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COMING EVENTS

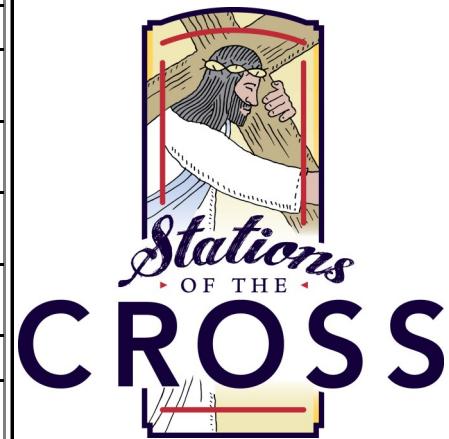
Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
2	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Blessing of the Candles at Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
2	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	First Monday Confession	St Rose of Lima Chapel
3	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Feast of St Blaise-Blessing of the Throats at Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
5	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
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6	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall
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12	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
12	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KofC Council Meeting	Knights Hall
14			Valentines Day	
17	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	KofC Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall
18			Ash Wednesday	
20	Noon	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Traditional	St Rose of Lima Church
20	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Fish Fry	Parish Hall
20	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Multimedia	St Rose of Lima Church
21	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Holy Hour in the Chapel	St Rose of Lima Chapel
26	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoFC Special Dance - Mardi Gras Theme	Parish Hall
27	Noon	12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Traditional	St Rose of Lima Church
27	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Fish Fry	Parish Hall
27	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Multimedia	St Rose of Lima Church
28	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	KofC Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima Church

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Ash Wednesday 2/18



Fridays in Lent
 Traditional at Noon
 Multimedia at 7 PM after the
 Fish Fry at 4:30—6:30 PM

Early March Calendar on Page 10.



Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

Embracing Imperfection, Growing in Christ

A New Year's Reflection

As we stepped into the new year, many of us began with the same hopeful ritual: resolutions. We promised ourselves that this would be the year we prayed more consistently, served more generously, got healthier, stayed organized, or finally broke that stubborn habit. Yet by mid-January, those resolutions slipped quietly into the background of ordinary life.

But this familiar pattern reveals something deeper about the Christian journey: we are imperfect men being perfected by a perfect Savior.

The Knights of Columbus has never been a fraternity of flawless men. From the beginning, Blessed Michael McGivney gathered ordinary husbands, fathers, and workers—men with strengths and weaknesses, virtues and struggles. What united them was not perfection, but willingness. A willingness to grow, to serve, and to let Christ shape their lives.

Scripture reminds us, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion.” That means the pressure is not on us to achieve holiness through sheer willpower. Our resolutions matter, but they are not the source of our transformation. Christ is.

So as we begin this year together as brother Knights:

- If your resolutions have already faltered, take heart.

- If your prayer life feels inconsistent, offer what you can today.
- If your service feels small, remember that charity grows through simple acts.
- If you feel unworthy or inadequate, know that Christ works most powerfully through humble, imperfect hearts.

Our fraternity strengthens us in this journey. We encourage one another when motivation fades. We lift one another when life becomes heavy. We remind one another that holiness is not a solo project—it is a communal pilgrimage.

This year, let us resolve not to be perfect men, but faithful men. Men who rise when we fall. Men who support one another. Men who trust that Christ is shaping us, slowly and steadily, into the men we are called to be.

May this New Year be a season of grace, renewal, and deeper commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus,



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Brothers,

Do you have goals in mind for this year?

It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health.

You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage.

Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working.

It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably?

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines.

It's not too late to set goals for 2026.

I'd love to sit down with you and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

And before I go, I'd like to share with you the story of our late brother Knight Brad Wolf. Brad was a past grand knight in Texas who chose to protect his family with a Knights of Columbus insurance policy. That decision became a lifeline for his family — allowing his wife, Dena, and their daughter, Riley, to remain in their home, free from the fear of financial hardship.

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly



From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey
Looking Forward to **Lent**



Brothers, greetings as we move from January into February.

On Sunday, February 1, we will observe the **Snow Moon** known as the Snow Moon, due to the typically heavy snowfall that occurs in February. On average, February is the United States' snowiest month, according to data from the National Weather Service (from the Old Farmer's Almanac).

In our Liturgy, we are exploring the Gospel of Matthew, having exited the Christmas Season and entered "Ordinary Time", until the **Start of the Lenten Season**.

Ash Wednesday on **18 February**, begins our time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Stations of the Cross will be offered at Noon and 7pm on Fridays (and brings the wonderful, tasty tradition, of the **Lenten Fish Fry**).

Ash Wednesday, including the marking the head with ashes, was established as the first day of Lent by Pope St. Gregory the Great (590 to 604).

Lent is the period of six and one half weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. During Lent, for 40 days, excluding Sundays, fasting is recommended for all Catholics according to the laws of the fast. This is reminiscent of the 40 days of our Lord's unbroken fast (Mt. 4:3-4). The entire period of **Lent** is also a **time of spiritual preparation** for the **Passion, Death, and Resurrection** of Christ. It is observed as a time of **Penitence, Almsgiving**, along with **fasting / abstinence** and as a time of **Prayer**.

The Liturgy of the Church reflects the significance of this period of spiritual preparation: each day has a special Mass assigned to it; those Masses date back to the seventh and eighth centuries; there are no feasts observed on Sundays;

Source: The Catholic Encyclopedia, revised and updated, edited by Robert Broderick, copyright 1987, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers

So what happens during **Lent**?

Purple Vestments are the daily color... For the most part, we will not sing the Gloria

or pray with any Alleluia.

In addition to Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, we are called to enter into the mystery of Christ during **Lent**.

Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross, but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life: already in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty; in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience; in his word which purifies its hearers; in his healings and exorcisms by which "he took our infirmities and bore our diseases"; and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us. (CCC: 517)

But before we get to the Resurrection, we **Must** pass through **both** the passion **and** the tomb. We must prepare to go into the tomb with the Lord. We have to be ready to suffer and embrace the Cross. When we say "No!" to our appetites and our passions, in self-denial, we suffer. We have to be aware of this fact and be disciplined about it. We can not experience Easter Joy without the Agony in the Garden and the suffering on the Cross. First, we fast, then we feast.

The mystery of **Lent** brings us to experience, in a season, the pattern of our lives. Passion, Suffering, Resurrection. Thus, by the solemn forty days of **Lent** the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540) I pray that all have a fruitful, reflective, prayerful, **Lent**.

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Deacon Jeff Massey

**Life**

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February, 2026

As everyone knows, we are starting fundraisers for the needed Ultrasound machine. We are planning on having a Spaghetti dinner for Life along with a silent auction. If anyone can help plan this event and/or help, please contact the

Grand Knight. We will also need people to find donations for the silent auction.

Also, Life Options is having their banquet on Tuesday, March 3. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Dan Arndt by text at 850-207-8779.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

We hold the following individuals in prayer, asking for healing, peace, and strength in their time of need. If you know someone who should be added to this list—or if a name listed here needs to be updated—please let us know at info@kofc7027.com:

Jack Arndt. Claudia Barrett, Emily Botner, Joe Burgos, John Burkhalter, Dave & Donna Byers, Norm Champagne, Richard & Hilda Connolly, Mother of Joey Davis, Leanna Delabruere, Sharon Dipkin, Dean Dizon, Louise Egler, Robert Erisman, JP Fane, Vinny Gallo, Ben/Paul Gentry Steve Gentry, Bill Glover, Walter Gross, Joan Haring, Paul Hicks, David & Sharon Hinkle, MaryEtta Hinkle, Ed Horne, Saveria Husslein, Larry Johnson, Todd &

Suzi Jones, John Juul, Mike Kassinger, Thatcher Kerzie, Family of Molly Leonard; Karen Lewis, Ron Livorno, Sylvia Mabley, Paul Madifila, Barbara Mason. Heidi Massey, Family of Ed McCarthy. Beth & Bill McDonald, Ian McDonald, Susan McDonald, Thea McDonald, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Bob Miller, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Tom Peck, Mark Puno, John & Margo Recke, Jim and Marianne Richardson. Jerry Sciple Art Sobilo, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Dale Sorgor and family, Ed Stanislawczyk, Sterling VanGrowski, Carol Waugh.

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.



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2025-26		
July, 2025	Robert Browder	John & Jane Garton
August, 2025	Richard Sturgis	James & Marianne Richardson
September, 2025	Barry Gooden	Ivan and Alicia Rosado
October, 2025	Ivan Delabruere	David & Roxanna Lambert
November, 2025	Paul Mangiafico	Bill & Mary Rohan
December, 2025	Jace Fincher	Audrey & Bill Gibson
January, 2026	Robert Bezik	Ed & Val Stanislawcyk
February, 2026		
March, 2026		
April, 2026		
May, 2026		
June, 2026		



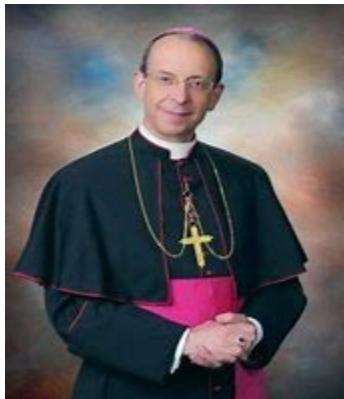
Jace Fincher December
Knight of the Month



Audrey & Bill Gibson
December Family of the
Month

Robert Bezik January
Knight of the Month





Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me." (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, "Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God's truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church's teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and booklets from the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) as resources.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are being respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?

(From kofc.org select "What We Do", "Faith Formation", and "Monthly Challenge")



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER

February

UNITED STATES

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>



BISHOP'S *Black & White* GALA

The **BISHOP'S Black & White GALA** will be on **Thursday, March 5, 2026**, at the Sanders Beach-Corrine Jones Resource Center Ballroom. This joy-filled evening of faith and fellowship will feature music, cocktails, dinner, and entertainment. Come celebrate the night dressed in "Black, White, or Black and White." The Gala will be a night of HOPE. Let us stand together as the hands and feet of Christ for our neighbors in need.

This will be an evening of faith, generosity, and shared purpose to support Catholic Charities' work to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, aid victims of disasters, provide pregnancy and adoption services, and more! For more information, call the Catholic Charities Development Team at 850-435-3560 / email development@cc.ptdiocese.org or visit <https://ccnwfl.org/bishopsgala-2/>

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND . . .

BISHOP'S *Black & White* GALA

MARCH 5, 2026
6:00 PM

SANDERS BEACH-CORRINE JONES
RESOURCE CENTER BALLROOM
PENSACOLA, FL

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AND PURCHASE TICKETS,
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**KofC 7027 Membership Milestones****January 2026 Honorees: Celebrating Years of Faithful Service**

We gratefully recognize the following members of Knights of Columbus Council 7027 who mark their anniversary of joining in the month of January. Their years of dedication reflect a legacy of fraternal commitment and service to our parish and community.

Name	Years of Service
Teodulo Lapina Jr	48
Jerry Ottley	48
Donald Tomer	42
Dennis Flores	31
Robert Bezick	23
John Recke	21
Daniel Marzluff	19
John Juul	16
Larry Johnson	13
Joe Burgos	9
Cory Wilson	8
Thomas Mohan	2
Alex Wilson	1
Tom Johnson	1
James Funderburk	1
Tracy Hudson	1

March

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8	8:00 AM	4:30 PM	Knight's Membership Drive - All Masses	St Rose of Lima Church
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Council and Assembly Officers

Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2024-2025		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2025-2026	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hamel	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley
Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Gilbert Saenz
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
Treasurer	Ray Kutch	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Purser	SK Brian McGuire
Advocate	Dcn Jeff Massey	Faithful Scribe	SK Arturo Ojeda
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Joe Pascal
Inside Guard	Vincent Mauro	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Bezick
Outside Guard	Alex Wilson	Color Guard Commander	SK Bruce Mabley
Lecturer	Walter Gross	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis
One Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 3 Year	SK Dan Walker
Two Year Trustee	Mike Stafford	Trustee 2 Year	SK John Recke
Three Year Trustee	Mike Simoneaux	Trustee 1 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter



BIRTHDAYS

Dr Trevor Walker
Edward Aninos
Jerry Brown
J P Fane
Dr Jeffrey Ottley
Mark Stillwagon

02/01
02/01
02/03
02/06
02/06
02/09

Christopher Bickford
Daniel Kelly
David Parks
Peter Fierro
Bill McDonald
Mark Shropshire

02/11
02/13
02/14
02/16
02/17
02/17

James Cashman
John Del Rosario
Joshua Kerzie
Edward Podgurski
Teodulo Lapina Jr

02/23
02/25
02/26
02/26
02/29

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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