



Message from Grand Knight, Greg Schaubhut

Bother Knights, here we are on Feb. 14th. In this country we of course know about the celebration of Valentines Day. While this is greatly known as a commercial celebration day it does remind us of the love we should have for our savior. With Lent approaching very rapidly it is a good time to start reflecting on our love for him so we can make a real difference in our commitment to him.

I have been reminded with the many friends and family that have been ill, either with Covid-19 or other illnesses, that we need to grow closer and pray for each other. These are things that we can do that seem insignificant but in reality, is the largest single thing that we can do.

Message from Chaplin Fr. Virnig - As we start a New Year. we still have the Corona virus. It means masks, social distances and not attending large gatherings. I miss visiting people in the hospital and nursing homes. I miss helping at Masses in parishes. I have been doing a lot of reading, but I need some other activities since I have read most of our mysteries and westerns I have.

In a week we have Valentine's Day. It is a good reminder that the Command of Jesus was to "Love one another". Shaking hands and giving hugs have been signs of that love which we are not doing now.

Lent begins February 17. It is a season of penance in which we are encouraged to practice penance by prayer, self-denial and good works. Some forms of prayer are the Rosary, the Chaplet, the Way of the Cross - and doing Spiritual Reading, and if possible, to assist at Mass. Self-denial means saying no to yourself by not eating between meals, eating less food, giving up tobacco, alcoholic drinks, limiting television, movies, computer games and talk programs. You may think of other things. Good works may include visiting the sick and shut-ins, helping people with various tasks.

We start Lent with Ash Wednesday with the Blessing with ashes. This reminds us to die to self and live for God. The prayer for individual blessing was, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The newer form is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This encourages us to be positive in our Lenten practices.

Brother Knights be joyful in whatever penance practices you do. Make your homes happy as you do good things for love of God. God loves a cheerful doer. - Father Virnig

Wish a Happy Birthday to the following; January - Derek Kantor. February - David Warzecha. March - Alcuin Toenies, Brian Czech, James Anderson.

Remember our fellow Knight's, Ladies and family members; LeRoy Czech, Al Toenies, Fr. Roger, Marty Toenies, Heidi Quinlan, Janice Breth, Judy Buhl, Kieran Kloss. Please add a prayer for those affected by the COVID-19 virus. <u>Please call me as others are in need of our prayers so that I may add to this list.</u>

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