

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS November 2024 Newsletter

"A Pioneer Catholic of Lincoln"

A Message from our Grand Knight:

Brother Knights,

It's that time of year again. Football is in full swing, the Holidays are coming fast and the leaves are falling slow. There is a lot on our calendar the next two months.

Candy Cane Sunday will be Dec. 15th after all Masses. Easy peasy, we just need men to stand at the exits handing out candy canes and taking donations. We use the monies to purchase all the remaining items on the Giving Advent Wreaths. This year, we are also having Santa and Mrs. Claus at our church after the 10am and 12pm Masses in the basement. We thought this would be a great way to allow families to get their Santa photos done and be free of charge. We haven't done that for a couple years with our kids but I think the last time we visited the mall it was \$25 minimum. We'll have a free will offering available down there too with some candy canes.

Nov. 20th is our Mass at St. Teresa church, 7pm, for the deceased Knights. All Knights and their families, including the families of past Knights are welcome to attend. We'll have light refreshments in the basement and possibly a short meeting also.

Nov. 17th @10am Mass is our Corporate Communion. What is a Corporate Communion, you ask? I didn't really know myself. I learned a long time ago (the hard way) that words can have several meanings. In this case, corporate means together, unified, one. This is great way to show the parish two of our pillars, Unity and Fraternity. Please consider joining us at Mass down in front with your family. Vivat Jesus!

Semper.

Matt Schafers Grand Knight 833



Knight of the Month:

Knight of the month is **Nick Armentrout** for helping coordinate, set up, and run the parish picnic. Thanks Nick!

Knight Family of the Month:

Family of the month is the **Dan and Cheryl Weslowski** family for coordinating and running the Christmas sale boutique. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

November 9th: Tootsie Roll at Hy-Vee November 10th: St. Teresa Bazaar November 20th: KOC 833 Meeting 7:30pm November 17th: Corporate Communion November 23rd: Nativity Set-Up November 25th: Officers Meeting 7:30pm November 28th: THANKSGIVING



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Dear Brother Knights,

St. Augustine in his book *Confessions* recounts the last moments of his mother's life on earth. His mother, St. Monica, was a devout woman who prayed for the conversion of Augustine, who throughout his youth lived a Godless, debauched life. He, of course, had a great conversion, and became one of the great leaders in the history of the Church.

St. Monica became ill in the year 387 as she was traveling near Rome. She and her family lived in the Roman Empire, but in North Africa—not Rome. Augustine and his brother were with her on her death bed, and his brother mentioned to her that he was hoping that she might make it back to her homeland before she dies.

Augustine said that upon hearing this, "she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts." She said to them, "bury my body wherever you will, let not care of it cause any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

St. Monica, a canonized saint in the Church was asking for nothing else on her deathbed, but prayers. She didn't focus on pleasures and comforts throughout her life, and she was not about to start at the end.

We just celebrated two important liturgical celebrations in the Church. On the feast of All Saints, we celebrate the life of the Church triumphant—those saints canonized by the Church and those who are not officially canonized, but who, nevertheless, are enjoying eternal bliss with God, and ready to listen to our prayers.

On the feast of all souls, we pray for the Church suffering, those who died in God's good grace, but await purification so that they can see God face to face. As we think about those who have gone before us, we can't but help turn our thoughts to our own mortality, our own short time here on earth. We should all strive to reach that noble goal of sanctity, that process of purification and conversion, as Monica did. In doing so we are not just turning towards what is more important but in fact more real.

Sincerely in Christ, Father Kipper

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KOC 833 - Coats for Kids

Winter in Nebraska can be unpredictable but cold is usually always a part of the season. Dressing warm to walk to school each day is a necessity for

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The State Council along with local Councils host a Coats for Kids drive every year. We hope to provide at least 1,000 NEW coats to youth in need throughout the



city. **Pictured is Grand Knight Matt Schafers** with students at St. Teresa's as part of our local council's involvement in this great cause!



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