



1ST DEGREE
APR 7 - ST. PAUL'S
4TH DEGREE
MAY 12 - ST. CECELIA



COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017 7:00PM



Blood Donor Clinic
APRIL 27-VIVOS 4-6PM
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ANNUNCIATION
APRIL 9

"The Annunciation "

By: Fra Angelico, (1437-1446)

"...Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in the womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus..."

(Lk 1: 28-38)



To watch a 10 mins video on Fra Angelico's "The Annunciation ", click on the link below:

https://youtu.be/3B-V_pG3HPQ

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Let your hearts be glad, shout with joy and celebrate this great day! Wishing that the Lord bless you and your family this Easter and always.

"The Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is our first and primary place where we experience and are formed in our Catholic faith. By building upon our current programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parent and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith." *

"The family as domestic Church is central to both the work of the New Evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes – also the future sustainability of the Order," Supreme Knight Karl Anderson said. "But the Catholic family cannot perform this important mission on its own. The reason is simple: as Pope Paul VI observed, the family can only truly be a Domestic church when its daily life 'mirrors the various aspects of the entire Church.'" And for this to become a reality the family must be more fully integrated into the sacramental life of our parish."

After months of discussion and preparation, Father Avi and I would like to introduce to you the KofC program, 'Building the Domestic Church'. Using 'Into the Breach' as his guide, Father Avi will give a series of talks to our members on how we as husbands, fathers and grandfathers can become the true spiritual leaders of our families. This informative and interactive program will better prepare us to have those important conversations with our spouse, children and grandchildren. I hope you will find

tremendous value in this program and that you will make a special effort to attend our initial session Wednesday, April 11 @ 7:00 pm at Ascension Parish hall. Father will be celebrating mass at 6:30 pm Weds. evening and encourages all Knights to attend mass prior to his address. I hope you will mark your calendars and join us for this very special Council event.

* Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening our Parish – 2018 Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus,
 GK Kevin Power



Br. John D'Souza Memorial Mass

A Eucharistic Celebration was held on March 21st for the soul of our Brother, John D'Souza, to mark the one year anniversary of his passing. Thank you to all who attended and assisted with organizing the arrangements. Please remember Br. John in your prayers





"It is very necessary, if you want to grow, that you read Scripture and other spiritual books of lives of the saints, lives of holy men and women who had the courage and the strength to follow the gospel."

- Mother Angelica



**Chaplain's Report
by: Fr. Avi**

As we celebrate the end of Holy Week with our celebration of Easter and revelling at the joy of the Risen Lord, I am struck by the parallel of our Lenten journey with our journey toward our new Church building. Our Lord's resurrection marks the triumph of good over sin and death. We have all been so richly blessed with the gift our Lord has given us. Just as we all enjoy the riches of His goodness, we are also

so fortunate to be on the journey of our renovation to build up our new Church. It is more than half complete, and we are anticipating the start of the second phase of our renovation any day. I am excited each and every day as I tour the renovated portion of our building, and I know that the Lord has many things in store for our future. The support our Parish receives from our Brother Knights is appreciated more than you may ever realize. No charitable action, whether the effort is little or substantial, goes unnoticed nor unappreciated. I have many Parishioners tell me how impressed they are by the presence of our Knights of Columbus. Please continue to pray for one another. Happy Easter!!!



**Field Agent
Report**

Br. Robert Pettigrew, Field Agent

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1 Timothy 5:8 - Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Insurance News

Permanent Life Insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
 - Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
 - Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral.

Beneficiary Options - You decide who you want your death benefit to go to: a spouse, children, family, a trust, or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary, and can divide up the proceeds proportionally.

Charity News

Over the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.55 billion to charity and 700 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland



Once again our renovation is reaching a milestone. Soon after Easter we will be celebrating our Masses over in the new hall and the work on the new sanctuary will begin. While the new sanctuary is being developed, all our Masses will be held in the new hall and broadcast down to one of the large meeting rooms in the basement. This format will continue for the duration of the renovation, until the new sanctuary is finished.

On the weekend of March 17-18, highlights from the annual financial report were reviewed. It was noted that our overall collections were down in 2017, but that was somewhat expected during the renovation. Typically, some parishioners will leave a parish during a renovation and may return once it's completed. If you happen to be wondering about staying or leaving, please consider staying. We are in this renovation together and will all celebrate together when it's completed. It's a difficult process, but one we can share in and learn from.

Did you know... At Ascension, Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:00 am (except during Lent). Visit the parish website to download the registration form. Completed forms can be emailed or dropped off at the office and must include a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, one parent's Catholic Baptism Certificate and the Godparent's Catholic Baptism Certificates.

Numerous Parish Sacramental programs are active during April, They include Marriage Preparation, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and First Reconciliation. Please check the bulletin for important dates and times.

2018

Ascension KofC Service Programs

Church

- Keeping Christ in Christmas
- Support for Vocations
- RSVP
- Alter Servers' Appreciation
- Building the Domestic Church

Community

- St. Dismas Prison Ministry
- Blue Mass
- Mustard Seed
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

Council

- Blood Donor Clinic
- Wives' Appreciation
- Stampede BBQ
- Rorate Mass
- Christmas/Easter-Mass Setup

Culture of Life

- March For Life

Family

- Pumpkin Carving
- 40 Cans for Lent

Youth

- Coats for kids
- Basketball Free Throw



Field Trip

MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBITION

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

PACK YOUR BACKPACK, Ascension Council is going on a field trip. On April 4th, we are meeting, first for coffee at 09:30, (Macdonalds at 64 ave and 4 st. NW) and then at 10:30, we are embarking on a road trip to St. Peter's Parish in Siversprings (541 Silvergrove Dr.). St. Peter's Parish will be presenting the "Man of the Shroud Exhibition", a collection of documentary museum boards and recreated artifacts of Christ's Passion, including an actual-size photographic reproduction of the shroud of Turin.

Cost: Free will donation.

This is an open invitation to all council members. Pass the word and bring a friend.

Want to brush up on the 21st century science behind the Shroud of Turin?

Check out Fr. Spitzer's video:



<https://youtu.be/zv5qarUH1eo>

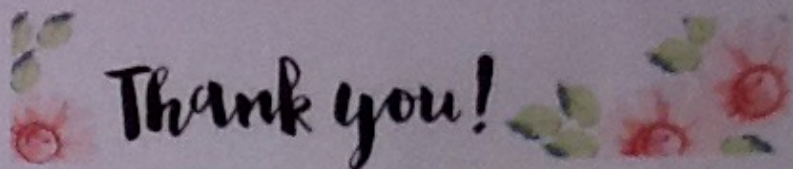
Ascension Council Supports Alissa Going in Faith Journey

<https://www.seedsoftheword.com/mission-in-calgary>



“My heart overflows with a goodly theme!” - Ps 45:1

Dear Knights of Columbus -
Ascension Council #10065,
 Thank you so, so much. Included here is a letter /update - that I am now debt-free, and will be running forward to answer Christ's call and begin formation to be a nun this May! It would not have been possible without you. You were one of the first to reach out and say you wanted to help, and I cannot fully describe how much that meant to me, strengthened and uplifted me. THANK YOU! Jesus loves you; you are ALL in my prayers! Sincerely, your sister in Christ,
 Alissa Going



Thank you!

Dear Friends and Family,

How can I put into words what God has done? My heart is singing constant praises to God, and it is with trembling awe that I write this letter. He has opened wide the doors; He has set a path before my feet. His goodness is truly unsearchable, and the joyous exclamation within my heart is without ceasing. O God, how Great Thou Art!

With overflowing joy and wonder beyond words, I am writing to share with you that on January 28th, I officially became debt-free. It would not have been possible without you, and to say that I am overcome with gratitude is an understatement. For your prayers; for your financial support; for the love you have shown me, THANK YOU.

Five months ago, I shared my story - that God has asked me to be a nun and that with great joy I have given Him my "YES", but that \$32,000 in student loans stood between me and my ability to begin religious formation. Since September, I have watched this loan amount diminish, through extremely generous hearts, through people I know and love dearly and through people I've never even met. I could not have imagined or foreseen how the entire Church would come together so quickly, or how help would dive in from so many unexpected places and bless me so fully. God truly opened the floodgates of heaven and is pouring out so much blessing that there is "not room enough to store it" (Malachi 3:10); it has overflowed! As extra donations have been given to me, everything "above" the \$32,000 is being gifted to the Seeds of the Word community, to support their life, work and mission in Calgary and around the world. In awe and overwhelmed, all I can do in return is pray for each one of you fervently, to ask God's blessings upon you, and to turn my eyes to God and praise Him continuously. For all that God has done and continues to do, please join me in giving Him endless praise!

"Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory"! - Ephesians 3:20-21

I expectantly look forward to May 2018, when I will fly to Brazil to begin the "Sabbatical Year", the first year of my formation with the Seeds of the Word community. If you wish to read about my journey going forward, please visit www.followjesustodayblog.wordpress.com. I will use this blog to keep you all updated in the months and years to come. ☺

With Our Lord and under the protective mantle of Our Lady, I continue to walk this story of grace. I wonder at how kindly and gently Jesus is leading me, and move forward with infinite trust in Him. Thank you for your prayers for me, and know that I also continue to pray for you. You have had a transformational effect on my life - and I pray countless other lives as well, as I now run forward to share the Gospel together with the community He has called me to.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. It cannot be said enough.

With love - your fellow disciple of Christ,

Alissa Going

Ascension Council Anchors KofC Participation in the Diocesan Outdoor Way of the Cross

Thanks to all who represented Ascension Council at the Outdoor Way of the Cross. Your commitment to charity by participating in this Solemn Devotion, your powerful example set by actively representing the Knights of Columbus and your sacrifice and perseverance, during inclement weather, made this event possible and a huge success.





Easter Mass Set-up Team





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http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/common_challenges/courage.html

COURAGE

by William J. Bennett

“We become brave by doing brave acts,” observed Aristotle. Dispositions of character, virtues and vices, are progressively fixed in us through practice. Thus, the Greek philosopher explained, “by being habituated to despise things that are terrible and to stand our ground against them we become brave, and it is when we have become so that we shall be most able to stand our ground against them.”

Standing ground against threatening things is not to be confused with fearlessness, however. Being afraid is a perfectly appropriate emotion when confronted with fearful things.

The great American novelist Herman Melville makes the Aristotelian point beautifully in a telling passage in *Moby-Dick*, where Starbuck, the chief mate of the *Pequod*, first addresses the crew.

Melville writes, “ ‘I will have no man in my boat,’ said Starbuck, ‘who is not afraid of a whale.’ By this, he seemed to mean, not only that the most reliable and useful courage was that which arises from the fair estimation of the encountered peril, but that an utterly fearless man is a far more dangerous comrade than a coward.”

The brave person is not one who is never afraid. That is rather the description of a rash or reckless person, someone who may be more harm than help in an emergency. It is hard to “educate” such a person on the spot. The coward, on the other hand, the one who characteristically lacks confidence and is disposed to be overly fearful, may yet be susceptible to the encouragement of example.

The infectious nature of strikingly courageous behavior on the part of one person can inspire — and also in part can shame — a whole group. That was one key to the kind of courage inspired by Horatius at the bridge in ancient Rome, and by Henry V at Agincourt.

It was one key to the kind of courage displayed by those who silently suffered abuse when they joined ranks with Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., in acts of nonviolent protest directed at rousing the public conscience against injustice.

Another key to their success, of course, was reason: practical reason delivered with the kind of eloquence that is informed by a real command of one’s cultural heritage and that steels the will to take intelligent action.

The mere inclination to do the right thing is not in itself enough. We have to know what the right thing to do is. We need wisdom — often the wisdom of a wise leader — to give our courage determinate form, to give it intelligent direction. And we need the will, the motivating power that inspiring leaders can sometimes help us discover within ourselves even when we are unable to find it readily on our own.

If Aristotle is right, then courage is a settled disposition to feel appropriate degrees of fear and confidence in challenging situations (what is “appropriate” varying a good deal with the particular circumstances).

It is also a settled disposition to stand one’s ground, to advance or to retreat as wisdom dictates. Before such dispositions become settled, however, they need to be established in the first place. And that means practice, which in turn means facing fears and taking stands in advance of any settled disposition to do so: acting bravely when we don’t really feel brave.

Fear of the dark is almost universal among young children, and it provides relatively safe opportunities for first lessons in courage. In families, older siblings are greatly assisted in cultivating their own dispositions in this respect by putting up a brave front before their younger brothers or sisters. “You see? There’s really nothing to be afraid of.”

This is excellent practice, and a fine place to begin. Occasions for being brave on behalf of others — for standing by them in challenging circumstances — are occasions for becoming brave ourselves; that is, for learning how to handle our own confidence and fear, for figuring out the right thing to do, and for mustering the will to do it.

This article is excerpted from *The Book of Virtues* (Simon & Schuster, 1993).



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