



From Grand Knight Greg Jacobs:

Greetings Brother Knights,

Sunday April 11 was Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

As we continue our Easter celebration there is much in this country that needs the attention of faithful Catholics. Recently the media has highlighted the mess created at our southern border due to our political leaders' inability to establish and enforce an immigration policy that is built upon love and compassion for our fellow man. Immigration has been politicized for years. Each party insists on using their position on immigration as a tool to gain advantage with voters at the expense of focusing on a solution. The sad situation we see at the border is the result.

Recently I participated in a small group discussion where the statement was made that Marshalltown is perhaps a perfect place to help with relief particularly for the children currently held at the border. The discussion led to how we might make this happen. Unfortunately, I am not sure we identified a solution. I did however find some information to share; a way we can all help. I found on the IowaKofC.org website the information below, as posted by the Iowa Catholic Conference:

REGARDING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT THE BORDER

It has been reported that Gov. Reynolds declined a request from the federal government for the state to take in migrant children from the southern border of our country.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of Catholic organizations that are working directly with migrants at the border and in facilities for unaccompanied children, along with links for making donations to assist them in their efforts:

- [Catholic Charities USA](#)
- [Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley](#) (also has an [Amazon Wish List](#))
- [Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo](#)
- [Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio](#)
- [Catholic Charities Dallas](#)
- [Diocese of El Paso: Border Refugee Assistance Fund](#)
- [Annunciation House of El Paso](#)
- [Hope Border Institute](#)
- [Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona: Casa Alitas Program](#)
- [Kino Border Initiative](#)
- [Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico](#)
- [Diocese of San Angelo Immigration Services](#)
- [Catholic Charities of San Diego](#)
- [Catholic Charities San Bernardino and Riverside Counties](#)
- [Catholic Charities of Los Angeles](#)

WHAT IS THE IOWA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE?

The Iowa Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the bishops of Iowa. At the state legislature we advocate for policies that respect the life and dignity of the human person and apply

the principles of Catholic social teaching to critical issues of the day. We encourage Catholics to inform their conscience and participate in the political process.

COMING EVENT

Recently Fr. Alan extended this invitation to ALL men of the Parish:

GENTLEMEN! St. Joseph and St. Francis are calling ALL MEN to a fraternal gathering. We're far from perfect, but we're good men. Let's explore what we need from our parish to get one step closer to heaven on Sunday, April 25 from 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM in the St. Henry Dining Hall. Dinner and drinks will be served - no cost, no signup. All men including high school sophomores through 102 years old.

It would be wonderful to see a dining room FULL of Council members, invite your friends and family members.

Vivat Jesus!

GK -- Greg Jacobs

How could the Knights help you?

Could you ever have imagined a year as bad as 2020? A pandemic AND a derecho! Has there ever in our lifetime been such widespread need? Now that Spring is here, and it's nice enough to get outdoor work done, this is a good time to reassess your needs.

As a service organization, with Charity as our first pillar, and Fraternity not far behind, we are called to find ways to serve our neighbor, but in particular our fellow Knights, and any widows or children left behind by a Knight's death.

If you have needs, or you know of someone (not necessarily Knights) with needs that could be served by volunteers, please contact any of the officers listed later in this newsletter. You, or your loved one, signed up to be a Knight, not just to serve, but also to benefit from the charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism we all pledged to uphold.

Some examples of services we could provide in these trying times are:

- Clean up derecho damage
- Repairs (handyman level) or tasks
- Transportation needs
- Personal visits; writing cards or letters
- Setting up video chats with distant family

Give us this chance to put actions behind words and live out our commitment to you.

Whatever you do, don't just sit out these challenging times. Rise to the challenge. Be open to change. Give thanks in all circumstances.

Notable happenings since December:

- Donated ~3000 meals to the Emergency Food Box at Christmas time
- Free takeout breakfast for parishioners after an 8:30 mass
- Fish Dinners—new drive-up process at St. Henry church kitchen doors—worked very efficiently—grossed \$10,000 for the school—thanks for your support
- Helped transport donated goods from St. Henry church to the House of Compassion
- Prayed in front of Planned Parenthood in Ames



Eldon Schneider, Cindy Staron, Steve & Cindy Seberger, and Greg Jacobs prepare to take the KC food donation into the Emergency Food Box for distribution to families in need at Christmastime. Paul Seberger, Logan Frederick, Leon Hiracheta, and Brandon Kunkel are ready to “assemble” meals as patrons arrive at fish dinners.



The first batch of fish is ready to go into the ovens in the St. Francis school kitchen. Terry Eisenbarth and Kevin Duncan assist patrons with our new drive-up process for fish dinners.

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