



My Brother Knights,

I always enjoy Mass at St. Patrick's, surrounded by friends and neighbors but especially you, my Brother Knights. There's something about community, but as a seasoned traveler I always appreciate attending Mass in other parishes near and far, be it right here in Lincoln or as far away as halfway around the world. No matter the language, the liturgy is something we all share as Catholics. Rusty Spanish and all, I didn't miss a beat in Puerto Vallarta, Sonora, or Zaragoza, Spain. Before I learned German it was still special being in the grand cathedral in Cologne, Germany. Christmas Eve in Kitzbuhel, Austria, Mass with MECS in Wisla, Poland, it makes no difference. The Papiamento Mass in Aruba was probably the farthest from what we in America would call traditional, but it was still a shared liturgy. My work schedule presents some challenges for weekday Mass but I was able to attend Ash Wednesday Mass 7 AM at St. Gerald in La Vista. One thing that resonated for me was the sign of peace was still done during Mass, albeit no touching. The sign of peace has always been a special part of Mass for me, the closeness of community where even someone you don't know becomes part of your bond. Teaching in a school that requires in-person attendance, we practice all of the pandemic precautions to a fault. But we still work with our students and persevere. Let's not lose what's special in our worship.

District Deputy Gary Taylor has scheduled the District Free Throw Contest in our gym on March 13th at 9 AM. We will have as many as 48 contestants from four parishes so please come help out if you can. We're also fast approaching our Lenten Food Drive, an event we were unable to hold a year ago. We may also add a drive-through option, as well, especially since our first two events were very successful. Stay tuned to your e-mail because at press time the officers had not met to discuss this yet.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. A call to Al Schrader would also help so he knows who he has to follow up with. If you have a hardship, again, give Al a call. It's a busy time of the year for everyone, but the number of reports and other items due to Supreme makes it especially busy for Al and, to a lesser degree, myself.

March 15th is our deadline for State Council Awards. Our Knight of the Year, Mike Long, and Family of the Year, Terry and Paula Ryan, will be our council nominees for Nebraska recognition. Other submissions in the works are for our long-standing Pro-Life Education Series nomination for sustaining council project of five years or longer. There are other awards so if you would like to nominate a person, project, or event for consideration, please take a look at the list on the State Council website and be prepared to provide the details for the write-up. The strength of the written citation is often what sets one thing a bit above the other worthy submissions.

And in closing, it's never redundant to ask you to Leave No Neighbor Behind. The recent severe cold snap was a stark reminder that everyone can be affected by things out of the ordinary. As you see from the daily prayer chain e-mail, a lot of people around us are in need and there's no cost and not a lot of effort to check in with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Vivat Jesus, Jim

Calendar of Events 2021

March 3, Membership Meeting, 7 PM
March 12, Pitch tournament, Social Hall, 7 PM
March 13, District Free Throw Contest, Gym, 9 AM
March 5, 12, 19, & 26th, Fish Fry. Call Steve Becker at 402-429-0106 OR Jeff Babl 402-601-7823 to help.
There is a limit to the number of volunteers per night this year due to COVID precautions.

Family of Month: Bryon & Mary Havlovic

Knight of Month: Greg Gawarecki

Birthdays for MARCH

Scott Kreikemeier	3/3	Dan Tvrdy	3/14
Doug Veik	3/3	Kody Wadas	3/15
Jeff Boettcher	3/5	Kevin Landwehr	3/19
Don Kutschkau	3/7	Eric Meysenburg	3/20
Nolan Hauser	3/8	David Schmit	3/22
Jovanny Jimenez	3/11	Kevin Schmit	3/23
Larry Hottovy	3/12	Donald Bosn	3/24
Bret Callinan	3/14	Jason Crandall	3/24

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