



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
1	7:00 AM	8:00 PM	Officer's Planning Meeting	Knight's Building
2	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	First Friday Adoration w/ Benediction at Noon	Chapel
2	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour with Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction	Chapel
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner after Holy Hour	Parish Hall
3	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
5	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	First Monday Confession	Chapel
8	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
8	7:00 PM	8:15 PM	Council Membership Meeting	Knight's Building
8	8:30 PM	9:15 PM	4th Degree Assembly Meeting	Knight's Building
13			Blessed Michael McGivney	
13	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	COR Meeting	St. Rose Classroom
14	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Vigil Mass for the Assumption	St. Rose of Lima Church
15	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Mass for the Assumption	St. Rose of Lima Church
15	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Mass for the Assumption	St. Rose of Lima Church
22	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Special Dance	Parish Hall
27	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Park Avenue Clean-up	Meet at Parish Hall (outside)
31	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Corporate Mass and Communion	St. Rose of Lima Church
Sept				
2			HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!	
5	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Officer's Planning Meeting	Knight's Building
6	8:30 AM	Noon	First Friday Adoration w/ Benediction at Noon	Chapel
6	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour	St. Rose of Lima Church
6	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner after Holy Hour	Parish Hall
7	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15



Church of Dormition, Jerusalem. Apostles at the Dormition of Mary.



Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

Why is the Holy Eucharist important to us as Knights, as Catholic Men? With our Catholic faith's three-year emphasis on Eucharistic revival, including the recent National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis, we are reminded of the importance of this sacrament central to our faith in three ways:

Through Spiritual Nourishment and Unity: The Eucharist provides spiritual nourishment, strengthening a man's faith and deepening his relationship with God. When Catholic men participate in the Mass and receive the Eucharist, they enter into a profound union with Christ. This shared experience fosters a sense of brotherhood among believers, transcending individual parishes and connecting men across cultures and generations.

As a Model of Sacrificial Love: The Eucharist mirrors Christ's sacrificial love

on the cross. Catholic men are called to imitate this self-giving love in their families, communities, and workplaces. Regular reception of the Eucharist inspires them to serve others, make sacrifices, and live virtuously.

As a Source of Grace and Spiritual Strength: Beyond ritual, the Eucharist is a conduit of grace. It offers forgiveness, healing, and transformation. Catholic men draw strength from this sacrament to face life's challenges, equipping them to fulfill their vocations as husbands, fathers, and leaders with humility and compassion.

As an important sacrament the Eucharist matters because it renews commitment to Christ, strengthens faith, and unites Catholic men in a shared journey of discipleship. May you be encouraged to participate in this sacrament often and be renewed by it.

**Blessed
Michael
McGivney
Pray For Us!**
Feastday August 13.



Field Agent's Report

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

K of C Field Agent

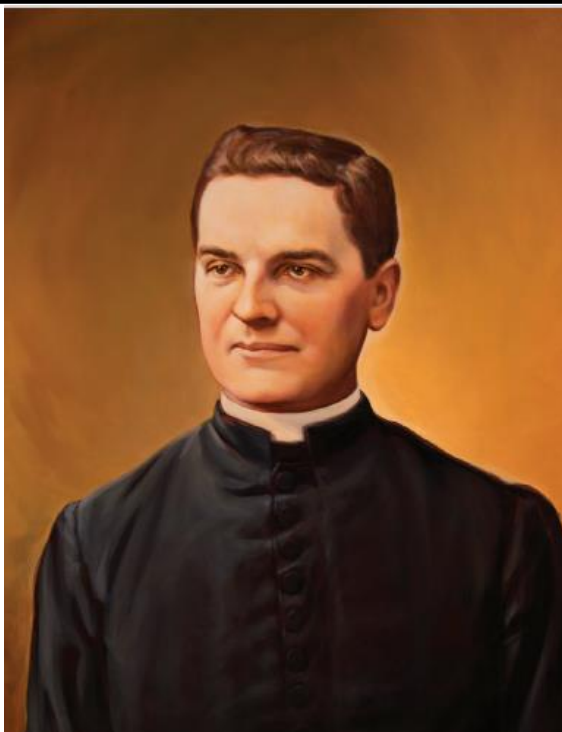
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Brothers, This is an exciting time of year for two reasons. First, our 142nd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Quebec, August 6-8. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year. He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do. I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at kofc.org/convention. Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention. Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose

feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity. If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights – whether through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a handle on financial matters or something else – I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others. I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year. As always, I am available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself of this important benefit of being a member of our Order. Vivat Jesus

God bless & Stay safe



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.

Please report all favors received:
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Deacon's Teaching

By Deacon Chris Christopher

Bread of Life Discourse John 6:30ff

In John 6, Jesus leads his listeners to the reality of the Eucharist. In particular:

- a. In verse 35, He gently opens his dialogue, *"I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in*
- b. *me shall never thirst."*
- c. In verse 41 He ups the ante when the Jews murmur against what he said about being *the bread of life*. He bluntly tells them, *"...if anyone*
- d. *eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."*
- e. In verses 54-57 He lays it on the line, *"... He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.*
- f. Non-Catholic Christians say Jesus was using symbolism in this Discourse. Their reasoning is:
- g. A literal interpretation would make Christians cannibals.
- h. Jesus claims to be a "door" in John 10:9 and a "vine" in John 15:5. Do Catholics believe they must pluck a leaf from Jesus the vine or oil the
- i. hinges on Jesus the door to get into heaven? Therefore, this whole Discourse is just another metaphor as He uses elsewhere.
- j. The charge of cannibalism does not hold water for at least two reasons:
- k. Catholics do not receive our Lord in a cannibalistic form; they receive him in the form of bread and wine. The cannibal kills his victim; Jesus does not die when he is consumed in Communion. The cannibal eats part of his victim, in Communion the entire

Christ is consumed - body, blood, soul, and divinity. The cannibal sheds the blood of his victim; in Communion, our Lord gives himself to us in a non-bloody way.

- l. Even symbolically teaching such an immoral act is immoral!

Regarding the symbolism argument, no one listening to Jesus understood this Discourse as such. When Jesus said he was a "door" or a "vine," no listeners asked, "How can this man be a door made out of wood?" or "How can this man claim to be a plant?" When Jesus spoke in metaphors, people were aware of it.

In verse 53 the verb **eats** is not the classical Greek verb for human eating at a dinner table but that of an animal eating: "munching" and "gnawing". Jesus wanted to make sure that He was not speaking metaphorically or symbolically to his audience,

If Jesus was speaking symbolically, in verse 67 He would have cleared up the difficulty with his apostles. Instead, He reiterates what he just said. He doesn't say, "Hey guys, I was misleading the multitudes, but now I am going to let you in on the simple truth, I was speaking symbolically." Rather, he said to them, *"Do you also want to leave?"*

Verse 63 is understood that without accepting the urgings of the Holy Spirit, one cannot come to accept Jesus' teaching in this Bread of Life Discourse. It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. After all, even Jesus couldn't work miracles in a town where there was no faith.

Next month we'll ask, **What are Indulgences?**



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." (Gospel for Aug. 4, Jn 6:27)

Before the Fall, God put Adam to work tending the garden. Good men work hard to provide for their families, including their material wants and needs. These temporal necessities, however, must never become our highest priority. Our first obligation is to seek the path to eternal life — for ourselves and for our loved ones. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is the food that will endure.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

Our Founder, Father McGivney, worked tirelessly to serve God and man. I challenge you to pray the novena to Blessed Michael McGivney this month, during which his feast day takes place (August 13).

Questions for Reflection:

Does your goal of attaining heaven for yourself and your loved ones come first in your life? Do your efforts focus excessively on temporal needs and pleasures? What more can you do to ensure that your primary mission is to prepare yourself and your family members to enter the kingdom of heaven?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER

August
UNITED STATES

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>

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Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2024-25		
July, 2024	Michael Stafford	Ray & Kim Kutch
August, 2024		
September, 2024		
October, 2024		
November, 2024		
December, 2024		
January, 2025		
February, 2025		
March, 2025		
April, 2025		
May, 2025		
June, 2025		

Council Summer Picnic





Programs

DGK Michael Hamel



Worthy All!

To start, I just wanted to thank everyone for putting their faith in such a rookie like me as your Deputy Grand Knight. I'm very excited to help bring new life to our programs. I'm looking forward to working directly with each program director on developing events, fundraisers and good community outreach. I know that our Council is only successful because of all the time, love and efforts put forth by each one of us. Over the course of the next month, I will be reaching out to each

program director, individually, to develop our PROGRAM CALENDAR. The goal of this is to be able to get information on dates and events to you as quickly as possible so that every member can be a part of whatever event without trying to work through last-minute schedule conflicts. Look for that in the coming month. Feel free to reach out to me directly should you have a need. This is going to be a great year in service of the Lord and our community.

Yours in Christ

Sick & In Need Prayer List

Paul Hicks, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring, Mary-Etta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, Antonette Paterna and family, Sterling VanGrowski, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, The Livorno Family, Dean Dizon, The Paschal Family, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, The Massey family, Heidi Massey, Thea McDonald, Linda Davis & family, Walter and Christa Gross, Ed Horne, Beth & Bill McDonald, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia Mabley,

Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Todd & Suzi Jones, Karen Lewis, Thatcher Kerzie, Mark Puno, Art Sobilo, The Ferraro family, Ann Smith and Family, Vinny Gallo, John Burkhalter, The Germain family, Larry Johnson, JP Fane, Richard & Hilda Connolly, John Juul, Tom Peck, Louise Egler, Barbara Mason, the Schnitker family, people of Ukraine, people of Israel, people of Haiti, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Pope Francis, Bishop Wack, Msgr Reed, Father Christian, our deacons, religious, and seminarians (especially Deacon William Gibson).

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day.

Amen.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com



Life

PGK Dan Arndt

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The Major concern throughout Florida is the Extreme Abortion Amendment. All Florida bishops oppose Amendment 4. You can read their joint statement below. Also, donate to the **Helping Life Fund**

(<https://donate.floridakofccharities.org/helping-life-fund>)by following this link. Always remember we are Knights and we are Prolife.



Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.¹ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
Diocese of St. Petersburg

Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami

¹ Florida law distinguishes between parental consent prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental notice of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



Council and Assembly Officers

Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2024-2025		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2024-2025	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
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Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Brian McGuire
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
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Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Purser	SK James Hull
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Two Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 2 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter
Three Year Trustee	Mike Stafford	Trustee 1 Year	SK James Gaus

Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

Supreme contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>

Invocations monthly publication of the Florida State Council.

<https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-Newsletter>

Knightcast An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics. <http://kofc.org/knightcast>

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BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



Michael Loftis
Ronald Livorno
Christian Breault
Bernie Schlutz
Nathaniel Klein
Brian Sanborn
Michael Stevens

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Dave McFadden
James Gentry
Brian Herrera
John Pfeiffer
Edward Rouse
Nils Matolay
Daniel Prouty

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John Recke
Victor VanGrowski Jr
Michael Kassinger
Jeffery Fischer
Richard James

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