

# Dear Padre,

## How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 10  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26–16:4a

**Tuesday**  
MAY 11  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

**Wednesday**  
MAY 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday**  
MAY 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

**Friday**  
MAY 14  
St. Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26  
Jn 15:9–17

**Saturday**  
MAY 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday**  
MAY 16  
Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
or Eph 4:1–13  
or 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mk 16:15–20

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)  
Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48  
1 Jn 4:7–10  
Jn 15:9–17

## God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- \* Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- \* You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]  
"Love one another  
as I love you.  
No one has greater  
love than this,  
to lay down  
one's life for  
one's friends."  
JOHN 15:12–13



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, May 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff+</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Ron Gorges+</b>
<b>Thursday, May 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Regina Powell</b>
<b>Friday, May 14</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff+</b>
<b>Saturday, May 15</b>	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>For Vocation</b>
<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For Rain</b>

May 8, 4:00 p.m.	Julie Kaps
May 9, 9:00 a.m.	Steve Sullivan
May 15, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
May 16, 9:00 a.m.	K of C
May 22, 4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
May 23, 9:00 a.m.	Fred Jones
May 29, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
May 30, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Bergkamp

*Thank you so much for your ministry!*

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 9, 2021**



**IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YOU WILL REMAIN IN MY LOVE (JN 15: 10)**

Greetings in the Lord on 6th Sunday of Easter! Many of us grow up believing that God’s “attitude” toward us depends on how well we treat him, that is, how well we do what he wants. Isn’t that how it works? God makes laws. If we obey the laws, God is happy and leaves us alone or maybe blesses us or rewards us in some way. However, if we break the laws, God gets mad and sends a bunch of bad things our way to punish us. It sounds pretty crass, but many of us sadly see God precisely in that light even if we might not express it exactly that way. In other words, many of us imagine God acting exactly like we would act --- in a conditional, reactionary, and at times, a vengeful way. “You didn’t do precisely what I wanted, you didn’t behave as I asked, so I’m going to return the favor.” And once we have that image of God in our head, it’s easy to misunderstand much of what we hear and read in today’s gospel, “If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, . . .” (John 15:9)

It almost sounds as if Jesus is saying, “If you obey my laws, I will love you. And if you don’t, well . . . . .” The incredible thing is that God loves us no matter what --- no conditions, no exceptions --- no matter how unbelievable that sounds. That means that we can’t forfeit his love nor can we earn it. It is something we can count on every single day, every single minute of our lives. God loves us. End of story.

So then, what could Jesus mean when he says to his disciples (and to us) that they will remain in his love if they keep his commandments?

When we love --- and that is really what the commandments are about --- we don’t simply find ourselves on the “giving” end. Rather, when we love others --- we also receive love, experience love, embrace love, remain in God’s love. And so the commandments aren’t just blueprints on how to love, they also show us how to receive love and experience love and remain in love, that is, remain in God. And only by loving will our joy (and that of others) be complete.

Fr. Peter Tran

**COLLECTION** for May 2, 2021: Envelopes: \$1450; Loose: \$221.80; Online Giving: \$702.15; Total \$2374.15; +Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under (+612.98)

*Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS ! A Prayer for Mother:** Where would we be without our mother's love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight. Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen. – *Author Unknown*

**MASS DISPENSATION** Apostolic Administrator Gerald Vincke has announced the dispensation from attending Mass will be lifted on Pentecost weekend, which is May 22 to 23, in our diocese. The dispensation will still be in place for the elderly, those who are immune-compromised, those who are sick, etc.

**DIACONATE ORDINATION** Bishop Gerald Vincke will ordain John Stang to the order of Deacon 10 O'clock in the Morning on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge city. Please pray for him.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Plans are to have your Rummage Sale this Summer. There has not been a date set at this time. We would like to start collecting items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact any of the following:

Jana Jenkinson	290-5201	Janet Rooney	640-1946
Tressa Powers	260-6247	Jane Sullivan	355-5118
Carolyn Robertson	290-5569	Gwen Waechter	272-1030

Thank you for supporting this project.

**THANK YOU** We would like thank Louise Miller for her many years of faithful service to our parish as a book keeper. May the Almighty God reward and continue to pour down many blessings upon her.

**VOCATION VIEW** "God shows no partiality." He does not call those who are equipped for the work; He equips those whom He has called. (Acts 10:34)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (Author unknown) Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen.

### **UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (John 15: 9-17)**

**Interconnected** This passage comes right after the one we heard last Sunday. It continues the theme of remaining in Jesus. The Father's love flows through Jesus to us. Our love for Jesus flows back through him to the Father. Thus, through Jesus, we are all united to God and share in God's love. We only enter into this loving union with God, however, when we strive to love as faithfully as Jesus did.

**Love one another** The only commandment Jesus gives in John's Gospel is love one another. Before giving it, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples (13:1f). He assumes the role of a slave in order to help his followers understand the self-giving love to which he calls them. His startling gesture points ahead to his crucifixion. The love we are to have for one another is thus all encompassing. Hopefully we won't face death as we strive to be perfectly loving people, but we will have to set aside our personal preoccupations and embrace the needs and concerns of others.

**No longer slaves** Slaves couldn't ask why their master was giving them a particular order. They simply had to obey. By taking the time to help his disciples understand his mission, Jesus treats them as those who can now freely and knowingly participate in it. Jesus revealed God's love and how it is brought into the world. The task of those who believe in him is to bear that same selfless love (the fruit) to others. In the end, only this fruit – perfect love and all the good that comes from it – will remain.

**Complete joy** Earlier in his farewell discourse Jesus promised peace to his disciples (14:27). Now he promises them joy (v.11). He's about to demonstrate perfect love. Jesus is thus the answer to the longing in people's hearts for lasting peace, joy, and love.

**Fruit of the vine** In the other three Gospels Jesus tells his disciples during his last meal with them that he won't drink wine again until he drinks it from within the fullness of God's reign (Mark 14:25). Like the references to vines and fruit in John's Gospel, this statement evokes God's promise of an eternal feast enjoyed in the company of friends (Proverbs 9:1-6, Isaiah 25:6, Amos 9:13-15, John 2:1-11) [oursundayreadings](#)

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK— SAINTS MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22). They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament. What was the holiness of Matthias? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. Must we not remind ourselves that the fundamental holiness of Matthias was his receiving gladly the relationship with the Father offered him by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit? If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders, if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God's giving, and it is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life. We receive, and even for this God supplies the power of freedom. ([www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org))

## CATHOLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER



**Q:** Can you cite a scriptural reference [that] supports tithing? — Norbert Gorny

**A:** The Book of Malachi says: “Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me.... In your tithes and offerings. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing” (3:8,10)

In the New Testament, Jesus references tithing when he says, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others” (Mt 23:23). Note that in this text, while the Lord speaks of weightier matters than tithing, he says, regarding tithing, that we should not neglect it.

The Church does not require an absolute adherence to the biblical tithe — that is, giving one-tenth of our income to the Church. Nevertheless, there is a precept that Catholics contribute to the mission of Church. While details are left to the individual conscience, tithing is a long and ancient tradition. As Malachi 3 explains, tithing is not merely an obligation; it also opens the doors to many blessings.

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SEE THROUGH GOD’S EYE**

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (*ojo de Dios*), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God’s eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God’s-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them. (Prepare the Word)

### **SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA VER A TRAVES DEL OJO DE DIOS**

Dios no ve como nosotros, nos recuerda el profeta Isaías. Para captar la perspectiva divina, los pueblos nativos del oeste de México tejían hilos en palos cruzados para representar el ojo de Dios, que ve en cuatro direcciones y en todos los medios elementales: tierra, viento, fuego y agua. El ojo de Dios se convirtió en el portal a través del cual Dios ve al suplicante, o a través del cual los que rezan pueden compartir la visión divina. Compartir la perspectiva del ojo de Dios sobre el mundo sigue siendo el objetivo de todo creyente. Practica ver a los demás como los ve nuestro Dios compasivo.

# Lakin Knightline

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## Council 7318 May Minutes

### Robert Beymer

The monthly meeting of the Lakin Council #7318 of the Knights of Columbus was called to order by GK Tom Bachman at 7:34 p.m., Wednesday, 5, 2021. The opening prayer was said followed by the pledge of allegiance and singing of the opening ode.

#### Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Peter Tran	P
Grand Knight	Tom Bachman	P
Chancellor	Steve Berning	P
Recorder	Bob Beymer	P
Financial Secretary	Ross Geubelle	A
Treasurer	Mike Broeckelman	P
Lecturer	Mike Dykstra	A
Advocate	Steve Lane	A
Warden	Bill Rooney	A
Outside Guard	PJ Sullivan	A
Inside Guard	Kenny Waechter	P
Trustee 3rd Year	Tom Grauberger	P
Trustee 2nd Year	Bob Beymer	P
Trustee 1st Year	Dale Gannett	P

Attendance 13

Minutes of the prior meeting of April 7, 2021 were read and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mike B. gave the treasurers report, detailing balances receipts and expenditures. Bills were presented from Alvin B. for mulch for flower beds, Details Flowers for Mothers Day carnations and Steve S. for the refreshments for the meeting

Motion by Dale Gannett and seconded by Alvin Bergkamp to approve the bills and the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### Communications

- Supreme has accepted the resignation of Ross Geubelle from the Financial Secretary position. However, the Supreme website still recognizes Ross as the Financial Secretary.

## Grand Knights' Comments

### Tom Bachman

I must admit, that as Grand knight the past two years, I've been slacking.

No, I have done all (well, almost all) of my duties in accordance to Knights of Columbus standards, but I have been slacking in my communication with the other members of the council...and to the members of our Parish.

During my first stint as Grand Knight, back in the mid 1990s, I did a newsletter each month, and not only Knights members, but parish member would thank me for keeping them informed.

Well, I am going to try and pick up that ball and run with it during the next year.

If you read the minutes from our May 2021 meeting (starting on this page), you read that, as a council we are pretty active and have done quite a few things. From our Annual Tootsie Roll drive in October, the Beirock fund-raiser in January (normally done in December), to the parking lot project last month, we have a 'core group' of Knights who work tirelessly on projects for the Church, Community, youth and whatever needs to be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The past year and a half has been quite 'out of the ordinary'. Who of us could have foreseen the new normal? Well, I for one am ready to get back to the old normal. If that can ever happen.

June brings an end to the fraternal year, and so, the Lakin Council figures that things are busy enough in the summertime that we suspend our meetings until September. However, this year the Knights will be hosting a breakfast for all to attend on June 13, just because. Because, I believe, that after this last year of lockdowns and limited or no activities, most of us are anxious to socialize a little.

The plan is pancakes and sausage with juice, milk and coffee. Please plan to attend, just because.

- Supreme is requesting more and more forms.

Grand Knight Report

- Same refrain as last month, where does the time go?

Program Director Report

- None

Recruitment Director Report

- Jason Waechter joined at the April 24<sup>th</sup> degree in Garden City. Kenny indicated that James Pettz is still interested in joining.

Financial Secretary Report

- Technically Ross is still listed as FS so Alvin Bergkamp will have to wait until the appointment becomes official.

Old Business

- State Convention. Bruce R reported that he attended. He was the only representative from the district. Bruce presented certificates for participating in the Tootsie Roll program in 2019 & 2020. He also discussed the “Value Them Both” anti-abortion amendment to the Kansas Constitution that has been proposed in the Kansas Legislature was one of the main topics at the convention. Bruce reported that former district deputy Rick Corbett and his wife were selected State Family of the Year.
- Highway Cleanup. This was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and there were 9 people participating.
- Window Wells. Nothing yet.
- Other Projects. Tom G reported that we need a workday to trim bushes and do weed control around the church and rectory as well as other maintenance items.
- Seminarian. Motion by Kenny W and seconded by Bob B to send a gift of \$200 to Seminarian Joshua Becker. Motion carried.

New Business

- Election of Officers. The following were nominated:
  - Grand Knight Tom Bachman
  - Deputy Grand Knight Chris Pollart
  - Chancellor Steve Berning
  - Recorder Bob Beymer
  - Financial Secretary Alvin Bergkamp
  - Treasurer Mike Broeckelman
  - Lecturer Mike Dykstra
  - Advocate Steve Lane
  - Warden Bill Rooney
  - Outside Guard PJ Sullivan
  - Inside Guard Kenny Waechter
  - Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tom Grauberger
  - Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bob Beymer
  - Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year Dale Gannett
- Motion by Alvin Bergkamp and seconded by Kenny Waechter that nominations cease and that the nominees be elected by unanimous

vote. Motion carried.

- Knight of the Month. Jason Waechter
- Family of the Month. Mike & Cindy Broeckelman
- Pennies from Heaven. Dale Gannett
- There was good discussion about recruiting new members and getting younger members more active in the council. Ideas were to have a parish barbeque or offering coffee and donuts or a breakfast after church on a regular basis. Kenny Waechter volunteered chair a breakfast after mass after the June 13<sup>th</sup> mass. Bob will prepare a recruitment brochure. Dale Gannett, Nick & Jason Waechter volunteered to assist in the project. Motion by Dale Gannett and seconded by Alvin B to host the breakfast with the Knights covering the cost. Motion carried.

Insurance Agents Report

- None

District Deputy Report

- Bruce reported on the State K of C golf tournament to be held in Derby.
- 14 men joined at the recent major degree in Garden City.

Chaplain’s Report

- Father reported that the dispensation for attending mass will be lifted beginning on Pentacost.
- There will be an ordination
- Still wanting support for the rectory swimming pool!

Good of the Order

- Bob reported on Mike Dykstra’s condition
- Alvin reported on Suellen. No change in her condition.
- Harold Smith recently fell and has to go in for surgery.
- Tom reported that an anonymous member will be going in for surgery soon.

The closing prayer was said and closing ode sung. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

/s/ Robert K Beymer

Robert K Beymer, Recorder