



Dear Parishioners,

In this weekend's bulletin I have inserted Pope Francis' Lenten Message to the Church. He focuses on the theme of challenging us not to be indifferent to the needs of those around us. It provides a wonderful meditation for our prayer and action during Lent. In it, he speaks of celebrating a *24 Hours for the Lord* on March 13-14 where churches would make confessions available for 24 hours. In the spirit of this, the Archdiocese is fulfilling this by having confessions scheduled at all parishes on all Thursdays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. for the *Light Is On* campaign. Also, I have scheduled confessions on the Fridays of Lent from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., except for March 6 when I will be out of town at a meeting, as a way of joining in the spirit of Pope Francis' call to have a special time for confessions scheduled during Lent.

Speaking of being out of town for a meeting on March 6, I will be in Baltimore for the general meeting for the National Advisory Council for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops March 5-8, so visiting priests will be here for Masses next weekend. Also, there will be the *Light Is On* confessions on Thursday evening, March 5, as a visiting priest will be here for them. Please keep me and all the members of the National Advisory Council in your prayers as we work on providing our American bishops with input on the items that will be on the agenda of their upcoming June meeting.

Have a wonderful and grace-filled week.

God bless you,

Fr. Gutowski

Mass Intentions  for the Week.

MARCH 2 THRU MARCH 8

Monday	Harry Rudolph
Tuesday	Regina Gamerl
Wednesday 8 a.m.	People of St. Joseph
Wednesday 6 p.m.	Lloyd Royal
Thursday	Walter Gamerl
Friday	Matthew Hilleman
Saturday	Fred Pontillo
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

Knight's News

Knights of Columbus

Council 10894

Fish Fry

Lent is here and that means the Fish Fries are here also. The Knights will be holding additional Fish Fries on March 6, 13, 20 and 27. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there.

Desserts for the Fish Fry

Ladies (and gentlemen), please sign up to bring a dessert for the Fish Fries. The sign-up sheets are on the credenza at the back of the church.

Donations

In February your local Knight's Council donated \$2,500.00 to the Poor Clare Sisters of Omaha to assist the Sister's doing the Lord's work. The Council also donated \$2,500.00 to the Stephens Center in Omaha to assist them in their mission of serving the community, families and individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and poverty.

Knight's Meeting

The next Knight's Council meeting at St. Joseph will be at 7:00pm on 3 March in the Social Hall. We hope to see you there.

Become a Knight!

If you are a practical Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join the leading organization of Catholic laymen. Being a Knight helps you to be more involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. If you are interesting in joining or just interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus you can:

- Contact Ralph Meister (email: ralphmeister@hotmail.com or call 402-253-8301) or Phil White (email: pwhite12@q.com or call 402-592-1549.

- Visit our local Council web site at: <http://www.nebraskakofc.org/kc10894>. There's links on there to contact any of our officers.

- Just grab any Knight before/after Mass!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus offer scholarships on a competitive basis to members of the parish who will be graduating from high school this spring and plan to continue their education. Applications are in the K of C mailbox; they must be returned by March 31, 2015. Contact Tim Ihry if you have questions.

\$250 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Available is a scholarship for \$250 for any student interested. To qualify he or she must plan on receiving an Agricultural related degree from either a College or a Technical Trade School in Nebraska only. This includes any Agricultural related studies such as diesel mechanics, etc. at a trade school. He or she must also complete the first semester of schooling and have a least a "C" average to receive the money. The money will go to the

top student who responds and qualifies. The form must be completed and returned by April 1, 2015. Forms are available from Doris Royal.

BOWLING RECAP

Our annual Knights of Columbus Bowling night was Saturday at Papio Bowl. It was a very relaxed and fun time for all who participated. There were 37 bowlers who were members and friends of St. Joseph's. Our youngest bowler was 3 1/2.

My young grandson reminded me that even Father Matt was bowling! A few notable stats....Carl W. and Mark M. were both dethroned as champs of the fastest ball thrown. The holder of the title this year is Rich K. This year's highest score was 164! And we consumed 7 baskets of fries!

Thanks to all who participated, fun as had by all!



March 1, 2015

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. Mark 9:2