

COUNCIL 2660 - FOLEY'S LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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Foley's Forum

Bishop Foley Council 2660
serving Dearborn since 1927

4th SUNDAY OF LENT ...ARE WE THERE YET??

As we inch our way toward Easter, the idea of "new birth" has many meanings. Of course the obvious is the Resurrection of our Lord, there is also the cleansing Waters of Baptism and the springtime of new life that will begin to surround us. It is a truly a time for new beginnings and what better time than Lent to prepare for ourselves for this new birth!

At every Major Degree, Knights of Columbus are reminded of the **Precepts of the Church.**

- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.
- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
- You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.
- You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

As we all know, we are called to attend weekly Mass and holy days of obligation. Most Catholics receive Communion regularly and we are all aware of the days of fast and abstinence as we run from parish to parish to support their Friday Fish Frys. But do we know, as Catholics we are called to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year?

Here at Divine Child, Confessions are heard every Saturday before and after the 4:30 Mass (and by appointment most any other time you need). There are usually three priests on Saturdays who avail themselves to hear Confessions and often times there is a bit of a wait. We may feel that we are not in a "state of sin" and we have no need of the Sacrament. The priest "persona Christi" is in the confessional in the person of Christ, to hear us tell God our Father that we are sorry for our sins and to ask His forgiveness. Our sins are always forgiven when we ask God to forgive us, allowing our sinful ways to be washed away and help us to start again brand new. It is almost like having a reset button! We need to feel the mercy of God and confession is good for the soul, really!

As we make our way to Easter, why not take the opportunity in the last few weeks of Lent to celebrate the Sacrament. It is ok if you haven't been in a while, a year, many years or a really long time! You don't need to print out a list of sins and recite them, its not like that anymore! Open the door and begin the conversation. If you are not comfortable, the priest will help you along. You are not the first person to have been away so long. We are fortunate to have great, understanding and compassionate priests here at Divine Child. Open your heart to God's mercy and let the healing begin.

Please join us today, Sunday at 11:30 for our 5th Sunday Rosary and then to O'Kelley Hall for Special Olympics Pasta Dinner. Consider it Lenten Prayer and Almsgiving (you can Fast tomorrow!)

If you have been thinking about joining Foley Council, call **Steve Lentz** our **Foley Membership Director** at 313-949-5162. We are hoping to have another Major Degree in late Spring. Remember, you must be at least a 1st Degree member to attend meetings.



Join the Knights of Columbus for a 5th Sunday Rosary



for the intention of:
**All Fathers, Grandfathers
and Godfathers**

that thru the example of St. Joseph, men
become the example God calls them to be.

WHEN: TODAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 31

WHERE: Church of the Divine Child

by St. Joseph Altar

**TIME: 11:30am (stay after 10am Mass or come
early to 12:30pm Mass)**



MICHIGAN DISTRICT 5 CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

BISHOP FOLEY COUNCIL 2660 along with:
Msgr. Champion Council 2819, Robert Jones Council 3078 &
Fr. Saylor Council 3774

You are invited to attend an evening celebrating our area
clergy for their dedication and devotion to all of us.
Non-members are welcome!

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH

Doors Open at 6:00 – Dinner at 7:00

**GUEST SPEAKER – Fr. Paul Ballien,
Detroit Diocesan Chaplain
FOLEY FAMILY of the YEAR
FOLEY KNIGHT of the YEAR**

PARK PLACE BANQUET CENTER

23400 Park Street, Dearborn

(South of Michigan Avenue just West of Outer Drive)

**Tickets just \$20 per person for dinner and open bar.
Complimentary tickets for Priests and Religious.
See your GK or call 313-212-1835 for more information.**