas E. Kutscherousky

Society #38, Moulton
Amy C. Picha

Society #40, East Bernard
Donald S. Vacek

Society #43, Wied
Christopher W. Chovanetz

Society #46, La Grange
Linda F. Templin

Society #72, Corpus Christi
Alexa K. Knesek

Society #102, San Antonio
Andrea J. Bents

Society #108, Brenham
Theresa E. Jozwiak

Society #111, Dallas
Connor J. Farrell

Society #128, Killeen
Jacqueline Perez Underwood

Society #129, Schulenburg
Ty S. Ahrens

Society #130, Elgin
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Jacqueline Perez Underwood

Society #129, Schulenburg
Ty S. Ahrens

Society #130, Elgin
Matthew M. Currey

50-Year Membership
February 2020

Society #2, Cistern
Bruce Vecera

Society #4, Ammansville
Christopher E. Stavinoha

Society #13, Yoakum
Kenneth J. Zabransky

Society #14, Bryan
James R. Yendrey, Jr.

Society #16, Wallis
Craig A. Macha

Society #20, Shiner
Philip R. Pilat

Society #27, Corpus Christi
Blaise S. Dornak

Society #55, Corn Hill
Michael R. Sehon

Society #87, Jourdanton
Phillip G. Netardus

Society #102, San Antonio
Artie J. Kocien

Society #111, Dallas
George E. Kocien

Society #121, Katy-Spring
Branch
Dave J. Kapavik
KJT IN ACTION

East Bernard Hosts Memorial Service for KJT & KJZT Members

KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40, East Bernard and KJZT St. Anne Society #30, East Bernard held their 16th Annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, with Rev. John Christian Essel (visiting priest) presiding.

Before the service, Ann Kramr and Helen Mica led the rosary, while other members served as greeters, altar servers, lectors, gift bearers and Eucharist ministers. Mark Dujka provided the music. A special altar held candles representing each deceased member for the past five years and two larger candles representing all deceased members from the two societies.

Society President Edwin C. Mavik and KJZT Society Secretary Julia Kubicek read the names of each deceased member at which time a family member or the candle lighter assistant lit a candle in honor of the deceased members.

The following were the KJZT member that were honored:


Following the service, a social was held at the Riverside Hall. A meal of hamburger steak with trimmings, along with homemade desserts were served.

Special guest was KJT State Director Margaret Holik and KJT State Director and Activity Manager Michael Reznicek.

Door prizes were given to complete the evening.

KJT #40 Presents Donation

KJT #40 East Bernard officers presented a check to KJT State Director Margaret Holik for the Religious Retirement Fund, Seminarian Education Fund and Kids Unlimited. At the presentation were KJT Society #40 Assistant Treasurer Kim Tielke, Rev. John Christian Essel (Visiting Priest), KJT State Director Margaret Holik, Society President Edwin C. Marik, KJT State Director Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek, and Mark Dujka.

Blood Drive

Connie Dickinson coordinated the February blood drive held on the same day as the Valentine Day breakfast. Thirty-four units of blood were donated to the “We Are Blood” program in Central Texas by St. Elizabeth Parishioners. There is presently a critical shortage of blood in Central Texas. Everyone who donated blood was treated to a free pancake breakfast. The picture shows Connie entering the “We Are Blood” mobile unit.
Check Presented to Victoria Diocese Priest and Religious Retirement Fund

KJT State President Chris Urban (left) and KJT State Director Michael Reznicek (right) present Bishop Cahill a check for the Victoria Diocese Priest and Religious Retirement Fund.

KJT Society #28 Sponsors Benefit

Sts. Cyril and Methodius KJT Society #28 of Granger sponsored a benefit for the Church of the Visitation of Westphalia for their church rebuilding fund. A check in the amount of $5,330.00 was presented which included a matching grant from the KJT home office to Father Darrell Kostiha, Deacon Charles Wright and members of the pastoral council and rebuilding committee by Tim Pavelka, John Pavelka and Todd Pekar from the Granger society.

Society #87 Donates to St. Matthew’s

Fr. Kazimierz Oleksy, Pastor of St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in Jourdanton, accepts a donation from the local KJT Society, St. Jerome Society #87, in the amount of $100.00 for the use of the CCD Classroom Facilities and the Parish Hall for KJT events held throughout the year. The donation will help defray cost of electricity usage during times of meetings and events. Fr. Oleksy was very appreciative to receive the donation and thanked the society for all it does.

Granger Youth Help With Fundraiser

Granger youth from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic church helped prepare and serve the polka mass meal sponsored by Granger KJT society #28. The proceeds were donated with a matching grant from the KJT home office to the Church of the Visitation church rebuilding fund in Westphalia.
KJT IN ACTION

KJT Society #72 Enjoys Easter Egg Hunt

The youth of Society #72 enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt and a Bunny Trail.

KJT Society #112 Participates in CROP WALK

Austin KJT Society #112 participated in the annual CROP WALK on Sunday, March 1 at Camp Mabry. The Walk brings together neighbors of different ages, faiths and backgrounds walking together to raise awareness and money for hunger, disaster relief, medical care and development projects around the world and Austin. Society #112 was also one of the sponsors.

The twelve participants pictured are front row - Glenn, Ted and Sarah Vitek, Sophie and Matthew Hyzak, middle row - Eileen Rosipal, Darlene Vitek, Katie and Anne Hyzak, back row - Kenneth Klanika, Michelle and Michael Hyzak.

Thanks to all the walkers and anyone else that wasn’t able to walk but helped support the cause in some other way.

Reminder:
Deadline to submit articles is the 10th of each month. Articles can be emailed to media@kjtnet.org or by mailing them to the home office at KJT PO Box 297 La Grange, Texas 78945

Polak Receives 75-Year Pin

KJT Society #40 East Bernard member Dennis Polak was presented with a 75-year pin by KJT State Director Margaret Holik. Pictured from left to right are: Society #40 President Edwin C. Marik, Dennis Polak, Brenda Polak, KJT State Director Margaret Holik and KJT State Director and Fraternal Activity Manager Michael Reznicek.

Smaistrla Receives 75-Year Pin

KJT State Director Margaret Holik presented Jodie Smaistrla with a 75-year membership pin. The presentation was made at the February meeting. Jodie is a member of KJT Society #40 East Bernard. Congratulations Jodie. Pictured from left to right are: Jerry Smaistrla, Jodie Smaistrla and Margaret Holik.
Bouquets of beautiful red roses, chocolate candy kisses and delicious red velvet pancakes were part of the Valentine Day celebration at St. Elizabeth of Hungary on February 9, 2020. This breakfast was very well attended and enjoyed by many St. Elizabeth parishioners. Many door prizes were given to those attending the celebration. The picture above shows from left to right: Sydney Kaiser with the huge box of Millionaires, Shirley Pokorney with the microphone, Jimena Mota, Liz Thweatt, Laila Mota, and Elise Arzola with the flower arrangement. Jimena and Laila were the runners, delivering prizes to the winners. They are the granddaughters of Juan and Alice Bosquez.
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**ANGEL LUSH WITH PINEAPPLE**

Phyllis Chavarria

La Grange, #46

1 pkg. (4 serving size) Jello-O vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
1 c. fresh mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries or cherries)
1 prepared round angel food cake
20 oz can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained
1 c. thawed Cool Whip Whipped Topping


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**OVEN BARBECUED BRISKET**

Diane Hellinger Ashour

Smithville, #63

5-7 lb. boneless brisket, trimmed
3-4 oz liquid smoke, any flavor
Sprinkle of celery salt
Dash of pepper
Sprinkle of onion salt
Sprinkle of garlic powder
6 oz (more or less) barbeque sauce, any flavor

The night before you want to bake it, place brisket in aluminum foil or close-fitting pan. A 9 x 13” glass dish also works. Sprinkle brisket with celery salt, onion salt and garlic powder. Pour on liquid smoke. Cover. Marinate in refrigerator overnight. Next day, sprinkle with pepper. Cover. Bake at 275° for 5 hours. Pour barbeque sauce over brisket. (If you forget, it will still turn out ok) Roast for an additional hour, basting frequently with juices from pan. (If you forget to baste, it will still turn out ok) Cool at least one hour before slicing. Slice with sharp knife across grain of meat. After slicing, brisket can be kept warm in pan liquid. Serve hot. I also like to make this ahead of time for a party. After I slice it, I put the slices in one pan, usually the one I want to reheat it in. Then I pour all the (somewhat cooled) juice into a container. I put the brisket and juice in the refrigerator. The next day, the fat will be at the top of the container. I skim off the fat and throw it away, then put a good bit of the jelly-like juice around the meat. I can reheat the brisket at that point or freeze it. Reheat at about 250-300° for an hour or so from refrigerator and about 3 hours from frozen. When the brisket is allowed to “rest” a day the flavors meld and it is really good!
MEETING MINUTES

KJT Society #72, Corpus Christi

The meeting of Corpus Christi Society #72 was held on March 1, 2020 at approximately 2pm at Moravian Hall. Kinsley Johnson, junior member, passed around the sign-in sheet to all members.

Ellen Zdansky opened the meeting with a prayer, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Charles Zdansky. Cythia and Vince Nemec were welcomed as members in attendance. The Vice President Benedick Kallus led the opening.

Secretary Joyce Muras read the minutes from the December meeting. Kara Johnson, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s report.

New Business

Ellen Zdansky reviewed the information from the SDOR meeting the officers attended. The KJT has increased the money given to the societies for achieving Level One Status, decreased the number of meetings needed from 6 to 4, and increased the Catholic School Grant.

Members agreed to only send reminder cards to those who attend the meetings to save on postage. Beverly Holman sends reminders via text, email and Facebook.

Ellen Zdansky reminded members to update their beneficiaries, current contact information and social security numbers on all policies. The scholarship deadline is March 1st for all seniors and the application is available beginning in November. She presented the Religious Education Grant to Kiki Garcia from Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church.

Cynthia Nemec spoke about the agent portal, discounts and perks available and the State Family Day to be held July 19th. She encouraged members to keep spreading the word about the KJT and recognized Ellen for her hard work in gaining new members.

Door prizes were given away to all members’ present and 1 drink from the bar.

LA Zdansky motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Rosalie Bohuslav.

Ellen Zdansky adjourned the meeting and closed with a prayer.

KJT Society #3, Hostyn

The Hostyn KJT Society #3, Sts. Cyril, Methodius and George met on Sunday, February 23, for their first quarterly meeting. Members met in the church Narthex after the 8 a.m. Mass. Newly-elected President, Edward Kozel, opened the meeting. Vice President Benedict Kallus led the opening prayer. There were 14 members in attendance. The pledge of allegiance to the US flag was recited. Roll call of officers was done, and all were present for the meeting. No guests were in attendance.

Secretary Joyce Muras of Midland. Henry is a 4th generation member of the Hostyn KJT along with his father and grandparents, Denis & Joyce Muras of Hostyn.

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 Welcomes Two New Members of the Muras Family

The Hostyn KJT Society #3 would like to welcome Henry James Muras as a new member. Henry will be celebrating his 4th birthday on March 26. His parents are Andrew & Katie Muras of Midland. Henry is a 4th generation member of the Hostyn KJT along with his father and grandparents, Denis & Joyce Muras of Hostyn.

The Muras family tradition carries on!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday
April 19, 2020
8:00 AM
KJT #31, West
Corporate Communion @8:00 a.m. Mass
@ St. Mary’s; (Note date change – 3rd Sunday)
Meeting afterward with
Coffee and Kolaches

Walk, Children’s Games,
Silent Auction & More!

Tuesday
April 21, 2020,
6:30 PM
KJT #63, Smithville
Meeting - Fried Chicken
Meal

Thursday
April 23, 2020
6:30 PM
KJT #133
Missouri City Meeting
April Business Meeting/Meal Thursday, April 23
2020, Restaurant, 6:30 PM (Place to be decided
later) Missouri City, TX 77489

Friday
May 1, 2020
KJT #133
Missouri City Scholarship Deadline
Deadline is May 1st for
Society #133 members
to turn in scholarship
forms. Contact Harvey
Koudelka @ 281-499-4045 or any officer.

Sunday
May 3, 2020
Hostyn Parish Festival
BBQ Pork Meal, Cake

KJT #139, Bay City
Meeting
Social at 6:00 p.m. fol-
lowed by a meal and
meeting. At Bay City
Columbus Hall Meeting
Room

Thursday
May 28, 2020
1:30 PM
KJT #133
Missouri City Meeting
May Business Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2020,
Room 2 @ 1:30 PM Holy
Family Catholic Church,
1510 Fifth Street, Mis-
souri City, TX 77489

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trol the Coronavirus,
Covid-19 by minimizing
social gatherings,
please verify all meet-
ings and events with
your local society for
cancellations

Catholic School Tuition Grant Program Rules

1. The student must be a life insurance member of the Catholic Union of Texas, the KJT.
2. The student must enter a Catholic elementary school or be part of a Catholic accredited homeschool
curriculum, grades Kindergarten through 11 in Fall 2020.
3. Winners will be determined by a random selection process and notified by mail.
4. All awards will be paid directly to the Catholic school the student attends. Verification of attendance will be
required.
5. Please submit the following entry form or register online at www.kjtnet.org before May 31, 2020
6. For additional information, contact the KJT Home Office at (800) 245-8182.
7. Mail this completed form to: Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT CST
P.O. Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945

Please Print
Student’s Name_________________________Certificate No.___Society No. ______
Address____________________________City____________State______Zip
Parent/Guardian_________________________Telephone No.
School Name______________________________

Make Check Payable To:_____________________________________(school or business office)
Send Check To: Address____________________________Grade-Fall 2020
City____________________________State____________________Zip___________

Submitting an entry to the Home Office does not guarantee that you will automatically receive a tuition
grant from Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT.

Parent or Guardian Signature ____________________________

Incomplete entries will be automatically disqualified.
Missing Members

Please help us find members that no longer have a correct address on file with the KJT. If you have information concerning any of the names listed below, please call the KJT Home Office at 800.245.8182.

Society #31, West
Charleyna Kutscherousky
Suzzanna Kutscherousky
Michael A. Perry

Society #34, Nada
Donald D. Naiser

Society #35, Ennis
Anthony R. Kadlubar
Jimmy J. Kozlovsky
Paul E. Prachyl
Gregory L. Toupal
Kelly M. Vavra
Christopher B. Zhanel

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