



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



January 2026

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers for their time in the activities we completed this month. Thanks to Worthy DGK John Pechar and Maureen Jarrell in the parish office for including our monthly activities list in the church bulletin to inform members and parishioners.

Thanks to Mike Marzec and all the brothers and ladies who volunteered to judge the Citizenship Essay Contest and present the awards at the Ascension School Children's Mass on December 17th.

It's that time of year for charitable donations as we support our community. We mailed two \$500 gifts to our two seminarians through the KOC RSVP program. Additionally, we received and distributed a KOC ASAP grant of two \$400 from the Supreme to our two Baby Bottle organizations, Genesis House and New Life Ministry. We also donated \$250 to Troop 737 Scouts to support their Christmas gift initiative for residents at Ascension Manor, and \$200 to fund the Melbourne Bible on Parade event and activities. This year, we added monetary gifts for the winners of the Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, and KCIC Poster Contest to ACS students. Furthermore, we donated \$1,000 to the Adopt a Family program to help families in need at Ascension Catholic School.

A big thank you to the Knights who volunteered to set up the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' banner and the Nativity set behind Ascension Church on US 1. Your helpfulness and community spirit mean a lot in spreading the Christmas message that Jesus is the reason for the season to passersby on US 1. Also, thanks to Worthy Bill Quinn, Eddy Merlet, and the brothers and ladies who participated in the downtown Melbourne Bible on Parade.

A heartfelt thank you to PGK Dave AmRhein for spearheading the KCIC Poster Contest and to the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary team for generously volunteering to judge the Keep Christ in Christmas Posters on Friday, December 12th. We're proud of our Ascension Catholic School students from kindergarten through 8th grade, who submitted an impressive total of 331 posters across five divisions. Our dedicated team carefully chose the winning poster in each category, and SK Bob Richmond joyfully presented the winners with certificates and \$25 checks following the school mass on Wednesday, December 17th.



## **GK Rich Passarella (continued)**

Thanks to brother Richard Becker for organizing the Keep Christ in Christmas auto magnet and lawn sign campaign, and to the brothers who volunteered as mass captains, along with the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who helped sell them during the first two Sundays of Advent. This year, we offered multiple attractive car magnet designs, including one in Spanish, and introduced an 18" x 24" red-and-white "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard sign with metal stakes. We sold all the magnets and just over half of the lawn signs, leaving enough for next year.

We thank all our brothers and Ladies Auxiliary members who attended our council's quarterly Corporate Communion at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 13th. We also appreciate Richard and Lady Lyn Becker, Ginny Reeder, Karen Mitchell, and everyone who helped make our Christmas Party after the mass a joyful celebration. Additionally, we are grateful to the volunteers from Ascension Chesterton Academy who served dinner during the event. During the party, we honored our clergy and presented the priest and deacons with appreciation gifts. Special thanks to Lady Lyn Becker for creating the Christmas carol sing-along video with photos of this year's activities and for organizing the Christmas trivia contest.

Big kudos to the Soccer Challenge coordinators, Bob Richmond and Jose Montes, and their team of Knights, Dwight Collins, Eddy Merlet, and Nick Cavano, at the State Soccer Challenges held at Melbourne Central Catholic High School on December 13th. Two Ascension Catholic School girls won the State competition in their age brackets.

Thanks to the brothers and Lady Auxiliary members who volunteered to serve coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses on December 7th and 21st.

Special thanks to the Knights and Assembly Color Corps and all who participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 13th, at J.N. Tucker/Shady Oaks Cemetery on US1, including laying of wreaths on veterans' graves.

Here are some upcoming events to participate in during January: Weekend Men's Retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, January 9-11; Council Free Throw Competition at Ascension School Gym, January 12-13; Ascension School Science Fair Judging, January 22; Serving at the Fishers of Men Event (breakfast), January 24; Deployed Service Member Family Appreciation Dinner at PSFB South Chapel, January 27; and Polar Plunge Fundraiser during weekend masses on January 31-February 1.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, at 7 PM in the Knights Room, with a Power Rosary taking place at 6:15 PM.

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are halfway through this fraternal year, and as this new year begins, I want to express my deep gratitude for all that the Council, Assembly, and Ladies Auxiliary have accomplished in the first six months through your hard work and dedication. Your commitment has been vital in achieving our goals, and I hope the year ahead brings you personal fulfillment, spiritual renewal, and good health. I look forward to working with all of you to make 2026 a successful year for our council and community as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

**SK Rich Passarella**  
**Grand Knight**  
**Council 14573**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on January 15 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



## **Council Notes**

- **Council Website.** We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)
- **Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary
- **Science Fair.** Ascension Catholic School will be conducting its annual science fair on Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 from 8:15 AM to 2:00 PM on the Ascension campus. The school administration requested judges for the event. If you are familiar with the Scientific Method and available that day, please consider volunteering. You will provide an important opportunity for students to practice their presentation skills. If you can't judge for the entire school day, just a few hours of participation is welcome. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up [HERE](#) and include your preferred science discipline (e.g. physical, biological, environmental, Any)



- **Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet and Lawn Sign Sales.**
  - This year in addition to the regular selection of car magnets we also had lawn signs to purchase. The sales were held outside the church the first two weekends in Advent. Magnets were sold for \$5 each and lawn signs sold for \$15 each. We sold 288 magnets and 50 lawn signs for a total profit of \$1200. Any magnets and signs that did not sell will be held for sale next year. Thanks to brother Richard Becker for leading this activity, and to the brothers who signed up as Mass captains, and to the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who volunteered to help with sales.
- **Fishers of Men.** A proposal to the Council from Brother Brian Ellerhorst was brought to the Council during the November meeting to ask for help from the Council to setup and serve breakfast for the first Fishers of Men Breakfast scheduled for January 24 in the Buescher Center, 7:45 AM to Noon. This ministry has been approved by Fr. John for the development of men's individual relationship with Our Lord and Savior. The proposal was approved the the November meeting.
  - What Brian is proposing is that we utilize this as an opportunity for the Knights to serve men in large numbers providing a "live" witness to our faith by cooking and service the breakfast. All costs will be reimbursed by collections at the breakfast, therefore, this opportunity to attract men to the Knights will be at no financial cost to our council.
  - If you can help with setup and serving breakfast, we have created a SignUp Genius page — [HERE](#).
    - More information — [HERE](#).





## Council Notes

**Free Throw Championship.** The local competition is scheduled for Monday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 13 in the Ascension School gym.

- There are 12 age divisions of boys and girls age 9-14. To compete, at the follow-on competitions, students must be 9yo as of December 1. We allow all students to compete at the local level.
- We have a group of regular volunteers but are always looking for a few more who would like with this and other events held at the school that we support. This is a great opportunity to work with the school staff and students but it does come with a special requirement — all volunteers must be Safe Environment Background Checked and fingerprinted. So if you qualify or would like to qualify for this event or future events, [consider volunteering](#).
- SK Mike Marzec and SK Bob Richmond are co-chairs for the 2026 Free Throw. Please let us know if you have any questions about how to volunteer or get your Safe Environment Training. We look forward to another great event with the Ascension students.
- Local Ascension Free Throw at Ascension School Gym — January 12 and 13
- All follow on competitions at MCC:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| District Free Throw | January 24  |
| Regional Free Throw | February 28 |
| State Free Throw    | March 7     |



**Deployed Spouse Dinner** will be held at the Patrick Space Force Base Chapel Annex on Tuesday, January 27 at 5 PM. This is an event we support annually that provides a family dinner for service families of different branches of our armed forces whose loved ones are away on assignment. The Assembly, Council, and Ladies Auxiliary join in support with food preparation, delivery, and service.

The location is:  
84 Harrier Ave. Bldg 3659  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

For questions, contact:  
SK Ralph Carestia at [demilus@yahoo.com](mailto:demilus@yahoo.com)  
or at (321) 432-8439

To help cook, set up,  
serve, or clean up  
please sign up  
[HERE](#).



### Get ready for Florida State Council Charity Raffle

- Ticket Sales proceeds - 60% to State and 40% to Council
- Donation is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10 per book (4 Tickets)
- Council 14573 required to sell 112 raffle books
- Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$250
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning ticket wins \$100



- One ticket solicitor wins:
  - \$250 in the **Quick Start**, drawing to be December 16
  - \$400 in the **Early Bird** drawing on March 13, 2026.
- All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- All tickets and donations in by May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **Final drawing** at the FSC-Annual Convention May 23<sup>rd</sup>, '26
- **Prizes:**
  - 1st Prize \$25,000
  - 2nd Prize \$5,000
  - 3rd Prizes (2) \$1,000 each



## Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at [rit3722@gmail.com](mailto:rit3722@gmail.com). Below are two options to pay our dues:
  1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"
  2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
  3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.
- **Assembly Dues** are due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.
- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).



**ASCENSION THRIFT STORE  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER      SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of  
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.  
Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: [info@AscensionThriftShop.com](mailto:info@AscensionThriftShop.com)



## **Council Notes**

- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson

- [Daily Bread Mobile Outreach](#)
- [When is Daily Bread closing, and why?](#)
- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)



- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.

- SK Bill now has both Council and Assembly hats for sale — \$20. Contact Bill if you want a hat.



- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.

### **Bartman Enterprises**

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2026**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573  
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Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

| DATE  | TIME  | EVENT  | CHAIR                        |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | 0900<br>1030  | Highway Cleanup  | SK R Lascody                 |
| Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Note that there is no food collection the 1st weekend of this month |  |                              |
| Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>                         | 1330<br>1430  | Life Chain<br>North Wickham Rd &<br>Pineda Causeway        | SK B Sullivan                |
| Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>                         | 1830  | Council Officers<br>Meeting<br>Knights Room - 312          | GK R Passarella              |
|   | 1930  | Assembly Meeting<br>Knight's Room - 312                    | WFN R Light                  |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> | All<br>Weekend  | Our Lady of Florida<br>Spiritual Center<br>Retreat Weekend | GK R Passarella              |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>                        | 0800<br>1500  | Council Free Throw<br>Ascension Gym                        | SK M Marzec<br>SK B Richmond |
| Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | 0800<br>1500  | Council Free Throw<br>Ascension Gym                        | SK M Marzec<br>SK B Richmond |
| Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | 1815<br>1845  | Power Rosary<br>Room 313                                   | SK B Sullivan                |
|   | 1900<br>2000  | Council Meeting<br>Knights Room - 312                      | GK R Passarella              |
| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>                        | 1500<br>1600  | Round Table with<br>Fr John Bosco                          | GK R Passarella              |
| Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | 0815<br>1400  | Ascension School<br>Science Fair Judging                   | SK D AmRhein                 |

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| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> | 0745         | "Fishers of Men"<br>Breakfast<br>Buescher Center RM 411   | SK B Ellerhorst              |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> | 0900<br>1200 | District Free Throw<br>MCC Gym                            | SK M Marzec<br>SK B Richmond |
| Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> | 1800<br>1900 | Deployed Service<br>Members Family<br>Appreciation Dinner | SK R Carestia                |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> | 1630         | Polar Plunge<br>Donations<br>Before/After 4:30 PM Mass    | SK P Kuracz                  |

**LOOK AHEAD**

| DATE                 | TIME          | EVENT   | CHAIR           |
|----------------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>  | All<br>Masses | Polar Plunge Donations<br>Before/After All Masses   | SK P. Kuracz    |
| Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> | 1100          | Polar Plunge<br>PSFB Tides Beach  | SK P. Kuracz    |
| Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> | 1600          | Sacred Heart Pilgrim<br>Icon Holy Hour.<br>Ascension Catholic Church<br>Icon will be on display until<br>Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | GK R Passarella |
| Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> |               | Ash Wednesday -<br>40 Cans for Lent Pledge<br>Campaign starts   | SK D Collins    |

\*\*\*Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to DGK  
John Pechar [jpechar68@gmail.com](mailto:jpechar68@gmail.com)

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar.



GK Rich Passarella with DGK John Pechar present a donation of \$500 to Eileen and Tim Hillman, leaders of Ascension Children's Hunger Project.



Highway Clean Up — December 5



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## BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



## From the Faithful Navigator

### Sir Knights

History of the Pledge of Allegiance – Part III (excerpt from *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, pg. 139-140, by Andrew T. and Maureen H. Walther, SquareOne, 2020):

[(Continued from November's article) ... "The Knights realized the importance of the words "under God" to the entire country, not just individual organizations. Beginning with the Declaration of Independence, the United States recognized God as the source of human rights. This also highlighted the contrast between American values and those of the Communist Soviet Union, where religion was suppressed and basic human rights were state, not God given, and thus were routinely violated. By promoting the inclusion of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Knights of Columbus highlighted not only the United States' commitment to the concept of personal freedom, but also the recognition of the Supreme Being and Creator, who is the author and guarantor of that freedom. At the 1952 Supreme Convention, the Supreme Council considered resolutions from several states urging that "under God" be made part of the country's official Pledge of Allegiance. Copies of the adopted resolutions were sent to the leadership of Congress and to the president and vice president." (To be Continued)]

A huge thank you to SK John Autio and all those involved with Wreaths Across America involving the laying of wreaths on veterans' gravesites at the Tucker Memorial Cemetery on 13 December – much appreciated! Also, a big thanks to the Color Corps for their participation in SK Richard Dawson's (OLL) funeral on 2 December; Deacon Bill Wanka's funeral (OLG) on 11 December; and the Corporate Communion Mass on 13 December – much honor given!

As a reminder, the next Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday, **8 Jan**, at **7:30pm** in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center. Some other upcoming activities include:

- Flag Retirement Ceremonies with the Trail Life Boys and Ascension School (TBD)
- Annual Men's Retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, 9-11 January 2026
- Deployed Services Member Appreciation Dinner, 27 January 2026, at 1600

Next meeting is January 8 at 7:30 PM in the Knights Room. Moved one week due to New Years Day — Immediately after Council Officers Meeting.





If you are not already a member of the Assembly or Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact Membership Director, SK John Miller, Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, or myself about joining (contact info listed on the KofC newsletter front page and Assembly page). Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet and God Bless!

2025-2026 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Vivat Jesus

**SK Rob Light**  
**Faithful Navigator**

| Date/Time         | Event  | Chairman   |
|-------------------|--|--|
| July 15<br>1500   | Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco   | Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP                               |
| August 10         | Veteran Presentation<br>Purple Heart Recognition                                   | FC Ralph Carestia<br>CCC Eddie Merlet                    |
| August 10<br>1130 | Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate<br>Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie<br>Merlet | WGK/PFN Rich Passarella<br>FN Rob Light                  |
| Sept 11<br>1200   | 911 Patriotic Rosary<br>Ascension Catholic Church                                  | WDGK/PFN John Pechar<br>SK John Autio                    |
| Sept 11<br>1800   | 911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center<br>Merritt Island                                 | SK Bobby Sullivan  |
| Sep 18            | Vietnam Disabled Veterans Fundraiser<br>Dinner                                     | SK Be Duong<br>SK Bobby Sullivan                         |
| Oct 30<br>1500    | Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco   | Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP                               |
| Nov 1<br>Sun Mass | All Souls' Day Service   | WGK/PFN Rich Passarella<br>CCC Eddie Merlet              |
| Nov 8<br>1000     | Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps<br>Assembly / Council / LA                      | CCC Eddie Merlet<br>SK Bobby Sullivan                    |
| Nov 11            | Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks<br>Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade    | SK John Autio<br>SK Bobby Sullivan                       |
| Nov 17            | Flag Folding Event with Cub Scouts   | SK John Autio  |
| Dec 13<br>1630    | Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate<br>Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie<br>Merlet | WGK/PFN Rich Passarella<br>FN Rob Light                  |
| Dec 13<br>0930    | Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks<br>and JS Sloan Cemeteries                    | FN Rob Light<br>WDGK/PFN John Pechar<br>CCC Eddie Merlet |
| Jan 3-14          | Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of<br>Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31     | FN Rob Light<br>FC Ralph Carestia                        |
| Jan 12-18         | Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon w/Color Corps   | WGN/PFN Rich Passarella<br>CCC Eddie Merlet              |
| Jan 21<br>1500    | Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco   | Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP                               |

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| March             | Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application  | FC Ralph Carestia<br>FN Rob Light<br>FC Ralph Carestia |
| April ???         | Ascension School Flag Retirement<br>Ceremony                                       | SK Bob Richmond  |
| Mid-April<br>1500 | Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco   | Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP                             |
| May 4             | Color Corps Marching of the Colors   | FP Malachy MaGuinness                                  |
| May 4<br>TBD      | Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate<br>Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet    | WGK/PFN Rich Passarella<br>FN Rob Light                |
| May<br>TBD        | Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths<br>(Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps | CCC Eddie Merlet                                       |
| May<br>TBD        | May Crowning (ACCW)<br>Color Corps   | CCC Eddie Merlet                                       |
| May 25<br>TBD     | Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks  | SK Bobby Sullivan                                      |
| June 27<br>1800   | Flags for Heroes Flag Display<br>Knight's House Lawn Area                          | WDGK/PFN John Pechar<br>PGK Dave AmRhein               |
| July 4<br>1000    | Independence Day Parade<br>Assembly / Council / LA                                 | CCC Eddie Merlet<br>SK Bobby Sullivan                  |



## January Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father; Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Matthew Chavez       | January, 1  |
| Robert Connors       | January, 1  |
| Raymond Carrasco     | January, 2  |
| Joel Soto            | January, 5  |
| Rey Velazquez Sierra | January, 5  |
| Phillip State        | January, 9  |
| Dominick Leone       | January, 10 |
| Eddy Merlet          | January, 10 |
| Stephen O'Neill      | January, 10 |
| James Voltaire       | January, 11 |
| Edward Mc Caffrey    | January, 13 |
| Robert Caldo         | January, 21 |
| John Pechar          | January, 21 |
| Warren Burton        | January, 22 |
| Edward Breznai       | January, 23 |
| Marc Worchel         | January, 25 |
| Christopher Kelly    | January, 26 |
| James Peek           | January, 26 |
| Jerome Sicinski      | January, 27 |
| Brandon Bishop       | January, 28 |
| David Acosta         | January, 31 |

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



## Chaplains Corner

### Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher

Deacon Tom gave a very important and informative talk on the healing of the centurion's servant (Luke 7:1-10)

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We have heard this story before — The Centurion — a soldier and a leader of 100 men. We are a bit like the centurion as we all strive to be leaders of men — and women — in expressing our faith. Deacon Tom talked a bit about how he found his way into the ranks of the Knights — The Wine Caper — something to do with Deacon Tom and the membership director at the time and some encouragement to “Have another glass of wine.” But in the end, Deacon Tom became a Knight — and a Fourth Degree Knight and our Spiritual Advisor.

Deacon Tom continued, as Knights we are known to show compassion and humility — as an example — our annual “Coats for Kids” where we provide warm clothing to children in need. We also exhibit an abundance of faith, hope and trust — that Jesus will show us the way as Knights and to know what we need to do and give us the grace to get it done. We are always learning from this special relationship with Christ — we know our faith in Jesus will help to get us through the tough times. We will continue to pray that Christ will bolster our gifts from the Holy Spirit — increase our gifts of wisdom, understanding, the right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe to show us the way and to do what we believe to help those in need. To give us courage to stand up for what we believe in as Knights. We are Knights and that is what we are called to do.

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### The Healing of a Centurion's Slave

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\* When he had finished all his words to the people, he entered Capernaum.\*

2

A centurion\* there had a slave who was ill and about to die, and he was valuable to him.

3

When he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and save the life of his slave.

4

They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come, saying, “He deserves to have you do this for him,

5

for he loves our nation and he built the synagogue for us.”

6

And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof.\*

7

Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed.

8

For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

9

When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him and, turning, said to the crowd following him, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

10

When the messengers returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

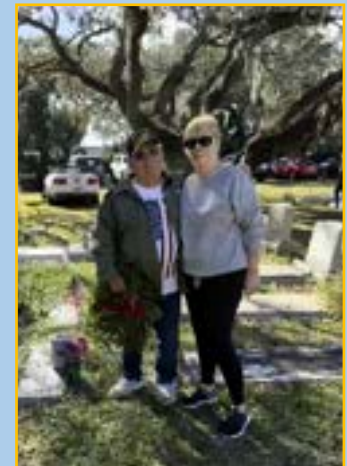




## Wreaths Across America



[Additional Pictures available HERE](#)







## Around the Ascension Community

Completion of Fraternal Year 24-25 ASAP Program. GK Rich Passarella and SK John Autio presented \$400 checks to representatives of Genesis House and New Life Mission at their offices in December. The checks were issued under the KOC Supreme's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program grants, which the Council applied for following last fraternal year's very successful Baby Bottle Campaign.



Kristen Snyder of Genesis House



Staci Donovan from New Life Mission



Thank you brothers: John Autio, Dave AmRhein, Joe Ameigh, Greg Mockensturm, Carl Cicio, Ed Bresnia, Jose Rodriguez, Malachy McGuinness and Bobby Sullivan.



## Poster Contest

Ascension Catholic School kindergarten through 8th grade students were invited to participate in the 2025 Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. A big thank you to the school and art teacher Sarah Nelson for arranging 331 poster entries this year, almost doubling the number of entries last year! A team of Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary members were thrilled to judge the entries on December 12. As in the past, it was difficult to select just one winner in each division as there were many outstanding entries. Through much deliberation, the consensus selections for winner in each division this year are:

| <b><u>DIVISION</u></b> | <b><u>WINNER</u></b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Kindergarten           | Lily Fauble          |
| Grades 1-2             | Sloane Witherow      |
| Grades 3-4             | Peter Matthews       |
| Grades 5-6             | Angelica Katz        |
| Grades 7-8             | Aria Bjerke          |



•The winning posters can also be viewed by selecting this [LINK](#)

•Thank you and the school administration for partnering with the Knights of Columbus on this Advent evangelization program.

•SK Jose Montes and SK Bob Richmond were at the school Mass on December 17 to present certificates and \$25 checks for each winner..







## Soccer Challenge

We held the Council Soccer Challenge on October 6, 7, and 8, at the Ascension School gym, with about 300 students participating during their PE classes. Eight students advanced to compete against other councils in our district. These are our eight winners who competed at the District Level:

- 9 Year-Old Girls Addison Henry
- 9 Year-Old Boys Quinn Casey
- 10 Year-Old Girls Emily Casaletto
- 10 Year-Old Boys Andrew Hellmann
- 11 Year-Old Girls Isabella Walters
- 11 Year-Old Boys Finn Cusimano
- 12 Year-Old Girls Liana Roeder
- 12 Year-Old Boys Emmanuel Montoya



State Champion — Isabella Walters



State Champion — Liana Roeder

- The District 30 competition was held on Saturday, November 15 at Melbourne Central Catholic High School (MCC). District Winners from Ascension were:

- |                |                   |                  |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| • First Place  | 10 Year-Old Boys  | Andrew Hellmann  |
| • First Place  | 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
| • First Place  | 11 Year-Old Boys  | Finn Cusimano    |
| • First Place  | 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder     |
| • Second Place | 9 Year-Old Girls  | Addison Henry    |
| • Second Place | 9 Year-Old Boys   | Quinn Casey      |

- The Regional Soccer Challenge also at MCC was held on Saturday, November 22. Regional winners from Ascension were:

- |               |                   |                  |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| • First Place | 11 Year-Old Girls | Isabella Walters |
| • First Place | 12 Year-Old Girls | Liana Roeder     |
| • Third Place | 10 Year-Old Boys  | Andrew Hellmann  |

- Next up for our first place winners Isabella Walters and Liana Roeder was the State Soccer Challenge, also at MCC, on Saturday, December 13, at 10AM. Both girls took first place in their age division and are now State Champions. For Liana, this is her second year as state champ.

- Since many of the competitions we do with the school involve a monetary reward, we decided that we should also offer monetary awards to the sports events we sponsor — Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship. In this case, we awarded the two state champions \$50 each and the other six local winners, \$25 each. Certificates to all winners as well as the checks were presented after the school Mass on December 17.







[Click HERE for Additional Pictures from Lady Karen Mitchell](#)







## From the Ladies Auxiliary

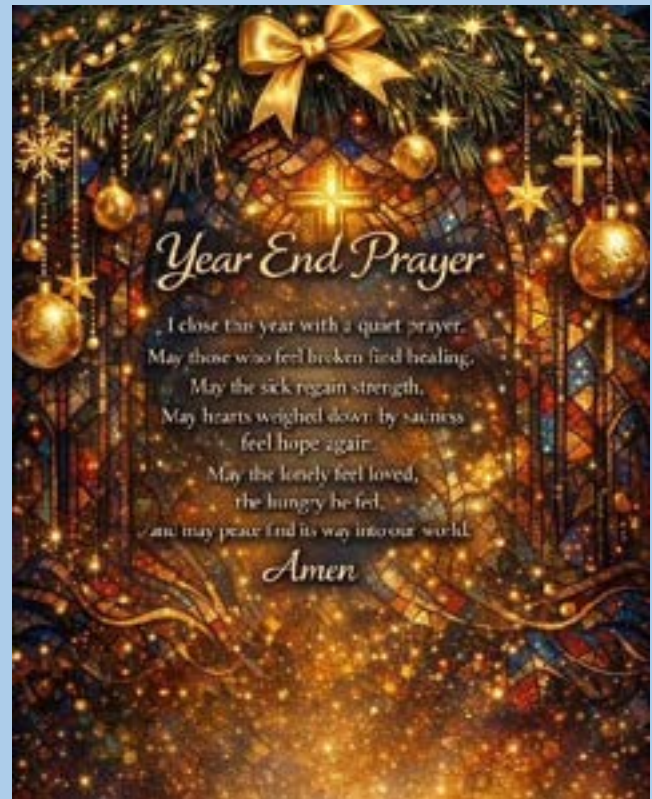


I pray that each of you were able to enjoy a beautiful Advent and Christmas preparing and celebrating the birth of our Lord with family and/or friends. May 2026 bring many blessings to you and your loved ones.

Our Lady of the Month award for November was not able to be presented, as the recipient was not in attendance, so that award will be presented at our next meeting.

Due to not feeling well, I was unable to attend the awesome Christmas Party, as I had planned. However, I heard it was fantastic (as expected!), and much fun was had by all! I would like to acknowledge and thank our Co-Chairs for the Christmas Party, SK Richard Becker and Lady Ginny Reeder, and their many elves who helped make this a memorable evening for all. You guys rock!

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026. We will meet in Room 313 in the Ministry Building to join with the Knights in Room 312 before returning to Rm 313 to begin our short meeting, followed by our New Year's Potluck Celebration! (You may also come early to pray the Power Rosary in Room 313 at 6:15pm.) Please bring a dish to share with the Ladies and a wrapped gift (no tag, and of approximate \$20 value). We look forward to all being together as we begin a great year in 2026!



Please wish a "Happy Birthday!" to...

and a "Happy Anniversary!" to...

|                 |       |                         |      |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| Karen Mitchell  | 1/ 7  | Christy and Mike Marzec | 1/2  |
| Cathy Pechar    | 1/ 7  | Penny and Frank Conley  | 1/23 |
| Christy Terneus | 1/ 17 |                         |      |
| Regina Wilson   | 1/ 17 |                         |      |
| Olga Kelly      | 1/ 27 |                         |      |

For those that have been away for a while, we welcome you back with open arms! Please consider joining us in this New Year's Celebration. We also look forward to welcoming new members into our midst in 2026. Let's make 2026 a year to remember!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Becky Richard  
President, Ladies Auxiliary





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### New Year – Increased Dividends

Happy New Year!

The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026!

Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. 1

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium. 2
- Reduce an existing loan.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

*1 Dividends are not guaranteed.*

*2 This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.*

**Vivat Jesus!**

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## SAVE THE DATE — January 9-11 2026

### Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center Men's Weekend Retreat 2026



Brothers, our annual retreat at OLFSC is scheduled earlier in January than in previous years; it begins on Friday evening, January 9th, and continues through Sunday, January 11th, 2026. The retreat theme is "Prayer Is The Answer! - Encounter The Divine." The Retreat Team includes Fr. Curtis Kiddy, Deanna Bartalin, and Deacon Jim Parrilli.

About 50 men attend the weekend retreat, where Ascension is one of roughly twelve parishes and other Councils, mainly from South Florida, that participate in this annual event. Car pools are arranged to travel to the retreat center; we arrived late Friday afternoon to check in, pick up our retreat packages, and receive our room assignments. Afterwards, we enjoyed a light dinner in the dining room before the opening session of the retreat. The retreat is not a silent retreat; however, there is designated time for personal reflection and quiet on a beautifully landscaped campus on the western edge of the

northern end of Lake Worth Lagoon. The program offers morning, afternoon, and evening theme presentations by Spiritual Center staff, along with an option to attend 2 of 4 workshops on Saturday afternoon. During free time, there are also several 20-minute slots to meet privately with Spiritual Center staff. The days begin with Morning Prayer in the chapel before breakfast and include evening prayers, adoration, and benediction on Saturday night. On Saturday, there is a mid-morning Reconciliation service and Mass Saturday evening before dinner, as well as on Sunday morning. There is no fasting unless you choose to fast, which may be difficult because they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner generously, along with fresh fruit and homemade cookies for snacks.

You can register at [Men's Events | The Passionist Spiritual Places](#)

When you register, select NEXT for 2026 Retreats, then choose Fri, January 09, 2026:View Details. Then click REGISTER and select Room.

Rooms are available in the St. Gabriel Building on the Lower and Upper Levels, as well as in the St. Paul Building on the Lower and Upper Levels and along the Back Wall. The Retreat Center is located at 1300 U.S. Highway 1, North, Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

We have several brothers who carpool to the retreat. If you're interested in carpooling, please contact SK Rich Passarella at 321-431-0982.



## Pope's January prayer intention: For prayer with the Word of God

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for January, and invites everyone to join his monthly prayer intentions under the new “Pray with the Pope” initiative.



By Devin Watkins — Vatican News

With the new year, Pope Leo XIV has thrown his support behind a renewed initiative known as “Pray with the Pope,” which brings his monthly prayer intentions to the Church throughout the world.

A press release noted that the new initiative continues Pope Francis’ desire to share papal prayer intentions by video and audio.

“This initiative aims to increase the visibility of the Pope’s prayer intentions, using a language suitable for prayer, in new formats, so as to better reach the faithful throughout the world, especially in today’s world of digital communication,” noted the statement.

[See complete story on God’s Word is ‘hope in darkness’](#)

In his first video under the new format, Pope Leo XIV invited the faithful to pray frequently with the Word of God.





## **Prayer Requests**

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Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide  
Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide  
Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters  
All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

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### **All those in need of prayers for health issues**

ARA SK Gerry Grillo  
SK Randy Lascody  
SK Dave AmRhein  
SK Doug Blair  
SK John Miller  
SK Marc Worchel  
SK Werner Schulz  
SK Allen Allebach  
SK John Kisiel  
PGK David Sullivan  
SK Ralph Carestia  
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton  
Brother Geoff Schmits  
Brother Bob Caldo  
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson  
Lady Susan Blair  
Rowena Carenen, Niece of SK Mike Marzec  
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

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### **All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon**

Michael Ancil  
Jonathan Amgott  
Gavin Foreman  
SK Rob Light

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### **Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney**

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.



## Polar Plunge 2026 For Special Olympics Father John T is a 2026 Polar Plunger!

SK Paul Kuracz



Father John Triolo, SK Jim Voltaire, SK Paul Kuracz, Father John Bosco

Father John Triolo became an official “Polar Cub” when he received his own Polar Bear hat. Our goal is \$3000.00! Mass collections will be the weekend of January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are going to have a challenge this year with the Ascension Community moving to the Parish Hall. Not only we need volunteers for the north and south side of the Parish Hall, but we need volunteers in the Donut Hall at the Buescher Center for the morning Masses. The plunge is currently scheduled for 11:00am February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tides of Patrick Space Force Base. Donation will be accepted until February 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

### Signup Genius Link to volunteer to collect after the January 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Masses

[Ascension Knights of Columbus: Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Donations Collection After Mass \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/AscensionKnightsOfColumbus/PolarPlungeforSpecialOlympicsDonationsCollectionAfterMass)

### The choices to donate to Ascension Polar Plungers are:

1. Special Olympics Team Page, please follow the following link:  
[2026 Polar Plunge - Orlando: K of C Council 14573 - Ascension Polar Plungers - Special Olympics Florida](#)

2. Scan our QR Code:



3. If you prefer to give by check, please mail your donation to the address below:  
Special Olympics Florida  
Attn: Polar Plunge Orlando  
1915 Don Wickham Drive  
Clermont, FL 34711

**IMPORTANT!!!** Put “Council 14573-Ascension Polar Plungers” in the Notes of the Check

**Too much to remember?** Our amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee and Former Grand Knight Jose Montes has set up all this information up on our Council Website! [polar - KOFC COUNCIL 14573 AND ASSEMBLY 3482](#)



# Knights of Columbus

## FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

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Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

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St. Mark the Evangelist Church  
9724 Cross Creek Blvd  
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Registration at 9:00 AM  
Exemplification at 11:00 AM  
Banquet at 2:00 PM  
Mass at 4:00 PM

\*\*\*All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by January 17





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Worthy Brother Knights,

As we gather in prayer on this New Year's Eve, making the midpoint of our fraternal year, my heart is filled with profound gratitude for the dedication you have shown to our Order and our faith reaching this six month milestone is not merely a measure of time or a tally of task completed, but a testament to the Holy Spirit work through each of you to bring the light of Christ into our Florida communities.

We have witnessed a beautiful awakening in our membership ,yet, we must remember that our strength does not come from numbers alone, but from our shared devotion to being schools of holiness within our parishes.As we look towards the months ahead, let us renew our commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity grounding every act of service in the grace of the Eucharist.

I am deeply appreciative of the hard work you have poured into our councils, and I pray that the Lord continues to guide your hand and hearts, making us true instruments of his power as we journey together through the remainder of this fraternal blessed year.

Fraternally,

Michael Gizewski

State Deputy





## Wishing Everyone a Blessed New Year

### Prayer to begin the New Year.

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On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

*All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:*

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest!

**R/.** And peace to his people on earth!

*The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:*

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,  
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.  
We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we  
praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

*Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:*

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 90:1-4.)

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

**R/.** Amen.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:*

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.



*After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:*

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ. Let us bless the Lord.

*Another prayer for peace may be said:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
**R/. Amen.**

*—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

*The leader says:*

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

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## **The Historian's Spot** **Deacon SK Chris Meehan**

### **History — Believe it or Not**

An interesting and entertaining talk from Deacon Chris — [view it HERE](#).





# WORTH THE WAIT

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## What's It Like to Be a Catholic Bishop?





## Bishop Robert Barron

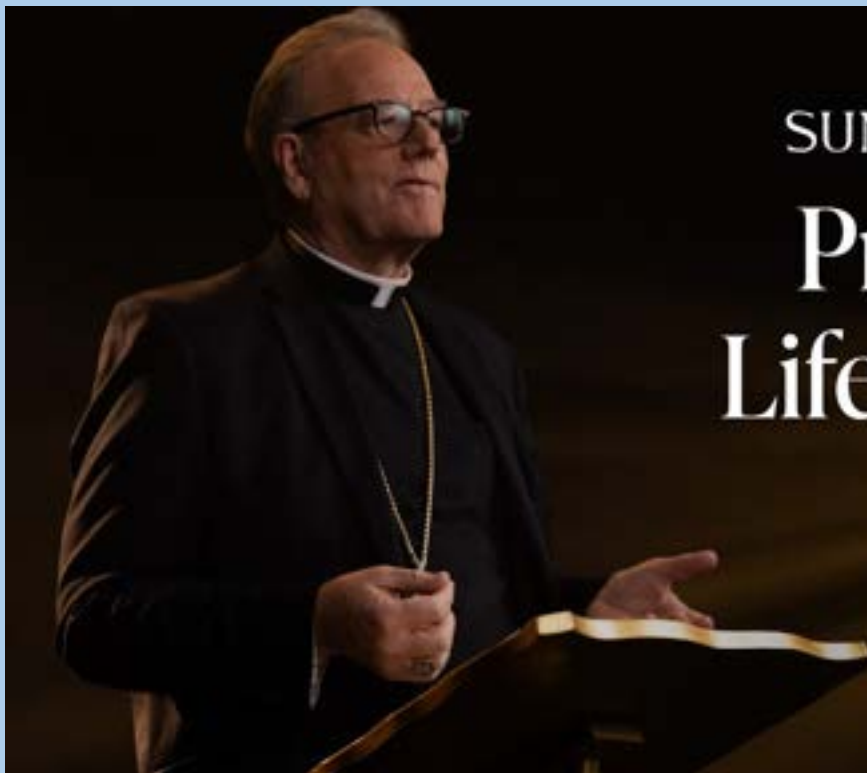
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Are You Willing  
to Surrender  
to God?



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Protect the  
Life of Christ  
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## Power Rosary



Trust in the **LORD** with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

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***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)***







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