



# From the Chaplain

Deacon Sean Curtan, Spiritual Advisor

Fellow Knights and families, In 2012, a year of prayer, can we learn to listen to God in the silence as well as talk in the conversation known as prayer. We should listen twice as much as we speak that should apply to every day of our lives. Prayer is truly a conversation -- a two-way communication in which we speak to God and listen for his response. Most of us are good at speaking to God. Whatever type of prayer we choose; adoration, praise, contrition, forgiveness and penance or thanksgiving. Whether a reflection on scripture or spiritual reading, centering prayer, lectio divina a two-way conversation with God is essential.

Understanding prayer as conversation will aid our daily walk with God and help us to achieve an even closer relationship to God and the people in our lives. We need to learn silence and listening and as we know with any good conversation there are times when we speak and times when we must actively listen. Few of us have problem vocalizing their needs or requests--the difficulty comes in active listening.

To be a good listener whether in a conversation with a family member, friend or God we need to have patience. When we tell God our wants or needs we must have confidence that a response will be given, that God hears and will respond. Conversion as prayer has its requirements of listening, patience, and confidence. Prayer is conversation, if we can talk we can pray and we can always learn to pray better. The confidence that God both hears and will respond to our prayers will be of little value if we do not have the patience and courage to actively listen for God's response. We have a guarantee that God will listen and re-

spond then we must listen actively and have the courage to accept the answer we receive in the time and the manner that is given to us by God.

Conversation requires us to be aware of the presence of another who is listening when we pray in our hearts or on our lips, we must be aware of God's presence. To see prayer as a conversation is an act of charity for we must give ourselves fully to God. Prayer as conversation requires that we turn toward the person who we are speaking that is God. Our conversation with God must allow us to repair or reconstruct as might be necessary on our journey with God.

We must also seek a response, unless some response is to receive there is no conversation. Prayer as conversation requires us to be patient, learning how to truly engage in a conversation takes practice and patience. It is important to learn that we cannot control the response of God. Our conversation with God will most probably take place over a long period. Sometimes prayer as conversation simply means that we must be faithful, we must show up and sit quietly in the presence of God.

*Peace be with you in the new year!*

## Major degree

Brother Knights, we will be having our major degree at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Please join us on this day for our district event. If you have a family member or friend that would like to join please invite them. You can call any of the officers or directors and they will be glad to help you.



## Calendar of Events

Rosary 6:30 every Tuesday through next May in the Cry Room

Rosary every Sat. at 10 a.m. at the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale

- Jan. 1, New Year's Day
- Jan. 3, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- Jan. 8, Membership dinner
- Jan. 17, Free Throw contest
- Jan. 22, Dad's Belgian Waffle Break.
- Jan. 28, 2nd and 3rd degree, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 31, Planning meeting, 7 p.m.



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January, 2012



Business Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month  
Planning Meeting Last Tuesday of Month  
Tom Heltemes, Grand Knight



# THE LEAFLET



Membership Meeting,  
1st Tues., 7:00 p.m.  
West Meeting Room

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## Grand Knight's Message Tom Heltemes, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families, As the new year gets closer I hope each and every one of you had a very Blessed Christmas. Through the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest and selling the Christmas Cards our council has tried to get the true meaning of Christmas into our homes and community. Let's carry that spirit throughout the year.

I'd like to thank all my Brother Knights who helped make the first half of the council year so successful. Let's continue to make 2012 even better.

We have added a third seminarian to our RSVP program. He is Byron Hagan who is currently serving at our parish for a year. Please pray for all of the seminarrians as they continue on their journey to the priesthood.

The first event we have in January will be a Membership Dinner on Jan.

8. For our council to keep its membership strong we must continue to recruit new members. The dinner is a great time to learn more about how the Knights of Columbus started with Fr. Michael J. McGivney and continues to help thousands of people around the United States and the world. If any member has someone that they think might be interested in joining, please call me at 763-425-2314, or any of the membership directors (phone numbers on page two).

There were many requests from parishioners to bring the Dad's Belgian Waffles back again this year. He will be here with those delicious waffles on Jan. 22, please join us.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

## Dues reminder!!

The dues billing for the 2012 council year has been mailed. The Council dues remain at \$24.00. The billing will also include a \$2.00 donation request for each of the following; Pennies for Seminarrians, the Jim Campbell Fund, Culture of Life and the Minnesota Student Loan Fund..

Please pay your dues promptly, and pay the \$32.00 requested if possible. If not, please pay \$24 to maintain your membership. Honorary members (age 65 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will be billed at a rate of \$12 rather than \$24. Honorary Life members (age 70 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will not receive a billing, only the membership card which has been sent. We always welcome donations from Honorary and Honorary Life members.

If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss deferring your dues for one year. Our council does have a financial hardship policy, but the member must make that request of the Grand Knight, Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 763-420-5527. Russ Funk, FS



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Ken Davies (Forrest Zimpleman's father-in-law), Amber Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill Johnson), Sandra Sager (Frank's wife), Dan Padden, Vincent Bazzani, Clarence Dorweiler, Darlene Loeffler (Austin's wife), Bernice Swedzinski, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Don Kramer & his wife Sylvia, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter), Dave Wilhelm, Bernie Bartos & Romana Jorgensen.

Remember family members & friends who are sick or are having surgery, men and women serving in the military and those men studying for the priesthood or deaconate.

*If you know of any Knight or family member who you would like to be included on our prayer list please call Bernie Bartos, 763-577-0997 or Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314 or e-mail: tom@heltemes.com*

## Membership dinner

Council 9139 is having a membership dinner at 5:30, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, in the East meeting room.

We will be serving a Pulled Pork dinner. All prospective members and their guests are free.

If you know of a friend, relative or neighbor that would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus contact Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314 or Ted Hambrook, 651-269-7433.

## The Three Wisemen bearing gifts



## Belgian Waffle Breakfast

Our January Breakfast is going to be served by Dad's Belgian Waffles on January 22, 2011, from 8:15-12:30.

The breakfast will be in St. Vincent de Paul gym and cafeteria with a menu of sausage & all you care to eat waffles with flavored syrups. Beverages will be coffee and either juice or milk.

Don't miss this great breakfast, if you were there last year you know how good Dad's Belgian Waffles were. Bring your family and friends.

John Fritsch, Joe Koenen

## Free Throw Contest

St. Vincent's School Basketball Free-throw Contest date is set for January 17th starting at 8:00 a.m. and finishing up at 1:30. At least 6 Brother Knights are needed to help keep score.

Girls and boys ages 10-14 will participate, with the winners moving on to the District Contest in February. If you can help call Tim Holtan at 420-3468 or Tom Heltemes, 425-2314.

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**Condolences**  
About 50 third & fourth degree members gathered to pray a rosary on Sat., Dec. 17 for Brother Knight Lee Gresser who passed away Dec. 9. Our sympathy to his family.

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**Meet our new Seminarian--T.J. McKenzie**



I grew up in Maple Grove and attended public schools, graduating from Maple Grove Senior High in 2005. I then attended the University of Minnesota and received a degree in Kinesiology/Pre-physical therapy in 2009. I started major seminary at the Saint Paul Seminary directly after that. I just finished the two years of philosophical course work, so I am now an official candidate for holy orders and am in Theology 1 classes. God willing, I will be ordained a priest in May of 2015. Growing up I attended Saint Joseph the Worker in Maple Grove, but my family now belongs to Saint Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park which is the parish I go to for daily Mass and on Sundays when I am home for the various breaks we have at the seminary.

Growing up, I didn't do too much with my faith. Of course, I attended Mass and faith formation classes and volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for 4/5 year olds while in high school. However, it wasn't until my final year of high school in 2005 when my faith really came alive. That spring, Bl. John Paul II died and Pope Benedict XVI was elected. The events surrounding all of this really sparked my interest in the Catholic faith since I saw the timelessness and universality of the Church. I began reading books about the faith, and I started living an intentionally Catholic life. The thought of the priesthood starting popping up in my mind at this time, but I didn't do anything about it. When I began at the U of M that fall, I would walk past the Newman Center everyday to get to class, and I noticed they had daily Mass there. I didn't have class at the time, so I began going on a regular basis. The thought of the priesthood kept popping into my mind, so I began to pray to our Blessed Mother for clarity

on this issue. At the same time, a few people began approaching me about the idea of becoming a priest. I continued to go to daily Mass for the next four years while at college and wrestle with the issue. It was finally my senior year when, after being accepted to two doctoral programs for physical therapy, I finally decided to apply for the seminary since that is where I felt God was calling me.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two years of seminary, and I pray God will continue to lead me down the path to priesthood.

In Christ and Mary, T.J. McKenzie

**Communion Breakfast**

We had the largest number of Knights and their families at the Communion Breakfast on Dec. 11 that we have ever had. About 115 people went to mass and then enjoyed the delicious breakfast served by Kevin Ahlers and his trusty crew.

Tim Amireault

**Poster contest winners**



Luke Sipple Samantha Jessen Cale Ihde



Erin Judd Shelby Julien Taylor Ullen



Abigail Today Jenny Leonard Adamson John Novak



Ciara Mercier Lauren Pojar Sydney Frederick

**St. Vincent's Religious Ed. Poster Contest Winners**

- Pre-School - Kindergarten**  
1st place--Luke Sipple  
2nd place--Samantha Jessen  
3rd Place, Cale Ihde
- 1st & 2nd Grade Winners**  
1st place, Erin Judd  
2nd place, Shelby Julien  
3rd place, Taylor Ullen
- 3rd & 4th Grade Winners**  
1st place--Abigail Today  
2nd Place--Jenny Leonard  
3rd Place--Adamson John Novak
- 5th & 6th Grade Winners**  
1st place, Ciara Mercier  
2nd Place, Lauren Pojar  
3rd Place--Sydney Frederick

**St. Vincent's School Poster Contest Winners**

- Kindergarten**  
1st place, Jack Nelson  
2nd Place, Marissa Miller  
3rd Place, Joanna Yunker
- 1st & 2nd Grade Winners**  
1st place, Jordyn Brendenberg  
2nd Place, Lindsey Riese  
3rd Place, Josie Peterburs
- 3rd & 4th Grade Winners**  
1st place, Grace Lowe  
2nd Place, Piper Otto  
3rd Place, Alaina Kanayinkal
- 5th & 6th Grade Winners**  
1st place, Isabel McGraw  
2nd Place, Alani Brands  
3rd Place, Katelyn Gasperlin



Front Row: Lindsey Riese, Marissa Miller, Joanna Yunker, Jack Nelson; Second Row: Grace Lowe, Piper Otto, Josie Peterburs, Jordyn Brendenberg; Back Row: Isabel McGraw, Alani Brands, Alaina Kanayinkal. Katelyn Gasperlin, upper right.

**Robbinsdale abortion center**

Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. the rosary is prayed at the Robbinsdale Abortion Center, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale. Father Dufner from Holy Family Catholic Church leads us in praying the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; and, we are gifted with a two minute homily on next Sunday's gospel.

Prayer vigil takes about 45 minutes. Parking is easy, weather is improving and the opportunity for prayer is in our neighborhood! Please join our prayer group! Contact Duane Crosland, 422-1033 for questions.