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### The Year 2021 is Pedicated to St. Joseph

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MILITARY FAR FROM HOME!



My Dear Brother Knights,

A few years ago the Knights of Columbus had a major push to put Christ back into Christmas. That concept still has value today. In many ways Christmas has become so commercialized that Christ nearly disappears from the very celebration of his birth.

As Knights we have a duty to defend the core of our faith. Remember, the degrees you completed? While there are key values attributed to each degree at the very center of each of those values is the teaching of Jesus revealed through the Gospels and handed down from generation to generation as our Catholic Faith. Returning Christ to Christmas is central to maintaining the core truths of that Faith!

What I would urge each of you to consider is how you might keep the Knights of Columbus spirit of Christmas front and center in your lives? At the center of the Gospel message is an invitation to daily encounter Christ in our lives. The Last Supper Discourse in the Gospel of John spells out that invitation very clearly. What if we Knights take the command to love one another as Christ loved us seriously and work daily to welcome Jesus into our lives by doing various acts of kindness? What if we made showing compassion and kindness a priority within the various activities we do? We could become instruments of the very peace that was proclaimed at his birth.

So my brothers, let us give this a try and make acts of kindness a regular part of our daily lives as we prepare ourselves once again to welcome Jesus into our lives. May you all have a blessed and eventful Advent

Veni Creatur Spiritu,

Ir Jom Mischler



Brother Knights,

We have finished a very successful year thanks to the efforts of many of our members.

Rosary at Planned Parenthood, The Bike Project, Pancake Breakfasts, Baby Bottle Drive, Tootsie Roll Drive, Blood Drives, Donations to St. Vincent DePaul, Successful Raffle and More.

Thank you to all the Men who made this past year possible and to Father Tom, Father Mick and Father Frank for Guiding us through the Year.

We are planning a Christmas Party, Free Throw Contest in January 2022. All Kids 11 to 14 are welcome. Baby Bottle Drive, Fish Fry s, Blood Drives and as Always the Rosary at Planned Parenthood on Wednesdays.

A Special thank you to the men who planned and conducted all our activities and an invitation to all members to participate in the coming year.

We will not have Meetings or Breakfast in December this year. This month is a time for Family and Celebrating Christ Birth.

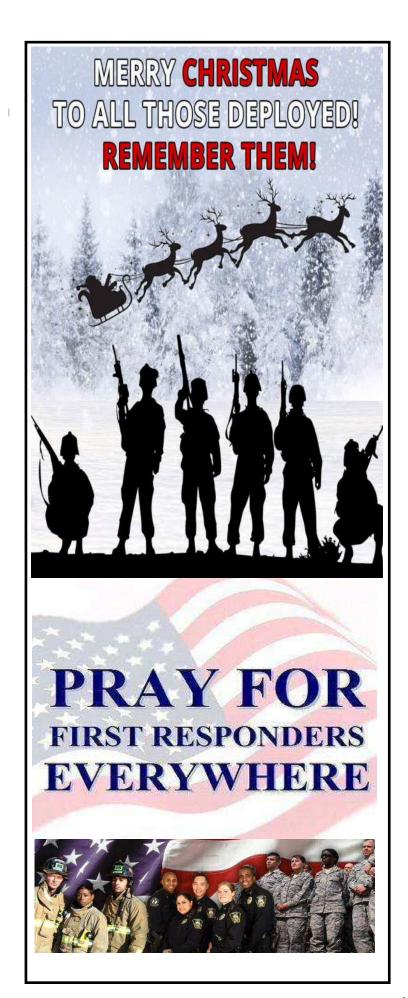
If you know of a Brother sick or in distress please call Jim Quirk at 219-776-8366.

Viva Jesus

*Jim Quirk,* Grand Knight

## PRAISE THE LORD WE WELCOME NEW MENBERS:

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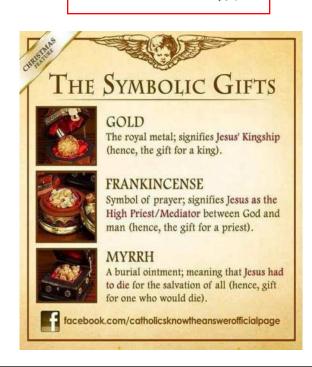
Bruce Beck + Jim Doppler Gerry Glatt Beth King Jason Krampen + Nan Fitzgerald Donna Halcarz Fr. Tom Mischler Jim Murphy Dave & Joan Pazonka
Jennette Pendowski
Joe Pollaro
Cindy Qualizza
Chrissy Quirk
John Ryczaj
Fred Siminski
Ed Stram
Ken Williams +

Please placeyour strong arm of protection around everyone and hold them close to your heart in the hollow of your hand. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

If you know of any name to be added or removed from the prayer list please let me know; Deacon Norm Neher (219) 988-5023 or n.neher@comcast.net

## RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 21st RAFFEL:

Robert Kulesa \$500 Carey \$250 Kenny Szczerbowski \$100. H. Giacomin \$100 Dave Schnurlein \$50





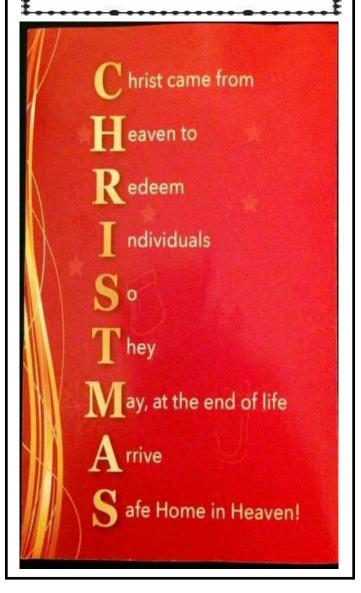
#### **DECEMBER**

- 6 Holy Spirit Men's Group 8:00 am
- 19 Pancake Breakfast at HS after 10:00 mass

#### J ANUARY

8 - Christmas Party (more information coming)

Every Wednesday prayers at Planned Parenthood, Merrillville **a**t 3:00 pm.





- 7 Steven Pavicich
- 9 John Mullen
- 9 Jason Krampen
- 9 Steven Lockhart
- 13 Robert Marchina
- 13 Seth Bontempo
- 16 Daniel Serafin
- 19 Jose Rubalcava
- 22 CharlesConlon
- 23 Robert Bradtke
- 25 Bill Brissette
- 25 Thomas Coggins
- 26 Daniel Lewandowski
- 26 Kenneth Williams

#### **OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Good of the Order:**

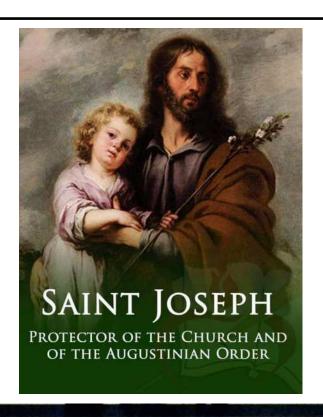
Fr. Tom, Ken Boguki, Joe Pollaro, Joe Marando, Fred Siminski, Ed Stram, Homer Rachford, John Ryczaj, Dave and Joan Pszonka, Harold Pendowski, Beth King and Ray Manista.

#### 50/50 Drawing:

Was won by Gerry Glatt, total was \$26, he won \$13 and he donated that to Gibault.

#### **Attendance Drawing:**

#144, Andrew Yoder was drawn for \$60, he was not in attendance. The kitty will increase to \$65 for the next meeting.



## PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

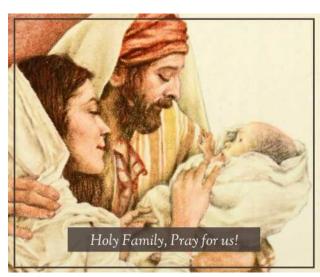
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Pope Francis

I Pray We Don't Go Back To Normal...

- 1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
- 2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.
- 3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
- 4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
- 5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.

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#### VATICAN NEWS

By Vatican News staff reporter

CARDINAL CUPICH 'TRADITION ONCUSTODES':EXPRESSING UNITY THROUGH IDENTICAL PRAYER

Writing for the 'Pray Tell' blog, Cardinal Blase Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago examines three "guiding principles" for receiving and implementing Pope Francis' motu proprio " Traditionis custodes: on the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970'

With the motu proprio Traditionis custodes, Pope Francis intends "to re-establish throughout the Church of the Roman Rite a single and identical prayer that expresses its unity," according to the liturgical books promulgated following the Second Vatican Council, says Cardinal Blase Cupich. In an article published on the blog "Pray Tell," the Archbishop of Chicago says, "There are not two forms of the Roman Rite, because the word 'reform' means something, namely that we leave behind the former way of celebrating the sacraments and adopt a new form." Cardinal Cupich goes on to explain that Pope Francis has offered three "important guiding principles for receiving and implementing Traditiories custodes: the unity of the Church; the continuity of the reforms of Vatican II with the Tradition of the Church; and the role of the Bishop as "sole moderator, promoter, and guardian of all liturgical life in his diocese."

#### UNITY OF THE CHURCH

The Cardinal maintains that when St John Paul II and Pope Benedict expanded the possibility of celebrating Mass in the pre-conciliar form, their goal "was to heal the rift with the members of the Society of St Pius X, who have questioned the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

"Sadly," says Cardinal Cupich, "this was not achieved." An authentic action of the Holy Spirit

With Traditionis custodes, Pope Francis also intends to ensure that there is "a solid unequivocal recognition" by all Catholics, that "the Second Vatican Council and its reforms are not only an authentic action of the Holy Spirit but also are in continuity with the Tradition of the Church."

This, he says, means full acceptance of the liturgical rites promulgated by the post-conciliar popes.

#### **GUARDIANS OF THE LITURGY**

Finally, says Cardinal Cupich, Pope Francis wants to emphasise that, in each diocese, the Bishop alone has responsibility for the liturgical life of the local Church. This means only the Bishop can decide if and when to permit liturgical celebrations according to the previous usage: and that the Bishop "is duty bound to make his decision in a way that promotes in his diocese a return to a unitary celebratory form."

#### PASTORAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Concluding his reflection on Pope Francis' motu proprio, Cardinal Cupich says pastors must "accompany people in coming to an understanding of the link between the way we worship and what we believe," while emphasising that the Pope ultimately desires a 'unitary liturgical practice using only the reformed liturgical books."

Cardinal Cupich suggests visiting with the faithful attached to the older books to help them understand the principles of renewal called for by the Council; helping them appreciate how the new rites lead them to greater use of scripture and traditional prayers. He also suggests the possibility of creatively" including in the new Mass elements from the previous manner of celebrating that are already permissible as options - including, for instance, the use of Latin, Gregorian chant, and extended periods of silence in the liturgy.

"I believe." says Cardinal Cupich. "that we can use this opportunity to help all of our people come to a fuller understanding of the great gift that the Council has given us in reforming the way we worship."

#### CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA APOLOGIZE TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THIS LAND Posted Sep-24-2021

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering expenenced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples

They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.



### THE MANY LAWS OF LIFE

#### LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR -

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

#### LAW OF GRAVITY -

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

#### LAW OF PROBABILITY -

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

#### LAW OF RANDOM NUMBERS -

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal - and someone always answers.

#### **RAINY-DAY FUND**

When small businesses in Tennessee were abruptly shuttered in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19, shop owners worried about how to care for their employees, how to pay their rent, and how to simply survive the crisis. In response to their concerns, the pastor of a church near Nashville started an initiative to supply cash to struggling business owners.

"We don't feel like we can sit on a rainy-day fund when somebody else is going through a rainy day," the pastor explained, as he encouraged other churches in the area to join the effort.

A rainy-day fund is money that's put aside in case normal income is decreased for a time while regular operations need to continue. While it's natural for us to look out for ourselves first, Scripture encourages us to always look beyond our own needs, to find ways to serve others, and to practice generosity. Proverbs 11 reminds us, "One person gives freely, yet gains even more," "a generous person will prosper," and "whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" (vv. 24–25).

Is the sun shining extra bright in your life today? Look around to see if there's torrential rain in someone else's world. The blessings God has graciously given you are multiplied when you freely share them with others. Being generous and open-handed is a wonderful way to give hope to others and to remind hurting people that God loves them.

#### **VARIATION LAW-**

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

#### LAW OF THE BATH -

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

#### LAW OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS -

The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

#### LAW OF THE RESULT -

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

#### IT JUST DAWNED ON ME

My dog sleeps about 20 hours a day. He has his food prepared for him. He can eat whenever he wants.

His meals are provided at no cost to him.

He visits the Dr. once a year for his checkup, and again during the year if any medical reeds arise. For this he pays nothing and nothing is required of him.

He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs and he is not required to do any upkeep. If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up.

He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep.He receives these accommodations absolutely free. He is living like a King, and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever.

All of his costs are picked up by others who go out and earn a living every day.

I was just thinking about all this, and suddenly it hit me like a brick ... I think my dog is a member of Congress















