

February's Chaplain Report

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Rev. Msgr. Richard E. CramblittDear Brother Knights,

The Ordinary Time of the Church year has begun. The name Ordinary has always bothered me. I understand that this season of the Church year is ordinary in the sense that it is not one of the great seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. But there really is nothing ordinary about any season of the Church year. Sunday by Sunday, week by week, we in the Church celebrate the great mystery of Christ. We recall His passion, death and resurrection every time we gather at the altar. And there is nothing ordinary about that! God in His great mercy and love has done wondrous things for us (to quote the Blessed Virgin Mary) and it is our privilege to sing the praises of God, even in the so-called ordinary time. In a certain way the ordinary season of the year may be the most useful. After all it is in the ordinary unfolding of life that we most need God to be with us, isn't it? In our work, in our homes and families, in the moments of crisis that come to us all, in our illnesses these are quite ordinary, but these are also the times and places we really want God to enter in and bring grace and comfort. So, keep the ordinary season with vigor and joy! Allow the Good Lord to be close to you all the year long.

For those who have not yet heard me say it, allow me to repeat something I said in Church a few weeks ago. This year will be a time that will have three important areas for us at St. John's. We will prepare for the introduction of the revised Roman Missal, which will come into usage on Nov. 27, 2011. We will assist St. John School in the transition from a parish school to an Archdiocesan School. We will prepare for a capital campaign, which will begin in 2012. These are three major efforts! Any one of them is worth an entire year's work, but we will work on all of them this year. I hope we will all be able to keep the focus of the year clear and work together for the future of our parish.

God bless you and your families and the whole of St. John the Evangelist parish.