

The Good Knight

*"In Service to One,
In Service to All"*



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Greetings! The month of April brings a sense of anticipation and hope. Spring is in the air with increasingly longer days and milder temperatures. Soon, leaves will begin to bud, and crocuses will bloom. All of these are signs of new beginnings and new life.

This year April also marks the beginning of the Easter season, a fifty-day-long season, during which we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the gift of salvation that is subsequently offered to us. Once again we sing, 'Alleluia'. Father Les will use a centuries-old greeting that begins with the words "Christ is risen!" We shall respond, enthusiastically, "He is risen indeed!" Yes, that is, indeed, something to celebrate.

Thank you for reading *The Good Knight*.

Louis Kloster, Editor and Current Grand Knight

Knight of the Month

In March we honored Bro. Joe Stack as our Knight of the Month. Joe has been a Knight for many years, having served in various capacities, including the role of Grand Knight. Joe helps with grocery gift card sales as well as lawn maintenance in the summer. He volunteers to read at prayer services, including the Silver Rose prayer service. Most recently he was instrumental in preparing food, selling tickets, and organizing volunteers for the spaghetti dinner on the Family Day weekend. Thanks for everything, Joe!



Important Dates

April 2024

- 7 Divine Mercy Sunday
Cor Gathering @ 7 p.m.
- 8 Feast of the Annunciation of Mary
- 10 Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting by Zoom
- 17 Knights of Columbus General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- 21 K of C Pancake breakfast
- 25 Feast of St. Mark, evangelist (Saint of the Month)
- 28 Feast of St. Vital, patron of our parish



The Season of Easter

Some interesting facts about **Easter**:

- The word "Easter" comes from the same root as the words "star" and "east." It means "dawn light."
- During Easter we celebrate more than Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We celebrate his life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven ... all known as the 'paschal mystery'.
- Easter is more than a day. Easter is a season ... fifty days long! It is a 'week of weeks', plus a day, ending on the Feast of the Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as they huddled - afraid - in a room.
- Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the paschal (Easter) candle burns brightly in church. This large candle symbolizes the risen Lord and the fire of the Spirit.
- Symbols of Easter, new life, and Christ's resurrection include the butterfly, the Easter lily, eggs, the empty tomb, and water.
- The purple banners and altar cloths in our churches are changed to white, which symbolizes purity, holiness, faith, and light.



It's time to once again sing "ALLELUIA!"

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Family of the Month

Each month, our council recognizes a family in the parish that serves the faith community in significant or special ways. In March we honored the family of Bryan and Diane Pueschel. From left to right, they are Vincent, Elizabeth, Emma, Martin, Diane and Bryan.



Bryan is a brother Knight and volunteers at our pancake breakfasts. Diane leads music at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and both trains and accompanies the children's choir when they sing at mass. The family participates in the monthly Family Faith Formation & Fellowship sessions. Their son, Vincent, is an altar server at mass; their daughter, Elizabeth, is a proclaimer. All the children participate in the Christmas coloring contest; Vincent was a first-place winner last year. Elizabeth was also a winner in our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest in January. Thank you to the Pueschel family for your commitment to parish life at St. Vital. God bless!

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Pancake Breakfast

Our last pancake breakfast, on March 17, was one of our most successful, with 128 guests served. In this photo, we have three of our youngest Knights who, on March 17, were learning



how to mix/make the pancakes, guided by our resident expert, Bro. Dennis Madu. From left to right, they are Bros. Michael Bilodeau, Simon Morris, and Erik McEown.

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 22, the Knights of Columbus took their turn to lead the Stations of the Cross. Many thanks to the fifteen Knights who participated and helped lead us on the Way, including the following from left to right: Bros. Tim Morris, Joe Mahe, Michael Bilodeau, Gabriel deRuiter, Jacob McLarney, Louis Kloster, Gerard McLarney



Spaghetti Dinner & Horse Races

For the second year, on Sunday, February 18, the Knights hosted a spaghetti dinner. The event raised \$1036.00 for the Mustard Seed, a Christian non-profit organization that provides meals and other support for people experiencing poverty and homelessness in Edmonton.

COR Initiative



Thirteen men met for the third COR gathering was held on Sunday, March 10. COR is a time for men in the parish to pray, engage in a scripture program called *Men of the Word*, and enjoy fellowship with each other. COR gatherings will usually take place on the first Sunday of each month, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The next COR gathering is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 at the home of Louis Kloster (100, 50511 Range Road 234). Come and see what COR is all about.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Seniors Brunch

Once a year, the Knights of Columbus prepare brunch for the seniors at the Seniors Centre. This year, we provide that community service on Sunday, April 7. Hamburgers, beans, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, and more are on the menu.

Birthdays in April

We send our greetings to the following Knights who are celebrating birthdays this month:

- April 5 Caelam Stack
- April 5 Joe Stack
- April 7 Andrew Gorman
- April 10 Yves Gascon
- April 12 John Bosnyak
- April 14 Sean Carman
- April 14 Larry Jungwirth
- April 16 Josemon Varghese
- April 18 David Comire
- April 22 Larry Rowan
- April 23 Mark Blaise
- April 23 Eugene Cherwonka
- April 26 Patrick Gobeil
- April 26 Gerard McLarney
- April 30 Pierre Vermette



Wedding Anniversaries in April

We wish the following couples, celebrating anniversaries this month, many more years of enduring love and happiness:

- April 17 Paul & Catherine Banic
- April 21 Neil & Claire Connell
- April 21 Gary & Denise Fisher
- April 28 Roland & Lynda Leblanc
- April 30 Eugene & Maxine Cherwonka

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Have You Heard This One?

Three Knights of Columbus died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that, before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented.

The first one said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey."

St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished him to Hell.

The second one said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus's birth and exchange gifts."

St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished him to Hell.

The third Knight, the Grand Knight himself, said he knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me."

He said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with His disciples when He was betrayed by Judas, and the Romans arrested Him. The Romans hung Him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder."

St. Peter said, "Verrrrrry good."

Then the Grand Knight continued, "Now, every year the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of hockey."

St. Peter fainted.

Liturgical Matters

Why does the priest place his hands over the chalice and make the sign of the cross during the Eucharistic prayer?



The priest makes the sign of the cross because he is calling on the Holy Spirit as he prays to the Father to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. All three members of the Trinity are involved during the consecration.

Why do the altar servers ring the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer?

The bells may be rung to signify the beginning of the consecration (during which time the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is the most important part of the Mass and deserves our focused attention. It also may be rung when the priest elevates the Body of Christ for all to see, and again when the Blood of Christ is raised. It is appropriate to bow your head at each of those times, as a sign of respect for the Real Presence of Jesus.

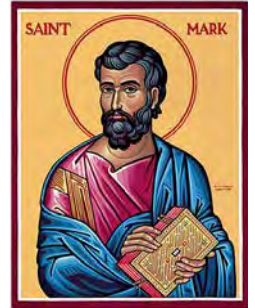
The Good of the Order

Every month the Knights pray for the sick in the parish as well as relatives and friends who are in need of God's help. We call this the Good of the Order. Please join us in praying for:

- Edward Stack Cancer
- Larry Rowan Prostate cancer
- Linda Ritchie Illness / Family

Saint of the Month: St. Mark

What we know about Mark is found largely in the New Testament. Mark was not one of the twelve apostles and may not have personally known Jesus. Nevertheless, he is believed to be the young man, described by Mark in his gospel, who ran away when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14: 51-52).



Mark was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. After Jesus's death, Mark and the other disciples carried on the work of Jesus. Mark's mother, Mary of Jerusalem, owned a house that the Christians used as a place of prayer.

As a disciple of Saint Peter, Mark traveled with him to Rome. When St. Paul and Barnabas, a cousin to Mark, visited Jerusalem, they took Mark with them to the city of Antioch in Syria. In a letter to Timothy at Ephesus, Paul writes, "Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry" (2 Timothy 4: 11). Therefore, Mark was a missionary, spreading the news of Jesus Christ to people who did not know the Lord. Mark evangelized in Alexandria, Egypt, where he established the Church and founded the first famous Christian school. As the first bishop of Alexandria, he is recognized as the founder of Christianity in Africa.

We know Mark as one of the four Gospel writers. He is the author of the earliest – and the shortest – gospel, written between 60 and 70 A.D. His audience was the Christian Gentiles (non-Jews) in Rome.

He is believed to have rescued Christians from slavery and, therefore, is the patron saint of prisoners, as well as lawyers and stained glass workers.

Mark was martyred on April 25 in the year 68 in Alexandria, Egypt. Some relics of St. Mark are displayed in St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy. As with many saints, we remember St. Mark on the day of his death: April 25.

You Were Wondering ...

What are the seven last words of Christ?

In reading the passion of Christ in the four gospels, there are seven phrases that Jesus is quoted as having said:

- "It is finished." (John 19: 30)
- "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they do." (Luke 23: 34)
- "Woman, here is your son. ... Here is your mother." (John 19: 26 – 27)
- "I am thirsty." (John 19: 28)
- "Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23: 43)
- "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15: 34)
- "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23: 46)



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Word of the Month

Concordance

A concordance is an alphabetical listing of all the important words in a bible. It is a useful tool when you want to find specific biblical texts that address certain themes. For example, if you want a scripture passage with the word *patience*, one would look up the word in the concordance and find a list of passages where the word can be found (Book, Chapter and Verse). A concordance is found at the back of some, but not all, bibles.



If your bible does not have a concordance, one can always go on-line. A comprehensive concordance can be found at:

www.biblegateway.com/keyword

Simply type in the scriptural keyword and click on the bible translation of your choice.

Dissecting the Nicene Creed

As Catholics, what do we believe? In each issue of The Good Knight this year, we have explored one of the tenets of our faith, as expressed in the Nicene Creed. Here's the next one:

I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

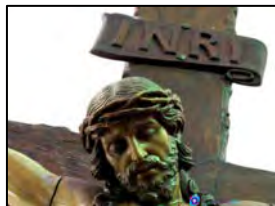
These are the four marks – or qualities – of the Church:

- One ... We believe in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and we hope that, one day, all Christian churches will be united as we once were.
- Holy ... Christ is the head of the Church. It was instituted by Christ before he ascended into heaven. Anything that is of God is holy. Despite its imperfection, the Church is holy ... because Christ is holy.
- Catholic ... This word, with a small 'c', means 'universal' and 'all-encompassing'. The Catholic Church is inclusive. It proclaims the fullness of faith, that is, all that we need for salvation.
- Apostolic ... Our Church can be traced back to the twelve apostles, sent by Jesus to continue His work after He was crucified. We too continue to do the work of the apostles.

You Asked ...

What do the letters IHS and INRI stand for?

Some people understand **IHS** to stand for 'I Have Suffered'. Others feel it stands for *In Hoc Salus*, which is Latin for 'In this cross is salvation'. Actually, IHS are the first three letters of Jesus' name, in Greek: *Iota, Eta, Sigma*.



The letters **INRI** are often found on the scroll at the top of a crucifix. They are an acronym for *Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*, translated as 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. Pontius Pilate wrote this inscription in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. When others objected, saying it should read, 'He says I am King of the Jews', Pilate spoke the famous words: "What I have written I have written" (John 19: 19 - 21).

You Asked Us...

What is the role of the Lecturer on the council executive?

The role of lecturer has been vacant for several years on our council. The lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight. His duties include:

- Is responsible for providing suitable educational and entertainment programs
- Stays abreast of developments within the council's charitable, membership and social programs
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct.

The lecturer jewel is a lyre and laurel branch suspended from a ribbon of blue and white. The lyre with the laurel branch are traditionally symbolic of music, literature and the arts. The ribbon of blue and white represents purity and faithfulness.



Charities Appeal 50/50 Online Raffle

For many years the Knights of Columbus have held the Charities Appeal raffle. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated to charities all over the province. The raffle has been successful because of the tremendous support we have had from members and friends. It changed from being a paper-ticket-based raffle to being an online raffle. However, the goal is still to provide funds to needy charities, with a focus on small and local charities.

This is the ninth edition of the Charities Appeal 50/50 online raffle. It runs to April 27 with the Draw for at least \$20,000 to take place during the State Deputy's Banquet at the 114th Annual State Council Meeting.

Tickets are 1 for \$5, 10 for \$20, 50 for \$50, and 200 for \$100. You can specify support for Our Lady of the Hill Council 13064.

To participate in the raffle, go to: www.koc5050.com

**I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN IF IT ISN'T SHINING.
I BELIEVE IN LOVE EVEN WHEN I AM ALONE.
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN WHEN HE IS SILENT.**

This message was found on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during World War II.

