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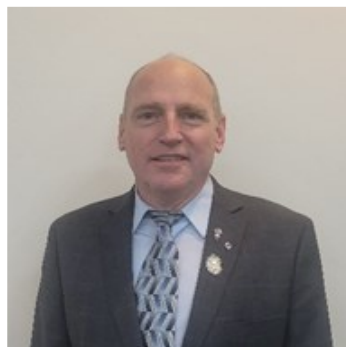
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Thanks for another great month in April, capped off with a **very successful Road Side Clean Up**. Thanks to the 16 Brothers that showed up to help. **That Man Is You (TMIY)**, though not officially a Knight's program, **wrapped up its second successful season**. The men in attendance voted to continue with the program next September. It's open to all men, regardless of whether or not they're Knights. I hope you'll consider joining us next season.



Coming up this month for the Knights is the Wives and Widows Appreciation Dinner being held at Holy Cross Parish on 4 May. We have 32

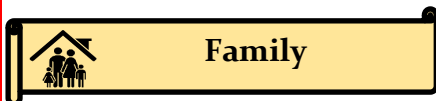
people signed up for the event – it should be a great time. Cocktails begin at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm.

We'll be having a **recruitment Weekend on 18 and 19 May**. Please wear your red shirt (black as back up) to whichever mass you attend. We'll be having a **Corporate Communion at the 9am mass on the 19th** – it would be great if you could attend that mass. We'll wear our red shirts and sit together as Brothers and families united in the front of the church – no coat and tie. :o)

Hopefully we'll have recruited a few more men to join the Knights of Columbus on Recruitment Weekend. Father Joseph has switched the weekday afternoon mass from Tuesdays to Wednesdays so **we'll move our May Business Meeting from Tuesday, 28 May to Wednesday, 29 May**. Father will lead the rosary at 5pm and celebrate mass at 5:30pm. Any new candidates to become Knights will then meet in the Cabrini Center at 6:10pm. We'll have **our last Exemplification of the Fraternal Year** beginning at 6:30pm followed by a short Business Meeting at 7:15pm where we'll elect the new slate of officers for next Fraternal Year beginning July 1.

Again, thanks for all you do to make this council so successful. It's great to see so many new members becoming active in the council. The future looks bright for Mother Cabrini Council 12155.

John T. Kreger IV, Grand Knight



Brothers All,

The Knights have been busy supporting our Parish Family in various ways over the past month.

We held our last Friday Fish Fry on March 22nd which capped a total of 6 successful fish fry events during Lent! We came together as a parish on Thursday, April 18th for a well-attended Paris-themed Potluck Dinner. We've been extremely busy the last six weeks so we've taken a little break in our activities for April, but it will be full steam ahead over the next 30 days as we conducted our first of two yearly roadside clean-up events on Saturday, April 27th. Looking ahead further into May, the Knights will be busy as usual.



As always, we plan to introduce new initiatives to continue supporting our Parish Family.

Vivat Jesus God Bless! **Brother Ray**



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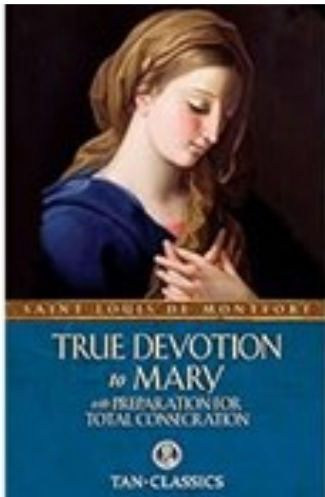


Faith

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY



St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716), who popularized this powerful devotion during his lifetime and through his book “True Devotion to Mary,” explains that, because Jesus chooses to come to us through Mary, we also return to Him through her. He assures us that going to Jesus through Mary is “the easiest, shortest, most perfect and secure way of obtaining union with our Lord.” He continues and says, “Since she is the sure means, the direct and immaculate way to Jesus and the perfect guide to him, it is through her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must find him.” St. John Paul II read St. Louis’ book while in his early 20s and said it was “a decisive turning point in my life ...” This ‘perfect devotion’ is indispensable to anyone who means to give himself without reserve to Christ and to the work of redemption.” The Saints and the long history of the Church teach us that consecration to Jesus through Mary is a powerful act with great consequences for our holiness and spiritual growth.



Traditionally, a Consecration to Jesus through Mary is preceded by 33 days of preparation, in which the participant learns more deeply about what it means to consecrate oneself to Our Lady and enters into a deeper spirit of prayer. During the 33 days, the person says specific prayers and reads daily reflections, for the purpose of doing the Consecration more perfectly. As well, these meditations will help the participant to understand better what Consecration to Jesus through Mary really means.

People can participate by beginning the preparation on April 28, the feast of St. Louis de Montfort and ending on the May 31st, the feast of the Visitation. It can also be done and scheduled to end on any Marian holiday.

There are various resources one can use for the 33 days of preparation including “True Devotion to Mary” by St. Louis de Montfort, “33 Days to Morning Glory” by Fr. Michael Gaitley, or “The Fruit of Her Womb” by Fr. Boniface Hicks. There are apps, websites and pamphlets as well.

May we all unite in this spiritually powerful practice and bring a torrent of grace upon our lives.

Faith Director **Paul Dadowski**

Brother Kris Donely, undergoing training to become an altar server once again. Kris last served as an altar server when he was 14 years old, and he is excited to return to this important role. With his strong commitment to his faith and his diligent practice, Kris is sure to make an excellent addition to the altar serving team.





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On behalf of the Faith Formation families and staff at St. Frances Cabrini, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for the outpouring generosity of their time, treasure, and talent! Throughout the past year, the members were committed to helping make the Faith Formation programs a success. Your support did not go unnoticed! Gracious God, thank you for these men who selflessly and tirelessly work to build and nurture a sense of community at our parish.

God bless, **Mary Jo Chronis**
Religious Education & Youth Ministry Coordinator



Thank you for all that you do. God bless you Bruno & Erica Burga

Thank you for everything. We feel blessed to have you all. May God bless you. Figueroa Family

Thank you for your constant presence & generosity. We felt so well cared for & provided for. You truly modeled what it looks like to father our family of faith. Thank you! The Bossos

Thank you for your time and dedication to our parish. The Bossos Family

Thank you for all you do. Makes it so pleasant for my family. The Sephineda Family

Thank you so much! The Kersey's

Thank you for all your help - (Name) Patton PS

Thank you for everything you do! The Monnerjahns

Thank you Marie Parents

Thank you for your hard work and dedication God bless you! The VanCoppenolle's





Life

Constitutional Amendments on Abortion



Florida – The fate of the proposed amendment to the state’s constitution, that will add a right to abortion before the point of “viability,” has been decided. The validity of the amendment (overly vague, broad, and misleading) was challenged, and the Florida Supreme Court recently ruled that the proposed abortion amendment will be allowed to be on the ballot this November. At the same time, the Florida Supreme Court handed down a ruling on a separate case regarding abortion, in which Planned Parenthood and the ACLU challenged the constitutionality of the state’s 15-week abortion limit. The Court ruled that the 15-week gestational limitation abortion law is constitutional and does not violate the right to privacy. This ruling likely paves the way for other legislation that protects mothers and their children.

The abortion amendment that will be voted on by the citizens of Florida in November will erase current pro-life protections, could eliminate parental consent and safety protocols for women and girls, and allow for abortions later in pregnancy if a woman’s doctor deems it necessary to end the life of her child. An article in the *Tallahassee Democrat* suggests that this amendment is intended to enshrine unregulated abortion in the state constitution. Abortion facilities should be licensed and meet medically appropriate health and safety standards. Yet, according to Americans United for Life, Florida’s abortion facilities have a history of deficiencies and substandard abortion care. “Women will suffer under the proliferation of unregulated abortion in Florida if the amendment is adopted. As Justice Francis noted, the amendment seeks to eliminate ‘any meaningful, future participation by the Legislature,’ which would be prohibited from enacting new laws to respond to growing evidence of abortion’s medical harms.”

The initiative will require at least 60% approval from voters.

Life Director **Tom Bradley**

Blood Mobile - Looking for a couple of Brothers that would be willing to help every other months with the BloodOne blood mobile when it comes to St Francis Cabrini. This will only take about 3 hours of your time. If you would like to help with this activity please contact Life Director Tom Bradley.

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Benefits Advisor

Worthy Brothers.



When I am scheduling appointments, I always let the member know we will be updating their Family Service Record (FSR). Often times they will ask me “what is a Family Service Record?”

I explain that the Family Service Record is the information about them that we will keep on file. It serves a number of purposes; the two main purposes are to assist a surviving spouse and also to complete an accurate and purposeful financial review. Every bit of detailed information I can gather is critical to a meaningful result.

Let me give just one of the many items your financial profile analyzes and why it is so important to be totally accurate... **Taxes!**

One of my jobs is to protect you from giving Uncle Sam one single penny more than the IRS is entitled to get.


So here are a few questions that we would potentially discuss to determine what is right for your particular situation and all are critically important:

- Will this income be taxed as Ordinary Income or Capital Gains?
- What is the difference in how a Traditional IRA income is taxed vs. a Roth IRA?
- Do you mean, if I leave my IRA to my children, they will have to pay the Ordinary Income tax I never paid??
- Are there ways to protect them from those taxes affecting their financial situation?
- Will my estate grow to the point where an Estate Tax comes into play?
- Do I have to pay taxes on Social Security income?
- I didn't realize there is no tax on an Insurance death benefit?

I believe you get my point...as your Knights of Columbus Financial Advisor, I do a lot more than sell insurance.

Let's get together soon and make sure you and your family are protected and making the right financial decisions...TODAY!

Filed Agent **Ron Moliterno**

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Community

On 4-27, we had our semi-annual roadside cleanup. Council 12155 has committed to maintaining a two-mile stretch of Rt. 301 from the 7-11 by Fort Hammer Road to Veranda Springs. Together, we filled 47 extra-large trash bags with litter that had accumulated along the roadside. We do this twice a year, and even though it might sound unbelievable, everyone who participates in it enjoys the fellowship and the sense of accomplishment that



comes from doing something good for the community. It's heartening to know that 16 brothers showed up willing to come together and make a difference in their local area. Well done to all involved!

St. Francis Cabrini Memorial Garden:

The Memorial Garden Cremains Mound capping project has been fully funded and is currently **awaiting Diocesan approval**. This project is an essential step towards starting the memorial garden improvements and providing a beautiful and peaceful place for loved ones to visit and remember those who have passed away. The Church is excited to move forward with this project and make it a reality for the parish family. This is the first of several future updates and improvements to the Memorial Garden.

Tootle Roll Drive:

Brother Phil Latona has stepped up and volunteered to take over for Hank on the Tootsie Roll program for Special Olympics. He is in the process of setting up the next schedule for dates, times, and locations for the upcoming drives for this program. Please help him by signing up for a time to do this activity when they are announced. A big thank you to Phil for taking over this activity for the council!





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Slate of officers:



The second reading of Proposed Slate of Officers for the next Fraternal Year was completed at the April 23rd meeting. Officer candidates must be announced three times before the election is held. The election will be held in May with the new officers assuming positions on the 1st of July. If you are interested in being an officer and assisting the new Grand Knight (Ron Merigold), please let him or John know.

Big picture - we have a great team of Knights in Mother Cabrini Council 12155. The Grand Knight makes sure everything that needs to be done is done - with the assistance of his fellow Knights. If you regularly attend the meetings, PLEASE consider being an officer.

<i>Grand Knight</i>	<i>Ron Merigold</i>	<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Steve Chronis</i>
<i>Past Grand Knight</i>	<i>John T. Kreger IV</i>	<i>Warden</i>	<i>Bill Lewis</i>
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>Robert Wombacher</i>	<i>Inside Guard</i>	<i>Osiel Villarreal</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Reverend Father Joseph Gates</i>	<i>Guard</i>	<i>Bryce Johnson</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	<i>Jim Recupito</i>	<i>Outside Guard</i>	<i>Milton Ziegler</i>
<i>Chancellor</i>	<i>Wayne Waletich</i>	<i>One Year Trustee</i>	<i>Thomas Januszka</i>
<i>Recorder</i>	<i>Ray Parker</i>	<i>Two Year Trustee</i>	<i>Hector Morales</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Paul Dadowski</i>	<i>Three Year Trustee</i>	<i>John T. Kreger IV</i>
<i>Lecturer</i>	<i>Tom Raffa</i>		

May 29th **Wednesday**, 3rd Degree Exemplification:

Due to the change in daily mass schedule (summer schedule) the exemplification was changed from the normal Tuesday to Wednesday. The June, 3rd Degree meeting will be held on the normal Tuesday schedule.

Council 12155 is excited to announce its final 3rd Degree Exemplification of this fraternal year, to be held on Wednesday May 29th. There will be a Rosary at 5pm and Mass at 5:30. Candidates will meet in the Cabrini Center after mass (approximately, 6:10pm). The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Followed by a short Business Meeting and will end around 8:00pm. Proper attire for candidates is a coat and tie or business suit. If you know of someone wishing to become a Knight, they can pre-join on-line at KofC.org. If you have questions, see a brother Knight. We invite everyone to join us for this special occasion. This is a great opportunity to welcome in our new brothers and celebrate the values of our organization.

Silver Rose:

The KofC Silver Rose will be making a stop at St. Frances Cabrini Church, by the "Knights on Bikes" on Aug 27th from 4-8 pm, on it way from Canada to Mexico. Watch for more information on this event. For more information see <https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/resources/cis/cis4752.pdf>

Transfer to Council Eternal

At the business meeting held on 23, April Council 12155 transferred the following Brother to the Council Eternal:

Past State Deputy
Christopher Kerman



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Knights News



Jonathan Albano

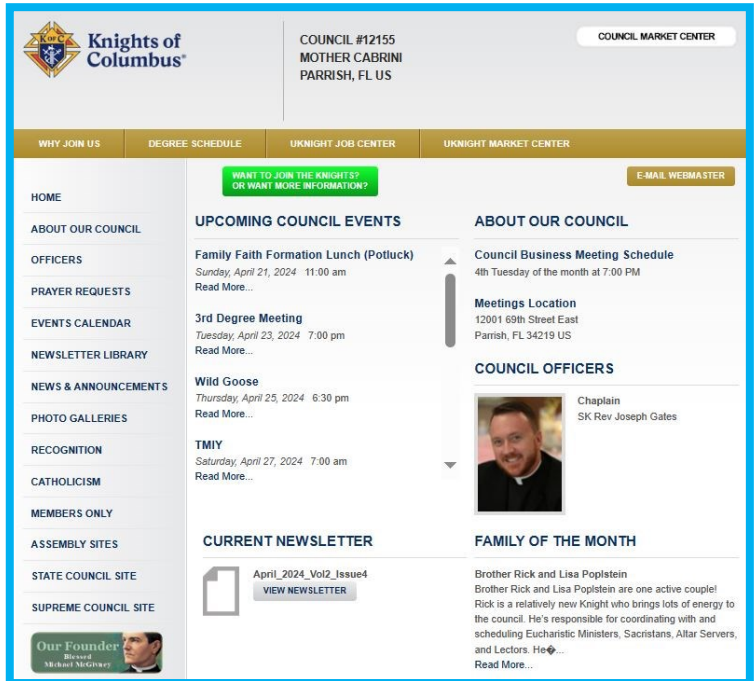
Web Master for the new Council 12155 website. Jonathan has stepped up to take on getting the councils web site up and running.

The council has now launched its website with the help of one of our new members, Jonathan Albano as “Web Master”. The site went active on April 1st, and we have been busy loading various information into the different sections of the site. Such as the officers, pictures, activities, members list, newsletters, etc. We are still learning the site and how to do things within it, so please keep watching as we continue to update and improve the site for the council. The site is open to anyone with internet access. Specific council information is in the protected “Members Only” section and is only for members of the council and will require a user ID and password to enter this section.

The link to the site is uknight.org (upper right enter the council number 12155) or [Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](http://MotherCabriniCouncil#12155.uknight.org)

Members only section: Login is your knights ID number (located on you Knights ID card)
Password is your birth date (*format DDMMYYYY*)

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the website please contact one of the members of the IT team and we will look into getting this on the site. One of the sections of the site that we are looking at is the “Market Center Section”, this is an area where we can generate funds that can be used for our activities. Any member own business, or member recommended business can advertise on the site, and it will also show on any other council site within 100 miles, as well as state sites. The site also allows the business to update their advertisement as often as they want. There are 4 different levels of advertisement, with different amounts of space allowed on the site. If you would like additional information of this please contact the IT team.



Golf Outing: One of the future events that we are planning is a Golf Outing. We are looking for Brother Knights to be on the Event Planning team. We already have a tentative site and date for this event but there is a lot of work to be done. If you would be interested in joining the Event Team, please let Ron Merigold or Jim Recupito know and they will be in contact with you shortly.



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Food Handlers Licensing:



We are requesting that all brothers that are helping in any of the different activities that we do that involve food preparation, cooking, or kitchen work please get a "Food Handler" license. We have tried 2 different online courses, each of them took about one and a half to two



hours to complete the training and the final test. Once the test is passed you will be able to print out a certificate for the training. The training is good for 3 years. The final exam was about 50% common sense, and the balance of the questions were of information in the training. If we passed the test, we are sure that you could pass it also. **If you take the training and provide us with a copy of your certificate and receipt, the council will cover the cost!** Please help us to make sure that we protect the people that we serve and they enjoy the food that we provide for these events.

Here are the two different training programs that we tried:

- AAA Food Handler [State Approved Food Manager Certification and Food Handler Card \(aaafoodhandler.com\)](http://State Approved Food Manager Certification and Food Handler Card (aaafoodhandler.com))
- 360 Training Learn 2 Serve www.360training.com/course/florida-food-handler-training

Knight of the Month:

Brother Ray Parker is recognized for his dedication to the Council as the Recorder and Family Director. Ray's done a great job ensuring accurate records of our monthly Business Meetings. He's contributed to the Council Newsletter monthly and he just recently coordinated a very successful Road Side Cleanup. Ray can also be seen each weekend as an Usher on Sunday mornings. Thanks, Ray, for all you do.



Family of the Month:

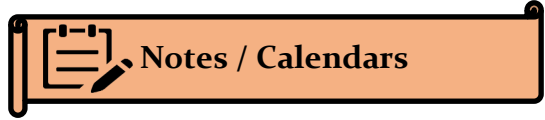
Brother Bill and Jemma Lewis are recognized as the Family of the Month for April. Both Bill and Jemma were crucial members of the very successful Lenten Fish Fry season just recently completed. Bill helped with setup for the fish fries in the morning before helping again at the actual fish fries. He was also very helpful at the Faith Formation family events. They can be seen regularly at the 4pm mass on Saturday with Bill proudly wearing his red 3rd Degree shirt. Thanks Bill and Jemma for all you do for the Knights of Columbus and St Frances Cabrini Parish.





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Calendar Location Change:

The current monthly calendars is now located inside our council website along the left side in the "EVENT CALENDAR" tab.

Brothers All,

The Annual Wives Recognition Dinner this year will be held at **Holy Cross Church in Palmetto on Saturday, 4 May. Doors will open at 5pm with a cash bar and meals will be served at 6pm.** We (Brothers) will be serving our guest their meal followed by ourselves.

All Brothers and their spouses/girlfriends were invited to attend. I hope to see everyone there. Thanks, God Bless and have a great week.

Vivat Jesus **John T. Kreger IV**

Contact information update NEEDED!

With the launch of the council website, we will be sending out the Newsletter using the member list provided by the KofC State database. We currently are using a listing that the council maintains. This will be the last Newsletter that is using the council's list. All future emails will be done using the state's database. Please make sure that the KofC State contact information is correct. To check / update your information in the state's site:

Goto the state site: [Account Sign In \(floridakofc.org\)](http://floridakofc.org)

Log in to your account (if you already have one) If not please create one and login

Along the right side, click on the "My Profile" tab

Check to make sure that your information is correct and make any additions/changes as needed

Most important information is:

Email address, Phone numbers, Mailing address

Once you have all the information updated, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Save My Profile" button.

Recruitment Weekend:

The weekend of May 18th & 19th we will have Knights after all masses for recruitment weekend. If you would like to help, please let John know. He requests that ALL Knights wear their **RED SHIRT** to mass.

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