



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



June 2024

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

We closed out May and opened June with the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you to all who helped distribute over 500 bottles at the five weekend masses. Several bottles have already been returned with donations and some online donations have been received. Official bottle collection will be held at the June 15th/16th Masses. We are looking forward to another successful campaign to support New Life Mission and Genesis House.

The Council and Assembly are conducting a new Flags for Heroes program. The program has been advertised in the bulletin and flag sponsorships will be accepted at the June 1st/2nd and June 8th/9th Masses. We've already received sponsorships from several of you. The US flags will be displayed during the week surrounding Independence Day. Thank you to those who have assisted with this new program. We are optimistic it will be successful and become one of the regular programs conducted at Ascension.

Several Council and Ladies Auxiliary members attended the annual KofC Florida State Convention in Orlando, May 24th - 26th. One of the agenda items is to recognize councils for outstanding service throughout the year. This recognition includes awards for best in the State of Florida in Faith, Life, Family and Community programs. The awards are presented in each of three divisions based on number of council members. Our council is in Division 3, the largest, with over 250 members. Thanks to your contributions, Council 14573 received a 2nd Place award for Life programs and a 2nd Place award for Community programs. The Council's Life programs included: Marches for Life, Laps for Life, Special Olympics and the 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign. The Council's Community programs included: Coats for Kids, Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship, Daily Bread, Highway Cleanup, Global Wheelchair Mission and Parish Picnic. Thank you to all who participate in these programs and the many others conducted throughout the year.

In closing, I wanted to extend a special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, led by Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson, for their outstanding support of council activities throughout the year! We could not have conducted many of our programs without their participation. The Auxiliary will not be meeting for the June and July months but I'm sure we'll see them participating in council activities this summer.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Dave AmRhein
Grand Knight**



Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Baby Bottle Campaign** — This year, the campaign began on the weekend after Mothers Day weekend — May 18 and 19. The baby bottles were given out to Parishioners on that weekend — they will be collected on the weekend of Fathers Day — June 15 and 16, We will still need volunteers to retrieve the bottles. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#). POC: SK John Autio

- To volunteer to collect baby bottles, use [Sign Up Genius](#).

- You can [Donate Online](#) here.



- **Wonderful Wednesdays — Need Volunteers!**

- Our next big Wonderful Wednesday challenge will be to fill the very large shoes of SK Frank Conley as he moves out of the limelight of Wonderful Wednesday. We will need to make a decision soon on the Summer BBQ dinner that would start in July. We are in the process of discussing options to continue these programs.
 - We have discussed continuing the weekly meals via committee by divvying up Frank's tasks to several volunteers. [The attached document](#) lists the many tasks Frank performed organized into three committee roles - Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator.
 - We are looking to establish a committee to continue Wonderful Wednesday and Lenten Fish Dinners for the parish. A committee approach distributes responsibilities to several volunteers which reduces time commitments for each. Accordingly, three committee roles have been defined: Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator. The concept is to have two Administrators (co-leaders), two Inventory Managers (co-leaders) and several (5 or 6) Meal Coordinators. Each Meal Coordinator will be responsible for one or two meals during each "dinner season". Dinner seasons are Fall, Winter, Lenten, Spring and Summer.
 - We are requesting volunteers to serve in each of these roles. Ideally we would have two Administrators, two Inventory Managers and six Meal Coordinators. With this team, no one person has to make a commitment for weekly participation.
 - **If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please send an e-mail to ascension14573@gmail.com or call/text WGK Dave at 321-591-6697.** The goal is have the committee staffed to resume Wonderful Wednesdays with the summer barbecues starting on July 10th. If we cannot fill the required positions before July, we will probably table Wonderful Wednesday dinners until a later date — possibly for the Fall Season.
- **Council Website.** DGK Jose Montes continues to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest activities we are participating in.
 - **Payment Portal.** Using PayPal and Venmo to pay for Council and Assembly [annual dues](#). These payment options for Council and Assembly functions will be added in the future.
 - **SignUp Genius.** This was added to our website for events where volunteers are needed so you can easily sign up for the many activities we support.

Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Website Volunteers.** Now that DGK Jose has this excellent site up and running, he is looking for volunteers that would like to help him in maintaining and updating the site. He will provide any and all instructions necessary for you to help with this project. See Worthy Jose if you are interesting in volunteering for this — you do not need to be an officer (or an IT genius) to volunteer to help.
 - [Visit Council Website](#)
- **Words from Worthy Regional Administrator SK Gerry Grillo:**
 - I want to thank Council 14573 led by WGK David AmRhein and his amazing staff for a great, awesome, awarding membership year along with our lovely Ladies Auxiliary led by President Jan O'Bryan-Wilson! My wife and my 2 sons and myself want to thank everyone of you all for the prayer support for our son , Jacob — especially this past month with his cancer returning! Good News is he's doing special treatments now while waiting for his older brother and our oldest son, Jarrett, for a stem cell transplant! I will be returning once again as your RA for my 6th year in the State! My Technical, Computer Expert Assistant, Worthy Eddy Merlet will join me for another year together! Continue to do your awesome support for all the charitable activities that you all have done over the past year and rewards once again coming home from the State Convention! You all deserve the recognition for a great past year! TY,TY,TY!!! God Bless You All! RA3 Gorgeous Grillo Family!
- **Google Group Notifications.** We rely on our Council Google Group to disperse information to the Council membership. We also have a Council email address (ascension14573@gmail.com). Unfortunately, the emails sent to the Council email inbox don't always get read immediately. So if you have something urgent that needs to get out to the Council — especially Prayer Requests — send your email to either Worthy Dave (damrhein@cfl.rr.com) or Worthy Jose (JOSE.MONTES@cfl.rr.com).
- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.
- **Bartman.** Since no reliable source has been found for the Star Assembly shirts online, we are going back to using a reliable local source — Bartman. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications.
 - [Visit Bartman here](#)
- **Ascension Catholic School.**
 - **MCC Scholarships** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. The school administration selects the students. For the past few years we offered two scholarships. This year we added a third Fr. Tobin Memorial Scholarship.





Birthdays for June

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.

Robert Holby	3
Joseph Palubin	3
Brian Gerace	5
John Miller	5
William Miller	7
Norman Boudreau	8
Ryan Drygas	8
William Vargas	8
Paul Gray	11
Gerald Grillo	11
James Delaporte	12
Edward Vignaroli	13
Richard Colton	15
David Errico	16
Steven Fernandes	17
Kenneth Raynor	17
Albert Calderone	18
Kelly Swartz	18
Felix Rodriguez	19
Francis Conley	20
Malachy McGuinness	20
Daniel Johnson	21
James Grantham	22
Ronald Rozwood	24
Richard Fitzgerald	26
James Slacke	26
Edward McCarthy	27
Joseph Ditta	28
Anthony La Manna	29

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June Activity Calendar

**June
2024**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com



Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sat 1 st / Sun 2 nd	All Masses	Food for the Poor - Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
		Flags for Heroes Sponsorships	WFN J. Pechar WGK D. AmRhein
Sun 2 nd	1130	Newly Ordained Fr. Greg Lambert Celebrates Mass at Ascension. Reception follows in Parish Hall.	Fr. John Bosco Maison
Sun 2 nd	1345- 1500	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineda Cswy)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 6 th	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room)	WFN J. Pechar
Fri 7 th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 8 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
	1630	Assembly 10 th Anniversary Corporate Communion and Celebration (Church and Parish Hall)	CCC E. Merlet SK R. Passarella
Sat 8 th / Sun 9 th	All Masses	Flags for Heroes Sponsorships	WFN J. Pechar
Thu 13 th	1830	Council Officers Meeting (Knight's Room)	WGK D. AmRhein
Fri 14 th	1730	Flag Retirement Ceremony w/American Heritage Girls (Knight's House)	WFN J. Pechar SK J. Autio
Sat 15 th / Sun 16 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign – Bottle Collection	SK J. Autio

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 20 th	1830	Power Rosary (Our Lady's Chapel)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Knight's Room)	WGK D. AmRhein
Sun 23 rd	1030	Daily Bread (Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson
Sat 29 th	1745	Installation of Council Officers FY2024-25 (Buescher Center Rm 411)	WGK D. AmRhein
Sun 30 th	1300	Flags for Heroes Opening Ceremony (Knight's House)	WFN J. Pechar
Sat 30 th - Jul 7 th	N/A	Flags for Heroes Display on the Knight's House Lawn	WFN J. Pechar WGK D. AmRhein

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Jul 13 th	TBD	Assembly Officers Installation	FN J. Pechar
Jul 23 rd - Jul 28 th	N/A	St. Joseph Icon	SK R. Passarella

***Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose
Cardet at: fso123788@cfl.rr.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

Notice:

The normal Assembly meeting scheduled for July 4th has
moved to July 11th. Start time will be 1930 instead of the usual
1900. To accommodate this change, the Council Officers
meeting will start at 1800 on the 11th.

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SK Randy Lascody	321-626-0804
SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK John Autio	321-312-7117
SK Rich Passarella	321-431-0982
CCC Eddy Merlet	954-882-3687

[Click here](#) to view the latest Activity List.

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✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

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BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



From the Faithful Navigator



On May 2nd, Assembly 3482 Bishop Norbert Dorsey held election of officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year 2024-2025.

Grand Knight Dave Amrhein graciously volunteered to conduct the election of Assembly officers as required in section two of the By-Laws to take place during the first meeting in May. All officers were elected by unanimous acclamation.

SK Rich Passarella, at our assembly meeting on May 2, gave an update on the 10-year anniversary celebration of Bishop Norbert Dorsey CP Assembly 3482. Scheduled is an Assembly Corporate Communion mass on June 8 at 4:30 followed by the celebration and dinner in the parish hall afterwards. Our assembly was founded on June 6th, 2014 and ten years later we have raised our ranks to over 105 Sir Knights as the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. We serve God and Country and foster Patriotism whenever we are called upon to render service to our fellow man. We are committed to the preservation of our church.

At 6:30 pm Sat. May 4, a committee meeting for the Flags For heroes Fundraiser was held in the knight's room for discussion of the program details. Our first Fundraiser will take place the week of July 4th. Running from June 30th through July 7th. Thanks to all who have helped with the development of this program, GK Dave Amrhein, DGK Jose Montes, SK Bobby Sullivan, SK Adan Caraballo, SK Randy Lascody, SK Rich Passarella and all my brothers who offered their ideas and suggestions.

Vivat Jesus

SK John Pechar
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 3482

Next Monthly Assembly Meeting
Thursday, June 6, 7 PM, Knights Room



Flag Retirement Ceremony with Ascension Catholic School — May 9

On May 9th the Assembly held a Flag Retirement ceremony with Ascension Catholic School 7th and 8th grade students following the 8:30 morning mass. Over 70 students with Principal Claudia Stokes, Assistant Principals Donna Violi and Donna Potomski and teachers from both grades along with Pastor Fr. John Bosco and Fr. Zachary Parker attended this first ever ceremony with Ascension School. The ceremony went very well with students reciting parts from the ceremony script. An idling freight train stopped next to the ceremony area resulting in everyone's inability to hear most of the readings by the students. As a result of this distraction, it was decided in the future to hold the reading parts of the ceremony at the school or Parish Hall. Then everyone would move to the Flag Retirement Ceremonial area at the Knight's house for the conclusion of the ceremony. After the readings, two of our Boy Scouts placed the designated worn flag into the fire pit. This was accompanied with the playing of taps followed by everyone singing God Bless America. These students and future leaders of this country demonstrated their Patriotism by showing reverence to our nation's flag.



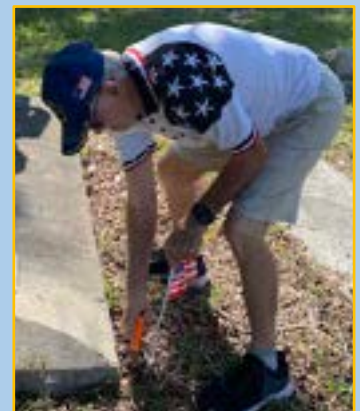




Memorial Day Flag Ceremony at J.N Tucker/Shady Oaks Memorial Cemetery

On May 31st, Memorial Day, a ceremony for the African American Veterans buried at J.N. Tucker/ Shady oaks Memorial Cemetery was held. SK Bobby Sullivan opened the ceremony with a prayer for all the deceased veterans and a brief history of the cemetery. SK John Autio spoke about the creation of Decoration Day, first established following the end of the Civil War and created by General John J Logan as a National Day of Remembrance and observed on May 30th. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act making the last Monday in May the official Memorial Day holiday. SK Deacon Chris Meehan then led attendees in a prayer for those who gave their lives in battle.

Flags were then placed at each of the grave sites with Deacon Chris anointing each grave with prayers and holy water. Over 20 members of the Assembly, Council, Ladies Auxiliary and relatives of the deceased attended the ceremony and participated in the placing of the flags.





Flags for Heroes



On April 16 as part of our Round Table meeting with Pastor Rev John Bosco Maison the fundraiser "Flags for Heroes" was presented and received his approval to use the church facilities to hold the events. The first Patriotic Fundraising event will be on July 4th. Flags for Heroes is about anyone who is or was a hero in someone's life. One example could be a healthcare worker during COVID who responded to the need. During the early stages of working with this unknown fatal virus these heroes sometimes made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives providing care for their patients. Healthcare providers frequently connected with the families of the patients succumbing to the virus whose loved ones could only say goodbye remotely. Heroes can be Military, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMS, Doctors, Teachers, Coaches, Clergy, anyone who is a hero in your life.

There is minimal upfront cost to the Assembly. Flags are only purchased if sponsored — price to sponsor is \$50. The person sponsoring the flag receives a medallion with the name of the honoree — this is then given to the sponsor after the flags are taken down. The plan is to plant the flags in the open area near the Knights house. They would remain there for a week before they are taken down and held for the next celebration.

The first celebration would not be a big money maker as much of the donation would be used to cover the cost of the flags. But future celebrations would not require the purchase of new flags so the entire \$50 — except for the minimal cost of the medallion — would be profit for the Assembly.

Much more on this program is on our Council [website here](#).

You can also sponsor a flag [online here](#).

[Watch a video from a successful program held in Spartanburg, SC](#)

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Flags for Heroes

Who is your hero? The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a **Flags for Heroes** event to honor heroes in our lives. They may be those who are serving, or have served in the military, first responders, health care professionals, parents, teachers, clergy, coaches, mentors, community leaders and others.

To honor your hero, a sponsored US Flag will be flown in the open area on the south end of the Ascension Church campus for a week surrounding Independence Day. A medallion and placard with your hero's name will be attached to the flagpole. After the display period, the medallion and placard will be mailed to you as a keepsake.

Sponsorships are \$50. Proceeds go toward Knights of Columbus Council 14573 and Assembly 3482 Benevolent Funds used to support the church, school and community.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. An information table will be setup at the Ascension Church main entrance for the **June 1st/2nd and June 8th/9th, 2024 Masses**. Please bring a completed Sponsorship Form (below) and \$50 payment. We will also have blank forms at the table.
Alternatively, you can fill out the form and make a payment online by June 10th, 2024 at <https://14573.assembly.com/flags> or by scanning the QR code.
2. The flags will be displayed from Sunday, June 30th to Sunday, July 7th, 2024 in the south open area of the Ascension Church campus. The area will be delineated and include a banner and lighting. You are welcome to visit the display area anytime during that period.
3. An opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 30th, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Please join us.
4. After the flags are taken down, the medallion and placard will be mailed to each sponsor's home.

For more information, please contact John Pacher at 724-263-0173 or David McInerney at 321-447-0867. Sponsorship design by Sparklight

Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Form

Hero's Name: _____

Why is this person your hero? (Please list in 20 characters including spaces)

<input type="checkbox"/> US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, NRC/USCG	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse, Parent, PT/Police, Teacher, Police	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer/Retiree, Minister, Youth Ministry leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedication/Retiree, 30+ years service, Counselor/Retiree, etc.
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Sponsor's Name: _____

Printed Address: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Apt/Unit #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Bill User Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check* ☐ PayPal/Debit Card/Credit Card
* payable to Knights of Columbus Council 14573 with memo: Flags for Heroes Date: _____



Color Corps Support

Color Corp Commander SK Eddy Merlet with members of the Color Corp have participated in many patriotic events in May. My thanks to CCC Eddy Merlet and the Color Corp whose distinctive uniform and ceremonial sword symbolize Christian Knighthood and are worn as visual reminder of our service to the Catholic Church and community. CCC Eddy Merlet sent me his report on activities as follows.

May 5, the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall - Presentation of Wreaths, at Wickham Park and then following SK have participated: Eddy Merlet, John Miller, Ric Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Ralph Carestia, Robert Parker & Edward Barry.

May 9th Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament inside the church and the following SK have participated: Eddy Merlet, James Chatman, John Miller, Ric Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Ralph Carestia, & Edward Barry.

May 14th, May Crowning at Ascension and the following SK have participated: Eddy Merlet, James Chatman, John Miller, Ric Passarella, Ralph Carestia, Edward Barry, Ric Robinson & Elmer Rivera.

May 21st, one of our own SK Peter Griffith funerals at Ascension and the following SK have participated: Eddy Merlet, James Chatman, John Miller, Joe Ameigh, Ralph Carestia, Ric Robinson, Robert Light, Robert Parker, Elmer Rivera, Edward Barry & 8 other regalia from Holy Name of Jesus, St Joseph, and Our Lady of Lourde.

May 25th, Florida State Convention, and the following SK participated: John Miller & Ric Passarella.



Worthy Eddy is not always in his Color Corps outfit — here he is after the Beer Run at Wickham Park with SK Rob Light and Lady Christina Light.



SK Deacon Chris Meehan on Pentecost

I was recently reading the teachings of St Cyril of Alexandria — one of the early fathers of the church born in the fourth century. Saint Cyril spoke at length about the coming of the Holy Spirit. So that got me thinking about what many have pondered — why does the Holy Spirit need to come? Wouldn't it have been enough that Jesus came to us in this world, died for our sins and established the church before he returned to heaven.? So why did he need to give us the Holy Spirit? Maybe it is not so obvious that it was not enough for Jesus to establish the church and not leave something after his departure. I want to share a reflection from St Cyril on the Holy Spirit.

After Christ had completed his mission on earth it remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the word.

So let's think about that — if Jesus had not sent us the Holy Spirit, we would have been educated but not incorporated. We would have been informed by the divine life of Christ and we would have the Eucharist but we would not be brought into the life of the church so that it would be with the Holy Spirit as part of us. So it was most fitting that the Holy Spirit should descend upon us after the departure of Christ. Because as long as Christ was among the Apostles and early believers in the flesh, it must have seen to those believers that they would receive every blessing bestowed upon Him. Everything was covered — why did they need anything else? But it is only by having the Holy Spirit within us that we are able to be drawn in to the life of God. Father Zach used this reference in his homily of the coming of the Spirit. If you think of the classic model of the triangle — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then by sending the Holy Spirit — by fusing us with the Holy Spirit — that triangle is opened up to absorb us. So now we are not simply informed but are actually drawn up into the very light of the Holy Trinity. We are now part of God's inner light. A most remarkable thing to think about. Imagine that we are not just believers but we are actually part of the very God that we worship. So let's look at the Holy Spirit in our lives and take to heart the words of St Cyril —

Does this not show that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell and alters the whole pattern of their lives? With the Spirit within them it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become men of great courage.

There can be no doubt that this is what happened to the disciples. The strength they received from the Spirit enabled them to hold firmly to the love of Christ, facing the violence of their persecutors unafraid. Very true, then, was our Savior's saying that it was to their advantage for him to return to heaven: his return was the time appointed for the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers, as Knights, isn't that what we are all about. To face the violence that the world brings against the church. Those of you that follow the various speeches given at communicant ceremonies around the county have probably listened to the speech given by Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker at Benedictine College. The press has viciously attacked him for his comments for speaking out as a Catholic gentleman about his faith. And that's what we face Brothers and we can't do it without the Holy Spirit. So I would encourage you all to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon you.





The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Wickham Park — May 6

The "laying of the Wreaths Ceremony" took place on May 6th at the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Wickham Park. This is an annual event held each year to honor the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam war. The 300 ft wall allows those family members and friends unable to visit the Memorial in DC the opportunity to visit their loved ones.





May Crowning – May 14





Council Officer Elections

Our New Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2024/2025

Elected Positions:

Grand Knight: SK Jose Montes

Deputy Grand Knight: SK Jose Cardet

Chancellor: SK Dwight Collins

Recorder: SK Bob Richmond

Treasurer: SK Randy Lascody

Advocate: SK Frank Conley

Warden: SK Bobby Sullivan

Inside Guard: SK Joe Ameigh

Outside Guard: SK Ralph Carestia

Three-Year Trustee: SK Dave AmRhein

Two-Year Trustee: SK Bill Quinn

One-Year Trustee: SK Eddy Merlet

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain — SK Father John Bosco Maison

Lecturer — SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Financial Secretary — Brother Richard Becker

Membership Director – SK John Miller

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on June 20 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6PM in Our Lady's Chapel.



Assembly Officer Elections

Our New Assembly Officers for Fraternal Year 2024/2025

Elected Positions:

Faithful Navigator - SK Bill Quinn
Faithful Captain - SK Rob Light
Faithful Admiral - SK John Pechar
Faithful Pilot – SK Ralph Carestia
Faithful Comptroller - SK Randy Lascody
Faithful Scribe - SK Bob Richmond
Faithful Purser - SK Elmer Rivera
Faithful Inner Sentinel - SK Bobby Sullivan
Faithful Outer Sentinel - SK Joe Ameigh
Trustee 1 Yr.- SK Eddy Merlet
Trustee 2 Yr. - SK Jim Chatman
Trustee 3 Yr. - SK Rich Passarella

Appointed Positions:

Faithful Friar — SK Father John Bosco Maison
Spiritual Advisor — SK Deacon Tom Stauffacher
Historian — SK Deacon Chris Meehan
Color Corp Commander — SK Eddy Merlet

**July monthly Assembly Meeting will be held on
Thursday, July 11, 7:30 PM in the Knights Room
(First Thursday is Independence Day)**



Seminarian Michael Anctil

This is another wonderful update submitted by Lady Susan Blair from her nephew Michael Anctil — one of the seminarians that we support.

Happy Easter!

At one point as a friend or family member, you indicated you might like to receive periodic updates from me as I continue to be formed in seminary to be a priest of Jesus Christ for his Church. This is the second of those updates, my first one being in the Fall as I was a few months into my time of formation in Rome. Do not feel obliged to respond unless you would like to. As was the case last time, if you have any prayer intentions, I'd be glad to receive those from you. If you'd prefer not to receive the update anymore, just send me a quick note. I anticipate continuing to send an update twice a year.

Station Churches

During the Lenten season, the seminary community continues the ancient practice of visiting the relics of martyrs to pray. After the legalization of Christianity in the empire, this became a practice of visiting particular churches built over the resting places of saints. As a seminary community, we continue the practice of visiting one of these station churches in Rome each morning for prayer and the Holy Mass (except on Sundays, when we continue to celebrate in the seminary as a community). These historic churches are the final resting places of various important saints of the faith, often saints you hear named in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), like Stephen, Lawrence, Clement, Nicholas, Sixtus, Cosmas and Damien, Anastasia, Lucy, and Cecilia. The mornings start with a quiet, prayerful walk as a group to the church, where a Mass is celebrated by a priest associated with the NAC community. Seminarian serve the Mass, including one who chants verses from scripture at appropriate times with the people chanting the antiphonal response. It is a beautiful way to start the day, which is followed by a walk to class at our universities for the academic part of our formation. Many English speakers come to these Masses including university study abroad students, faculty at universities, and workers in Rome. For me, it became an unexpectedly important part of my Lenten routine.



Formation

Formation continues to go well at the seminary, at the university, and elsewhere I go while here. Many of the conferences and classes end up generating thoughts in my mind that are good for reflection and prayer. Beyond the Lenten station masses, there are ample opportunities to visit important places in Rome for prayer and study. On Mondays after class I help serve meals and talk with refugees at a food kitchen not far from my university. Each seminarian has some kind of assignment in the city to spend time in a ministry. There are also many visitors to the city of Rome we encounter on the streets that may want help with something, especially as the busier travel season has begun again here.



Free Weekends

As part of our formation to be priest with hearts configured to Christ to serve in our dioceses, the seminary in Rome provides unique experiences because of its location to grow in many ways and to learn more about the universal Church. Some of this occurs through “free weekends,” which occur about once a month. The normal schedule of the seminary is relaxed to enable us to have time to explore the region or to travel with brother seminarians somewhere in Europe. Due to the smaller size of countries here, traveling within Italy or to other countries is comparable to traveling to another state.

Often these are pilgrimages to follow after saints—a combination of prayer, recreation, and fraternity. Seeing the Church and talking to people in other places helps me to understand the universal aspects of the faith and see how the Holy Spirit is working in people. There are consistent customs with some unique ones. I have been fortunate to visit places this year which include the tombs of Saints Matthew and Andrew in Italy; important sites and the tombs in Spain associated with Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila (two XVI century mystics); and Trondheim Norway for the Easter Triduum, celebrating liturgies with Bishop Erik Varden in a community that is blossoming in the faith less than two-hundred years after Catholicism was permitted again. Some photos from these trips are attached.



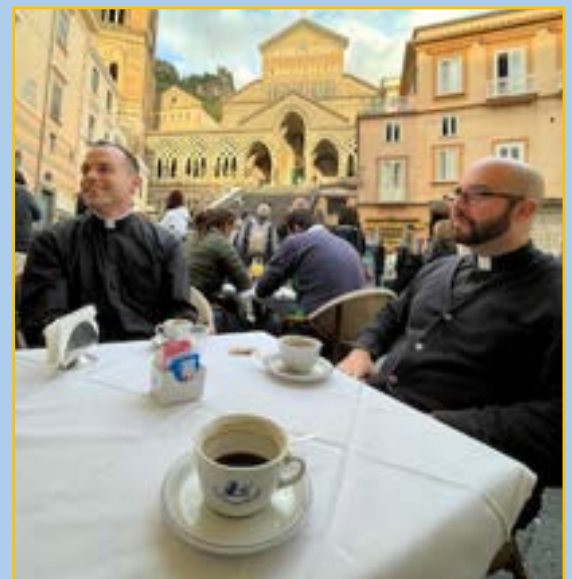
Looking Ahead

It continues to be a very blessed time for me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be here supported by God, my family, my diocese, benefactors to the seminary, and the spiritual support through prayer by all of you and so many others. My classes and formation continue into June for this “year.” Then I will return to the United States for a couple of months to serve in a parish in my diocese before returning to Rome to help with orientation for the next class of men who have been assigned by their bishops to the seminary.

As the Easter season approaches its end in two weeks, we ought to continue to remember the marvelous work of God, for which we cry out, Alleluia—work that stretches with cosmic reach “from creation to the end of time.... Easter reveals the meaning and purpose of all there is, from the greatest to the smallest circumstance and thing. In Christ, and only in him, everything is led to make sense. Everything can become praise. Everything can be redeemed, if only God’s power may touch it and extract death’s sting” (Bishop Varden).

I pray you remain in the Lord’s love as he remains in you. May the God of unchanging power and eternal light continue to accomplish his work in you so that, as you cooperate with his grace, you and those around you may know and see that all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being.

Michael





Around the Ascension Community

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 7



Postal Carrier Food Drive – May 11



Highway Cleanup – May 3



Daily Bread – May 26



State Convention — Orlando May 25 & 26





Monthly Council Meeting



**Family of the Month
SK Doug & Lady Susan Blair**



**Knight of the Month
SK Brian Shurtleff**





Coats For Kids — 2024

For this years Coats for Kids Program, the Council selected the children who attend York Elementary School, which is located in Jamestown Tennessee. According to the U.S. Census Bureau of the 272 towns in the state with available data, Jamestown ranks as the poorest. The typical Jamestown household earns just \$18,000 a year, 69.2% less than the statewide median household income. Given the low incomes, it is not surprising that a larger than average share of residents live in poverty. The local poverty rate in the town stands at 46.7%, compared to the statewide poverty rate of 14.3%. In addition to its high poverty rate, Jamestown also has a high unemployment rate.



Despite its challenges, Jamestown is a resilient community where people come together to help one another and participate in community events.. There are several organizations in the town that are working to address poverty and other social problems. Fentress County Community Foundation provides grants to local nonprofits that are working to improve the lives of residents. Also, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce is working to promote economic development in the town. Approximately 475 Children attend York Elementary School from grade PK3 (3 yo) to 8th grade (14 yo). The school is pretty much divided equally between girls and boys. The School's Vision: Providing innovation and encouragement and reaching the children's highest potential. The School's Mission: Insure that all students are college, career and life ready. Some of the School's Core Beliefs include: All children can: learn, succeed, be challenged, learn to be socially responsible, all people have worth and value, high expectations encourage high achievement, and all children learn best when parents and teachers work together for the mutual benefit of the child. Lastly, the average temperature in Jamestown during the winter months is approximately 40 degrees.

- Knights of Columbus Council 14573 Coats for Kids Program (2024) York Elementary School 218 School Avenue - Jamestown, TN 38556 – 931-879-5832 Principal Gyla Young.
- We are on track for a very good year for Coats for Kids for these deserving children in Tennessee. With donations from local VFW that were given to us last year combined with the \$1000 donated by the Council, we are set to provide at least 4 boxes of coats for these kids.
- We have also opened donations up to Council members who would like to contribute to this worthy annual cause. With these donations, we may be able to increase our total coats donated to 6 boxes!
- If you are interested in making a targeted donation to this program, please write a check to **Knights of Columbus Council 14573** with memo **Coats for Kids**. Please bring the check to the June 20th Council Meeting or hand it to SK Bobby Sullivan. Your donations will be pooled with the Council funds to make a purchase in the July-August timeframe.





From the Ladies Auxiliary President

Our Ladies of the month for May are Becky Richard and Lyn Becker! These Ladies have been honored as they stepped up last minute to take the President and Vice President positions. We are thankful for their volunteering.



Also honored at the last meeting was Ginny Reeder and Susan Blair.

Ginny was a May Lady of the Month for all her work on the baskets for all occasions and her tremendous work on the St. Patrick's Day Party she also was a huge success at the Deployed Spouses Dinner helping the kids' games and musical chairs,

Susan Blair was our Lady of the Month for April. Susan helps at all the competitions, Free throw, Soccer Challenge, Laps for Life and 40 Cans for Lent. Susan has helped with registration and judging all these competitions.

My sincere thanks to all these Ladies!

May 4th, 5th Red Shirts, food for the Social Concerns

May 5th Life Chain

May 6th Laying of wreaths at the Vietnam Memorial

May 7th Teachers Appreciation Lunch

May 11th Pray for Life

May 14th May Crowning

May 16th Power Rosary, Assembly of baby bottles, Auxiliary Meeting Election of officers

May 18th, 19th Distribution of baby bottles

May 26th Daily bread

My sincere thanks to all the Ladies who were able to participate in these events. We were asked to help this year with the Teachers Appreciation Lunch in conjunction with the ACCW. It was a great collaboration.

I'm very thankful we have Officers to serve for the upcoming year. Installation will be June 29th after the 4:30 Mass.

I remain humbled to server as you President for one more month.

God bless each of you,

Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
President, Ladies Auxiliary

Save Lives!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Father's Day & Charity

This month is Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of one's self.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).

"A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.

That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!

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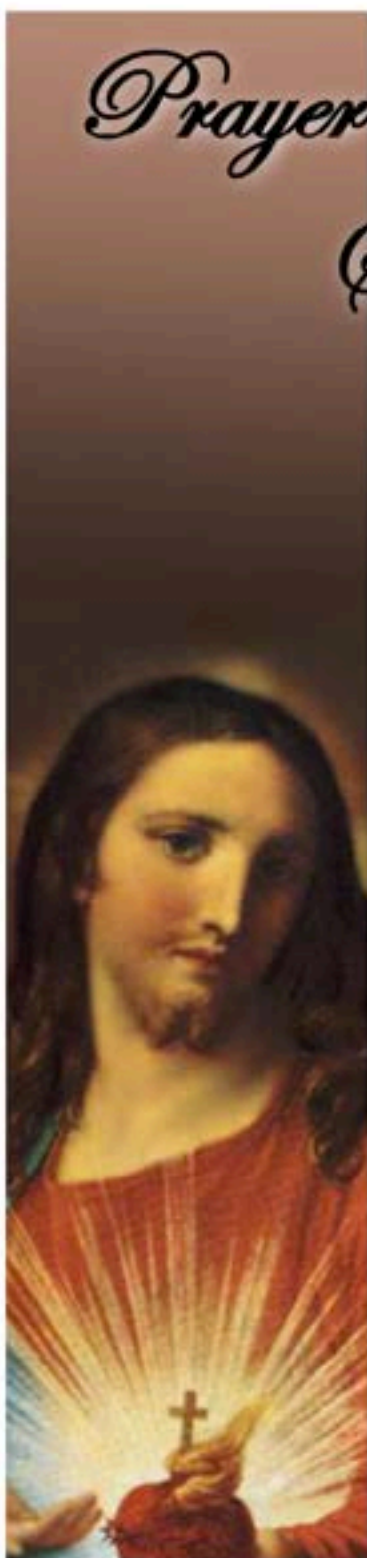
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Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you, and
with lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your will.*

*Grant, good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.*



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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment ***Vote No on Amendment 4***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

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

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

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

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami

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



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:
We Have an Eternal Home!

Each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday. Although it wasn't until 1334 that **Pope John XXII** **officially established** the feast for universal observance in the Western Church, the mystery of the Holy Trinity has been the pulse of the Church's life since the very beginning. The Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life...[and is] the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (**CCC 234**). The whole of the Church's life flows from the central belief that the one true God exists as three divine

Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the very beginning of time, God has gradually revealed and communicated the truth of who he is as Trinitarian through what he has done in salvation history (see **CCC 53-67**). Although God gradually revealed himself throughout different stages of the Old Testament period of salvation history, mankind had no way of knowing the full truth of God's inner life of the Trinity before the time of Christ, since this mystery of our faith is "inaccessible to human reason alone...before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit" (**CCC 237**). ([Catholic Apostolate Center](#))

Two wonderful and enlightening homilies from Bishop Barron and Father Mike Schmitz



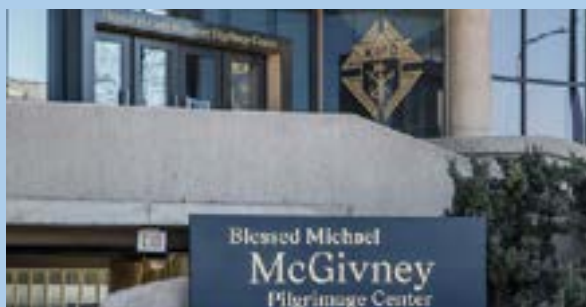


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"The creature who is the greatest teacher of faith is Mary Most Holy. Before the abyss of God's Love, she teaches us trusting abandonment; before her crucified and risen Son, she invites us to be in communion with him." -St. John Paul II



The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center mission focuses on the spirituality and charitable vision of the founder of the Knights of Columbus and his legacy.

The center was established on Nov. 1, 2020, to advance the vision of Knights of Columbus founder Father Michael J. McGivney (1852-1890). A priest of New Haven, Conn., who is being considered for sainthood in the Catholic Church, he established the new fraternal benefit society on the principles of unity and charity more than a century ago.

[Learn more about the Pilgrimage Center here](#)



Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

SK Peter Griffith

SK David Humes

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

Refugees and others suffering from the Terrorist Attack in Israel, the invasion of Ukraine and loss of life in other war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

SK Doug Blair

SK Allen Allebach

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK John Harter

SK Joe "Giuseppe" Tocco

SK Robert Parker

SK John DeStefon

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Lady Doreen Boudreau

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

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

Michael Ancil

Jonathan Amgott

SK Rob Light

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.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco — immediately before the membership meeting in Our Ladies Chapel — 6:30 PM. Contact Brothers Joe or SK Bobby Sullivan if you want to be a reader for one of the Power Rosaries.

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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I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (*Romans 12:1*)

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