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Message from our Grand Knight:

"Our Lenten Renewal"

Bishop Joseph Siegel, from the Joliet Diocese, is our State Chaplain and this month he provides valuable insights about this Lenten season:

"We can approach this season of Lent with mixed emotions. There is a story of a pastor visiting his school during Lent and asking the 2nd graders what happened on Easter Sunday. One boy proudly raises his hand and responds, "It's when Jesus comes out of the tomb and if he sees his shadow, there are 40 more days of Lent."

I confess that when I was young, I had similar feelings about Lent. It seemed so long, probably because it meant no TV, no candy, and other practices that I didn't enjoy. As an adult, I have come to recognize Lent as a precious time – a gift – a built-in excuse to work on areas of my life where I need to change to grow closer to the Lord. It is a 40-day retreat – a time to seek renewal from the heart. It's not about self-improvement or losing that excess weight, rather it is a real opportunity to become a new person – the person Christ wants me to be.

The Church gives us three disciplines to help us in our Lenten mission of renewal: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these are interrelated, so that we remain balanced, keeping us from becoming so introspective that we forget our obligation to live out our faith in service to others. It is important to prayerfully prepare a realistic Lenten program for yourself, asking the lord to guide you in the disciplines that you most need to grow in your relationship with him.

One of the best ways to enter into the Lenten Season is to participate in daily Mass. The Scripture readings for each of the Lenten Masses were specially chosen to provide a lesson on the spiritual life. If you are unable to attend daily Mass, take some time to reflect on these readings, which are usually listed in your parish bulletin.

Lent is the primary season of reconciliation in the Church year and everyone is encouraged to receive this Sacrament during this holy time. It is an opportunity to seek healing for the wounds our sins have caused in our relationship with God, others and even ourselves.

May we walk the path of holiness this Lent – through our prayer, through our self-denial, through our acts of charity – lived out in the steps laid out for us by the Church, that Easter may find us renewed in faith, hope and love."

Let us pray for our personal renewal this Lent! Vivat Jesus, Mark.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March 9th (Ash Wednesday)

March 25th | April 8th

April 22nd (Good Friday)

from 4pm-7pm

ICS Cafeteria/ICS Gym

bring the kids, let them play in
the gym area

Two Dine-in Areas for your convenience
Menu includes Fish, Shrimp, Fries & Cole
Slaw

Dinners / Sandwiches / By the Pound
Dine-In or Carry Out

Featuring Dollar Size Shrimp Dinners
as well as our Classic Fish

Volunteers will be needed the night before each Fish Fry to cut fish and prepare to create the Lenten Feasts. Please contact Steve Dressler to get your name on that list to assist. Steve's info is (618) 281-7889

Calendar of Events

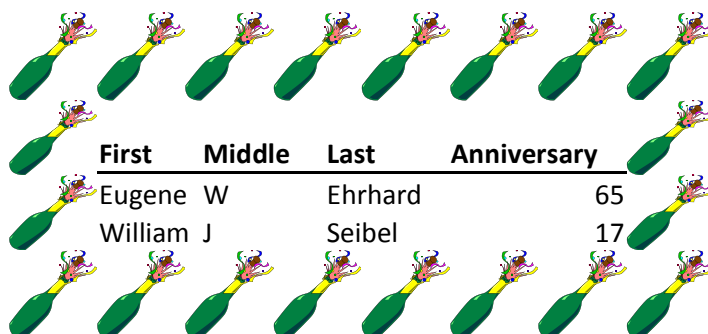
Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration

- 03/05 - 4th Degree Exemplification** - Lady of the Snows
- 03/08 - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner**/Burning of the Palms - 6:00pm
- 03/09 - KC Fish Fry** - Parish Center - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 03/09 - Ash Wednesday Mass** - 7:00pm
- 03/10 - General Membership Meeting** - 7:00pm Rosary/7:30pm Meeting
- 03/13 - Chicken Dinner** - ICS Café 11:30am-2:00pm (Carry Out & Dine-In)
- **Daylight Savings Time** - Spring Forward 1 hour
- 03/15 - Card Lotto** - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm
- 03/17 - St. Patrick's Day - Wearing of the Green!!!!**
- 03/25 - KC Fish Fry** - Parish Center - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 03/27 - KC Blood Drive** - Parish Center - 8:00am-1:00pm
- 04/08 - KC Fish Fry** - Parish Center - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 04/10 - Chicken Dinner** - ICS Café 11:30am-2:00pm (Carry Out & Dine-In)
- 04/14 - General Membership Meeting** - 7:00pm Rosary/7:30pm Meeting
- 04/19 - Card Lotto** - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm
- 04/22 - KC Fish Fry** - Parish Center - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- 04/22 - Good Friday Mass** - 7:00pm
- 04/23 - Holy Saturday Mass** - 5:30pm
- 04/24 - Easter Sunday Celebration** - All Masses

Knights of Columbus Council #6165 Milestones

| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Years of KC Continuous Service |
|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| James | M | Zoeller | 60 |
| Earl | A | Kruse | 56 |
| Leo | H | Thoma | 55 |
| James | L | Reeves | 40 |
| William | E | Killy | 35 |
| Ralph | G | Rahn | 35 |
| Joseph | G | Knaup | 32 |
| James | W M | Pulse | 32 |
| John | G | Fields | 31 |
| Gerald | J | Weilbacher | 31 |
| Mark | A | Baldus | 30 |
| Raymond | W | Heinen | 25 |
| Nelson | B | Overbey | 25 |
| David | G | Straub | 25 |
| James | M | Vogt | 25 |
| Bryan | G | Phillips | 22 |
| Thomas | A | Farr | 19 |
| Arthur | E | Burlison | 14 |
| Robert | D | Coleman | 14 |
| Paul | D | Juengling | 14 |
| William | J | Seibel | 14 |
| Michael | J | Weiler | 14 |
| Todd | C | Burrell | 12 |
| Michael | E | Nowak | 12 |
| Robert | J | Schaefer | 12 |
| Ralph | E | Bostick | 6 |
| Jeremy | B | Stemler | 5 |
| Wayne | B | Richard | 1 |

| Birthday | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name |
| Todd | A | Biske |
| David | R | Conrad |
| John | J | Conrad |
| Augusto | | Ferreira |
| Douglas | M | Funfsinn |
| John | D | Haubrich |
| Matthew | | Huffman |
| James | P | Kelemetc |
| Joseph | A | Knese |
| Earl | A | Kruse |
| James | C | Lansing |
| Donald | S | Mehrmann |
| Stanley | W | Presson |
| Wayne | B | Richard |
| Robert | J | Schaefer |
| Richard | L | Taylor |
| Leo | H | Thoma |
| Mark | A | Tisdale |



| First | Middle | Last | Anniversary |
|---------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Eugene | W | Ehrhard | 65 |
| William | J | Seibel | 17 |



Family Night at the Bowling Alley was a Tremendous Success. The crowd was full of pizza, soda and bowling fun at our Annual Family Bowling night at Westpark Bowl on Sunday February 20th.

Family Events such as this help bring the Parish closer together and form the bond and family values of being a Christian. Join the Knights on one of their many adventures throughout the year as they work hard to preserve the values that our Church brings to the community. Support your local Knights as they Support you.