

The Scroll



The Catholic Community of
**St. Katharine
Drexel**

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So...are you all tired of the snow yet?

After 2 days of clean-up and the note from the Mailman saying they can't get to the mailbox I think I'm getting close. The good news is the girls (April, May & June) are right around the corner so they can take care of the piles of snow.

I'd like to introduce our two newest members, Jim Larson and Leon Fischer. They went through the Major Degree at Anoka on Feb. 27th. With their joining our Council, we are at 44 members. Pretty impressive for a council celebrating their first anniversary!

March also ushers in our first service project of the year. We will be going to Feed My Starving Children to pack food pouches on March 28th from 8-9pm. Mike St. John is chairing this event so please let him know if you and your family will be able to help.

We have joined with the Marketing committee to put on a social event 3 or four times during the warm months after the Saturday Mass called "Beer, Brats & Bingo". This will help promote our parish, and give the newcomers a chance to meet the parish members in a fun atmosphere. I will be coordinating the bar and be the liaison with the marketing committee. If you are interested in helping give me a call.

With the Tootsie roll drive and the Easter egg hunt coming in April our spring is shaping up to be very busy. Please be generous with your time, especially if any of the chairs call for help. Better yet beat them to the call and volunteer BEFORE they ask!



Corporal Works of Mercy

By; Father Richard Colletti, State Chaplain

Last month on the Feast of the Epiphany, Pope Benedict XVI traveled to the Agostino Gemelli hospital in Rome where he visited the department for children afflicted with spina bifida.

The Pope's visit demonstrated so beautifully one of the corporal works of mercy, 'to visit the sick' which is one of the topics my parish is studying this month in our Faith Formation program. **There are seven corporal works of mercy:** feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. While the first six of these works are found in the Last Judgment parable in Matthew 25:34-45, it took several centuries before we came to see seven as a cornerstone of the Christian life. Eventually they came to parallel other groups of seven, such as the **seven sacraments**, the **seven deadly sins** and the **seven virtues**.

One way that we are called to act compassionately toward the suffering of others is by practicing the Works of Mercy. These acts of charity are to be the basis of the Last Judgment, according to Jesus: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me?" (Matthew 25:35-36). The act of burying the dead has traditionally been added to this list (based on the Book of Tobit), which is known as the corporal Works of Mercy. Later, a parallel list of **spiritual Works of Mercy** was developed: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead.

This month, try to practice the Works of Mercy in our daily life as shown so clearly by our Holy Father Pope Benedict.



The Chaplain's Desk

Fr. Paul Jaroszeski
Council Chaplain

"One half of life is luck; the other half is discipline - and that's the important half, for without discipline you wouldn't know what to do with luck."

Carl Zuckmeyer
1896-1977, *Writer and Playwright*

In the Book of Sirach, chapter 47, verse 22 we find the words: *"God does not withdraw his mercy, nor permit even one of his promises to fail."* I happened upon those words recently and thought about their meaning. All of us from time to time know the uncertainty of life, we experience difficulty, even turmoil – it could be the loss of our job, facing some illness, dealing with an addiction, struggling in a relationship, walking with the grief that comes when a loved one dies; or it could just be getting through the day to day anxieties or frustrations that are common to the human condition.

However we name them those are the moments when we begin to know doubt and wonder about where life is going or how are we going to get through this uncertainty. When these times come, and they are inevitable for us all, we can also start to question God. Is God really there? Is he really interested? Does God hear our prayers? Does he act in today's world? Does he keep his promises even now?

Some years ago, after the death of my father, I fell into a time of deep depression and started to question everything in my life, including priesthood, thinking I had made a mistake – maybe this really wasn't what I was supposed to do with my life. I confided all this to my Doctor, at the time, a man of deep and abiding faith. He said something I have never forgotten: "Hang in there, God does not take away a gift he has given." I thought of my doctor's response again as I read the words from Sirach: *"God does not withdraw his mercy, nor permit even one of his promises to fail."* God's faithfulness is more powerful than our doubts, God's sustaining love stronger than our fears; God is ever worthy of our trust. There are times when our trust of God comes easily but other times when we must make a deliberate and intentional decision to trust God against all odds.

I remember my prayer changing after that conversation with my doctor. I began to move beyond the prayer that was about asking God – why? And instead I prayed: "O God, I believe, help my unbelief. O God, free me from my doubt and fear." I have to admit that the situation certainly didn't change over night; there were still many days of struggle and uncertainty but what did change was my perspective on it all and I found my resolve to trust God no matter what begin to grow stronger day by day. So when you are discouraged, struggling with uncertainty or overcome by fears and doubts work instead at not allowing yourself to let the storms of life blot out the presence of God.

Peace and All Good!
Father Paul

Resolutions Due to State Advocate

Any council wishing to submit a resolution for consideration at the Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Convention in May must get it to State Advocate, Jim Terwedo, no later than March 3, 2011. Following that all resolutions being considered at the convention will be mailed to the Grand Knights to review at a council meeting with members and then be ready to vote on them at the State Convention.

If you have any questions regarding submitting a resolution or upon receipt of the resolutions, you may contact the State Advocate.

Remember to Register for the KC State Convention! It's coming up soon! May 21st, in St. Cloud!



KC State Bowling Tournament To Be Held

This year's event will be held April, 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17, 2011 at River City Extreme, 3875 School Blvd, Monticello, MN 55362.

It is a Moral Support Sanctioned tournament with singles, doubles, team, along with All-Events bowling. Teams have been changed to 4 man teams, in hopes of getting more Knights involved.

On Saturday, bowling starts at 12:00 PM and 3:00PM. On Sunday, bowling starts at 10:00AM and 1:00PM.

You may bowl the team event more than once, but two team members must change. You may bowl doubles more than once, but with a different partner each time. Scores toward All Events will be from the first time you bowl each event.

This year's Director is Butch Lindenfelser, 3875 School Blvd, Monticello, MN 55362.

For registration information please contact Butch at the address above, or call 763 271-5536, or you can email for information at kc@rivercityextreme.com

Please sign up early to enjoy the fun!



Here's some strange (but True) facts for you to throw out next time you're doing your impression of Cliff Calven from Cheers:

When glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles per hour. To photograph the event, a

camera must shoot at a millionth of a second!

A Boeing 747 airliner holds 57,285 gallons of fuel!

It's illegal to drink beer out of a bucket while you're sitting on a curb in St. Louis!

The largest muscle in the human body is the gluteus maximus – your butt!

In 1962, volunteer firefighters in Centralia, PA, set fire to the local garbage dump in an abandoned strip mine pit, The Fire burned into the coal mine tunnels beneath the town, and has been burning ever since, making the town unlivable and reducing the population from 1000 in 1981 to just 9 in 2007.

Baseball's first fatality occurred way back in 1909. Philadelphia Athletics player Doc Powers crashed into an outfield wall on opening day, attempting to catch a pop-up. He developed gangrene, and died of his injuries two weeks later.

Men have more car accidents than women, but drive more miles. Women have more accidents per mile driven.

Play Doh was originally a wallpaper cleaning product.



K of C Annual Banquet is coming up March 12th.

A quick reminder that our annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th after 4:30 mass. The event will feature a great pasta dinner (many compliments from last year's attendees) and beverages (cash bar for beer and wine).

Please join you brother knights for a evening of fun and games. The nominal cost of \$20.00 per person and you can sign up by calling Joe LaBonne at 763-670-4761 or emailing him at joe@lamachineshop.com We will need to verify attendance with the caterer soon, so please RSVP ASAP.

– Joe LaBonne

Adoration First Friday of each month 10:00 AM-9:00 PM

Upon the invitation of Archbishop Flynn and as part of the Parish Strategic Plan we have added Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Knights interested in signing up for a specific time should contact [Bob Teachman](#) or Joe LaBonne – or simply stop by to pray anytime from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 3/12 – K of C Annual Banquet at the SKDCC Parish Offices after Saturday mass. Contact Joe Labonne for

more information.

Sunday 3/27 – Erin Rogue concert @ SKDCC (More info to come)

Monday 3/28 – K of C at Feed My Starving Children. We will be packing meals from 8 – 9:30pm. Contact Mike St John for more information.

Saturday 4/16 – K of C 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt (in case of rain, reschedule to Saturday 4/23) Contact Mike Studemann for more information

Friday 4/29 – Sunday 5/1 – K of C Tootsie Roll Drive. Contact John Smetana for more information and to volunteer.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!





Tootsie Roll Drive

The St. Katharine Drexel KC's have their first opportunity to participate in the Minnesota State Council's 'Tootsie Roll Drive'. The Money raised will be used to help people with developmental disabilities, in particular for education and athletic activities. In recent years, between \$350,000 and \$400,000 has been collected throughout the state.

You have probably seen other members of the Knights of Columbus distributing these Tootsie Rolls outside of local businesses in late April. This year we have the opportunity to have the Knights out in the community, raising money for a very worthy cause.

In our state, this event happens for 3 days over the last weekend in April. This year, the event will stretch into May, as the drive will run from Friday, April 29th, through Sunday, May 1st, 2011.

I have ordered 3 cases of Tootsie Rolls to distribute. With 300 in each case, we will have 900 of them to hand out over the weekend. A freewill donation for the Tootsie Rolls is greatly appreciated.

This event is open to your entire family for participation. Your wife and children are welcome to help us. A number of years ago, John Jr. looked forward to spending the couple of hours with me and handing out the Tootsie Rolls. We worked together for this event for 4 years. I looked forward to that time spent with him each year, as well.

Since this is our council's first year participating in this event, many of the details are not yet worked out. Details such as, hours of distribution, length of shifts, places of distribution, etc. are just a few. Watch for next month's Scroll to get answers to these and other questions you may have. Or better yet, plan on attending our business meeting at 7:30pm the 1st Monday in April to find out the details and to possibly sign up for helping out.

John Smetana, Tootsie Roll Chair

The new SKDCC Web Site is up and running (along with our very own page for the Knights). When you get the chance, point your computer at <http://www.stkdcc.org/> for the main page, or <http://www.stkdcc.org/ParishOrganizations/KnightsofColumbus.aspx> For the K of C page. You'll even find the Scroll posted there!



Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!

Bill Gates gave a speech at a High School. He told of 11 things they did not – and will – not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality, and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

The Rules according to Bill Gates:

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president, with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault. Don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.