

THE "CHICKEN" IS BACK!!

Every Friday Night

Our Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner is back.
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. / \$11

Half Chicken • Mash Potatoes and Gravy

Green Beans • Corn • Roll



2022 Calendar Raffle Update

The 2022 Calendar Raffle is moving along at a slow pace, and we still have a long way to go with only 1 month left to sell our calendars. We really need the generous support of all our members to help raise money for the council and its charities. Please think of family, friends, and neighbors who might make a purchase. **Remember, the calendars make great Christmas gifts with many chances to win.**

Stop by the main building during regular hours to get more calendars or call Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Helping Hands: We need members to step forward and help sell calendars after weekend Masses. Please pick up the phone and call Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 for details on a time and church.

Free 2022 Raffle Calendars

Remember that anyone selling 20 calendars will be entitled to a free calendar. Anyone selling 50 calendars will be entitled to 4 free calendars.

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Not Just Another Day

Christmas is not "just another day,"

It is a blessed time we set apart,

in honor of the little newborn King,

When joy and peace should fill each weary heart.

Christmas is a time for looking up,

And finding in our lives that one bright Star.

Christmas is the rock on which we base

The fundamental truths of what we are.

Christmas is renewing, once again

The friendships we have treasured through the years,

Of brushing back the cobwebs from the mind,

To make a place for love when it appears.

It is a Miracle clutched tightly to

Its mother's breast upon a bed of hay,

A ragged little donkey and an ox,

Whose memory we celebrate today.

Grace E. Easley

Fourth Degree News

I hope that this letter finds all of you and your family in good health. With Thanksgiving behind us, we can look forward to the month of December. That's right, December.

Our drive-thru chicken dinners are going well. Thanks to all who come out and support us on this. Also, thanks to the volunteers who give up their Wednesday and Friday nights.

Concerning the Mass for shut-ins, the TV station has been having problems at the station; this is the reason for not having the Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, it will be cleared up soon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The Christmas Cheer will be held on December 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Club. At that time, you may pay your 2022 Fourth Degree dues and make a donation toward the TV Mass for shut-ins. The Fourth Degree will have tables set up on that day for you to pay your dues and receive a 2022 membership card. Hope to see you there.

Remember this holiday season our council members and family who are homebound, in nursing homes, or in the hospital. Also, remember our service men and women who won't be home for Christmas. "May God bless them."

From my family to yours, have a blessed Christmas season.

Your faithful navigator,
Terry Obert
217-592-6400

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR THE TV MASS FOR SHUT-INS

December 7

Priest: Msgr. Mike Kuse

Hosts: Russ Doellman, George Schrage

December 14

Priest: Fr. Steven Arisman

Hosts: Dave Fisher, Steve Davis

December 21

Priest: Fr. David Beagles

Hosts: John Terstriep

December 28

Priest: Fr. Thomas Meyer

Hosts: Terry Obert, Alden Shipp

These Masses are taped in the Channel 7 studio at 301 S. 36th St., Quincy, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. They are shown the following Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 3 (ABC). Please check in at the front desk at 12:30 p.m. and sign in. Please make every effort to show up for your scheduled Mass set up. Thank you for your participation.

Insurance Agent

We have an insurance agent, Niemeyer Insurance Agency from Breese, IL. Any insurance issues or questions can be addressed to them at 618-526-7991. We don't have a field agent here! So they are our contact with any questions.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Chaplain's Column/Fr. Don Blickhan

Giving Thanks

Of all the holidays and observances through the year, I believe that Thanksgiving must be my favorite. All the other celebrations seem to have been tarnished in some way with an excess of activity or commercialism.

But this one retains its fundamental dignity. It warms the heart, looks to the Lord, and indeed is a spiritual experience.

A good part of what makes this day special is that family and friends gather together. In the rush of life the fabric of our relationships is often frayed. But getting together, relaxing, and catching up and sharing, we remember again what we most treasure in life – those other people who have walked life's road with us. We "re-member," slowly weaving the fabric of our lives back together again. We begin to feel a certain peace and wholeness, regaining our perspective and a sense of what is really important. All of this naturally leads us to turn our hearts in gratitude to God, giving Him thanks. In every sense it is a time of genuine prayer.

And with a prayer of gratitude, the proper hierarchy of the universe is slowly restored as we come to realize that God is again the Lord and center of the universe – not ourselves. We can let down our compulsion to control everything. As the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once advised: "Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience."

The act of giving thanks is truly a sacred action, a time when we realize that we are blessed by God. And to be "blessed" means to be actually touched by God. In the very gesture of giving thanks to God, God Himself reaches across and touches us. He blesses us still more!

And part of the movement of giving thanks is a call to be grateful for *everything* that has happened in our lives, both the good and the bad. And that can be an emotional challenge. As Henri Nouwen noted:

To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives: the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections – that requires hard spiritual work.

Still, we are only grateful people when we can say: thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives: between events and people we would like to



remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for. Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God.

Most of us carry painful memories of being hurt in some way over the years. We have been on the receiving end of an injustice, and perhaps carry some level of bitterness in our hearts. To bring ourselves to be thankful for those experiences seems to be asking too much.

But giving thanks for everything leads us to recognize the Lord's providence – that He is looking after us in *every* circumstance in life. As Saint Paul pointed out "...that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)

Letting go of painful memories and even coming to give thanks for them will free us and allow us to move forward in life with our heads up.

It takes time. Perhaps you may want to think about it. In the meantime, God holds us tenderly in His hands. For that we are grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving!



2021 Christmas Raffle

By now you have received your Christmas Raffle tickets in the mail and many of you have even returned them. And **Santa** is happy to report that extra money has been included to purchase even more tickets...the **Elves** are hard at work taking care of writing those extra tickets!! Thank you so much!!

Be on the lookout at the Clubhouse for the tables across from the bar with the raffle items appearing on them for you to view. Items will be added as we acquire them.

We are **extremely grateful to those donating to the raffle!!**

Tickets are only 15 tickets for \$5 and there are usually about 50+ prizes that we draw for. What a deal!! Proceeds will be used for the Club charities.

Tickets are available at the Club now and will be on sale at the Christmas Cheer. The drawing will be December 12, 2021, at 4 p.m. You need not be present to win. Please put your phone number on the ticket so that someone from SANTA's team can call you.

Thank you in advance for the purchase of your tickets.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

McGIVNEY HALL AND SPORTS BAR

228-9360

FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY

COUNCIL #583 MEETINGS
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7:00 P.M.

FOURTH DEGREE MEETING
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH,
7:00 P.M.

DEADLINE
FOR KNIGHTLY NEWS
SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE
COUNCIL MEETING

KC WEBSITE: www.quincykofc.org

K.C. CLUB KARAOKE

DECEMBER 4

8:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.

ALL WELCOME!



Fruit Baskets for Sale

St. Francis Holy Name fruit baskets for sale — \$20

Distribution and Delivery
Saturday • 12-18-21

We can deliver in the Quincy area

All proceeds go to the St. Francis Food Pantry

To Order: Call John Benz at
217-440-0875