



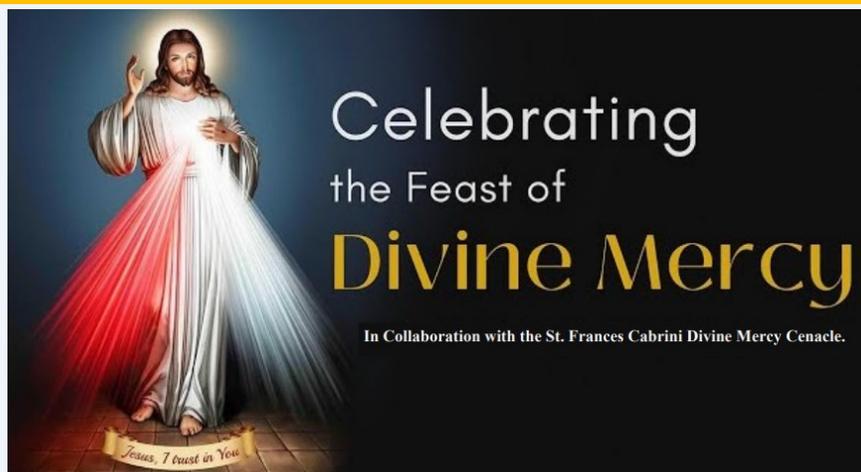
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# Mother Cabrini Council #12155

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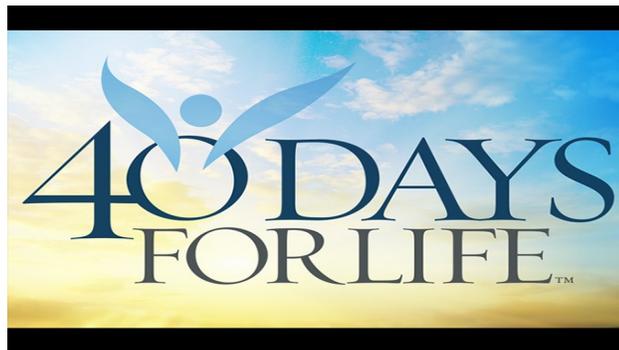


Brothers,



Let me first start by praying for the repose of the soul of **Monsignor Joe Sterns**. I know he was a big help to Father Joseph, filling in for him when needed, and he was such a fun person to have been able to serve mass with. He will be missed. Time to put the wheelchair back into storage. Next, by the time you are reading this message, we will have completed the most successful run of **six Lenten Fish Fries** ever! We served over 2,000 meals and raised over \$26,000 for our charities to be paid out later in the year. Thanks to Hank for ensuring everyone was trained and ready to go before he moved away. For the most part, everything flowed smoothly. During the period of our six fish fries, we continued to **serve Faith Formation families** at their monthly family meal event. We served over 150 hamburgers and 120 hotdogs last month and followed that up by serving 30 pizzas this month. Finally, in the middle of those six fish fries, SFC hosted a state wide **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**. Twenty-six Brothers from our council and Holy Cross Council 7414 joined Father Patrick Farrell Assembly 3322 – almost a 50% increase in membership. Thanks to all those who made that event such a success, especially Nancy Almengual, for taking on the task of ensuring the wife’s tea was a success, and the ladies of the hospitality team for their transforming the Cabrini Center into a beautiful banquet hall. I heard nothing but positive comments from the 250 plus people in attendance. Thank so much for everyone’s support. The successes of the council would never happen without active members like those of you who are involved. To our new members, welcome. Don’t be afraid to volunteer and come out to help serve your parish and your fellow parishioners. **We’re on a roll – let’s keep going. Vivat Jesus.**

**John T. Kreger IV, Grand Knight**



Brothers,

Forty Days For Life has been completed. With 238 known babies having been saved from abortion and more reports are still coming in from the campaign. At Divine Mercy Sunday, please pray for those babies who died from abortion and pray for the families who kept their babies alive that God gives them the graces to overcome the difficulties ahead.

**Life Director Tom Bradley**



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## Faith

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter each year.

Divine Mercy Sunday was first announced in an **April 2000 homily** given by Pope John Paul II for the Mass celebrating the canonization of Maria Faustina Kowalska.

St. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received prophetic messages from Christ. These messages included revelations about the infinite mercy of God — coined the “divine mercy” — and her obligation to spread the message to the world as recorded in her diary, “**Divine Mercy in My Soul.**”

The late pope said in his homily that “the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr. Faustina’s charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.”

John Paul II granted plenary and partial indulgences to the faithful who observed certain pious practices on Divine Mercy Sunday each year in a **June 2002 decree**. He did this in order to inspire the faithful in devotion to the Divine Mercy.

### What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven, and it can be plenary or partial.

### Plenary indulgence

A plenary indulgence can be obtained by going to a church on Divine Mercy Sunday “in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin,” and participating in the prayers held in honor of Divine Mercy, the 2002 decree says.

Those practices could consist of devotions such as the divine mercy chaplet, eucharistic adoration, and the sacrament of confession.

The faithful could also visit the Blessed Sacrament either exposed or in the tabernacle and recite the Our Father, the Nicene Creed, and a devout prayer to Christ. The example of a devout prayer that is given in the decree is “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!”

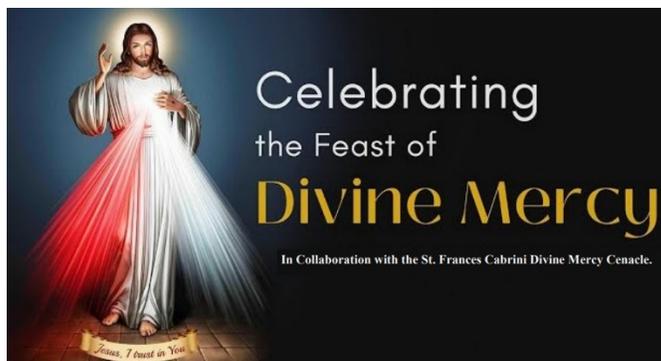
In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. While it is appropriate that the two sacraments be received on the same day, **the Church permits** them to be received up to about 20 days before or after the day the indulgenced work is performed.

### Can’t make it to a church? Be not afraid

For the sick or others who are unable to make it to church that day, a plenary indulgence may still be

obtained. One must intend to make a confession, receive holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father as soon as possible, while praying one Our Father and the Nicene Creed before an image of Jesus. In addition, one also must pray “a devout invocation” to Christ such as “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.”

Faith Director **Paul Dadowski**





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Faithfull Navigator  
Assembly 3322



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**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

On March 9<sup>th</sup> St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Father Patrick Farrell Assembly 3322 / Mother Cabrini Council 12155 were honored to host the Florida District De Soto Province Fourth Degree Exemplification.

Father Joseph Gates was selected as the Honoree for this Fourth Degree Exemplification. There were also many Officers of the Fourth Degree in attendance:

John O'Toole – Master

Danny McIntyre – Marshal

John Shelton – Vice Marshal

Daniel E. Barton – Vice Supreme Master

John J. O'Malley - Executive Assistant

Ron R. Brown – Director of Exemplars

There were 22 different Assemblies from across the state that were represented, with 157 candidates presented for acceptance into the Fourth Degree as “Sir Knights.” Of these, 27 candidates from the Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross Councils were accepted into our local Father Patrick Farrell Assembly 3322.





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### Wives Appreciation Dinner:

The Fourth Degree Assembly 3322 will hold its annual Wives Appreciation Dinner at Holy Cross on May 4<sup>th</sup> this year. This event is open to all Knights and dinner will start at 6:00 pm. The menu for the event is still in the planning stage. Once it is done, the cost of the event will be provided along with the necessary details. RSVP will be required. So, mark your calendars and watch for updates as we get closer to the event.

### Family

The Knights have been busy supporting our Parish Family in various ways over the past month. As of this writing, we've held 5 successful KofC Friday Fish Fry Dinners during Lent, where we've prepared almost 400 meals to nearly 200 cars on a weekly basis! One more to go this Friday! On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, our council had the honor of hosting the state-level 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification ceremony, where over 200 Knights made their way from all over our great state to little Parrish, Florida. Several local KofC members attained their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (the highest level). It was a great event, and reviews have all been positive! Finally, we came together as a parish on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for a well-attended St. Patrick's themed Potluck Dinner. Looking ahead further into March and then into April, the Knights will be busy as usual.



Vivat Jesus, God Bless! **Brother Ray**

### Blood Drive:

The Big Red Bus will be here for your next chance to donate blood on Sunday April 14th, 2024 from 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM. All Donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift Card, Insulated Tote Bag, and Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*(appointments are encouraged, please visit: [www.oneblood.org/donate-now](http://www.oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code 14358)*



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**Transfer to Council Eternal**

At the business meeting held on 26, March Council 12155 transferred the following Brothers to the Council Eternal:

Monsignor Joseph Stearns  
 Gary Meister



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### Benefits Advisor

Worthy Brothers!

There is an expression in our industry, “*live* on money or *leave* on money”.

*Live* on money is self-explanatory and as a Knights of Columbus Financial Advisor, I work with many clients on ways to maximize their income or savings to live on and or retire with.

The *Leave* on money is a little more complicated.

I help many couples who have been fortunate enough to accumulate significant savings. In many cases they will never spend that money which will eventually passed onto their heirs.

Additionally, there are clients who haven’t necessarily saved a lot but still want to leave money to help their children or grandchildren get a head start on life.

When I am faced with either of these situations, I look specifically at two things:

- 1) Pass along (*leave*) the most money possible!
- 2) Pay Uncle Sam only what he is entitled to and not a penny more!

There are several ways to accomplish the above two goals and today I am going to talk about one **magical** way.

That is with Whole Life (Permanent) insurance. This can be done by paying monthly premiums or with one lump sum which is called Single Premium Whole Life.

So, let’s look at Joe Knight, who at 65 wants to put away \$100,000. to *leave* to his grandchildren.

If Joe buys a renewable CD at his bank and keeps it in for 10 years earning 4%, he will accumulate \$148,024. If Joe deposits the funds into a \$100,000. Whole Life policy, it will have a worth of \$178,367. in 10 years. Joe not only made approximately \$30,000. more, but the proceeds from the life insurance at his death are 100% TAX FREE, while the gains on the CD are taxable. More interestingly, if Joe paid monthly premiums instead of a lump sum, in 10 years the death benefit would be over \$50,000. more than he paid in...TAX FREE!

Although this is a hypothetical example, I think you can see the two (and there are more) benefits of whole life insurance: Joe made the most money possible and Uncle Sam would not have received a penny!

So. Before you finalize your **leaving** portion of your financial plan, please...let’s have a discussion!

**Ron Moliterno**, FIC Field Agent



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## Community



Feeding families attending the Stations of the Cross event on March 20th was a huge success for the second year. The Faith Formation food team served around 100 parishioners. The menu was Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, and a drink. Thank you to all the Brothers who helped throughout the fraternal year with this program.

Last month's Faith Formation luncheon was a hit with the families as they enjoyed a delicious pizza party. The event was made possible by the Grand Knight, who took care of ordering and picking up the pizzas. The menu included classic choices of cheese, pepperoni, and sausage. The families appreciated the change in the usual fare and had a great time. Next month, there will be a potluck, and the organizers have asked the Knights to facilitate the warming and serving of the food. Mark your calendars for April 21st and share some fellowship with the Faith Formation Food Team. Contact the DGK Ron if you would like to help. And a **Big Thank You** to the Faith Formation Food Team for all you've done this past year. God Bless You!



### Family Faith Formation:

April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the final Family Faith Formation Community Event. This will be a Potluck lunch. The Knights will be helping again with the event by collecting the food being brought in and keeping it warm or cold in the kitchen, then setting up for the lunch and helping with serving. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ron Merigold.



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### Council

#### Family of the Month

**Brother Rick and Lisa Poplstein** are one active couple! Rick is a relatively new Knight who brings lots of energy to the council. He's responsible for coordinating with and scheduling Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, and Lectors. He's helped at every fish fry since he became a Knight, working in the hot sun, and he helps with Faith Formation events as able. Lisa can be found everywhere as well! She's one of the leaders of the OCIA Program bringing new members into the Catholic church. She helps with all the fish fries, participates in the Bible Study group and the Restore and Fearless group. She's also a greeter at daily masses. Rick and Lisa are great representatives of the Knights and our Parish and are most worthy of the title, Family of the Month.



We are pleased to announce **Tom Raffa** as our **Knight of the Month** for March. Tom has been an integral part of our Council, serving in various capacities. He has been instrumental in preparing for and cooking at our fish fries and is also a member of our faith formation food team. Tom is also the man behind ordering the council and assembly shirts. Tom is part of the St. Frances Cabrini Arimatheans and Cenacle Groups. TMIY: Yes, sir, Tom is on the CORE team. He is always ready to help with a smile and a can-do attitude. We are grateful for his dedication and service to our Council. Congratulations, Tom!

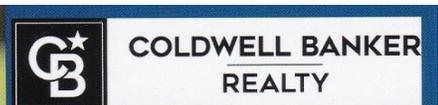
#### New Web Master :

Jonathan Albano has joined the IT group and is taking up the roll of Web Master. He will be working on setting up our Council's website and coordinating the Website, Facebook, and Newsletter sites for updating across the different platforms. Please thank him for his assistance in the important work for us and look for the release of the new link for the website soon.



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification:

We currently have several gentlemen wishing to join the Knights that were not able to make the last Exemplification. The council is planning on having another 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification in the May, 2024 time frame. If you know anyone that would like to join us, please have them contact one of the board and fill out a Form 100, or go online and complete the form and someone will contact them once they submit the form online.



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### Father's Corner

The Diocese of Venice is mourning the loss of Monsignor Joseph Stearns, a retired priest of the Diocese of Venice, who passed away yesterday, Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the age of 79, in Sarasota, Florida.

Monsignor Stearns was ordained into the Priesthood on May 20, 1972, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Miami, Florida and was an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Having served in the Diocese of Venice since its inception in 1984, Monsignor Joseph Stearns served as Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Sarasota from October 1, 2007, until his retirement on March 1, 2015. Prior to that, Monsignor served as Pastor of St. Margaret Parish, Clewiston from 1982 to 1990, Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda from 1990 to 1995, and St. William Parish, Naples from 1995 to 2007.

Prior to his assignments in the Diocese of Venice, Monsignor served in the Archdiocese of Miami at Our Lady of the Lakes in Miami Lakes, Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Homestead.



### Knights News

#### Slate of officers:

The initial slate of officers was announced for the next Fraternal Year at the March 26 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. Ron is more than ready to lead us into the future - please support him as you've supported me and step up. Let him know if you'd like to be 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>Chaplin</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>		



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Another Lenten Fish Fry season has been completed. It was a very successful season. We learned from some mis-steps and made improvements to the overall process to correct them as we went forward. Overall, we had many good comments from all the customers and that they were going to miss not being able to get more fish next week. Over the 6 Fridays, we served 2098 meals, using 2863 pieces of fish and 6308 pieces of shrimp. The Fish Meals were 46%, Shrimp Meals were 22%, and Combo Meals were 32%. We would not have been able to do this without the help of all the volunteers that are needed, from the food prep the day before, Friday morning setup, kitchen crew, cooking crew, food runners, order crew, delivery crew. There are way too many people to list all that have helped with this 6 week event, but if you worked any of the 6 weeks we would like to say thank you, thank you, thank you for helping make this such a successful season, which helps us support the many different charities that we support over the year. **Again, Thank you ALL!**



### Fryer and Grill Clean Up:

Now that the Fish Fry's, and Faith Formation meals are over the Fryers, grills, and flat tops are in need of a deep cleaning and some repairs before they are put back in storage for the next round. We are planning to rent a steam cleaner for these and the other various equipment used during the events. If you would like to help in this activity, please let Ron Merigold know and he will add you to the list and let you know when it will be scheduled.

Happy Birthday to our follow  
Brothers in April!

THOMAS	RAFFA	1
HECTOR	MORALES-CORREA	2
MATT	FALLER	10
JAMES	BALCH	12
DENIS	GAUDREAU	14
GERALD	O SULLIVAN	17
FRANESCO	LOGRANDE	19
JOHN	HANSEN	21
MARK	FARINAS	25
FRANK	NOSEK	28



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 **Notes / Calendars**

Remember to mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings at The Mother Cabrini Center! Third-degree meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, while fourth-degree meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Both meetings start at 7 pm sharp, so be sure to arrive on time. See you there!

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wen	Thr	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Wild Goose</i> 6:30-7:30 pm MCC	5	6 <i>TMIY-7am</i> MCC
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Wild Goose</i> 6:30-7:30 pm MCC	12	13 <i>TMIY-7am</i> MCC
14 <i>Blood Drive</i>	15  <i>Tax Day!</i>	16 <i>4th degree</i> <i>meeting</i> <i>7pm, Mother</i> <i>Cabrini</i> <i>Center</i>	17	18 <i>Wild Goose</i> 6:30-7:30 pm MCC	19	20 <i>TMIY-7am</i> MCC
21 <i>Family</i> <i>Faith For-</i> <i>mation</i> <i>Lunch</i>	22	23 <i>3rd degree</i> <i>meeting</i> <i>7pm, Mother</i> <i>Cabrini</i> <i>Center</i>	24	25 <i>Wild Goose</i> 6:30-7:30 pm MCC  <i>Wild Goose</i>	26	27 <i>TMIY-7am</i> MCC  <i>Last Session</i>
28	29	30				