



NEWSLETTER

James A. Hansen Council #13122

St. John's Parish –Darwin, MN

March 2018

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March Birthdays

Mark Herman	5	Matthew Kelly	15
Jack Haverkamp	9	Brian Mandel	22
Larry Ostlund	12	Donald Smieja	22

March Calendar

March 4th- Pancake Breakfast after the 10 AM Mass

March 6th- Regular meeting

March 11th- Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 29th- Holy Thursday

March 30th- Good Friday

March 31st- Easter Vigil

March 19th- Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 20th-First Day of Spring

March 27th, Officer's Meeting (Tentative)

Chaplains Comments

Brother Knights

Please refer to the Lenten newsletter for more events and opportunities to grow in your faith. In light of many things happening in the world these days, we really need to search our souls to see how we are doing in our love of God with all our heart, all our mind, all our strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Lent is most productive when we grow close to Jesus each and every day. When we grow closer to Him, we make a place for Him in our lives and hearts. When He is in our lives, everything we are about, and everything we say and do is based on Jesus who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. We pray that we will totally commit ourselves to walk with Him.

We will celebrate the Sacred Triduum March 29, Holy Thursday, March 30, Good Friday, and March 31 the Easter Vigil. These three days are a great celebration of Jesus giving Himself for us. We begin this great time of prayer with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We celebrate the servanthood of Jesus and the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we celebrate His passion and death for all. Then we celebrate the Light of Christ, our Baptism, and the newness of life in the resurrection. These three celebrations make one great prayer. I hope you make time and take time to celebrate our faith in this glorious celebration. Make time for all three celebrations. The schedule is in our Lenten newsletter.

Please take time to find out what is happening in our parishes. We have an Area Faith Community website with links to all the parishes and the many ministries in our parishes. Please click on www.shepherdofsouls.org to see more.

A blessed Lent to all!
Peace
Fr. Brian

Brother knights,

We have started our food for families and it seems to be starting well. I hope it will continue please remind fellow parishioners that this going on all thru Lent. We also have a breakfast this Sunday and a meeting on Tuesday. I hope we will have a good turnout for both.
G.K.
Eric Menke

OUR PRINCIPLES

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that - together - we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together. We support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that - as a Knight of Columbus - you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity - Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died - often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75 million service hours in 2016, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

A Spiritual Springtime
2/1/2018

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can renew our lives in Christ

THE MERE MENTION of Lent can sometimes seem dismal, like a long, dreary day. Lent consists, in fact, of 40 days and 40 nights of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Who can endure it?

Yet the word "Lent" does not pertain to darkness or despair. Quite the opposite. The original meaning of the word actually has to do with springtime. When Lent begins, it's winter. But by the time Lent concludes, the days are growing longer and the forsythias are in bloom. Even if there is an unseasonal snow shower, we take heart knowing that winter is having its last gasp.

Lent, then, represents a new springtime in our spiritual lives. It's a time when the darkness of sin gives way to a new light of grace.

SEASON OF RENEWAL

Three analogies might help us see Lent in terms of a spiritual springtime.

First, just as we do spring cleaning, washing away the dirt and grime that accumulates during the winter months, so too Lent is a time for cleansing our souls and our hearts, making them a beautiful dwelling place for the Lord.

Or to use another comparison, spring is the season when farmers clear the land of debris and till the soil, thus giving the seeds they plant every chance to germinate. So, too, in Lent we are to clear the soil of our hearts from the debris of sin and the deadwood of hatred; by spiritual discipline, we till and enrich the soil of our souls so that the seed of God's Word, planted in us at baptism, will germinate and grow.

Finally, in winter, we sometimes feel poorly due to indoor pollutants that contaminate the air we breathe. When the weather grows warmer, we open windows to let in fresh air. Just the thought of getting out of the house and taking a walk makes us feel better. But isn't it true that we sometimes "insulate" our hearts? When we become self-centered, we close the windows of our soul to God's love and the needs of others. Then the spiritual air we breathe becomes stuffy, even polluted, with self-pity, impurity, anger, grudges and thoughts of revenge. Lent is a time to open the windows of our souls, to allow the fresh air of God's love to circulate anew in the depths of our hearts and to get ourselves moving outward — toward our brothers and sisters who

WHAT WE DO

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by Knights rose in 2016 by more than a million over the previous year's total.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the [Christian Refugee Relief Fund](#), [Disaster Relief](#), [Ultrasound Initiative](#), and [Coats for Kids](#). We also partner with international charities including [Special Olympics](#), the [Global Wheelchair Mission](#) and [Habitat for Humanity](#).

Read more here: <http://www.kofc.org/en/todays-knights/what-we-do.html>

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to [join us](#).

Editors Notes

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