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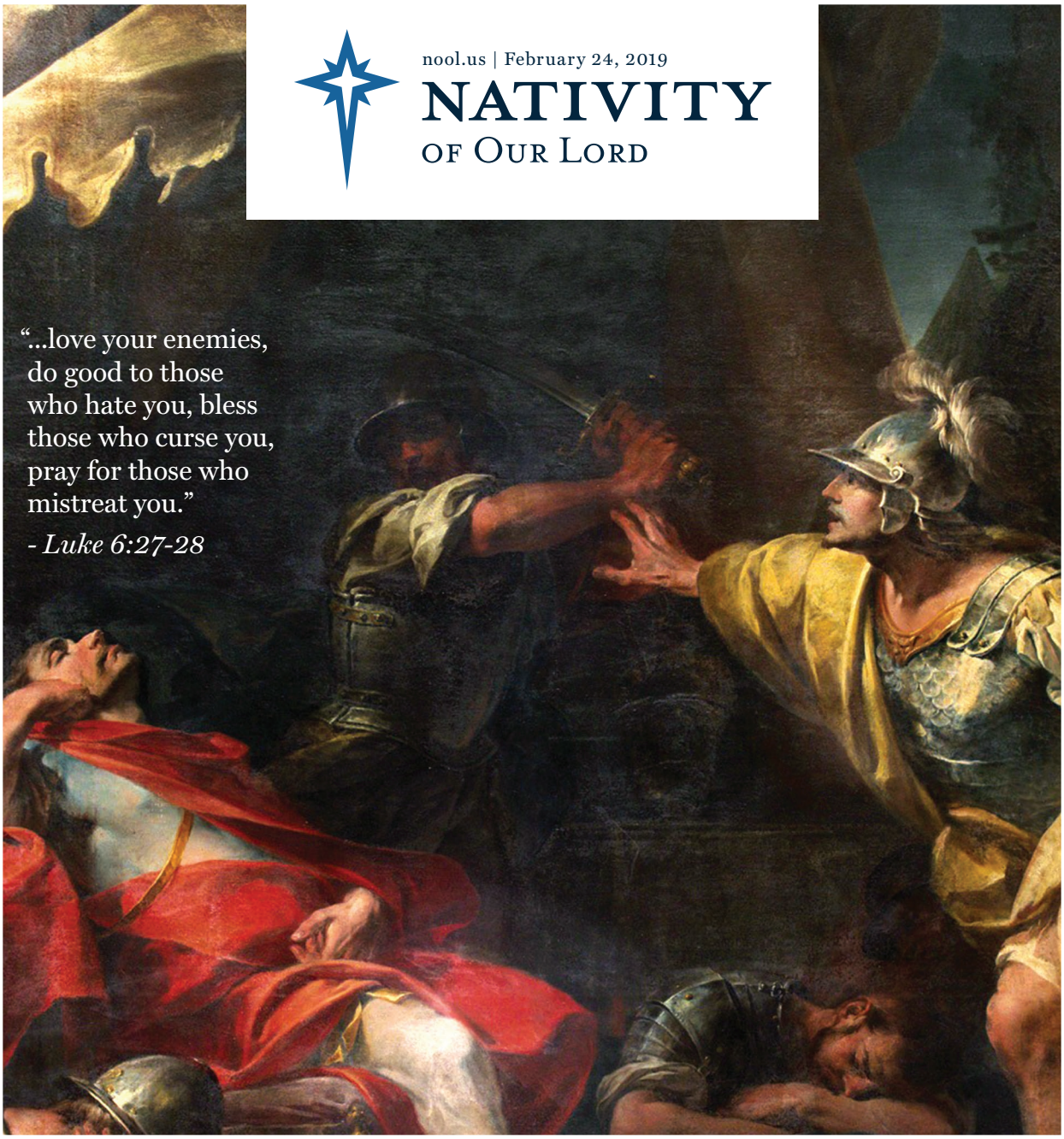


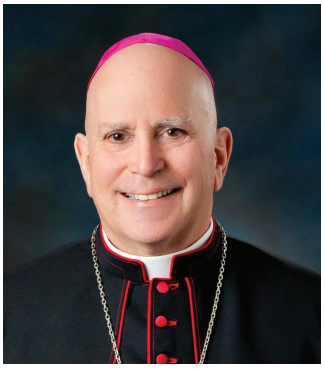
"...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

- *Luke 6:27-28*

A SOLEMN PROMISE

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIESTS



ARCHBISHOP AQUILA

Dear Parishioners,

At Nativity we have been praying the St. Michael Prayer at the end of all the weekday Masses for several months. Following verbal communication from Archbishop Aquila and the priests this would be a good thing to continue. The archbishop has now made this a formal proposal with the letter found below. The letter also includes an announcement of a day of prayer and fasting for the healing of all victims and survivors of sexual abuse which will take place on March 8, the Friday after Ash Wednesday.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael

Fr Michael

FROM ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL AQUILA:

I am writing to you concerning the use of the St. Michael Prayer at Mass. Some of you have asked since Pope Francis requested that it be prayed during the month of October if it could be continued. After listening to the Presbyteral Council Members, I have decided to allow the continued use of the prayer at all Masses. The prayer reminds us that the spiritual battle is real, that the power of God is essential to repulse the attacks of the evil one we experience in daily life, and that St. Michael is a great intercessor for protection from the devil.

Regarding the use of the prayer, this is left up to the pastor of the parish. Concerning the placement of the prayer, it may be placed in one of two places. The first is after the closing of the Mass, "Go in peace," while the celebrant remains at his chair or at the foot of the altar, and the second is after the closing hymn at Mass when the celebrant arrives at the back of Church and prays it from there with the people.

Also; it was noted in our discussions at the presbyteral council meeting that there are two translations of the prayer. For the sake of consistency, the council recommended the use of one form of the prayer, therefore the following translation of the prayer will be used.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

Finally, I have received requests from some of the laity that once a year we have a day of prayer set aside for the healing of all victims and survivors of sexual abuse, along with praying in reparation for the sin and all sins against the dignity of persons and life, and especially those committed against minors. The laity have noted that sexual abuse occurs across the spectrum of society --in families, schools, camps, and in various faith communities. This day would be one of prayer and fasting and would most appropriately be observed during Lent. Therefore, beginning this Lent of 2019 and every year subsequently, I am designating that this take place on the first Friday after Ash Wednesday, which will fall on March 8 this year.

In closing, let us continue to keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus Christ as we continue to invite others to encounter him. Jesus alone can heal the deepest wounds and disorders; only he can repair the damage caused by sin. By putting our faith more fully each day in the person of Jesus and his power and authority, we will come to believe the words, "for God nothing is impossible." The desire of the Good Shepherd is to heal the wounds of every human being who experiences brokenness. May every person come to know and receive the healing love of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

+ Samuel J. Aquila

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver

MUSIC NUMBERS

February 24

460 | 583 | 563 | 759 | 687
662 | 583 | 563 | 759 | 687

March 3

719 | 613 | 498 | 562 | 731
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DAILY READINGS

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Saturday | 2/23

HEB 11:1-7
MK 9:2-13

Sunday | 2/24

1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 COR 15:45-49
LK 6:27-38

Monday | 2/25

SIR 1:1-10
MK 9:14-29

Tuesday | 2/26

SIR 2:1-11
MK 9:30-37

Wednesday | 2/27

SIR 4:11-19
MK 9:38-40

Thursday | 2/28

SIR 5:1-8
MK 9:41-50

Friday | 3/1

SIR 6:5-17
MK 10:1-12

Saturday | 3/2

SIR 17:1-15
MK 10:13-16

Sunday | 3/3

SIR 27:4-7
1 COR 15:54-58
LK 6:39-45

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BULLETIN@NOOL.US

The submission deadline is every Tuesday at noon. Be on the lookout for early holiday submission times.

PARISH TIMES

Mass Times	Confession	Adoration
Monday - Friday	*Thursday*	*Thursday*
7:00am	5:00pm	Noon - 6:00pm
Saturday	*Saturday*	
8:00am/4:30pm	8:30am/3:00pm	
Sunday	*Sunday*	
7:30am/9:30am 11:30am/5:00pm	30 minutes prior to each mass	

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

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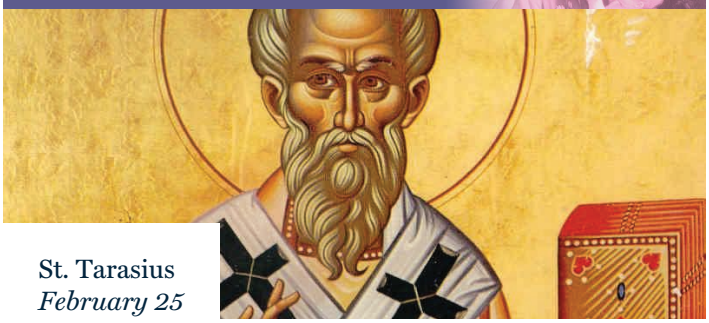

St. Tarasius
February 25

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday | 2/23

8:00am | † Rose Parczewski by Jeff and Terri Brown
4:30pm | † Donald Snider by Sally and Dan Carbone

Sunday | 2/24

7:30am | † Fred Kowalewski by Michael Talamantes
9:30am | People of the Parish
11:30am | The Sivigliano Families by Marylou Sivigliano
5:00pm | † Dianne Goberis by The Family

Monday | 2/25

7:00am | † Shannon Hancock by Pat Fonio

Tuesday | 2/26

7:00am | † Samantha Azzalin by Linda Rigby

Wednesday | 2/27

7:00am | † Baby Justin Chambers by Cyndi and Dave Beckingham

Thursday | 2/28

7:00am | † Samantha Azzalin by Donna Farrell

Friday | 3/1

7:00am | † Clara Poulin by Your Sister

Saturday | 3/2

8:00am | † Frank Michaels by Jeff and Terri Brown
4:30pm | † Frankie Korhely by Bob and Joan Cloutier

Sunday | 3/3

7:30am | † Norm Jones by Bob and Jean Gryzmala
9:30am | People of the Parish
11:30am | † Florian Karls by Mary C. Baylie
5:00pm | † Francis Panfili by His Family

Prayers for the sick and for the deceased:

We pray for all who are sick, and for our deceased relatives and friends that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven and rejoice in the eternal treasure of God's glory and love.

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at 303-466-8859 for Nativity's prayerline.

If you're going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at: 303-469-5171

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February 24	March 3
Jean Hindie	Joanna Anderson
Patricia Kegerreis	Veronica Harris
Roxane Pecchio	Bill McCauley
Virginia Sullivan	Kenneth Thrower

SACRISTRY LAUNDRY

Denise Fritz

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday | 2/24

6:00am | Choir Practice
7:05am | Morning Prayer
8:00am | CL
8:30am | Gala Auction
11:00am | Parishioner's Rosary
3:30pm | Choir Practice
6:00pm | HS Youth Group

Monday | 2/25

6:30am | Extend. Care *(Before)*
7:30am | Morning Prayer
8:30am | Gala Auction
8:30am | Endow
9:30am | Endow
10:30am | SVdP
1:00pm | Rosary Prayer Grp.
3:00pm | Extended Care *(After)*
6:00pm | Restored Order
7:00pm | Endow

Tuesday | 2/26

6:30am | Extend. Care *(Before)*
7:30am | Morning Prayer
8:30am | Gala Auction
9:00am | Endow
1:00pm | Tuesday Bible Study
3:00pm | Extended Care *(After)*
4:30pm | Extended Care *(A.C.)*
4:30pm | RE
6:00pm | Venturers
6:30pm | RE
6:30pm | RCIA
6:30pm | Young Couples
7:30pm | IN IPSO

Wednesday | 2/27

5:45am | St. Joe's Men's Grp.
6:30am | Extend. Care *(Before)*
7:30am | Morning Prayer
8:00am | Endow
8:30am | Gala Auction
10:30am | SVdP
1:00pm | Video Bible S. *(Acts)*
1:30pm | Choir Practice
3:00pm | Extended Care *(After)*
4:30pm | Extended Care *(A.C.)*
4:30pm | RE
5:30pm | Choir Practice
6:00pm | Stephen Ministry
6:30pm | Video Bible S. *(Acts)*

Thursday | 2/28

6:30am | Extend. Care *(Before)*
7:30am | Morning Prayer
8:30am | Gala Auction
9:00am | Endow
10:30am | SVdP
3:00pm | Extended Care *(After)*
6:30pm | Dante's Divine Com.
7:00pm | Sojourners
7:00pm | School of Community
7:00pm | Marriage Prep
7:00pm | Adult Confirmation
7:00pm | Rosary group

Friday | 3/1

6:30am | Extend. Care *(Before)*
7:30am | Morning Prayer
7:30am | Men of Emmaus
8:30am | Gala Auction
9:00am | Endow
10:30am | SVdP
5:00pm | GS
6:30pm | CL
6:45pm | Endow *(Couples)*

Saturday | 3/2

6:00am | Choir Practice
7:00am | MASH
7:10am | Morning Prayer
7:30am | Pro-Life Rosary
9:00am | Marian Pray Cenacles
9:00am | Spanish Bible Study
3:00pm | Choir Practice
5:30pm | Nativity School Gala
5:30pm | KoC Membership Dr.

Please join us for the

2019 NATIVITY SCHOOL FUND GALA

Mardi Gras MASQUERADE "KNIGHT"

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 • 5:30 - 11:30PM • MARRIOTT WESTMINSTER

THE GALA

The gala is an evening for the Nativity community to come together to support our parish school and Catholic education. All are welcome whether or not you have students in the school. The evening will include music, a hosted cocktail hour, dinner, a live auction, a direct appeal, and dancing!

NEW THIS YEAR!

The silent auction will take place SEPARATE from the Gala VIA ONLINE BIDDING from February 23 to March 2. If you can't attend the Gala or it's just not your thing, with ONLINE BIDDING you can still bid on the silent auction items and support our parish school from the comfort of your home! There will be no fee for online bidding, and all items will be displayed with images and descriptions for you to view.

Watch for more information regarding online bidding in the weeks to come!

REGISTER

$120 INDIVIDUAL SEAT

To reserve full tables of ten or partial tables, register individually and include a group name in the box provided on the registration page. We will then know to seat your group together. If you have any questions about registering as a group, contact Ilene DuBey at i.dubey@nool.us.

ENTERTAINMENT

Decker Babcock and his Jazz band The Spicy Pickles
Holy Family graduate, Josh Estrada, aka DJ RIPM

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call the Marriott at 720-887-1177 to reserve a room for the night of the gala for $99. Mention the Nativity Gala.

Come in your favorite formal attire and fancy mask!

Register at nool.ejoinme.org/gala2019

TITHING

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Online Giving

Nativity participates in an online giving program that serves as a consistent, reliable means of making your offering to our parish.

Questions? Carol at: c.sullivan@nool.us

To give online:

1) Go to nool.us
2) Click on 'Parish Life' tab
3) Scroll to Online Giving
4) Complete the registration

MARRIAGE PREP

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CLASSES BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

Marriage prep classes for the Spring of 2019 will begin this week. Please see the schedule below, visit the Marriage page of the website (nool.us/marriage), and contact Merrilyn Sikora at merrilyn.sikora@nool.us to register.

All classes will take place in the parish Conference Room at 7:00pm on:

Thursday, February 28
Thursday, March 14
Thursday, March 21
Thursday, March 28
Thursday, April 4

FAITH ALIVE

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"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence"

- Pope St. John Paul II

Mission Uganda Dinner
April 27, 2019

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NATIVITY
PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

FALL 2019

Nativity Preschool offers a high-quality early childhood experience in a caring, safe, fun and faith-filled environment, where children develop qualities such as:

- Conversation
- Creative Thinking
- Motor Skills
- Focus
- Persistence
- Independence
- Empathy
- Conflict Resolution

Nativity Preschool for 3-5 year olds:

5 Full Days | 5 Half Days | 3 Half Days

Full Day | 8:00am - 3:00pm

Half Day Morning | 8am - 11:00am

Half Day Afternoon | 12:00pm - 3:00pm

For more information visit:
school.nool.us

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WOMEN'S GUILD

MONTHLY MEETING | March 11

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm in Weibel II. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend to find out what we are about! This will be the Guild's annual budget and calendar meeting. For more information, please call Nicki Battista at 303-469-0670.

RESPECT LIFE

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PRAYER IN THE SQUARE | March 2

Join us next Saturday, March 2, at 10:00am, and each First Saturday, to pray a Rosary at North Midway Park, on the corner of Midway and Kohl St. We pray for God's love, mercy and peace - through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe - for the sanctity of human life and for an end to the persecution of Christians worldwide.

In case of inclement weather, we will meet at Nativity. This includes snowing and/or extreme cold. Bring your family. Tell your friends!

For more information visit: *prayerinthesquare.com.*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE | March 6 - April 14

The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life will be March 6 - April 14. Dates to note:

Monday, March 4, 7:00pm | Candlelight vigil at the Boulder abortion clinic, Boulder

Tuesdays, March 12 - April 9 | Nativity of our Lord vigils at Boulder abortion clinic

Tuesday, March 26 | Nativity of our Lord vigil day at Planned Parenthood, Denver. Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Michael.

More information to come and find more at: *40daysforlife.com.*

If you have any questions please contact

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Carrie Kudrna: 720-261-7622, ckudrna@ctpower.com
Janet Carpenter: 720-939-7192, janetacarpenter@comcast.net

BOOK CLUB

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THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS | February 27

Book club has been rescheduled for Wednesday February 27 at 8:30am. The group will focus on discussing *The Stranger in the Woods*. It is a true story researched by Michael Finkel. Newcomers are very welcome. For more information please call Jackie at 303-410-1136 or Ann at 303-451-5219.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Denver Seminarians: Discernment Retreats

HIGH SCHOOL| March 3 | Grades 9-12
ADULT MEN| April 7 | Ages 18+

St. John Vianney Seminary, in Denver, is hosting a High School Men's Discernment Retreat on March 3 from 9:00am - 4:00pm and an Adult Men's Discernment Retreat on April 7 from 9:30am - 5:00pm. Find more information and/or register at denverseminarians.org.

Vocation and Discernment: A Talk for Parents

May 6 | St. John Paul II Center for New Evangelization

The Vocations Office, of the Archdiocese of Denver, is hosting a talk for parents on the subjects of vocation and discernment this May. All parents are welcome to attend. There will be no childcare available. With questions please contact the Vocations Office at 303-282-3429.

Biblical and Catechetical Schools

LENTEN EXPERIENCES | March - April

The Biblical and Catechetical Schools are offering new events to enrich your Lent this year. This includes a four-part short course on, *"The Epistle to the Romans,"* and another called, *"Sacred Art and The Themes of Lent."* Our annual Lenten Retreat is called, *"The 'Confessions of St. Augustine' and our Lenten Pilgrimage."* These courses are open for anyone and everyone!

For more information about the events, including parish locations, dates, and registration details, please visit: *sjvlaydivision.org/#news* or call 303-715-3195.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

COUPLES RETREATS | Dillon, CO

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the World-wide Marriage Encounter weekend on:

April 26-28 | Dillon, CO
September 13-15 | Dillon, CO
November 1-3 | Dillon, CO

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information, please visit: *wwme.org*. With questions, feel free to contact Brenda and Gary Granger at 303-604-6202.

Mullen HS Senior Citizens' Prom

March 16 | Mullen High School, Denver

Please join the students of Mullen High School on Saturday, March 16 from 6:30-9:00pm as they host their 26th Annual Senior Citizens' Prom! It's a "50's Inspired Rockin' to the Oldies Evening" featuring The Mile High Band. This is free event for all senior citizens. RSVP by March 5 to Mary Ann Oswald at 303- 941-8723 or at familyoswald@msn.com.

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Catholic Women's Conference of Denver

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN | April 27 | Lone Tree

Registration is now open for the third annual Catholic Women's Conference of Denver: *The Holiness of Women*. Visit DenverCatholicConference.com to learn more.

Denver Marian Conference

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN | May 10-11 | Denver

Let us come together this Mother's Day Weekend to Honor Our Heavenly Mother and all mothers! This two day conference, at the Crowne Plaza Convention Center, will include speakers, confession, Mass, adoration, and more. For more information please visit: DenverMarianConference.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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TIME IS NOW

An opportunity for you to advance into the 2nd & 3rd Degree of our Order will be offered at Nativity of Our Lord Council 10961 Saturday, March 30 in Ryan Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. We're offering a no-frills degree. All we need from you is your commitment to attend. There's no cost to attend. Please be sure to RSVP to GK Gary Thomas or FS Rob Engelhardt so we can prepare your registration.

WHY ADVANCE?

To understand the principles of our order, to recognize the endless potential that awaits us as Knights, and to help spread the Kingdom here in our community as men of faith and integrity. In the 1st degree of our order you were introduced to the pillar of charity. You will learn the pillars of unity and fraternity in the 2nd & 3rd degree. Finally, the pinnacle of the order, as a 4th degree Knight, encompasses what truly being a Knight could, and should, be: men standing in the court of the King of Kings to be his arms and legs.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

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The Visit - Part II

We are now at the point of conducting a visit with the people asking for our help. As mentioned last week we only have about one hour to get the information we need. To make an informed decision we need to know what the specific situation is, the number of people affected, why the situation exists, what has been done by the people asking for help to address the problem, the sustainability of the people asking for help, what kind of assistance is needed, how much assistance is needed, and when it's needed by.

This is a tall order, but the visitors have become very proficient at working together, asking questions and taking notes on a very useful form that we've developed. The form provides a framework to structure the conversation to get the needed information in as little time as possible while providing enough flexibility to treat people as individuals. At least one of the visitors will make notes of the conversation. All of the visitors are free to ask questions as the conversation goes on and this is very helpful because we have different strengths and perspectives given our different backgrounds and experiences.

We'll continue with more on the visit next week. In the meantime, if you know of someone needing assistance have them call the SVdP assistance line at 720-452-2520.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

An Opportunity

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday). As we prepare to do penance and renew our faith in anticipation of Easter, we might also use this time as an opportunity to listen to His invitation to a new and deeper truth with Him. For some, this may involve stepping outside of themselves and working to see Christ in their neighbor; for others it might mean opening themselves up to receive the love and care Christ is offering them in their time of need.

Stephen Ministry, our parish's one-to-one caregiving ministry, is a powerful opportunity to embrace that new life in Christ, be it in sharing or receiving His love. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please call 303-469-5171 x113.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR POPE

POPE FRANCIS

LETTER SENT BY THE HOLY FATHER TO THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Vatican City, 1 January 2019

Dear Brothers,

POPE FRANCIS

During my meeting on the last September 13 with the officers of your Conference of Bishops, I suggested that together you make a retreat, a time of seclusion, prayer and discernment, as a necessary step toward responding in the spirit of the Gospel to the crisis of credibility that you are experiencing as a Church. We see this in the Gospel: at critical moments in his mission, the Lord withdrew and spent the whole night in prayer, inviting his disciples to do the same (cf. Mk 14:38). We know that, given the seriousness of the situation, no response or approach seems adequate; nonetheless, we as pastors must have the ability, and above all the wisdom, to speak a word born of heartfelt, prayerful and collective listening to the Word of God and to the pain of our people. A word born of the prayer of shepherds who, like Moses, fight and intercede for their people (cf. Ex 32:30-32).

In that meeting, I told Cardinal DiNardo and the other bishops present of my desire to accompany you personally for several days on that retreat, and this offer was met with joy and anticipation. As the Successor of Peter, I wanted to join all of you in imploring the Lord to send forth his Spirit who "makes all things new" (cf. Rev 21:5) and to point out the paths of life that, as Church, we are called to follow for the good of all those entrusted to our care. Despite my best efforts, I will not be able, for logistical reasons, to be physically present with you. This letter is meant in some way to make up for that journey which could not take place. I am also pleased that you have accepted my offer to have the Preacher of the Papal Household direct this retreat and to share his deep spiritual wisdom.

With these few lines, I would like to draw near to you as a brother and to reflect with you on some aspects that I consider important, while at the same time encouraging your prayer and the steps you are taking to combat the "culture of abuse" and to deal with the crisis of credibility.

"It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Mk 10:43-45). With these words, Jesus intervenes and acknowledges the indignation felt by the disciples who heard James and John asking to sit at the right and left of the Master (cf. Mk 10:37). His words will help guide us in our shared reflection.

The Gospel is not afraid to mention certain tensions, conflicts and disputes present in the life of the first community of disciples; it would even appear to want to do so. It speaks of seeking places of honor, and of jealousy, envy and machinations. To say nothing of the intrigues and the plots that, whether secretly or openly, were hatched around the message and person of Jesus by the political and religious leaders and the merchants of the time (cf. Mk 11:15-18). These conflicts increased with the approach of the hour of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, as the prince of this world, and sin and corruption, appeared to have the last word, poisoning everything with bitterness, mistrust and resentment.

As the elderly Simeon had prophesied, difficult and critical moments can bring to light the deepest thoughts, tensions and contradictions present in the disciples individually and as a group (cf. Lk 2:35). No one can consider himself exempt from this; we are asked as a community to take care that at those times our decisions, choices, actions and intentions are not tainted by these inner conflicts and tensions, but are instead a response to the Lord who is life for the world. At times of great confusion and uncertainty, we need to be attentive and discerning, to free our hearts of compromises and false certainties, in order to hear what the Lord asks of us in the mission he has given us. Many actions can be helpful, good and necessary, and may even seem correct, but not all of them have the "flavour" of the Gospel. To put it colloquially, we have to be careful that "the cure does not become worse than the disease". And this requires of us wisdom, prayer, much listening and fraternal communion.

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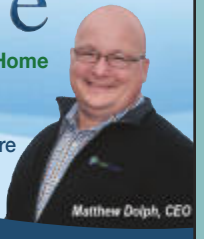

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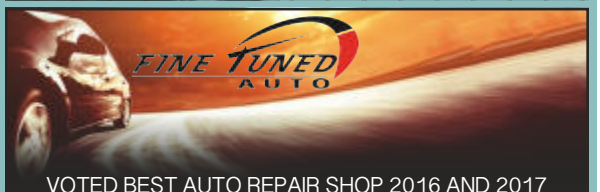

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