



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



June 2025

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is almost here and so is the end of this fraternal year. A group of representatives from our Council attended the Florida State Convention in Jacksonville where our delegates helped elect new state officers as well as representatives from our state to the Supreme Convention. Our Council was given special recognition for our contributions to the Florida Special Olympics, and we were also awarded 2nd place in our division for the Newsletter, and State Service Program Awards in the areas of Faith and Family. This is the result of hard work by our Knights and our Ladies Auxiliary throughout the year and it is nice that it is recognized at the state level. Our council carried out many activities in the Community and Life areas as well. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for keeping this council active!

Our next fundraiser is the [Flags for Heroes](#) program and we hope it also helps us to make even more contributions to those in need. Thank you to SK John Pechar and SK Dave AmRhein for co-chairing that program. The [Baby Bottle Campaign](#) is not officially over yet since we are still seeing bottles trickling their way back to us. However, in early June we will close the campaign and donate the proceeds to Genesis House and New Life Mission. Thank you to John and Janet Autio for once again leading this campaign and to all who have supported them.

Please join me in welcoming Rey Velazquez Sierra and Tom Horner who are our newest Knights. We look forward to seeing them engaged and active in some of our council's activities.

Congratulations to our elected Council and Ladies Auxiliary officers for the next fraternal year. The installation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday June 21st at 5:45 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend to support these officers.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Jose Montes
Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on June 19 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



From the Grand Knight (continued)

As we have been mentioning in recent months, the success of fundraisers like the Fish Frys and the St Patrick's Day party, as well as the Election Poll Workers donations, have contributed to our benevolent fund in a way that we are able to do some charitable giving and contribute to some improvements to facilities in our parish. At the last meeting our Council voted per recommendation of the officers to make the following donations and allocations:

- \$500 to St. Stephen's Way, which provides housing to homeless families.
- \$500 to The Children's Hunger Project, which gives school children food for the weekends.
- \$500 to the Baby Bottle Campaign to assist mothers after pregnancy.
- \$1000 to Providence Place - housing for the local homeless, replacing Daily Bread.
- \$400 to fund the purchase and installation of a Garage Door Opener in the Knight's House
- Earmark \$500 for the Purchase of portable fryers for Lenten Fish Frys
- Earmark \$5000 to fund the dropping of the ceiling in the Knight's Room for better acoustics.

In addition to the above, the council also donated 3 scholarships to Ascension School 8th graders going to MCC in the amount of \$500 each. These are in memory of Fr. Dan Freitas, Fr. Eamon Tobin, and Principal Anita Brady. It's great that we can help the community, our school, and our parish.



We welcomed two new members into the Council during the Exemplification Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, at 7PM in the Knights Room. All were invited and encouraged to attend and welcome our newest members — Rey Velazquez Sierra and Tom Horner.

This brings our total new members for the Fraternal year to 15 and allows us to meet our annual goal. We need to meet our recruitment goal in order to be eligible for the Star Award. Keep up the recruitment efforts as any new prospective members can be brought in for the next Fraternal Year beginning on July 1.



Council Notes

- **Baby Bottle Campaign.** One of our goals as Knights is to defend and protect life and foster a culture that does that by changing hearts. We have a unique opportunity to be involved in a great program that our council has been a part of in the past couple of years. It is the Aid and Support After Pregnancy ([ASAP](#)) program, which aims to support mothers who decided to choose life but who are in need of help. Our council implements the ASAP program by using the Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are distributed to parishioners who bring them back filled with change. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#). POC: SK John Autio



- As you all know, SK John Autio was in the hospital recently after suffering a heart attack. PGK SK Dave AmRhein stepped in to serve as Co-Chair to help John with the program this year. Thank you Dave for stepping in to help John with this crucial fundraiser. Thank you also to SK Joe Ameigh for taking the many coins to the bank to be counted. They were heavy!
- Bottle distribution was done after masses on the weekend of April 26 and 27. Two weeks later the bottles were collection on Mother's day weekend — May 10 and 11.
- We distributed 575 bottles but so far only 256 have been returned. Hopefully we will continue to receive bottles with donations.
- So far we received \$8,043 in donations — a bit less than last year. But we are still counting donations and you can still donate online if you wish.
- You can also support the Baby Bottle Campaign by [Online Donation](#).
- **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?](#)
- **School Scholarships.** The Council provides 3 scholarships each year for 3 deserving Ascension graduating students who plan on attending Melbourne Central Catholic next year. The school provides the names and we provide them 3 checks for \$500 each to help with tuition. These are in memory of Fr. Dan Freitas, Fr. Eamon Tobin, and Principal Anita Brady.
- **Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) 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.



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. 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** were 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](#).



[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters on the our Council & Assembly Website](#)

**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



Council Notes

- **Parish Picnic.** This is an event that needs long-term planning. Last year we enjoyed an excellent picnic spearheaded by SK Ken Raynor. Ken won't be able to chair the event this year so we are looking for a chairperson to take the lead for the picnic. We have the pavilion at Wickham Park reserved for Sunday, September 21. The chairperson will need to organize all that is required to make the picnic happen. This includes all logistics planning and work assignments including cooking cleaning, servicing, setup and take down, insuring grills are delivered to the pavilion and purchasing all food, drink and supplies. Of course the chairperson will have lots of help from brother Knights and Ladies from the Auxiliary. This is a big event but it is one that showcases the many talents of the Knights and provides an excellent recruitment tool to bring in new Knights. If you would like to volunteer as chairperson, please contact WGK Jose. If you would like to learn more about what exactly this job entails, contact either Ken Raynor or John Pechar who was chairperson before Ken.
- **New Officer Installation.** New officers (elected tonight) for the next Fraternal Year starting on July 1 will be installed at a ceremony to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, June 21 at 6 PM (after 4:30 Mass).
- **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.
 - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. FN John found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
 - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce. To keep things simple for Joyce, please order your Star shirt from John and pay him up front.
 - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. 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. Or go through John and he will order the shirt for you. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. POC: SK John Autio
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 - Cellphone : (321) 324-9212
 - Fax: (321) 259-4424
 - Email : papanole@aol.com
 - Business Hours :
 - Monday through Thursdays : 8:30am - 5:30pm
 - Friday : 8:30am - 3:00pm



Council Officer Elections

As per our Fraternal Year plan, we conducted the annual election of officers at the May 15th Council Meeting. Below, are Council 14573 Officers who will take their positions on July 1 for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year (the Fraternal Year is July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026). Congratulations to our newly elected officers!!

Elected Positions:

- Grand Knight: SK Rich Passarella
- Deputy Grand Knight: SK John Pechar
- Chancellor: SK Dwight Collins
- Recorder: SK Bob Richmond
- Treasurer: SK Randy Lascody
- Advocate: SK Mike Marzec
- Warden: SK Bobby Sullivan
- Inside Guard: SK Joe Ameigh
- Outside Guard: SK Ralph Carestia
- Three-Year Trustee: SK Jose Montes
- Two-Year Trustee: SK Dave AmRhein
- One-Year Trustee: SK Bill Quinn

Appointed Positions:

- Chaplain — Father SK John Bosco Maison
- Lecturer — Deacon SK Chris Meehan
- Financial Secretary — Brother Richard Becker
- Membership Director – SK John Miller

Here is a [link](#) to the descriptions of the different officer positions. Serving as an officer is a great way to participate in the success of our council. We all have individual gifts and when we bring those gifts to the table, along with the gifts of others, great things can happen. Something you may want to pray on for the 2026/2027 Fraternal Year.

Officers meet once a month and the meetings are open to all council members who want to attend and observe or participate. The next officer's meeting is **Thursday June 12** at **6:30 PM** in the Knights room.



Newest member of our Assembly – SK Lacy Beanblossom with wife Mari and FN Bill Quinn



June 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.

Robert Holby	June, 3
Joseph Palubin	June, 3
Brian Gerace	June, 5
John Miller	June, 5
John Toppa	June, 6
William Miller	June, 7
Norman Boudreau	June, 8
Gerald Grillo	June, 11
James Delaporte	June, 12
Marc Galen	June, 14
Richard Colton	June, 15
David Errico	June, 16
Steven Fernandes	June, 17
Kenneth Raynor	June, 17
Albert Calderone	June, 18
Felix Rodriguez	June, 19
Francis Conley	June, 20
Malachy McGuinness	June, 20
Daniel Johnson	June, 21
James Grantham	June, 22
Ronald Rozwood	June, 24
Richard Fitzgerald	June, 26
John Gander	June, 26
James Slacke	June, 26
Edward McCarthy	June, 27
Byron Silva	June, 27
Joseph Ditta	June, 28
Anthony Lamanna	June, 29

****Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays****

**June
2025****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 5/31 Sun 6/1	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sat 5/31 Sun 6/1	All Masses	Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Sales after all Masses	SK John Pechar
Sun 1 st	1345	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 5 th	1830	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Ladies Room – 313)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN B. Quinn
Fri 6 th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 7 th Sun 8 th	All Masses	Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Sales after all Masses	SK John Pechar
Thu 12 th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 14 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Sat 14 th	0900	Flags for Heroes - Layout Flag Locations: Knights House Field	SK John Pechar
Thu 19 th	1815	Power Rosary (LA Room – 313)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 19 th	1900	Council Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 21 st	0900	Flags for Heroes – Flag Assembly – Small Parish Hall	SK John Pechar

*** Please provide input for the monthly council events to [DGK Jose Cardet](#).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sat 21 st	17:45	Council and Ladies Auxiliary Officers Installation (Small Parish Hall)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 28 th	0900	Flags for Heroes – Flag Installation (Knight's House Field)	SK John Pechar
Sun 29 th	1900	Flags for Heroes - Opening Ceremony (Knight's House Field)	SK John Pechar

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Jul 7 th	AM	Flags for Heroes – Flags take down and storage (Knight's House Field)	SK John Pechar

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

WGK Jose Montes	321-795-8171
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DGK J. Cardet	321-951-6476
CCC E. Merlet	954-882-3687
SK Randy Lascody	321-626-0804
SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
SK D. AmRhein	321-591-6697
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK John Pechar	724-263-0273
SK R. Carestia	321-432-8439
SK John Autio	321-312-7117

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard	412-779-9970
Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Lyn Becker	561-531-3173

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SK John Pechar
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Faithful Comptroller
SK Randy Lascody
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SK Elmer Rivera
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Faithful Scribe
SK Bob Richmond
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Faithful Inner Sentinel
SK Bobby Sullivan
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Faithful Outer Sentinel
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Color Corps Commander
SK Eddy Merlet

BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



From the Faithful Navigator



Sir Knights

One of our most important end of Fraternal Year duties is to make sure all documentation makes it to Supreme on time. This year we are just finishing up our submittal for the Civic Award — thank you SK Rob Light for preparing our submission. We chose three patriotic projects that the Assembly participated in during this Fraternal Year:

Patriotic Rosary on September 11

Wreaths Across American at JN Tucker Memorial Cemetery on Dec 14

Deployed Spouses Appreciation Dinner on Jan 28

Flag Retirement with Ascension Catholic School on April 4

Our **next meeting is June 5** at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please do try and get here a little early so you can participating in the Chaplet.

- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and followed by a closing prayer.

[How to Recite the Chaplet](#)

Vivat Jesus

SK Bill Quinn
Faithful Navigator

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy





Fraternal Year 2025/2026 Officers

As per our Fraternal Year plan, we will be conducting the annual election of officers at the June 5th Assembly Meeting. Below, please find the current list of nominees for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year (the Fraternal Year is July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026):

Current Nominees for Elected Positions:

- Faithful Navigator: SK Rob Light
- Faithful Captain: SK Ralph Carestia
- Faithful Admiral: SK Bill Quinn
- Faithful Pilot: SK Malachy McGuinness
- 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-Year: SK Jim Chatman
- Trustee 2-Year: SK Rich Passarella
- Trustee 3-Year: SK John Pechar

Current Candidates for Appointed Positions:

- Faithful Friar - Father SK John Bosco Maison
- Spiritual Advisor - Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher
- Historian - Deacon SK Chris Meehan
- Color Corps Commander - SK Eddy Merlet
- Membership Director - SK John Miller

The above nominees for elected positions are subject to a vote by the Assembly and additional nominations are accepted until the election takes place. If you feel called or willing to be nominated for any of the elected positions please call me or email me so we can enter the nomination and let the Assembly know prior to the meeting. Serving as an officer is a great way to participate in the success of our Assembly. We all have individual gifts and when we bring those gifts to the table, along with the gifts of others, great things can happen.



At the Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 26, the Assembly was presented with the Civic Award for last Fraternal Year.



Florida State Convention Jacksonville — May 23-25

Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to share with you some awards that our council received this morning at the Florida State Convention in the areas of Newsletter, Faith Programs, and Family Programs. This is the result of the outstanding work by our Council and our Ladies Auxiliary!

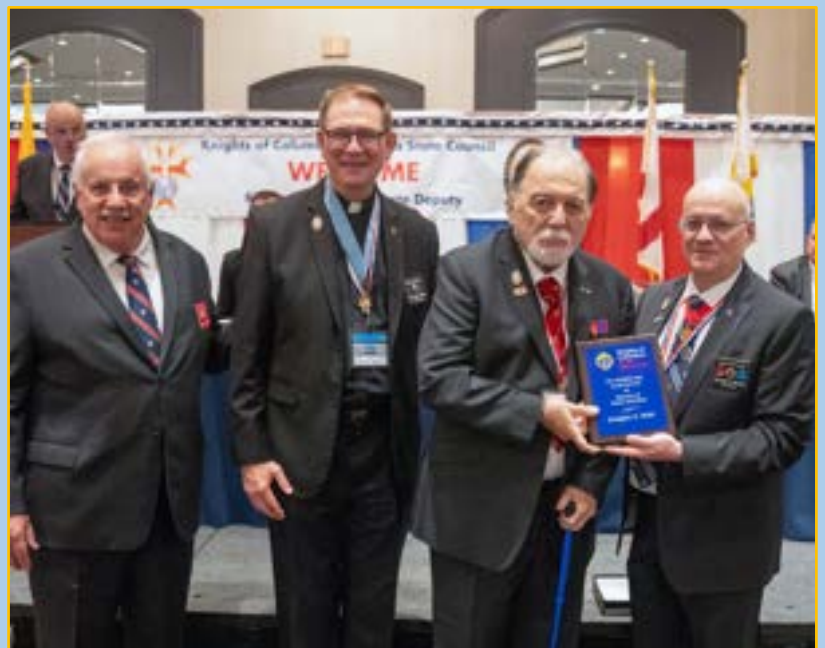
Special recognition and appreciation to SK Bob Richmond for his outstanding work on the newsletter!

There was an appreciation coin presented also for our council's contributions to Special Olympics Florida. Thanks to Paul Kuracz, the polar plunge team including Fr. John and Fr. Zach, and all who contributed to make this charitable activity a success.

An incentive coin was also presented to John Miller for his contributions to Membership.

There were so many areas this fraternal year where our council made significant contributions to family, faith, life, and community programs, so to you brothers and sisters, thank you!

SK Jose Montes
Grand Knight





Statement of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

“The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

“Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII — and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

“Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do.”

Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope. Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini’s iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.

IF YOU WISH TO BE PERFECT



Something that attracted me to being a priest was the idea of selling all I had and giving it to Jesus through the poor. Like the rich young man in the Gospel of Matthew, I too was stunned by Jesus' response: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (Mt. 19:21). As I shared when I first arrived at Ascension, I had a profound encounter with Jesus one night over tacos and my heart burned to give Christ all that I had.

At that time in my life I was studying music, I had just finished a concert, it was late at night, and I was a young hungry musician looking for tacos. So, extremely late at night, still in my concert tuxedo, I bought a bag of tacos and a large Mountain Dew. Coming out of the restaurant, and heading to my car by the restaurant's dumpster, I heard loud rustling sounds coming from the dumpster, to my alarm. My immediate thought was: "OH LORD, there is a BEAR in the dumpster!" But being the wise college student that I was, I did not just drive off, I needed to know what it was. And so, I climbed up the side of the dumpster to peak in. I was fully prepared to die and have the newspaper read "Overly dressed man is killed by bear." But to my complete surprise there was no bear, but a man. A homeless man so hungry he was eating the trash of the restaurant. I was stunned. Never in my life had I seen someone so hungry they would eat garbage.

I locked eyes with this man and saw a depth of humanity I had never known existed: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Here before me was not just a homeless man but Christ in the guise of the poor. Here at last I understood that Jesus was not merely an idea, not merely a bunch of rules, but a presence and a person to follow. We did not speak the same language, but everyone understands when someone offers you food. So, I helped him out and we sat by that dumpster, and ate our tacos together, and it changed my life. I knew right then I wanted to give all that I had to Jesus who revealed himself to me through this poor man.



And now, once again Jesus is asking me to give him what riches I have and follow him. Bishop Noonan has asked me to leave Ascension and serve as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Orlando. It is bittersweet as I am honored and humbled to help others on their own journey to priesthood and religious life, but also sad to go. I love this community and each one of you. Ascension is one of the richest gifts of my entire life. It has been a true honor to serve here. I thank each of you for your friendship and love and I ask for your forgiveness if I have offended or hurt you in any way. Please know that I will be praying for you always and that we will meet each other in the Eucharist. Plus, I'm sure there will be opportunities to visit! Please pray for me and for the men and women of our diocese who are striving to surrender themselves to Jesus entirely.

God bless you!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Zachary Parker



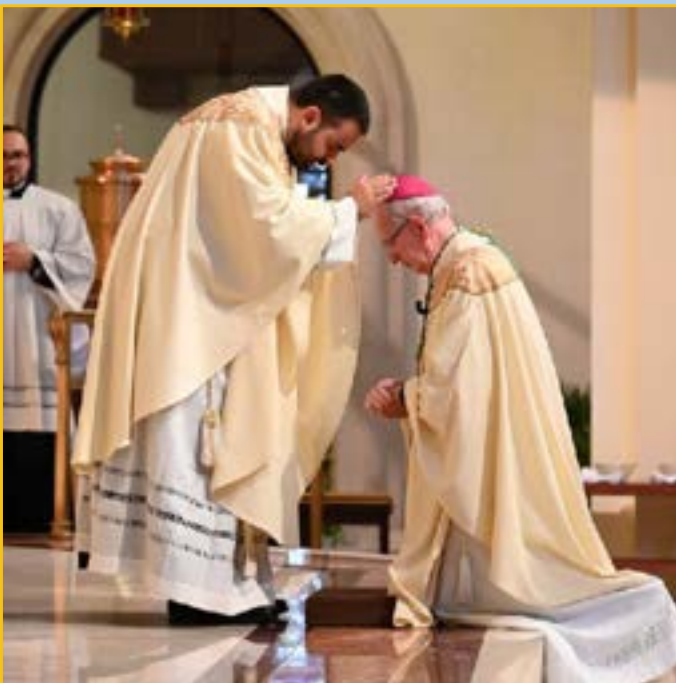
Welcome to the Priesthood and to Ascension Parish Father John Triolo

[Get to Know Your Future Priest](#)

Deacon John Triolo will be ordained to the priesthood at the end of this week. Learn more Deacon John's journey to the priesthood while we pray for him this week!

[Ordination to the Priesthood!](#)

Bishop John Noonan ordains Deacon John Triolo and Deacon Bill Burns at St. James Catholic Cathedral, Saturday, May 24.
Watch the Video





Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall



This year a new organization — [All Veterans Brevard](#) — took on the annual display of the Vietnam Traveling Wall which was on display at Wickham Park from Sunday, May 4 until Sunday, May 11. As in years past, we placed wreaths at the ceremony held on Monday, May 5 at 6PM. Wreaths from the Council, Assembly, Ladies Auxiliary and Military Ministry were placed near the wall. Thank you to all who were able to participate in the ceremony.





May Crowning— May 13
Celebrating Mary Our Mother





God Speed Father Zach on Your New Assignment



Knight of the Month — March
Brother Jose Rodriguez



2025 Polar Plunge Crew Designer Tee Shirts



Family of the Month — January
SK Lacy and Mari Beanblossom



From the Ladies Auxiliary



It is very hard to wrap my head around the reality that a whole year has passed by since I re-joined the Ladies' Auxiliary and then within weeks became this year's president! What a wonderful and amazing whirlwind it has been! First, I would like to say that it has been my honor to have served as your President. Each of you are remarkable women. Your hearts for service with loving care are second to none. The Knights that we support are strong, capable men who give freely of themselves to serve our community without complaint, and do so with honor and dignity. You work together seamlessly to bring much needed help to others and leave all with beautiful memories of everything that you do. I look forward to another year of working with you all.

In the month of May, we helped to collect the Baby Bottles that were distributed two weeks prior. We also served after Masses in the Donut Hall. The Ladies and the Knights laid wreaths at the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall at Wickham Park on May 5. The next day, May 6, we helped prep and serve an ACS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in the donut hall. Many of us attended the May Crowning on May 13, where the Knight's Honor Guard helped serve. At our meeting on May 15, we discussed and voted on our Annual Donations and held an election for our new slate of Officers for the 2025-2026 Ladies' Auxiliary. We also gathered with the Knights after the meeting to enjoy an end-of-the-year social. Thank you to the KoC for providing the delicious pizza!

The new slate of officers for 2025-2026 are:

President	Becky Richard	(2nd term of 2)
Vice President	Lyn Becker	(2nd term of 2)
Secretary	Cyndi Martin	(1st term, subject to re-election)
Treasurer	Christy Marzec	(1st term, subject to re-election)
Sergeant at Arms	Joyce Defusco	2nd term of 2)

It was my honor to have served with our former secretary, Terry Nicolette and former treasurer, Grace Bono. Thank you both for your dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus as a member and officer of the Ladies' Auxiliary. I look forward to serving with you both at many more events to come!

Thank you, also, to Cyndi and Christy, for stepping up and offering to serve as an officer for the L.A., and for Lyn and Joyce, who are willing to serve another term! I look forward to working with all of you Ladies closely in the coming year. Let's make it another great one! I also look forward to working with our newly elected KoC Officers!



Ladies Auxiliary (Continued)

Our Lady of the Month for the month of May was Chris DeStefon! Chris has given of herself in service tirelessly since retiring from her day job. Some of her areas of service are Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, regular Adorer in the Adoration Chapel, stitcher for the Knitting with Faith ministry, has been part of the Bible Study group Women of the Word for many years, volunteers at our Ascension catholic Christ Shop (and is even featured in the commercial shown at Mass), serves as our Auxiliary Chaplain, and has participated in the 40 Days for Lent Challenge, helped out at the Evangelization Outreach Ministry Fair, served at our Fish Fry Fridays, helped decorate and sell tickets at our St. Patrick's Day Party, served in the kitchen at our Parish Picnic, helped out with the Faith Formation Ministry Fair, served as a judge at the ACS Science Fair, supported multiple fundraising efforts, including The Thanksgiving Collection for Social Concerns and the baby Bottle Campaign, and from now until July her banner is flying on the streets of Historic Downtown Melbourne as part of the Hometown Heroes Display! Chris served as a nurse in the United States Army for 22 years, from 1974-1996. Chris, we thank you for your service to our country and to our community, and are so pleased to call you our May Lady of the Month! (SK John DeStefon is also featured on a banner as a Hometown Hero! Thank you, John, for serving our country and our community!) CONGRATULATIONS, CHRIS!



Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard
President, Ladies' Auxiliary



Ladies Auxiliary Helped With Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



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Many people this time of year are wrapping up spring cleaning around their home. But if you're like me, you might need a little nudge each year — a reminder to get started on that process.

Similarly, we could all use a reminder to do some “spring cleaning” for our finances.

For example, have you recently gotten married, welcomed children, or made a career change? Do you have children heading off to college, or are you welcoming any grandchildren? It may be time to think about life insurance.

If you do have life insurance, when's the last time you reviewed your policy? Do you have coverage only through your employer? Now is a great time to ensure it matches your family's current needs.

Have you started preparing for retirement? Whether close to your golden years or still decades away, you can learn more about annuity options that give you a guaranteed income.

You might find that things have changed in your life since your last “spring cleaning.” Even if it's been a while since you last reviewed your financial goals — or even if you're just getting started — I'm here to help. Let's set up a time to talk and make sure you have the coverage you need.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

Vivat Jesus!

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Pope Leo XIV appears on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. (@Vatican Media)



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Biography of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost

Prior to his election as Pope Leo XIV, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. Here is the biography of the 267th Bishop of Rome.

By Vatican News



Leo P.P. XIV



Flags for Heroes



Who is your hero? An active duty military service member, veteran, first responder, health care professional, parent, teacher, priest, coach, mentor, community leader, other? For the second year, the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a [Flags for Heroes](#) event to honor heroes in our lives.

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 with placard will be mailed to you as a keepsake.



Sponsorships are \$50 to honor one hero **or, new this year, \$75 to honor two heroes with one flag.** 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 **May 31st/June 1st and June 7th/8th, 2025 Masses.** Please bring a completed Sponsorship Form (below) and payment. We will also have blank forms at the table.

Alternatively, you can fill out the form and make a payment online by June 9th, 2025 at kofc14573.weebly.com/flags or by scanning the QR code.



2. The flags will be displayed from Sunday, June 29th to Sunday, July 6th, 2025 in the south open area of the Ascension Church campus. The area will include a decorative fence, 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 29th, 2025 at 7:00 PM.** Please join us.
4. After the flags are taken down, the medallions and placards will be mailed to each sponsor's home.

For more information, please contact John Pechar at 724-263-0273 or Dave AmRhein at 321-591-6697.

Sponsor keeps top portion



Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Form

Please use a separate form for each flag, max two heroes per flag

Hero Information

Name: _____

Description*: _____

Optional Second Hero Information

Name: _____

Description*: _____

* Example hero descriptions
(please limit to 22 characters
including spaces)

US Army WW II Veteran
Beloved Mother
MPD Officer

Trauma Nurse
1st Grade Teacher
Pastor

Firefighter/EMT
Mentor
Youth Ministry Leader

Dedicated Volunteer
US Representative
Committed Benefactor

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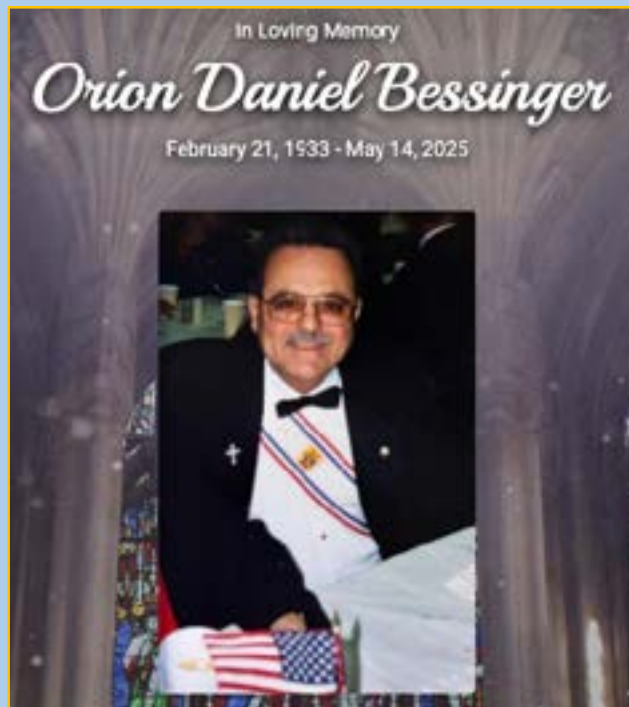
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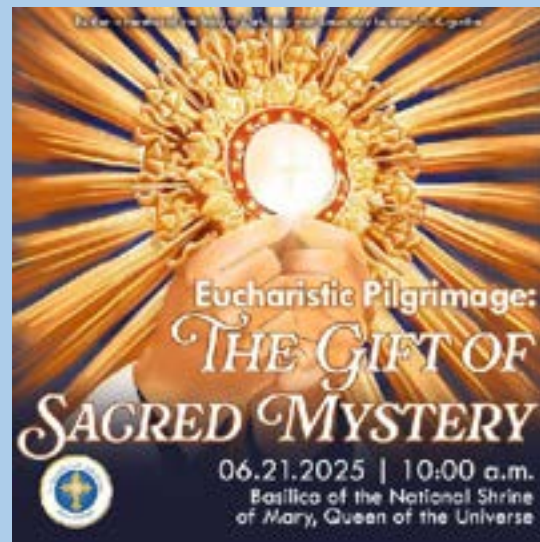
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OBITUARY



HIGHWAY CLEANUP — MAY 2

Join the Legion of Mary

If you seek greater sanctification, have a desire to do good works and are yearning to advance the reign of Christ through devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to also Evangelize with the Love Jesus taught us about then you should join us! Ave Maria.

We meet Thursdays at 6:30pm
in the Ministry Building • Room 313
(Note: Third Thursday of each month in room 385)

email: joshnapoorche@yahoo.com or
ramirezby13@gmail.com

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Praesidium

VBS Donations

Please help us our youth have mountains of fun at VBS!
THANK YOU in advance for any and all donations.

Items Needed:

- Sponges (no abrasive side)
- 9x13 Aluminum Pans
- Blue Painter's Tape (1")
- Pretzel Sticks
- Teddy Grahams
- Vanilla Pudding Cups
- Large Marshmallows
- Puffcorn
- Bugles Corn Snacks (any size bags)

Drop off any donations by June 23rd inside the entry of the Susscher Center.

Questions? Contact Betty Glasenapp at dmg@ascatholic.net
or (524) 254-1595 x3000



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Our Council and Ladies Auxiliary participated in the activities of *Teacher Appreciation Week* by hosting a cookout luncheon for the Ascension Catholic School teachers on Tuesday May 6th in the Parish Hall. The meal was served at 3:30 PM. A late start for lunch so teachers and staff could stay on campus to participate in a school activity at 5PM. Each classroom was decorated for the country they represented. And the teachers and children in those classrooms dressed the part.





PRAYER TO END SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.





🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

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

All those in need of prayers for health issues

SK Doug Blair

SK John Miller

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK Allen Allebach

SK Geoff Schmits

SK Jim Guin

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Brother George Caddy

Brother Jim Haines

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

Shirley, Wife of SK Bob Holby

Robert Marzec, brother of SK Mike Marzec

Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

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

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

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.



June – The Month Dedicated To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus



How Is Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Practiced?

Devotion to the Sacred Heart includes various practices aimed at paying homage to Jesus. One popular devotion is the First Friday Devotion, where Catholics receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, as Jesus requested to St. Margaret Mary. This practice makes reparations for the sins committed against the Heart of Christ and enables us to grow closer to him. Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary that he will grant twelve special and powerful graces to the devout soul who completes the nine first Fridays.

Traditional Catholic Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with a 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.

[More from The Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Answers Guide](#)



Videos for June

The Father Leo Show

Father Leo Patalinghug





Father David Michael Moses





Bishop Robert Barron





Power Rosary



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

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





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Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

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