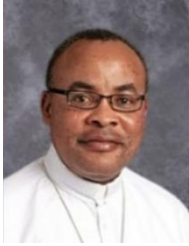




Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 February 2023

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Dear Brother Knights

One of the keys of becoming a faithful and holy follower of Jesus Christ is to find your life hidden in Christ. The more you align your life to that of Jesus, the more you become like him. This key is not something popular, rather something difficult for a lot of people. As New Testament people, we often rejoice that we are not doing what the Old Testament people did. But a close examination shows that in the New Testament, the bar has been raised. In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), Jesus insists and affirms that it is not the wise or those who are particularly talented that God uses but those who humble themselves before the Lord. When you live in Christ, your life takes on a whole new texture, a whole new aroma and a whole new flavor. Whatever it is that you are going through today, I urge you to focus on taking refuge in the Lord. What does this mean? It means that in the battles of your life, in all the pressure that is going on today in your place of work and at home, you need some refuge. And that refuge is in Christ. No one can find true, lasting and reliable refuge outside the true and living God.

The year 2023 has just started. Are you looking for a new attitude to cultivate? Look at the Beatitudes. It is often said that the Beatitudes are the attitudes we should cultivate in our lives. But it must go from attitudes and deep into action. It must go into the way we live our life. The Beatitudes are really a description of Jesus. So, by walking this way, we become more like the Lord. And when we become more Christ, we will reap the reward mentioned in each of the Beatitudes. In the Old Testament, the reward for being faithful to God is material and physical. It is generally seen as something received on the outside— gold, silver, land, being the head and not the tail etc. all of which are good. But in the New Testament, the reward is greater. It is greater than silver, gold, land, power, fame, wealth, honor, pleasure etc. It is greater than that which the world considers as the greatest. It is Jesus Christ himself. As we begin this year, I encourage you to take refuge in the Lord and begin to walk the way of the Beatitudes. Do you want to be happy? Adopt the Beatitudes. Do you want to be successful? Look at the Beatitudes. It is the way. It is the reward that is waiting for us. It is Jesus Christ the Lord.

God bless you!

Fr. Marcel

George Morris, Grand Knight Council #6772 – No grand knight message this month

4th Degree Spring Exemplification – on Saturday April 15, 2023 the Nicollet Assembly will host the annual Spring 4th degree (Patriotism) in Roseville, MN.

Candidate must be 3rd degree member in good standing. New members can take their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees in the morning and his 4th degree in the afternoon.

Exemplification fee is \$ 70.00 (\$35.00 for priest), which pays for his banquet ticket.

To join or to get more information, please contact Paul Althoff at 763-228-4856.

Exemplification dress is a regular suit (a tux is appropriate but not required).

So, invite your son, son-in-law, nephew, grandson, friend or fellow parishioner.



LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for over 20 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with your agent.

Three reasons for Long Term Care:

- **Protect your Assets; so you don't have to spend down your nest egg**
- **Choice of where you go; don't let the government or price decide**
- **Not be a burden on your family; do you want to live with your kids?**

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

You may think or have heard that long term care insurance is too expensive. Call me today for free to find out all the details. You may be surprised at how affordable a benefit package can be. And you will never be pressured to take the coverage if it doesn't fit your budget for the long term. Waiting for coverage to go on sale? It's probably not going to happen, but the Knights will reduce each of your and your wife's coverage by 30% if you both are approved for coverage.

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Council #6772 Activities

2/2/23 Thursday - Council Membership Meeting @ 7PM CSSR Hall/
Rosary @ 6:30PM

2/14/23 Tuesday – Valentine’s Day

2/16/23 Thursday - Council Planning Meeting @ 7PM CSSR Hall

02/22/23 Wednesday – Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence- see
bulletin for mass times and details

03/02/23 Thursday - Council Planning Meeting @ 7PM CSSR Hall/
Rosary @ 6:30PM

Membership Dues – Financial Secretary John Vella has mailed out your 2nd Notice to unpaid membership last week. 2023 Council membership dues are only \$ 25.00/year or less than \$ 0.07/day. This is the best value for growing your Catholic faith. Questions on your dues, call John Vella at 612-396-2325. If you are paying by cash, come to membership meeting. Please pay your membership dues as postage went up 5% last month.

- 2023 Parish Men’s Retreat – “We Need Each Other”

When - Saturday March 18th, 2023

Where – St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, school gym and CSSR Hall (noon lunch)

This year’s retreat theme is centered around Pope Francis January 1st, 2023 letter for the ** 56th World Day of Peace- “No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19, embarking together on paths of peace”.**

Retreat day begins with mass at 8:00am in church, followed by continental breakfast in school gym.

Retreat will start at 9:00AM in school gym.

Lunch will be served in CSSR Hall followed by the viewing of the film on St. Mother Theresa.

All meals are FREE. Retreat is being sponsored by KC Council 6772. For planning food needs please register by contacting John Vella at (612) 396-2325 or email him at jvella529@gmail.com.

Come for a morning in growing your faith, fraternity and fellowship.

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Sunshine Report

Get Well Cards sent:

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Steve Buechler

Jim Denn

Frank Noonan

Ray Peterson

Richard Schwieters

Sharon Schwieters

Joseph Thill

Dave Carey

Albert Kowalczyk

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

*If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:
Jim Stalberger: H #763-424-8774 or email: jstalberger720@yahoo.com*

Pope Francis's

*Prayers for the month of February: **For Parishes**
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

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We pray for the end of civil and domestic violence.*

We continue to pray for the end of abortions, for care of expectant mothers and babies.

We pray for each of us to be respectful of others who have different beliefs from us, that we:

***Love as Jesus loves us and
Forgive as Jesus forgives us.***

Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus: *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*