



The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, February 08 @ **7:00** pm
In the Parish Center

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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

**NEW COUNCIL MEETING TIME OF 7:00 PM
BEGINNING THIS MONTH**

We had another VERY BUSY month in January with all kinds of terrific activities going on and we will have another busy month ahead in February to start the Lenten Season off with our fabulous "All You Can Eat" FISH FRIES at Pre Covid pricing! On Friday, February 16th, we have our first Fish Fry and it will be all hands on deck to make these a success!

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, February 1st, at 7:00PM in the Gathering Room
- Tootsie Roll Drive at Main Church after each Mass – Saturday & Sunday, February 3rd & 4th
- Assembly Golf Committee Meeting – Monday, February 5th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday, February 8th, at **6:15 PM** in the St. John Bosco Center **NOTE: NEW TIME**
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, **7:00PM** in the Parish Center **NOTE: NEW TIME**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, **7:00 PM** in the Gathering Room **NOTE: NEW TIME**
- Council Coffee, Donuts & More - Sunday, February 11th, 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

- Council Informational Open House – Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Wednesday, February 14th
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, February 15th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Council Unified Degree Exemplification – Thursday, February 15th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Fish Fry #1 – Friday, February 16th, 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, February 17th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Assembly Meeting – Thursday, February 22nd, **7:00 PM** in the St. John Bosco Center **NOTE: NEW TIME**
- Council Fish Fry #2 – Friday, February 23rd, 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Fish Fry #3 – Friday, March 1st, 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

COFFEE, DONUTS & MORE

We had our monthly Coffee, Donuts & More on Sunday, January 14th, after all morning Masses in the Saint John Bosco Center. I would once again like to thank and recognize all our Brother Knights and Sisters who volunteered their time and made this event a great success for our Council.

John Clarke	Joe D'Amelio	Betty D'Amelio
Ed Amador	Jacob Burnett	Tom Krivchenia
Gene Jajuga	JJ Coyne	

If I have missed listing anyone that may have helped, I sincerely apologize.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE

Our Council had its first dinner dance of the Fraternal Year and what a great celebration it was! We served 123 dinners, and all attending had an amazing time. For those of you that could not make it, believe me it was one of the best ones in a very long time and you missed something that was very special. The salad, pork loin entre, mashed potatoes and Antigua blend vegetables was prepared to perfection by our awesome team of chefs, and I have to pay special recognition to them; Paul Harvey, Pat Nocerino, Tom Fitzpatrick and Tom Krivchenia. Awesome job done by all Brothers!!!

The entertainment was provided by Father Eric Peters and His Funky R & B Band. What a great job they did by getting most of us out of our seats and onto the dance floor. You should check out some of the pictures that were taken; great stuff happening in the Parish Center that night! Fr. Eric wasn't always on key but he more than made up for it with the great high energy both he and his band provided, and everyone really had an awesome time and appreciated the music and great entertainment that they provided. My thoughts on this; we need to get Father Eric back here and have more of you come out to a terrific evening of fun and fellowship!

I would like to thank and recognize all our Brother Knights and Ladies who volunteered their time and made this event a great success for our Council.

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| John Clarke | Betty D'Amelio | Tom Fitzpatrick |
| Betsy Clarke | Joe D'Amelio | Mario Zaccaria |
| Matt Sunski | Tom Wozniak | Jean Wozniak |
| Roe Resler | Frank McEwen | Sue Engelmann |
| Richie Resler | Paul Harvey | Mike Engelmann |
| Rita Wolanin | Dave Behrle | Doug de Wolfe |
| Tom Harkins | Anne Harkins | Robin LaChance |
| Ed Amador | Violet Amador | Tom Krivchenia |
| Paul Cooper | Pat Nocerino | JJ Coyne |
| Gene Jajuga | Karen Jajuga | |

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I would also like to recognize our awesome student and parent volunteers who did such an amazing job with serving our tables and clearing them after dinner and our fabulous dessert.

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| Ava Butler | Marcello Perez | Cooper Moon |
| Nola Driggers | Jackson Comito | Eva Yanes-vetere |
| Leia Williams | Alex Dulzaides | Madison Whelan |
| Gabriella Suarez-Vargas | | |
| Maria Yanes-vetere | – Parent Supervisor | |
| Raquel Conte | – Parent Supervisor | |

RE COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PREP

For Sunday, January 21st and Sunday, January 28th, we were asked by Sue Sferra, Director of Religious Education here at Espiritu Santo, to cook hot dogs and hamburgers for all religious education students that were preparing for Communion and Confirmation this Spring along with their parents and or sponsors. We cooked for approximately 250 the first weekend and another 150 on the second weekend. Great job done by all! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!

I would like to thank and recognize all our Brother Knights and Ladies who volunteered their time and made this event a great success for our Council and our Parish.

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| Matt Sunski | Jacob Burnett | Rich Roberto |
| Ed Amador | Gene Jajuga | Karen Jajuga |
| JJ Coyne | Rich Roberto | Tom Krivchenia |
| Joe D'Amelio | Betty D'Amelio | Tom Fitzpatrick |
| Pat Nocerino | John Gohman | |

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SPECIAL REQUEST

Brother Knights, we are now in a great position to be recognized by our Florida State Council and Supreme as a Star Council during this Fraternal Year, ending June 30th. We now stand at having 11 new members join our fraternity of brotherhood at our Council. I am asking for everyone's best effort over the next few weeks by asking men in our parish who are not already Knights to come to our next Open House on Tuesday, February 13th. As Grand Knight of this awesome Council, we haven't been in this position in several years and I'm asking for your help to make it happen! There is a great benefit to becoming Star Council as we pay Supreme a reduced per capita for the next fraternal year and that simply translates into more dollars in our Council checking account to donate to our favorite charities. This would be a Win four our Council and Win for our Charities. A Win Win!

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BLESSINGS FOR AN AWESOME MONTH!!!

Gene

Vivat Jesus!

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Council 7109

Holy Moments

Knights Uniting for Star Council

Dear Respected Brother Knights of Barney Gonyea Council 7109,

I trust this correspondence finds you well and thriving in the spirit of our shared mission. In this season of love and camaraderie, as we delve into the opportunities that the new year unfolds, let us reflect on the profound impact we can collectively make.

Striving Toward Star Council Brilliance:

I'm thrilled to announce that our council is on the cusp of achieving the esteemed Star Council designation. This recognition is not merely an accolade for our council; it stands as a testament to the dedication and excellence embodied by each Brother Knight. The Star Council is not just an award; it's the embodiment of Matthew Kelley's teachings on creating "Holy Moments" that resonate in the lives of others.

Membership Momentum

As of now, we stand at 11 new members on our journey toward our goal of 15. The upcoming Open House on February 13th, 2024, followed by the Unified Degree Ceremony on February 15th at the Parish Center at 7:30p, presents a pivotal moment for each one of us. This goal isn't exclusive; it's a collective endeavor. Your personal invitation may be the spark that helps someone find purpose within our brotherhood.

Welcoming Parish and Family Men

Our mission extends beyond our council; it's a call to embrace Parish and Family Men into our order. Matthew Kelley's teachings echo this sentiment – our actions can be a beacon of inspiration for others. Let us extend the invitation to those around us, aiding them in discovering the fulfillment that comes from serving a higher purpose.

A Personal Reflection

Allow me to share a poignant personal narrative that underscores the power of faith, unity, and brotherly support. In recent days, my Godson confronted a harrowing car accident, facing the imminent loss of his

legs and a stint in a coma. The collective strength of prayers and the unwavering support of family and brothers in faith granted him a second lease on life. It serves as a stark reminder of how life's challenges can lead us to a profound understanding of our purpose.

Crafting Holy Moments

As Knights, we hold the privilege and duty to assist others in finding meaning and purpose. Through our charitable acts, we create "Holy Moments" that transcend the ordinary, leaving an indelible mark. Let us be the guiding light that steers others towards a life brimming with purpose and satisfaction.

Deep-Rooted Gratitude

A heartfelt expression of gratitude to every Brother Knight who reached out and extended prayers for my family and the victims of the recent accident. Your solidarity and support epitomize the true essence of the Knights of Columbus.

In unity, service, and the pursuit of Star Council brilliance,



Edward J. Amador
Membership Director
Barney Gonyea Council 7109



SK Edward Amador and Miguel Perez hold a Membership Drive during a RE event

Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2024: February 13 | April 16 | June 18

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2024: February 15 | April 18 | June 20

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	333
Insurance Membership	136
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	07
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	11/15
2023-2024 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	135
Honorary Life Members	17
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	03/06



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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Paul Cooper, Michael Engelmann, Robert Essex, Joseph Gajewski, Christopher Jones, Viktor Lewalski, Donald Lomurno, Andre Milot, Donald Puchalski, John Ruckart, Robert Scheriff, Bryan Snyder, Paul Vilchez, Eugene Wolanin, Thomas Wozniak

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, Ron Lexa (d), Susanne Papa (d), Andrea Coe (d), Maggie Cappabianca, Lillian Custin (d), David Flori (d), Kathy Kukulski (d), Peter Iaffaldano (d), Ward Griffin, Jim Watson, Richard Caridi (d), Jim Jessup (d), Sandy (Gouin), Elizabeth Inderwies, Bill McFadden, Kennedie McFadden, Leonard Gogola, Bob Justiana, Dorothy Alogozzina (d), Gabe Seguin, Jewel Allen (d), Ed Mandichak, Steven Cote, David deWolfe (d), Joseph Raponi (d), Mac Sinise (d), Deborah Laffy, Stanley Gdula (d), J. Nick Martin (d), Kenneth Bryan Martinez, Linda Cooper (d), Morgan Pettersen, Edward Mandichak (d)

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727. 286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



John Paul Grabowski

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. All three of our seminarians are located at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana. Austin Smith, junior year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Benjamin Harris, junior year from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski, in his sophomore year, is from Catholic Student Center, USF – Tampa.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, James Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, John and Betsy Clarke, John Coyne, William Cullen, Joseph and Betty D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol De Wolfe, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Philip and Jane Farney, Robert Faw, Thomas Fitzpatrick, John and Peggy Gohman, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas and Jean Hart, Timothy and Ann Hartle, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, James and Angy Hayes, David and Donna Heezen., Kevin and Gidget Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hoherl, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Timothy Kielich, William and Katherine Krajewski, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Milton Levine, Santo and Karen Loparo, Patrick Mackin, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, John Morgan, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Donald Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas Penders, Daniel Peterson, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, James and Drema Servoss Rooney, Daniel and Paula Saracki, William and Mary Scott, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Thomas and TP Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Steven Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Edward and Violet Amador, Victor and Susanne Berggren, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Kevin Cordaro, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Frederick and Christi Elfein, Zach Faraone, Charles and Raquel Friesema, Michael and Lisa Furman, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark and Patricia Gurley, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Brian and Christine Kearns, Matthew Killeen, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Stephen and Ellen Leger, John Lenehan, Stanley Lipiarz, Clifford and Michelle Merz, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, William Nies, James and Patricia Nolf, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Donald and Alexis Reed, Juan and Rosemary Romero, Kurt Salac, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Jim and Nancy Shirer, James and Karin Smith, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Motika Vanderveer, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Vincent Baldwin, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Thomas Bergevin, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Patrick Carroll, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Gerald Custin, Austin Davis, Peter Demzak, Terry and Shirley Drake, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Joseph Guazzerotti, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, David and Paula Harvey, Irving Hernandez, James Jessup, Christopher Jones, Mark and Maryann Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Richard and Cecilia Kemball-Cook, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Thomas and Kathy Kukulski, James and Maria Lankford, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Brian Lawandus, Mark Lewalski, Viktor Lewalski, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Christopher Mazzone, Michael McCarthy, Darryl Miller, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, David Neal, Chris Nesci, Todd and Margaret Owers, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Robert Papariella, Frank Pensabene, Miguel Perez, Mark and Christine Peterman, James and Suzanne Preston, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Edward and Sandra Riley, Brian Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers, Kenneth Ruckart, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin, Massimo Simeoni, James and Darlene Stanley, Lawrence and Corinne Rose Steinhardt, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujarani, Keith and Griselda Taylor, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Joseph Celic, Jerome Dewberry, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Jared Kirsten, Michael Lyons, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Christopher and Teresanne Russell, Mario Russica, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Thomas Smith, Francis Cayer, Frank and Patricia Piro, Robert Shafer, Margaret Watson, Derek Jones, Robert and M.A. Justiana, John J Liu, John T Liu

Total Collected to Date: \$1,841.27



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Mardi Gras falls on Tuesday (2/13). Valentine's Day (2/14), and Ash Wednesday (2/14). A lot happening in two days. Maybe the big question is what am I going to do for Lent? Jesus' first words in Mark's Gospel are *Repent!* That word has been misunderstood as giving up something like candy or scotch! But the word in Latin, French, and Italian, *repentir*, means to rethink, to evaluate, which has more to do with change and **how can I improve or grow** - or in some cases what do I need to let go of. I humbly suggest that the muscle spirituality of giving up something is an accomplishment, but does it really change or improve me or change the world?

May I suggest preparing the meal here or going down on the two Thursdays in February and March to Pinellas Hope or on the two Saturdays to help at Kimberly Home for women expecting a baby - very pro-life! Or you might try the ministry at the jail. Often a place of a lot of surprises! (See Deacon John Alvarez). Obviously, the Lenten Fish Frys always need friendly volunteers. But in addition to our serving at the fish frys, some of the earlier suggestions might stretch our horizons a bit.

You might also explore the short updates of happenings in the Church nationally and internationally in *America* magazine or on *Americamedia.org*. You might also consider praying the Sunday Lenten Scripture readings at home or by coming early to Mass.

Finally, I recommend two books. The first is *Aging with Wisdom and Grace* by Wilkie Au and Noreen Cannon Au. This is an easy read on the spirituality of aging with very practical and nurturing words of wisdom and reflection. My Arrupe Spirituality Community is reading this and are finding it very inspiring (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2019). You might enjoy discussing the chapters together with your spouse or other friends.

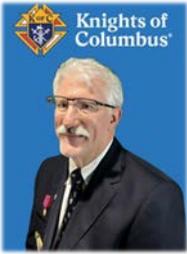
The second book is *A Voyage Through the New Testament* by Catherine Cory (Prentice Hall). I used this Introduction to the New Testament when I was teaching undergrads at Saint Leo. I found it a solid yet easy read which helps better understand the Gospels and the Letters as well as some historical and theological issues. Because it is over 500 pages, you won't get it done during Lent, so you can choose the biblical texts and chapters you want to explore and finish the book later on.

Again, you can always ask me questions about what you read in either book or just let me know that you are working your way through the book and what you are getting out of it.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brothers Knights!

Happy Leap Year! Yes, this is the year that February has an extra day. We have a busy month ahead of us. First, we are changing our time for our monthly Rosary. We will be starting the Rosary at 6:15pm in the JBC instead of 6:30pm. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights Meeting will begin at 7pm in their respective meeting rooms. This year, two special events are occurring on February 14. We celebrate the very special people in our life on Valentine's Day as we let them know how much we love and appreciate them. Valentine's Day also begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. This special observance is the time when we remember our mortality, that we came from dust and that we will return to dust and be with Jesus. We begin our 40-day journey in the desert with Christ and acknowledge our sins and atone for them with sacrifices that will enable us to grow closer to the Lord. We show gratitude to Christ in a deeper way by alms giving, penance and prayer for his sufferings, ultimate sacrifice to bring us to eternal life. We will be starting our "All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Fry" on Friday February 16th from 4pm to 7:30pm. We will offer dine in and carry out meals. We will need many volunteers to make this a successful event. Coffee and donuts will be available on Sunday February 11th after the morning Masses.

Faith In Action



From the Faith Director's Desk

We will be having our monthly Rosary at 6:15 in the JBC on February 8th. Please note the time change to 6:15pm.

We are setting up a Bible Study for men. There will be food, fellowship and discussions on different aspects of the Bible. There will be a Bible reading and some questions to be answered before you come to the meeting for discussion. We will be sending out a questionnaire to find out what days would be good for most people and whether we should hold it in the morning, afternoon or the evening and if we want to have it once a week or once a month.

From the Community Director's Desk

On January 28th we held our Youth Free Throw Contest in the school gymnasium. Our winner is 9-year-old Philip Clegg II. He will have a chance to go to districts and regionals. I would like to thank everyone who worked hard and helped to make this event happen.

Brothers, we continue to have several opportunities available for us to help our greater community. On March 2nd, we will have another road cleanup for our designated portion of Enterprise Road. The last ones that we have done have been great successes and I thank all who have assisted. Please consider joining us in this very visible endeavor. You may have also heard of our Coats for Kids campaign at Mass or elsewhere. We encourage you to join in this worthwhile undertaking. We have also had our Free Throw shooting contest and I thank all who volunteered this past Saturday. We will be holding the Hockey Shoot out on Saturday February 23rd from 9am to 12 noon in the school gym. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are welcome to participate.

From the Family Director's Desk

During his visit to the Philippines, (Address to Families at the Mall of Asia Arena, 2015), Pope Francis cited the need for "holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God's plan and to be an example for other families". The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis and our priests, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church. Through prayer and reflection, each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. As we enter into the Lenten season this

month, we Knights invite God into our homes to cultivate our family as a miniature domestic church. May we lead our family through this time of self-sacrifice and devotion preparing for the resurrection of our Savior. We wish & hope for all to have a spiritual start to your Lenten season.

From the Life Director’s Desk

We will be having our monthly workday at the Kimberly Home on February 17th from 8am-10am. We will be collecting money for Kimberly Home during each Fish Fry.

Saint Scholastica – February 10 – Memorial

Saint Scholastica was born of wealthy parents in 480. She and her twin brother, Saint Benedict, were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Both Scholastica and Benedict established religious communities within a few miles of each other.

Little is known of Scholastica’s early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request as he did not want to break his own Rule of spending a night outside the monastery. Scholastica prayed to God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. God had granted her prayer.

They parted the next morning after a long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict announced the death of his siter to the monks and buried her in a tomb he had prepared for himself.

Saint Scholastica is the Patron Saint of Benedictine nuns, education, convulsive children and right relationships. She is invoked against storms and rains.

Liturgical Calendar

- Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
- Feb 3 St. Blaise
- Feb 5 Saint Agatha (Memorial)
- Feb 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions (Memorial)

- Feb 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
- Feb 10 Saint Scholastica (Memorial)
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 21 St. Peter Damian
- Feb 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)
- Feb 23 St. Polycarp
- Feb 27 St. Gregory of Narek

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Krivchenia, PFN
Deputy Grand Knight



Philip Clegg II, the (9 y/o) Boy’s Champion for our Council Tournament, takes his shot



Brother Knights of Council 7109 volunteer to run the 2024 KofC Free Throw Championship



John Ruckart
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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Happy Valentine's Day!

I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular, after all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or most any celebration, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, gives love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for one another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the unpredictable changes in life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss how we can help you, help the ones you love!

Vivat Jesus!

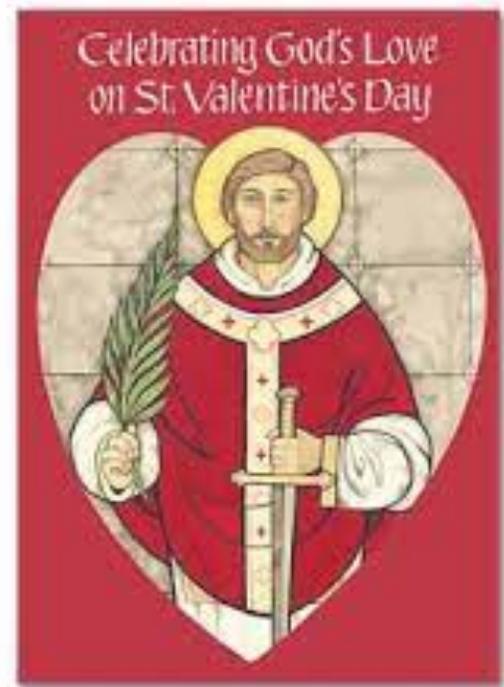
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Faithful Navigator's Log

Happy New Year to all Knights of Columbus and their families and friends. May God continue to bless this country and protect us all.

The Renewal of Obligation took place on January 25, 2024, Assembly Meeting; Presiding was John Papa our Regional Administrator.

There are several Exemplifications scheduled for 2024, as follows:

- ~February 17, 2024 – Spanish Virtual Degree
- ~March 9, 2024 – St. Francis X Cabrini Catholic Church Parrish, Florida
- ~May 11, 2024 – Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Naples, Florida
- ~June 15, 2024- Church of the Little Flower Coral Gables, Florida
- ~August 25, 2024 – San Juan del Rio Catholic Church Saint John, Florida

Pass this information to any Knight that wishes to advance to the 4th Degree. Refer all interested to me and I will start the process for them.

Proposed changes include a fee change for Exemplification effective 1 January 2024 to \$90.00.

Other changes to Exemplification will include opening the Exemplification to wives and family members; and the removal of the requirement for secrecy.

Remember to invite a friend, a fellow parishioner or member of your family to our KofC Open House. We would like to welcome all future Knights interested in doing service for our community and church.

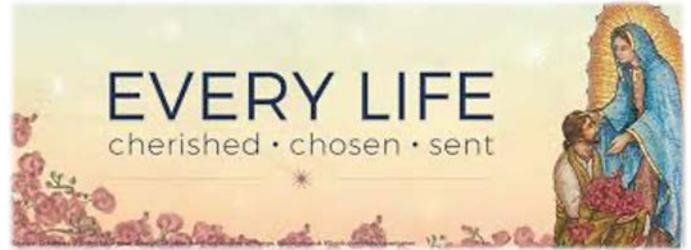
Future events will include Lenten Fish Fries, Altar Servers Party, KofC Retreat.

*A few pictures from the Ceremonial for the
Renewal of Obligations*





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Is late-term abortion coming to Florida? Do you support abortion as women's health and a woman's choice? Do you support giving up parental rights to guarding your teenage daughters and granddaughters from abortion and without your knowledge? Well, the pro-abortion side of this debate has obtained the necessary signatures, some 891,523 signatures plus, to place a state constitutional amendment on the ballot in November doing all of that and more. If approved, then Florida would follow Ohio, and other states, down this slippery road. Don't think it can't happen here. Our higher threshold of 60% in FL will help, but if good people do nothing & sit on the sidelines, then the outside money and evil lies on the proposal may prevail. And then, we'll have abortion on demand, up through birth. I call that infanticide. Life is a gift from God!

Bishop Parkes defended Life, especially the unborn, at the 4th Annual March for Life in St. Petersburg, on Jan 20, 2024. He supports all legal opposition to this amendment, e.g., the challenge to the FL Supreme Court, and encourages "all people of good will to vote 'NO' if this amendment gets onto the November Ballot." See and hear our Bishop, who is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, by watching him on you-tube. Go to www.youtube.com and search for "Bishop Parkes at March for Life St. Pete Jan 20 2024", or plug this into your browser: https://youtu.be/F_yjiX_ANc?si=Q-1QzgCGdriSvYTy.

Thank you, Bishop Parkes for your public support for Life, for all Life, especially the unborn!

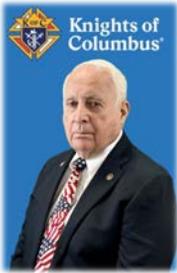
How about you? Does the baby in the womb have your support? Join your parish Respect Life group. Become active in witnessing for Life on the sidewalk outside the abortion site in Clearwater:

28960 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater. Continue to Pray for Life. If this "abortion amendment" makes it onto the November ballot, then vote "NO" and share your views to other voters and have them join with us in voting "NO".



Winter holidays are at a close with our fun dinner dance held January 19. The food, fellowship, and dancing were the best ever! Thanks to all of you ladies for your donations and help to make this event a success. The raffle baskets once again were well accepted, and the donations were abundant at \$375! Looking ahead we will be gearing up to help our Knights with the Lenten fish fries.

Our next meeting will be February 8, details will be discussed then of what desserts we will provide, and where our help is needed. Remember all interested ladies are welcome to join our auxiliary. Let's have a great turnout this next meeting. Have a double special day on Saint Valentines Ash Wednesday!

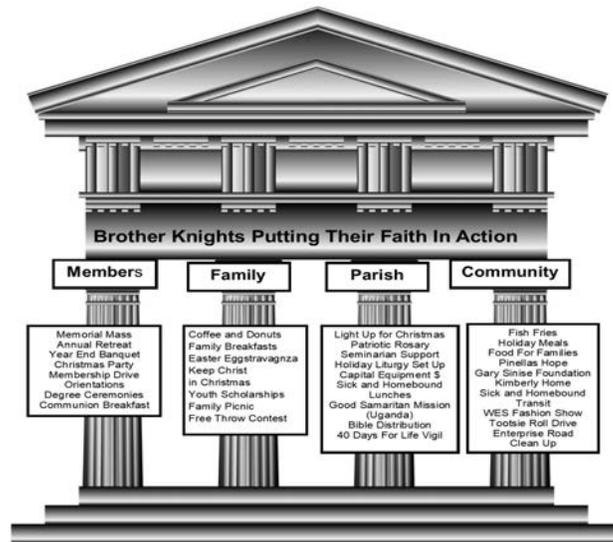


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Promote Family Life

Interesting Psalm and it draws a parallel between our relationship with a perfect and all-knowing and all-powerful God and the closeness of family life where there are no secrets, no night and day, nowhere to hide from our flaws and imperfections. But this is a source of praise and gratitude because we promote family life and work on each other's behalf. How precious family life is when we truly live it like that. However, for all that good we must, as David points out in the last verse of Psalm 139, we have to hate those who hate God and rid ourselves of the evil in our lives.



Psalm 139

LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all. Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach. Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are. If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea, Even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast. If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for you, and night shines as the day. Darkness and light are but one. You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands; when I complete them, still you are with me. When you would destroy the wicked, O God, the bloodthirsty depart from me! Your foes who conspire a plot against you are exalted in vain. Do I not hate, LORD, those who hate you? Those who rise against you, do I not loathe? With fierce hatred I hate them, enemies I count as my own. Probe me, God, know my heart; try me, know my thoughts. See if there is a wicked path in me; lead me along an ancient path."

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WGK Gene Jajuga recognizes SK Mark Peterman as October Knight of the Month



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In Memoriam

Sir Knight J. Nicholas "Nick" Martin

April 28, 1929 – January 24, 2024

Past Grand Knight, Barney Gonyea Council 7109, 1980-81



John Nicholas "Nick" Martin, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2024, in [Safety Harbor, Florida](#). Born on April 28, 1929, in [Brooklyn, NY](#), Nick's jokes, warm smile, and generous spirit touched everyone he met.

Nick dedicated his life to his family and his community. After studying pharmacy at St. John's University, he took over the family business, Ricci's Pharmacy, which was opened in 1939 by his father-in-law, pharmacist Louis Ricci. Nick's commitment to his profession was honored in 2002 by St. John's University for his remarkable 50 years in pharmacy, a testament to his unwavering service and care for others.

His impact on the community extended beyond his professional life. Nick was recognized as the Senior Volunteer of the Year at Palm Harbor University High School, where he was also a multi-year guest speaker for the Great American Teach-In.

Known for his jokes, quick wit, and friendly demeanor, Nick was the life of any gathering. He had the remarkable ability to light up a room with his humor, making everyone around him feel at ease. Those who knew him were blessed to experience his funny anecdotes.

Nick's interests were as vibrant as his personality. A loyal fan, he rarely missed watching a Rays baseball or Bucs football game. His love for old movies and Frank Sinatra's music was well-known among his friends and family.

He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Violet, who predeceased him. Together, they shared 70 years of love and laughter. Nick is survived by his adoring daughter, Lori, and her husband, Peter Bauck, who will miss his guidance and warmth. His nephew, Robert Chambers, and niece, Antonia Chambers O'Brien, will fondly remember their uncle's generous spirit and the joy he brought to family gatherings.

Nick Martin was a man of many roles: a caring pharmacist, a dedicated volunteer, a loving family man, and a friend to all. His legacy of kindness and generosity will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

A life such as Nick's is not easily forgotten. His stories, his lessons, and his laughter will echo through the lives of those he touched. A true gentleman, Nick's memory will be cherished and kept alive by the countless anecdotes and life lessons he shared with all of us.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of J. Nicholas "Nick", please visit our floral store.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

in loving memory

Letter to the Editor

The Four Pillars Of The Domestic Church

Well, we are in a brief break between the most significant segments of our church calendar – Advent which celebrates the birth of our Savior and Lent which commemorates the life of Christ and His suffering, passion and death which earned our salvation. So, we are in a period of Ordinary time which takes up 33 or 34 Sundays of our liturgical year. But this time is far from Ordinary.

The Domestic Church theme for February is **Promote Family Life**. That got me to thinking of how ordinary the work of our Council, Assembly, and Ladies Auxiliary is, OR NOT, and how that relates to the work of the Domestic Church.

We are called to participate in four major segments of our environment – our members, our families, our parish, and our broader community. And, as we know, the things that we commit to as a brotherhood make this a family affair in many ways. We know each other – our strengths and idiosyncrasies. There is no hiding when work to organize events, conduct meetings, or complete the many things that we commit to.

St. James in his second letter (James 2: 14:26) tells us that faith without works is dead.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

James explains that Abraham was a prophet of great faith, but it was his willingness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, that justified his faith. So, saying you have faith is **talking the talk** and that's great. But living the faith through our acts is **walking the walk**.

Here is our faith in action in a nutshell and I think you'll agree this is far from ordinary.

Membership: Memorial Mass(es), Annual Retreat, Year End Banquet, Orientation, Degree Ceremonies, Membership Drives, Monthly Meetings...

Family: Coffee and donuts, family breakfasts, youth scholarships, Bible distribution, Family Picnic, Free Throw contest...

Parish: Seminarian support, Christmas lighting, individual liturgy involvement as lectors, ushers, etc., sick and homebound support, Easter Vigil...

Community: Fish Fries, Gary Sinise Golf Tournament, Pinellas Hope, Kimberly Home, WES Fashion Show, Tootsie Roll Drive, Road Clean-Up...

I'm not the one to judge but I'd say we do a decent job of walking the walk and promoting family, parish and community by the simple act of keeping the faith.

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

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From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

The Courage of Conversion

*Opening ourselves to a deeper personal relationship with God
can change our lives and the lives of those we love*

When we hear the word “conversion,” we often think of a person leaving behind other beliefs and practices to embrace the Catholic faith. But conversion is actually a call for each one of us. For most of us, it’s a call to the renewal and deepening of the Catholic faith we inherited from our parents. It means actively seeking a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ and opening ourselves to the grace of the sacraments in a way that affects our daily lives. And it’s a lifelong process.

The question for most of us is this: Are we truly open to conversion, to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to broaden us and help us see things we didn’t see before? To be open in this way requires that we guard against a certain self-satisfaction with our current relationship with God. Such complacency can lead to a superficial faith — one in which our spiritual practices become routine and even lifeless. Spiritual complacency and pride can lull us into a feeling of “been there, done that” and empty the Gospel of its life-changing power for us. While professing to be a believer and identifying as a Catholic, we may, in reality, live as if God doesn’t exist or at least doesn’t have an active role in our lives.

The good news is that God is always trying to reach us, to reveal a deeper understanding of ourselves and his life within us. He is closer to us than we are to ourselves, as St. Augustine wrote in his *Confessions* (3.6.11). What does this mean? It means that God is not outside of us, a remote being unconnected to the day-to-day struggles of our lives. Rather, through the mystery of his Incarnation, he shows us that he is *with* us and *for* us — in all the details of our daily experiences.

If we seek God with humility and repentance, he will remove the obstacles and sins that block our vision. He will give us new ways to see our lives and our mission. He will open new vistas of understanding and action. And he will infuse every aspect of our lives with a wonder and a peace that only he can provide. This encounter with a personal God is at the heart of every authentic conversion. And it can change everything.

Ann’s sacrifice typifies the sacrifice that so many of our wives make for us as Knights and for the Order. So much of what we do as Knights would not be possible without the support and dedication of our wives. Speaking for myself, I can honestly say that I couldn’t do what I do without my wife, Vanessa. Her steadfast love and support — for me and for our children — allow me to carry out my responsibilities to the Order and the Church.

The same is true for so many Knights Order-wide. The Knights of Columbus is and always will be a fraternal organization of men, but the reason we exist, the reason Blessed Michael McGivney established the Knights, is to serve the family. Our membership in the Order should make us better husbands and fathers, and many K of C activities involve the entire family. At the same time, our volunteer service can take us away from home on many weeknights and weekends, inevitably leaving our wives to adjust family schedules and juggle competing priorities. More often than not, our wives are called upon to go the extra mile to meet family obligations, while also serving as both trusted advisors and indispensable supports to us. In short, being the wife of an active, engaged Knight takes patience, teamwork, sacrifice and an understanding heart. It isn’t easy, but it is worthwhile because our mission is worthy.

The Book of Proverbs affirms: “When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. ... Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: ‘Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all!’” (31:10-11, 28-29).

The wife of a Knight is truly a “woman of worth.” This Christmas season, we should all have gratitude in our hearts and — importantly — on our lips for all that our wives do for us, for the Order and for the Church. May the Holy Family, whose feast we celebrate Dec. 31, be a model and guide for us.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

A Very Successful First Half

State Deputy Richard Hughes

I hope that you and your families have had a blessed Christmas season, and I wish all of you the best in this New Year! Overall, the Order here in Florida has had a very successful first-half of the Fraternal Year. Councils have been conducting many meaningful activities and programs in support of their parishes and communities. Membership recruitment has been robust--118 Councils are at 50% or more of their membership goals, and 47 Councils have already met or exceeded 100% of their membership goals. And there are many Councils initiating or exploring the new Cor initiative.

However, there is still some work to do for many Councils to meet Star Council goals.

--245 active Councils have not yet conducted or participated in a Fraternal Benefit Event--2 events are required for each Council with a total of 14 unique participants.

--228 active Councils are not yet Safe Environment Compliant.

--And 87 active Councils have yet to recruit a member this year.

If you find that your Council is behind, there is still plenty of time to meet your goals for Star Council. Each member should actively participate in their Council programs and activities and strive to bring the gift of membership to every Catholic man in their parish. Most men will respond better to a personal invitation to join, and that requires all members to do their part. Leaders should schedule and promote Fraternal Benefit Events and ensure that administrative requirements are met. These requirements are not difficult to meet—they just need some focus.

The Annual Fraternal Survey, Form 1728, is due to Supreme on January 31. This is another Star Council requirement, and it is critical that Supreme collects this information from every Council in the Order. Every member should submit their volunteer hours to their Council to help with preparation of the form. Your Financial Secretary should be able to provide you with Form 1728A, which is an easy way to document your volunteer hours.

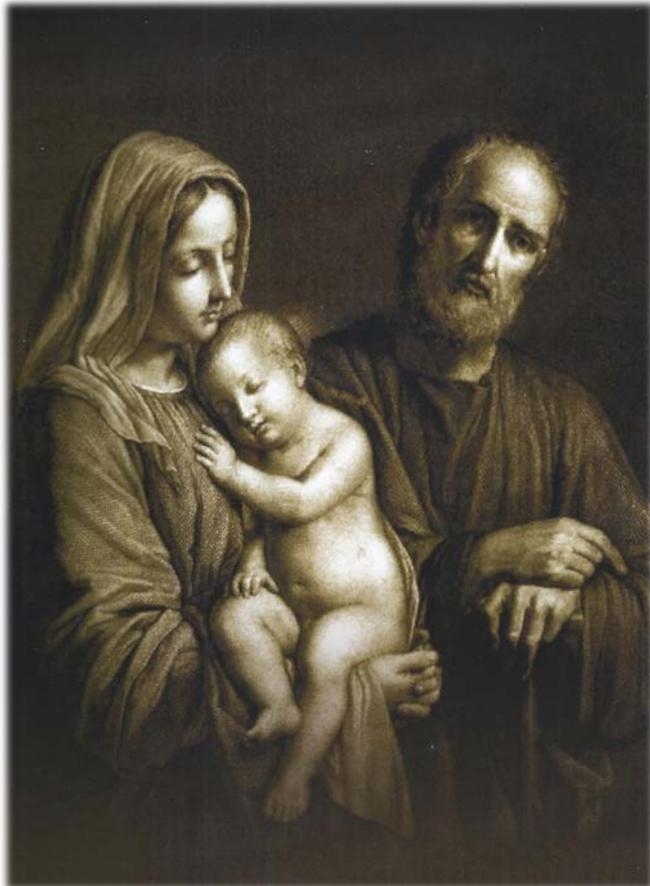
Our State Convention is coming up at the end of May and will again be held at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando. Councils should be conducting elections for Delegates January through March.

And for those of you that are interested in running for Delegate to the Supreme Convention in August—keep in mind that it will be held In Quebec City in Canada this year. That means that everyone traveling to the convention from outside Canada will need a passport. In addition, the Expiration Date on that passport can be no less than six months from the last day of travel. That means that if a Supreme Convention attendee will depart Canada on August 8 (the last day of the convention), the Expiration Date on their passport can be no earlier than February 8, 2025. So, plan accordingly.

Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you do in the great work of the Order!

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

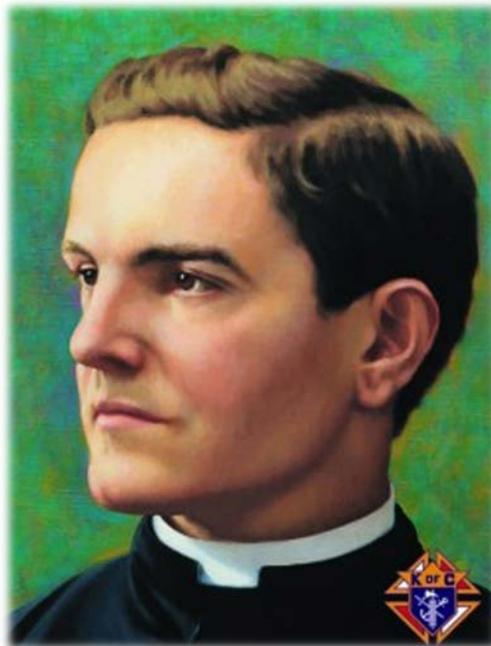
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

February 2024

- 02/03 | Sat 5:00p ESCC Tootsie Roll Drive after each Mass
- 02/04 | Sun 8:00a ESCC Tootsie Roll Drive after each Mass
- 02/08 | Thu **6:15p** Rosary (**New Time**)
- 02/08 | Thu **7:00p** Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 02/11 | Sun 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 02/13 | Tue 7:30p KofC Informational Open House
- 02/14 | Wed Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day
- 02/15 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Lunch Prep & Delivery
- 02/15 | Thu 7:30p Unified Degree Exemplification
- 02/16 | Fri 4:00p Fish Fry #1
- 02/17 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- 02/23 | Fri 4:00p Fish Fry #2



Assembly Calendar of Events...

February 2024

- 02/05 | Mon 7:00p Assembly Golf Tourney Committee Meeting
- 02/17 | Sat 12:00n Spanish Virtual Exemplification
- 02/22 | Thu **7:00p** Assembly Membership Meeting (**New Time**)

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the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing
Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

