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The stores are preparing for school, so we know it is time for us to prepare for our BBQ. By the time you receive this letter we will only be a week away from our 2023 BBQ, which is August 11,12,13. It takes a lot of manpower to make this BBQ happen. I've often said, if each knight would contribute two hours of time it would make the work much easier.

Now I specifically ask about set-up and tear down. (In addition to helping during the BBQ itself.) We need some younger knights, as many of us officers are over 70 years old. Sunday, August 6 9:30 a.m. Setting up tents Monday - Friday, August 7-11 8:00 a.m. Posts to drive, fences to put up, tables & chairs, etc. Sunday, August 13 9:00 a.m. Begin to clean up grounds and neighborhood Monday, August 14 Take everything down & continue to clean up. 8:00 a.m. (If we had 20 Knights Monday for clean up it would not be too many.) As you can see, there is a lot of work to do to make the BBQ a big success.

CAN YOU SPARE AT LEAST 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME? Thanks in advance to everyone who shows up to work in any way. Be sure to bring your family out to the BBQ to enjoy the food and fun.

We need a Chairman for the Tootsie Roll drive. It takes place in September. The money goes to children in the Quincy area who have intellectual disabilities. We also need a Chairman for the Coats for Kids. Please give it a thought as to whether you could chair one of these activities.

Remember that August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven body and soul. In the 13th Century, Mary gave us the Rosary in basically the same form that we recite it today. We should attend Mass on her feast day and pray the Rosary often for our personal needs and for our country.

The Big Raffle is over \$22,000, already. After a couple of weeks off for maintenance work on the restrooms, it is up and going again. Look for the Big Raffle tent at the BBQ.

As always, pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and an end to abortion. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

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COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Adorers needed for the Adoration Chapel at St. Peters The Church and the world have a great need

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go and meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease (Catechism Catholic Church; 1380) Please consider taking an hour in the Adoration Chapel.

OPEN Hours:

Tuesday: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday: Midnight to 1 a.m., 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., 3 a.m. to 4 a.m., 4 a.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday: Midnight to 1 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks of the month.

Friday: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the 3rd and 5th weeks of the month, 11 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday: 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks of the month, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 2nd week of the month.

Ask a friend to join you in taking an hour! Please call Mary Voorhis at 217-653-3127 or call or text Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966 with questions or to fill an hour.

We absolutely would love to have you be an Adorer with our group! We always have room on our sub list if that fits your schedule better.

Our Newest Members

-Aaron Kerkhoff, of Quincy. Aaron is Director of Operations at Kohl Wholesale. He is married to Michelle, a teacher at Blessed Sacrament School. They have three children, Jackson at QND, and Carson and Madison at Blessed Sacrament.

-John McDowell, of Quincy. John works at Chaddock. He is married to Christina and they have three children, Clare, Lucy, and Max.

In less than an hour they observed the video imparting the lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity of the Knights of Columbus.

When you see either of these gentleman, please welcome them to our council.

Tom Maas, Grand Knight

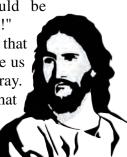
Lord, Teach Us To Pray...

Sometimes we have a great treasure right in front of us – and do not see it. Such a treasure is the "Lord's Prayer," a gift given us by Jesus himself.

We know the "Lord's Prayer" by heart and we say it frequently -- but do we really think about what we are saying? I suspect *not*! If we did, we might be greatly unsettled at the challenges that it tosses our way! Indeed, perhaps the Lord's Prayer should be

labeled, "Caution, handle with care!"

I am more and more convinced that this profound prayer that Jesus gave us contains all that we really need to pray. And indeed most every prayer that rises from our hearts is somehow found in one or another of the petitions of the "Our Father."



One verse of that prayer that has caught

my eye in recent years is the petition, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Now when most of us pray that we are actually asking, "*My* kingdom come, *my* will be done." We really want *our* way, and not God's.

To pray the Lord's way can be very daring! Good heavens! Do we really understand what we are praying for? Do we truly want to give our life over to Him and His wishes? Get serious! That could get very scary!

I am becoming convinced as I meditate on that petition though, that it is at the very heart of any spiritual growth. The path to intimacy with the Lord leads us to handing our lives over to him.

And why are we so afraid to hand our lives over to God? What are we afraid of? Does He not want what is best for us? Or maybe, we don't *really* trust Him.

Which means we want to stay in control, and that is our problem. Which takes us back to that petition he taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done."

We really need that prayer!

He knew what he was doing when he gave us His prayer. The need that it addresses is one of our most fundamental, the need to let go and to trust. For that we must pray and pray and pray.

And as we struggle to give ourselves, over time we find ourselves praying also, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

For it is the evil of wanting to hold on to control of our lives that most often leads us astray. It is that weakness that is so hard to uproot from our lives.

It takes work and guts to be a Christian! It is not for the faint-hearted. But Jesus has given us the way.

- Fr. Don Blickhan



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