

As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “(So,) how were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” John 9:1-11

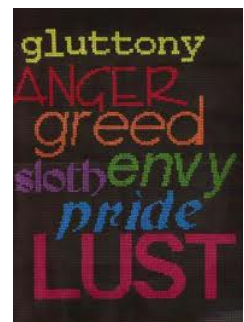


We are well underway on our journey toward the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. I hope you are enjoying an enriching Lenten walk and have been able to attend the Lenten Mission and/or assist with the “40 Days for Life” campaign. If not there is still time to go to the abortion mill and pray for an end to the scourge. As I write this, I just came home from a 90 minute vigil at the abortion mill. Lots of people honked and waved, some hollered insults and made hand gestures.

Pray to End Abortion.



One Brother Knight, 8 to 10 women, 4 teens, about 6 youngsters, and I witnessed for the faith. They were all nice people. Sure, the fish fry’s are fun, but salvation comes from immersing ourselves in our faith, defending life and doing our part to win back the culture. Prayer, fasting and alms-giving are hard to do because we have strong attachments to free time, food and our hard earned money. They are hard to part with, yet that’s exactly what we must do! We can’t take them with us, and we can’t allow them to master us. The opposite of fervent prayer is “sloth” or spiritual laziness: ignoring God our creator and first love. The opposite of fasting is “gluttony” or excess consumption of food, alcohol or something else. Yes, food is necessary for life, but we can’t give it a value greater than that; and, besides, missing a few meals helps me to



remember that food is a gift. The opposite of almsgiving is “hoarding” or seeking to control something of value as money. Again, we can’t take it with us and there are others with legitimate need that would be grateful for our help. I love the Lenten readings and the Catholic truths that are buried within them. Consider the reading above.



I need a couple of Brother Knights to help set up the baptismal font on Holy Saturday (April 7) about 8:30 AM after the Tenebrae service. Please contact me at: lecturer10644@yahoo.com.

I would also like to invite you all to attend the bonfire and Easter Vigil just after sunset on the evening of April 7th. It is the mother of all masses and is my favorite mass of the entire year.

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April business meeting is on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, April 13th at 5:45pm. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart.