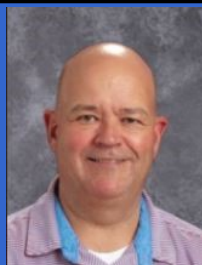


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A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

Happy March, Brother Knights! I would say that we are closing in on Spring, but with the February we had it seems as though spring has sprung.

As you all know, Spring brings Lent, Lent brings fish fries, fish fries bring people and without many of you we wouldn't be able to have these fish fries. With two Fridays under our belts, we have served over 1000 patrons. Like Brother Szatko wrote in a Facebook post, build it and they will come....and boy have they been coming! Thank you to all that have helped and will continue to help in the next few weeks!

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month, John Weber and our Knight Family of the Month, Francisco Romero and his family. John is at the hall every Thursday evening setting out placemats, salt and pepper and arranging tables and chairs. Such an important team member in our fish fry success! Francisco's family has been a staple at our first 2 fish fries. Francisco and his wife have been blessed with 10 children and the majority of them have been working at our hall on Friday nights. As a matter of fact, 3 of them have been helping with the drive thru orders and have done a tremendous job! Thank you to Francisco, his wonderful wife and amazing kids!

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Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **John Weber**. John is at the hall every Thursday evening setting out placemats, salt and pepper and arranging tables and chairs. Thank you!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Francisco Romero Family** for all the volunteering at our fish fries on Friday Nights. Thank you very much for all your dedication to our council!

Upcoming Events:

March 8th: Fish Fry #4- 4:30pm
March 15th: Fish Fry #5- 4:30pm
March 16th: St. Patrick's Dinner
March 20th: KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm
March 22nd: Fish Fry #6- 4:30pm
March 23rd: Free Throw Contest Regionals
March 24th: Passion Sunday
March 25th: Officers Meeting - 7:30pm
March 28th: **HOLY THURSDAY**
March 31st: **EASTER**



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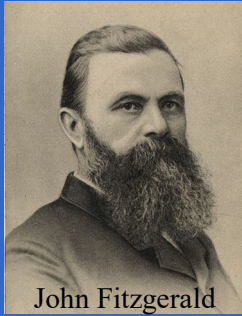
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We will continue to need help with the meals on Fridays for the remainder of Lent, so if you can spare some time please stop by the hall!

We have the Regional Free Throw contest at St. Teresa's on March 23rd. It is an awesome event where we showcase our council but more importantly our wonderful school! Volunteers will be needed so look for more information to come.

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At our March 20th General Meeting we will begin reading names for the officer positions within our council for the upcoming election. The election will be held in May. Knights wanting to be an officer can self nominate, or can be nominated by another council member. The procedure is to read these names at the March, April and May meetings. After the 3rd reading, in May, we will have a vote for officers. This is important for the success and longevity of our council. We need younger Knights that are willing to step into leadership positions within our council. If you would like to be a nominee, or have a brother Knight you would like to nominate please send an email to me at schinkelr@gmail.com, or you can share your name, or other's names at the March meeting. Like I mentioned, we will begin reading names at the March meeting and vote in May. If you are unsure of the positions, and what they entail, please reach out. The future of our council is dependent on younger Knights taking on these important roles. Thanks for considering.

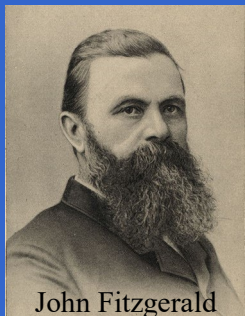
This will be the last newsletter before Easter Sunday. I pray you and everyone you care about have a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Easter. Thank you for what you do for our parish and council.

May God continue to bless us all.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Schinkel
Grand Knight
Council 833





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A Message from our Chaplain:

Brother Knights,

As a lifelong baseball fan, there's always a news report that is music to my ears: “pitchers and catchers report to spring training.” In the midst of the cold winter, the occasional snow showers and just some of the wintertime blues that we might feel, these are welcome words. Springtime is coming; they will be playing baseball soon.

Lent by analogy could be compared to spring training. Professional baseball players usually don't have much of an actual offseason. They are usually training on their own during this time. Oftentimes, they are working with personal coaches.

But, with spring training, they come together as a team, working hard, making sacrifices together for the good of the team. They are willing to go through some hardships for a good result.

It's good for us to see that the season of Lent is a communal activity—and that should strengthen us. Throughout the year, we should find times to both feast and fast. The Church directs us to offer some kind of sacrifice during every Friday of the year—not just during Lent. Outside of the season of Lent, we can still choose to abstain from meat, or we may choose some other kind of sacrifice. Unless, of course, the Church is celebrating a solemnity—a high feast like the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, or the Feast of the St. Joseph. These feasts should be celebrated with great joy.

The point is that outside of these Friday penances, our sacrifices are up to us individually. In the season of Lent, we do this together. Lent should not make us cringe when we think about it. It's all about being closer to Jesus, being a better disciple. And being a disciple takes discipline.

Perhaps there are some pitchers and catchers in spring training right now who wish that they had eaten less junk food in the offseason, and went out on a few more jogs. As Christians entering into Lent, maybe we wish we had cracked open our Bible and reflected on the Word of God more often; maybe we have had the intention to pray more often, but haven't pushed ourselves to find the time. Maybe this Lent is a time where we can show our Gospel demand to love of neighbors in a more concrete way.

But, the greatest thing that keeps us from Jesus is sin. And we are all tempted in some way. Temptation is something that we do battle against every day. It arises from the world, the flesh and the devil (in other words, it comes from the outside and within us)

In the middle of the season, a baseball hitter would probably not think about completely changing his swing, or pitcher his throwing motion, but in spring training he might. Lent is a great time to take a look at what our great temptations are. Which of the seven deadly sins do I struggle with the most? Identify those things, and ask the Holy Spirit to open up your hearts to be healed.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kipper



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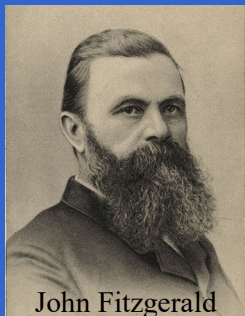
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A Message from our Financial Secretary: (February 28th)

“Bishops and Pawns”

Brother Knights,

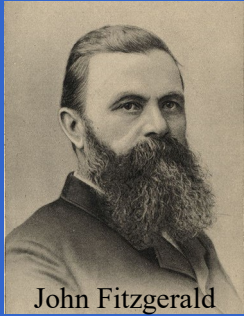
Another very successful fish fry last Friday (Feb 23rd) at Fitzgerald Hall 6044 South Street. While the numbers are not as important as the gathering of friends, family, and neighbors, it's what everyone wants to know. So, the numbers were up from the week before as we had a steady crowd all night long. We served 506 paid meals, 97 of these in the drive thru, and 50 comped meals including Reverend Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz and our current Most Reverend Bishop James D. Conley for a total of 556. Sister Perpetua comes in to gather these meals along with meals for her 12 nun sisters. A big thank you to Ron Wortman for helping assemble them as he seems to be the best at interpreting what she is asking for.

Every week we think we have these fish fries down to a science and then every week we run into new challenges. We have added a third table in the “Jon” (fry tent) to add another body or two during the times we are swamped and/or backed up. Also, we have discussed when and how to assemble the complimentary meals, as to not to interfere with the supply of fish to the servers. The letters WWJD, traditionally means, “What Would Jesus Do?”, but we prefer, “Where Would Jesus Dine?” Well, the answer is obvious, where they serve the “Best Fish in Town” of course! With one third of the fish fries in the books, we have little time to perfect them before we have to say goodbye for another year.

I have said this before but it's worth repeating, I love to see the kids helping out and taking charge. I was refused a piece of fish from a fish runner girl because I was told, “Paying customers only!”, and she was not wrong, they should be first. How humbling is it to be knocked down a peg or two by those more innocent than we are? Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Which reminds me, a big thank you to our insurance agent, Dr. Francisco Romero Carrasquillo and his wife, Hilaire and their lovely kids for their help. ***Sometimes we may feel like pawns in a chess game but tonight we had Horwitz Bishops (a chess move) and that is always a winning strategy.***

Tony Schafers
FS/PGK, Fitzgerald Council 833





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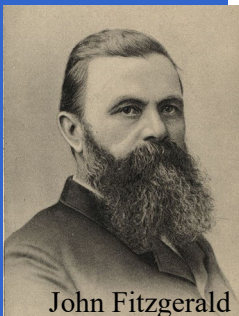
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**FISH
FRY-DAYS**

Feb 16, 23 & Mar 1, 8, 15, 22
4:30–7 pm
KofC #833 Hall | 6044 South St

Price	Category
\$12	adult
\$6	kids (under 12)
\$40	family

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