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Grand Knight's Report

There are so many good things abound, it must be spring! It's been a month of new firsts. We had our first in person general meeting, sadly I was away and missed that one. We also held our first pancake breakfast in over two years to a resounding success, both 9 and 11AM masses brought in a full house. By all measures in was an event to celebrate; many knights (new and not so-new) stepped up to volunteer (with children and grand-kids), funds raised for Ukraine relief was beyond our expectations and we filled all the tables and then some.

There are some changes that haven't caught on... the Charity Appeal fundraiser, the Knights best kept secret, has gone online as a 50/50 draw. Be sure to look for the information in this bulletin for how you can enter. In the past we've had a pretty good success rate at selling tickets, but now it's up to you to seek out the draw.

Mother's Day is just around the corner, have a look out for teams selling roses during Mother's Day weekend. Proceeds go to the very worthy cause of supporting the Gianna Center and the Back Porch, two exemplary Pro-Life outreach programs.

Also on the horizon are the May pancake breakfast (final one of the year) and the Parish County fair.

I look forward to seeing all my brother Knights in person.

In Christ,

Brother Brent Heit - Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Brothers,

Signs are very important to human beings. If we meet a friend and they do not greet us but look away we experience concern and worry about our relationship.

Lent and Holy Week are very much taken up with the sign of the Cross. The cross was originally, and may be today, a sign of great fear, a sign of punishment, of suffering, of humiliation, of shame and of failure. Because of the resurrection of Jesus the crucified one the cross can take on new meaning.

- ♥ First, a sign of a life that gives everything for others.
- ♥ Second, a sign for putting another first.
- ♥ Third a sign for the endurance of a suffering that unites itself to Christ for his work of the salvation of human beings.
- ♥ Fourth, for Christians especially, a sign of God's work of redemption wherein Jesus the Chosen One, the Son of God has taken on human sin and with-it death to overcome these evils with victory.

These evils are with God's work not to be the last word on human beings.

With all Christians we as Knights of Columbus preach in word and deed Christ crucified (1Cor 1:23). We do this especially by making known who Jesus the Christ is and by taking up in His grace his work of healing victims of sin and death. His death and Resurrection brings new expectations.

Fr ED, OMI

A Message from our Pastor

Over the course of the year, Catholics celebrate many beautiful feasts and celebrations in the parish. The last two years have been difficult on many and due to restrictions we have had to limit our attendance numbers for many of these celebrations. This year we are so excited to once again be able to open our doors up to everyone and invite you to participate in the most Holiest of Weeks in the life of the Church. Beginning on Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus entering into Jerusalem, and then hear the story of his Passion. Holy Thursday marks the first day of the Triduum; we celebrate the last supper of Jesus. We participate in Jesus' last hours and put ourselves into the moment on Friday. Joyfully we gather during the Easter Vigil on Saturday night to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful & important liturgy we celebrate as Catholics. We enter the church in complete darkness and hear the stories of salvation history. During this celebration we also welcome those members who have been journeying through RCIA into the Church. The children and adults have been preparing for this moment and now are welcomed through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Let us prayerfully journey through these days leading us to Easter when we will celebrate the triumph of Jesus' love over evil, sin & death. **May** God Bless you, *Father Ignacy Warias, OMI, Pastor*



Photos from the April '22 Pancake Breakfast

(the first Knights Pancake Breakfast
in our Parish since March 2020!)

The Kitchen crew flipping pancakes, cooking sausages, and making delicious scrambled eggs



The 9:00AM Seating

**We raised
\$3,920 in
donations for
the people of
Ukraine.**



The 11:00AM Seating





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50-50

CHARITIES APPEAL RAFFLE

In support of:
Educational Institutions, Community Charities,
Churches, Youth and Seniors Activities
across Alberta

WINNER
takes half
\$25,000
minimum

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

1 for \$5
10 for \$20
50 for \$50
200 for \$100

www.koc5050.com

Ticket sales end
at 6 PM MDT on
April 23, 2022

**Draw on
April 23, 2022**

by AGLC-approved Random Number Generator
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Tickets sold only in Alberta - Must be at least 18 years of age to buy tickets - 1,279,698 tickets available for purchase

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2022

- 2 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 4 – Monday, 7PM, Executive Meeting
- 16 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 20 – Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting
- 30 - Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sale

May 2022

- 1 – Sunday, Pancake Breakfast after 9AM and 11AM masses
- 2 – Monday, 7PM, Executive Meeting
- 7/8 – Selling Mother's Day Roses after the 5PM Saturday Mass and 9 & 11AM Sunday Masses
- 14 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 18 – Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting & Election of 2022/23 Executive
- 28 - Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sale

June 2022

- 5 – Sunday, after 11AM mass – Parish Country Fair
- 6 – Monday, 7PM, Executive Meeting
- 11 – Saturday, 10AM - Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sales
- 11 – Saturday, Wrap-Up Mass and Barbeque at Star of the North Retreat Centre
- 15 – Wednesday, 7PM General Meeting
- 25 – Saturday, 10AM – Noon, Food Collection/Grocery Card Sale

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Food Drives – Grocery Gift Cards

**Food Drives and Grocery Gift Card sales continue every second Saturday from 10AM until Noon in the Parish Hall.
Thank-you to everyone who supports the Drive and Grocery Gift Card sales.**

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers our Brothers Gerry Buccini, Charlie McGregor, Joe Radosh, Roger Lemieux, Moe Douville, and Fred Esslinger.

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We cannot visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care however the visits will resume when possible. If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who passed away, please call Br. Tony Csilics. (780) 458-0065.