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## Monthly Honors



### KNIGHT of the MONTH: Don Johnson

This honor is bestowed with sincere appreciation for his service to our Parish and our Council.

## The Grand Knight's Column



It is fish fry time. We held our first two fish fries on February 27 and March 13. The February 27 fish fry was a record profit of \$2,727.00. Thank you to all that volunteered their time and for all who came out to eat. We have one more fish fry on March 27. We will get the totals for the March 13 fish fry at a later date.

We have great news! Bill Rogers got confirmation from Kroger to allow us to have our pork chop fries again this year. Our first pork chop fry will be Saturday April 11. Thank you, Bill for your hard work on this.

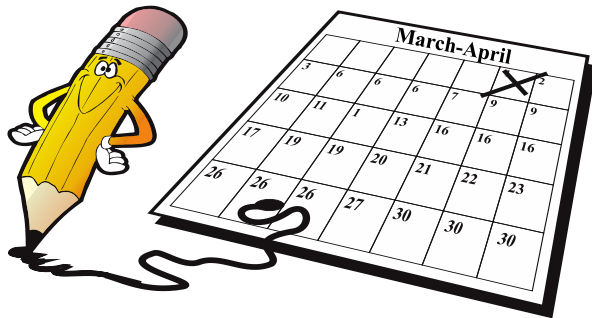
Join us before tomorrow's monthly meeting for corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The meal will begin at 6:00 PM.

Deadline to receive a \$1,000.00 Knights of Columbus scholarship application is April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Get your application in right away.**

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month, Don Johnson.

God Bless,

Roberto Avina, GK



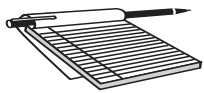
*All meetings begin at 7:00PM at Parish Hall unless noted:*

Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal	March 17
Regular Business Meeting	March 17
Fish Fry (5:00 pm)	March 27
Good Friday	April 3
Easter	April 5
Officers Meeting	April 7
Pork Chop Fry @ Kroger	April 11
Regular Business Meeting	April 21

Read on for more details on these and other activities check the church bulletin and our [www.epkof.org](http://www.epkof.org) website and look for Flock Note updates. If you know of any member in need of assistance contact or e-mail the Grand Knight at [grandknight@epkof.org](mailto:grandknight@epkof.org)



Join Us Online... More activity pictures are located at the Council's website. Take a look at: <http://www.epkof.org/>

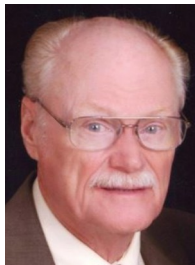


## Notes & Things

### In Memoriam



Alphonse J. Peplinski, 88-June 14, 1937—February 1, 2026



Harry E. Reed, 84-October 16, 1941 - February 25, 2026

### Tootsie Roll Drive Fund Recipients

- [Robein School District #85-Special Education Program](#)
- [East Peoria School District #86-Special Education Program](#)
- [East Peoria High School District #309-Special Education Program](#)
- [Central Illinois Riding Therapy](#)
- [Children's Home Association of Illinois](#)
- [SPEC Program for Diocese of Peoria](#)
- [Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome](#)
- [Schramm Education Center](#)
- [SEAPCO \(Special Ed Association of Peoria County\)](#)



## Spiritual Reflection... From:St Monica's Church Bulletin Live The Liturgy-Inspiration

What is the most precious gift our Lord could give to you? If your spouse, child, or close friend were gravely ill, would a miracle be the gift you sought? If your financial situation were dire, would you ask for monetary assistance? If you were suffering from a chronic disease, would your prayer be for a cure? Though we should entrust these situations to God's grace, it's important to understand that the gift of faith far surpasses any immediate miracle, assistance, or relief we might seek. Faith is a most precious gift because it enables us to turn away from our limited assessment of earthly situations and be open to God's wisdom, which far surpasses anything we could conceive of by ourselves. Though Jesus performed many miracles, He regularly challenged those whose faith was based on their desire for signs and wonders. In today's Gospel, a royal official, likely of high rank, traveled from Capernaum to Cana, about twenty miles, because his child was dying. His journey illustrates faith in Jesus' divine authority, but his faith was imperfect—he believed Jesus had to be physically present to heal his son. Jesus heals the child from a distance, but He also challenges the official and the crowd: "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." Jesus desires a faith that trusts in His word, not one that depends on visible signs. When we pray with a litany of requests, God in His mercy hears us. Sometimes He grants them, and sometimes He doesn't. But He wants us to know that such prayers are not the ideal. God already knows our needs better than we do. He knows our struggles within family, finances, health, and every other detail of our lives. The ideal prayer is one of adoration and trust. It's a prayer that surrenders everything to God without dictating the outcome. It trusts God's wisdom more than our own, enabling us to rest in His loving care, unburdened by our difficulties. The royal official's faith grew when he believed Jesus' word without needing Him to be physically present. This is evident when he learned that his son was healed at the exact time Jesus said, "Your son will live." The official's faith was deepened, and his whole household came to believe. This shows how true faith, once rooted in trust, grows and spreads to others. If this man's faith had not matured, it could have been lost if another crisis arose and no miracle followed. A deeper faith rests in God's will, whether or not another miracle occurs. The same is true for us. Our faith must not depend on God's answer to our prayers. If He allows suffering, we must trust Him. If He heals, we must trust Him. Our faith must remain strong, rooted in Who God is, not in what He does. Reflect today on the depth of your faith and how it shapes your prayers. Believe, worship God for who He is, love Him above all else, and trust His perfect will. Then entrust yourself and your loved ones to His providence, believing that God knows what is best.

*My miraculous Lord, You are all-powerful and capable of anything You will. Please grant me a depth of faith that enables me to trust You more than I trust myself. May I always believe in You and worship You, not because of the favors You do for me, but because of Who You are. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## March Birthdays

These Brother Knights celebrate their birthday in March:

Ted Bare, James Brug, William Calhoun, Max Cheatham, Patrick England, Michael Myers, and Ron Turchi.

May the coming year bless them with happiness, health and grace.



## Attend & Earn

Join us at the monthly business meeting at St. Monica's Parish Hall and win some money. We have two ways of winning. The 50 cent drawing went to Steve Driscoll. He donated his winnings to the food pantry. The must attend pot could have gone home with Rick Ambrosch had he been present. The pot will remain at \$50 until someone wins. You must be present to win!

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