

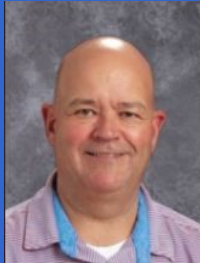
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
August 2023 Newsletter



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A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Where O' where has the summer gone????!! It is hard to believe that we are almost into the 2nd week of August already! School begins in a little over a week and before long the leaves will be changing colors, and maybe Nebraska football will win a few game! We can only hope.

As the school year begins, our council is starting a new event that hopefully will become an annual tradition. We are going to be cooking and serving hotdogs and hamburger to St. Teresa families during the Jayhawk Jumpstart night. This is on August 10th. We will need some volunteers to make this a success so if you have any time on Thursday please reach out to Matt Schafers and let him know you can help for an hour or so. He can be reached at 402-540-8254. Thanks for considering!

Many of you have received emails from our FS Tony Schafer or myself about how successful our fireworks tent was this 4th of July. I want to thank all of the knights and parishioners that made this such a success! This will allow us to continue to help financially support our school and our church. Without all of you this wouldn't happen, so once again, Thank You!

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Knight of the Month:

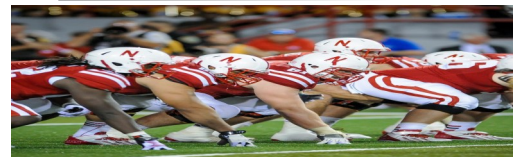
Knight of the month is **Milt Bayer** for all his many, many hours of volunteer work for our fireworks tent. Thank you Milt!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is **Lisa McCarville** (and James) Lisa was instrumental in feeding the alter servers and adult chaperones for the Saltdogs baseball game outing. She made the deserts, took care of ordering and getting the pizza and supplied the beverages. Thank you Lisa!

Upcoming Events:

- August 15th:** Assumption of Mary
- August 16th:** General Meeting 7:30pm
- August 28th:** Officer Meeting 7:30pm
- August 31st:** **Nebraska vs Minnesota 7pm**



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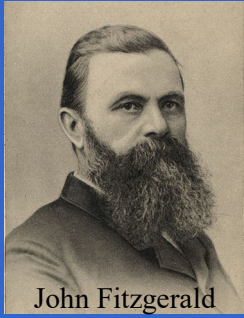
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My wife and I took a short vacation to Kansas City on August 3rd. While traveling we received a text from one of our daughters. My daughter had copied a text she had received from a good friend of hers, and a friend of our family, to us. The text stated that the priest that had married her friend and her husband had passed away in a car accident the previous day. This happened in Louisiana. Included in the text was a link to Father Mark Beard’s last homily three days prior. I feel it is an amazing homily and I felt obligated to share it with you. It was as if Father Beard knew he might soon meet the Lord. If you would like to watch, here is the link.

<https://fb.watch/mfXMLKgOVt/>

If you ever have questions, comments, or suggestions I can be reached via email at schinkelr@gmail.com

Thank you and may God continue to bless all of us,

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
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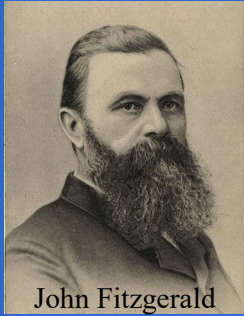
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A Message from our Chaplain:

Dear Brother Knights,

Sometimes etymology, the study of the origin of words, can help us understand concepts in a deeper and better way. The use of words changes over time, and seeing the origin gives us perspective.

In July, I attended a conference where there was a talk given by Dr. John Boyle in the Catholic Studies department at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which he talked about wisdom.

I tend to think the Greek term “sophos,” where we get the base for the word Philosophy, the lover of Wisdom. Our English use of this word would include calling someone who is smart “sophisticated.” Dr. Boyle pointed out that the word wisdom in Latin sapientia, means “to taste.” While at first glance, it seems to be disconnected from our usage, it makes sense. The wise person takes in reality like food. We savor it. Someone is not wise simply because they know a lot of things. They have to reflect on reality; it’s why hopefully we grow in wisdom with age.

I reflected on this and thought of it in light of one of my favorite words: sophomore. A sophomore is a “wise fool.” It’s a little tongue-in-cheek because it’s a fool who thinks he’s wise. While not universal to all sophomores, some in their second year of school have gained some knowledge and so they think they are wiser than they really are.

There are plenty of “wise fools” out there. The real wise fools include those who say with a degree of smugness that you can re-define marriage to whatever you want it to be. Or, there is the ever more prevalent belief that you can choose whether you are male or female or neither. These ideas which are hailed as wise in our culture, are essentially saying that you can create your own reality.

To be wise means that we taste and savor reality as it really is, and not making it into whatever we want. The Christian life is about conformity to what is real. Just like we come to know the objective world “out there,” in the natural world, through faith we see what Jesus has objectively done in redeeming us. That redemption is something that happened in time, it is offered to us right now, and we would be wise to conform ourselves to that reality.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kipper



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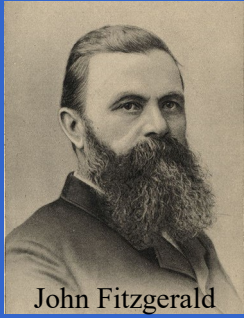
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4th of July Fireworks Tent 2023!

Brother Knights,

THANK all of you that helped with this year's fireworks stand! It was a huge success and memorable experience with mother nature sharing her own fireworks and a much needed downpour as we were wrapping up the 2nd day of sales!

The 10 or 11 knights ,and the son of one of our knights, were amazing as we battled the elements to pack and load the fireworks and tear down the items in the tent. A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO THEM!!

Once again thank you to all that helped with the tent and thank you to the knights, their families and our St. T's parishioners that shopped with us!

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
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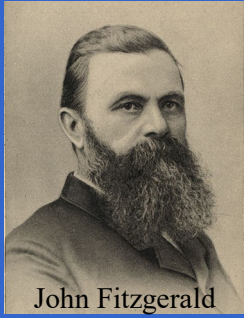
Brother Knights,

As our Worthy GK Ron has already said, we had a great fireworks tent this year and it was a huge success thanks to so many people working and patronizing the tent. Because of the storm that blew in on July 4th, we elected to close down the registers and tent starting at 7:30 and were completely finished by 10:00. If we would have kept the cash registers open as in the past to 9:30 we might have had our best year yet as even in the pouring rain and howling wind, people were still coming in looking to buy fireworks.

Our gross sales were \$81,861.42 of which we got 15% or \$12,279.21, compared to our last four average which is 12,633.00. Our profit after expenses including paying the cashiers and cashier supervisor is \$10,753.78. Last year being that the Fourth of July was on a weekend this helped out sales to make that our best year to date but the Patriot Pete's guys said we might have beat that total this year if not for the weather. Thank you to all who helped but especially the Dirty and Wet Dozen that closed down the tent.

Tony Schafers
Financial Secretary
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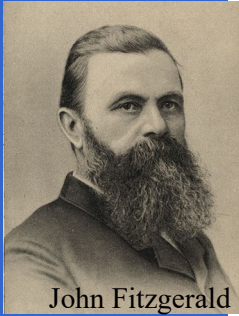
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