

# Fraternity

## 2015 Stampede Breakfast

On July 5th, Ascension Council held its annual Stampede Breakfast. Thank you Brother Dale for organizing this year's event and a heartfelt YAHOO! to the twelve Brother Knights who donated their time to make the Stampede kick-off a huge success. Over 375 parishioners attended.

### Executive Members

Grand Knight - Br. Karl Senger  
 Deputy Gr. Knight - Br. Kevin Power  
 Chancellor - Br. Larry Cox  
 Fin. Secretary - Br. Chris Rappel  
 Treasurer - Br. Larry Molnar  
 Recorder - Br. Phil Fitzgerald  
 Advocate - Br. Lionel Montpetit  
 Warden - Br. Michael Crichton  
 Inside Guard - Br. Trevor Bloski  
 Outside Guard - Br. Pete Jemus  
 T - 1 Year - Br. Russell Todd  
 T - 2 Year - Br. David Cooper  
 T - 3 Year - Vacant (Volunteer please)  
 Chaplain - Father Avinash

STORE CARDS !!

### Upcoming Events

 *Council Meeting*  
*August 12, 2015 - Cancelled*

 *Blood Donor Clinic*  
*August 7, 2015*  
*4:00-8:00pm*  
*Vicks (Cardel)*  
*4-6 Volunteers*  
*kindly requested.*  
*Contact Br. Kevin*  
*@ 403-992-3151*

The big print giveth, and the fine print taketh away."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



# Faith

## August Feast Days

August 4-St. Jean Vianny (Priest) August 8-Saint Dominic(Priest)

August 14-St. Maximilian Kolbe (Priest) August 21-St. Pius X (Pope)

August 24-St. Bartholomew (Apostle). August 27-St. Monica (Mother)

## Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Priest)

"If Angels could be jealous of Men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe

"The cross is the school of love."

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe



#### 1894-1941 Patron Saint of Addictions and Pro-Life Movement

Arrested by the Gestapo in May 1941, Father Kolbe was taken to Auschwitz-the city of hatred and death. He was beaten and received great cruelties for the simple fact that he was a Catholic Priest. St. Maximilian was assigned number 16670. In spite of everything, during his stay in the concentration camp, he never ceased being generous and concerned for others, and he always maintained the dignity of his fellow inmates. On the night of August 3, 1941 a prisoner assigned in the same section as St. Maximilian escaped. As a reprisal, the camp commander ordered that 10 random



prisoners be chosen to be executed. Among the men chosen was Polish Sergeant, Franciszek Gajowniczek, who was married with children. "There is no greater love than to give up your life for your friends" (Jn 15, 13). St. Maximilian, who was not one of the 10 chosen to be executed, offered himself to die in the Sergeant's place. The commander of the concentration camp accepted the exchange and St. Maximilian was condemned to die of starvation together with the other nine prisoners. Days after the condemnation, since he was still alive, they administered a lethal injection on the 14th of August, 1941.

#### Testimonials

Sigmond Gorson, a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, called him "A prince among men. Father Kolbe knew I was a young Jew, but his love would embrace everyone. He gave us lots of love. To be charitable in times of peace is easy, but to be charitable the way Father Kolbe was in that place of horror is heroic. I not only loved Father Kolbe a lot in the Concentration Camp, but I will love him until the last day of my life."

Henry Sienkiewicz slept next to Fr. Kolb at Auschwitz: "If I was able to leave that place alive, keep my faith and not despair, I owe it to Father Kolbe. When I was close to desperation and just about to jump on the electrical voltage barbed wires, he gave me strength and told me I would come out of there alive. Just lean on the intercession of the Mother of God. He instilled in me a strong faith and a living hope, especially in her Maternal protection.



Sergeant, Franciszek Gajowniczek survived Auschwitz and was reunited with his wife. His sons were killed in a Soviet bombardment of Poland. He died in 1995. He recalls St Maximilian Kolbe's words as "I am a Catholic Priest from Poland; I would like to take his place, because he has a wife and children."

Excerpt taken from [www.piercedhearts.org](http://www.piercedhearts.org)

**Knights Reflection:** "Charity should be open to all without discrimination; her only limit should be whatever is possible, which because of its spirit of sacrifice - should reach to the extreme."

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe

#### Contact Us

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