



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



October 2024

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Time flies! We are now in the second quarter of the fraternal year with plenty of Council activities happening.

The month of September was busy with the usual monthly activities plus the Patriotic Rosary on 9/11 organized by our assembly, the support of the Ascension Eagle Pride Annual Race, and the Parish Picnic which was a great event. We were blessed again with great weather and a great turnout. Special thanks to the dozens of Knights and Ladies who helped with food purchases, food prep, truck loading and unloading, kitchen setup, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Thank you to SK Ken Raynor for leading this event, the Pro-Life Ministry for supplying the Kites for Life, the Heritage Girls for arranging games, and SK Harry Merlet for providing the music. We also had a nice ice cream social with the Ladies Auxiliary after the Council meeting. It was great to see them as they start to have their meetings again.

Thank you to Joe Ameigh and Jack Duggan for collecting dozens of pallets around town to help the Scouts with their Pumpkin Patch fundraiser that will start October 12<sup>th</sup> at Ascension.

During this second quarter, there are some activities and programs that need people to chair them. Thank you to DGK Jose Cardet who will chair the Christmas Magnet Sales and Richard Becker who will co-chair the event. However, we need help to organize the Christmas Party and start planning fundraisers for next year like the St Patrick's Day Dinner. Please let us know if you want to chair, co-chair, or be part of the team that plans and makes these events happen.

Thankfully hurricane Helene did not affect us much but please continue to pray for the many who were affected by this storm and any other storms that may come our way.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Jose Montes**  
**Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on October 17 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



## **Notes from the Grand Knight**

October is loaded with activities in addition to the monthly regular ones. Please consider participating in at least one or more if you can. Here is a summary of where you can be involved and help:

- 10/6-10/14 - Novena for Life – Participate in prayer and reflection from home watching the videos (links will be emailed) or in person after morning mass. You can also volunteer to read a 5 minute script of the novena day one of the days after morning mass. Sign up [here](#).
- 10/6 – Annual Life Chain – Support Life with other Ascension parishioners between 2 and 3 PM. Meet at the Church at 1:45 PM. The life chain will be formed along US1 in front of the Church.
- 10/7-10/8 - Council Soccer Challenge at Ascension Catholic School. – Fortunately we have enough volunteers for this event.
- 10/14-10/21 - Citizenship Essay Contest – Help by reading essays from 8<sup>th</sup> graders and judging them to select the winner. The topic is “*What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?*” Sign up [here](#).
- 10/17 – Italian Dinner Fundraiser for Disabled South Vietnam Veterans (see insert in this newsletter).
- 10/18 - Annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Halloween Trunk or Treat – Help with set up, cooking, serving, replenishing candy, or decorate and set up your vehicle as a trunk. Sign up [here](#).
- 10/26 – Help serve breakfast or lunch for Young Adult Ministry as they have their Sanctify Retreat on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be more details later but if interested please let me know.

**Membership.** We were able to bring in 7 new members through the membership drive held in August. We will also continue to try and contact all men who gave us their contact information during the drive. We are well ahead of our recruitment goals with these new members — 4 in August and 3 during the next Exemplification Ceremony. But we don’t want to let down our recruitment efforts — we still have a ways to go to meet our goal for this fraternal year. We need to meet our recruitment goal in order to be eligible for the Star Award.

**Fraternal Benefit Night.** Thank you to all who attended the Long Term Care webinar on Tuesday, September 10. One note on this and any any future Virtual Fraternal Benefits Nights — be sure you complete the survey at the end of the seminar. We need to make sure we get credit for everyone who attends the seminars as this is part of the requirements for Star Council. Also, you need to preregister for any seminar prior to the night it is held. There will be several more during the fraternal year — you can only attend one per fraternal year to get credit.

**National Elections.** We had 10 volunteers who worked the Primary election and they will also work the National election in November. All money received by our volunteers will be donated to the Council and Assembly. We have had this regular group of volunteers for quite some time, so if this is something you think you would like to try, contact SK Rich Passarella for details. This would be for the next election, so you would have plenty of time to prepare.

**Social Concerns.** A big thank you to Joe Ameigh, Bobby Sullivan, Jack Duggan, Eric Montes, Daniel Dang, Brendan Shea, Joseph Ciciulla and John Casio for their help installing a new freezer in the food pantry.

**Pumpkin Patch.** Thank you to SK Joe Ameigh and SK Jack Duggan for their efforts in searching for and acquiring pallets for the annual Pumpkin Patch sponsored by the Boy Scouts.



## Special Presentation by Brother Be and Lady Lan Duong

At the last Council Meeting, Be and Lan gave a wonderful presentation on their extraordinary efforts to help those forgotten veterans who fought for South Vietnam — including Be's own Dad. Their tireless efforts with their Vietnamese dinners and food deliveries to local Parishioners have really made a difference in the lives of these forgotten warriors. They provided slides of their recent trip to Vietnam and how they were able to provide direct help to veterans by supplying them with wheel chairs to improve their lives. They also wanted to thank Father John and the Knights and Ladies for their help and support in allowing them to carry out this wonderful fund-raising program. They have also provided direct financial donations to both the Council and local veteran organizations through their fundraising dinners. The next dinner is already in the works for October 17 — and this one will be an Italian dinner. The menu has already been sampled by Father John and Father Zach — with a hardy thumbs up!



### ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR DISABLED SOUTH VIETNAM (ARVN) VETERANS \*

**DINE IN or TAKE OUT**  
**Thursday, October 17, 2024**  
**4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**at Ascension Catholic Church**  
**Buescher Hall, Room 411**



**Primo: Spaghetti alla Bolognese** (Spaghetti Bolognese)  
**Secondo: Pollo alla Marsala** (Chicken Marsala)  
**Contorno: Insalata Verde** (Salad w/Lan's Dressing)  
**Pane** (Dinner Roll), **Bottiglia d'Acqua** (Bottle of Water)

**\$15 per Meal**

**For Reservation or Order Please Text: 321-242-6458 Lan's**

**Please reserve only if you are 100% coming. We don't want to waste food.**

**\* The entire proceeds from this Fundraiser will be sent directly to the Families of Disabled South Vietnam (ARVN) Veterans living in Vietnam.**



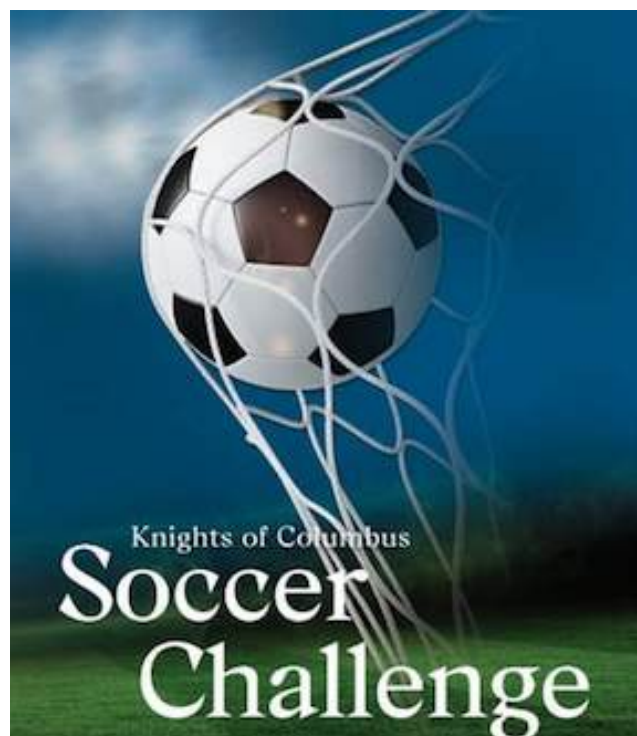


## Notes from the Grand Knight

**School Activities.** We have provided the school staff with a plan of activities for this school year. This plan was approved by the school principal Mrs Claudia Stokes. Below are the scheduled activities ahead that we will participate in:

- **Council Soccer Challenge (Oct)** – 9 to 14 year old participants kick goals for accuracy, top scorers in two age groups and boys and girls categories advance to District competition.
- **Citizenship Essay Contest (Oct)** - 8th Graders are eligible to participate in this contest for a \$50 prize. The essay subject this year is *“What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?”*
- **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest (Dec)** - 3rd through 8th graders are eligible to submit Keep Christ in Christmas themed posters. There are three age groups and the winner in each are group receives a \$25 prize.
- **Adopt a Family (Dec)** - The Knights provide an assistance check to two families during the Christmas season. Your administration selects the families based mostly on need.
- **Council Free Throw Challenge (Jan/Feb)** - participants shoot free throws. Top scorers in two age groups and boys and girls categories advance to District competition.
- **Science Fair Judging (Jan/Feb)**, Knights provide a few judges for the annual Science Fair as requested by school staff.
- **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. Your administration selects the students.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)** - Knights offered lunch for the teachers and staff in appreciation for another successful school year.

**Soccer Challenge.** The first major event planned with the school is the Soccer Challenge planned for October 7 and 8. We will run the soccer challenge similar to how we ran the Free Throw Competition in January of this year. We will hold the challenge in the gym during regular PE classes allowing all students to participate. As with the Free Throw, all volunteers will need to be fingerprinted and Safe Environment trained with the Diocese — and be entered in the school system. Chairs are WGK Jose Montes and SK Bob Richmond. More information [here](#).





## **Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)**

**Citizenship Essay Contest.** This contest for our school 8th Grade students will also be held in October and SK Mike Marzec has volunteered to chair the contest this year. He will be looking for Knights who wish to read and evaluate submitted essays from the children. Those interested [can volunteer here](#). Topic of essays is “Most Important Virtues of our Elected Leaders.” Essays will be distributed to all volunteers to read and evaluate, then get together on Monday, October 21 at 1:30 to select the winning essay. Winner will receive a check for \$50. The check will be presented to the winner at the School Mass on October 23. More information is [available here](#).



**SK Chuck Mitchell Annual Trunk or Treat.** This is one of our major events to support the local community and it is scheduled this year for Friday, October 18. SK Rich Passarella is lead Knight for this event and will be working with Lady Karen Mitchell as co-chair. They will need lots of support from both the Knights and Ladies. Last year we had close to 1000 participants. They have already received sponsorship support from the local community and more is on the way,

- SignUp Genius is available to sign up for the many jobs necessary to carry out this event as well as vehicles that will be staged to deliver treats to Trick or Treaters. We are currently collecting candy at all weekend masses — [click here for more information](#).

**Knight House Power Upgrade.** SK John Pechar took on this project to upgrade the power in the Knight's house. This is something that has been needed for many years. The antiquated power situation was totally inadequate for the events we carry out there — with the help of volunteers on Saturday, August 24, we were able to complete this project in time for Trunk or Treat.

**Council Website.** We 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.

**Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click 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.

## Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marked the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at [rit3722@gmail.com](mailto:rit3722@gmail.com). Below are two options to pay our dues:
  1. Pay by check payable to “K of C Council 14573” and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: “K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934
  2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council’s website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
- 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.
- **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.



[Visit Bartman here](#)



## Birthdays for October

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.

Richard Becker	October 5
Kurt Friend	October, 8
Robert Dray	October, 9
Randy Lascody	October, 10
John Butler	October, 13
Jerome Kelly	October, 14
Joseph Nocera	October, 14
Paul Klein	October, 15
James Guin	October, 18
Ralph Carestia	October, 20
Richard Tally	October, 20
Paul Kuracz	October, 21
Francis Blain	October, 24
Dwight Collins	October, 25
Chris Watts	October, 25
Aaron French	October, 27
John Autio	October, 30

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# October Activity Calendar

**Oct  
2024**

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573  
Council Email: [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com)



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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1900	Assembly Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WFn B. Quinn
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	1030	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification	WGK J. Montes
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	0745	Novena for Life (After first morning Masses)	WGK J. Montes
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	1345	Annual National Life Chain (Ascension Catholic Church Along US 1)	SK B. Sullivan
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	0800	Council Soccer Challenge	WGK J. Montes
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Councils Officers Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	1600	ACCW Craft Fair Setup/Teardown	WGK J. Montes LA M. Jo Strah
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	1630	Italian Dinner Fundraiser for Disabled ARVN Veterans (Buescher Center Hall)	SK Be Duong
	1815	Power Rosary (Ministry Building – Room 313)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Ministry Building – Room 312)	WGK J. Montes

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	1700	SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat	SK R. Passarella
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBD	Citizenship Essay Contest Consensus Meeting	SK M. Marzec
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Knight's Room)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	0700	SANCTIFY Young Adult Retreat Help	WGK J. Montes
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	1030	Council 14573 Daily Bread (815 E Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

## LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	0900	District Soccer Challenge	WGK J. Montes
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	16:30	All Souls Mass	
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	0900-	Veteran's Day Parade	WFn B. Quinn
	1130	Flag Ceremonies @ Shady Oaks	
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Regional Soccer Challenge	WGK J. Montes

\*\*\*Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose  
Cardet at: [fso123788@cfl.rr.com](mailto:fso123788@cfl.rr.com)

### Notes:

- Please consider volunteering to assist with the Knight's Activity Events. Sign up using SignUpGenius.

### Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>: All Souls Day Mass (1630)

### Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

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SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK R. Passarella	321-431-0982
Sk M. Marzec	321-543-1404

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard	412-779-9970
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## BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



### From the Faithful Navigator



### Sir Knights

Please consider participating in the Novena for Life that started on Sunday, October 6 — first reading after 7:30 Mass. The Annual Life Chain was scheduled to be held at Ascension on Sunday, October 6 at 2PM on Highway 1 in front of the Church. Please support this and the monthly events if you can and wear your red Council or Star Assembly shirt.

We have a Round Table with Father John on October 15 so if you have anything you want me to bring up with Father John please let me know beforehand.

Finally, this is the time of the year when we have to push membership. We have our big Exemplification Ceremony in Orlando coming up the Thanksgiving weekend so we all need to do our part to bring new members up from the Council and join our ranks. So please talk to Council members when you see them and I encourage you all to personally contact at least one member of the Council and let them know they are welcome as members of the Fourth Degree.

Our next meeting is November 7 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:15 we will pray the Chaplet of the Devine Mercy. We had a dry run of this before the October meeting with several members and it went quite well so please consider coming to the meeting a little early to participate.

Vivat Jesus

**SK Bill Quinn**  
**Faithful Navigator**

Next Assembly Meeting — November 7, 7 PM in the Knights Room  
Chaplet of the Devine Mercy Prior to the Meeting at 6:15



**Membership.** One way to stand out is to wear your Assembly shirt to Mass — especially on the first weekend of the month. You may get asked about the shirt which will open the opportunity to bring in new members into not only the Assembly but also the Council.

We need to keep up the recruitment efforts and make our goal to bring in any and all members from the Council who want to move up to the Patriotic Degree. Spread the word that they are very much welcome into the ranks of the Assembly. It will be a very rewarding experience for them as we support the patriotic activities of the Knights. And let them know they do not need to join the Color Corps to be a member of the Assembly.

- Our next Exemplification opportunity will be the Thanksgiving weekend on November 30 where the event will be held in Orlando.
- Make it your goal to approach one Council member to bring forward to the Fourth Degree.
- We already have one new member for this Fraternal Year — Felix Rodrigues. But we need to keep up the effort to meet our membership goal.

## Next Assembly Meeting – November 7, 7 PM in the Knights Room Chaplet of the Devine Mercy Prior to the Meeting at 6:15

### 2024-2025 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 16 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
July 23 1800	St. Joseph Icon	SK Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
August 4 1400	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	SK Bobby Sullivan CCC Eddie Merlet
August 11 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Jose Montes FN Bill Quinn
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Oct 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 2 1630	All Souls' Day Memorial/Vigil (ask Fr. John B.)	PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 11 TBD	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
Nov 21	Vietnam/American Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Dec ?? TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Jose Montes FN Bill Quinn
Dec 21	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Bill Quinn FC Rob Light
Jan 21 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Jan 11? TBD	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House American Heritage Girls	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
Jan 28 1600	Deployed Family Dinner 84 Harrier Ave., Satellite Beach, FL	FN Bill Quinn FP Ralph Carestia SK Frank Conley
Feb 12	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House Ascension Scout Troop 173 & Trail Life Boys	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
March 17 TBD	Saint Patrick's Day Parade	CCC Eddie Merlet
April 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP





# ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC

A blessed gathering of our faith community

## SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO...

Knights of Columbus Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573 for organizing the picnic and serving us so well. This event takes weeks of planning and many details to cover. They make it look effortless but it is far from easy. Your community appreciates you and is grateful.



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and Ascension Council of Catholic Women. You show up time after time, always ready to help and ensure all are well taken care of. How blessed we are by your "Yes".

To the many who brought side dishes, desserts and more. Your good cookin' is a blessing!

Big thanks to all who attended and made this picnic the incredible gathering it became. The presence of every person brought forth the Light of Christ shared through your smiles, laughter, dance, and joy!



**September 22 @ Wickham Park**













# Novena for Life JOIN US!



Msgr.  
Martin B.  
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14573

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. We invite you to join us in a 9 DAYS FOR LIFE novena for the protection of human life from **Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>** after daily morning mass (on Sundays after 7:30 AM mass). Each day there will be a prayer intention, reflection, and suggested acts of reparation and it will take less than 10 minutes.

You can also participate from home via pre-recorded videos which you can find on our council's webpage at

[www.kofc14573.weebly.com/novena](http://www.kofc14573.weebly.com/novena)

Or scan the QRCode:



• This year, starting on October 6th, which is this year's National Life Chain Day, we are planning to conduct a Novena For Life to pray for nine consecutive days for end of the tragic practice of abortion, for the support for every pregnant mother, and to elevate awareness of this topic as we approach the time of the election and the proposed Amendment 4 in Florida that supports abortion. Fr. John approved this program during our roundtable with him last month.

• The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. We invite you to join us in a 9 DAYS FOR LIFE novena for the protection of human life from October 6th, which is the National Life Chain day in 2024, to October 14th.

• As we approach the 2024 election and face choices like Amendment 4,

that have direct negative consequences over the protection of human life, let's pray for God to give us the wisdom to be well informed so that we choose life in every decision we make.

• There are 2 ways that you can participate:

1. Participate at your own pace and from the comfort of your home on your smart phone, tablet, or computer by watching pre-recorded videos of the novena intentions, prayers, and reflections of each day. There will be an email reminder each of those days. The Novena for Life page of the council's website has the links to the 9 videos done in cooperation with other ministries. Click [HERE](#) to see the page.
2. Participate in person after the morning mass each day between October 6th and October 14th. Parishioners are invited to stay after mass is over. The script to be followed for each day is about 5 minutes long, so people can stay for just a few minutes after mass to participate in the novena. We are looking for volunteers to read the novena script each day. If you attend daily mass this is a great way to contribute with prayer to the cause for life. Click [HERE](#) to see the script for each day and click [HERE](#) to sign up to read the script after one of the daily masses.

• There is an annual novena called 9 Days for Life at [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org) that is supported by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops and that usually takes place in January but can be done at any time. The plan is to follow that structure which is already scripted and takes only 4-5 minutes each day.

• Complete information on this is available on our website [here](#).

## 9-11 Anniversary Patriotic Rosary

**Patriotic Rosary** was held on Wednesday, September 11 at 12 Noon in the temporary church. Members of the Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary as well as a student from Ascensions Catholic School did all of the decades and prayers of the Patriotic Rosary. This annual event is spearheaded by SK John Pechar and this year we were able to bring in the fourth and fifth grade classes from the school. The event was very well received by all who attended. We look forward to doing this again to mark September 11 next year.







## Around the Ascension Community



Highway Cleanup — September 6



#1 — SK Eddy Merlet — Eagle Pride Run



Daily Bread — September 22



Color Corps — Funeral at Holy Name of Jesus





## Monthly Council Meeting



August Family of the Month  
SK Jerry and Lady Olga Kelly



August Knight of the Month  
SK Deacon Chris Meehan





# Candy Call!

FOR OCTOBER  
18TH TRUNK OR  
TREAT!

THE KNIGHTS HAVE PLACED A CANDY DROP-OFF  
CONTAINER IN THE PARISH HALL ENTRANCE TO  
RECEIVE YOUR CANDY DONATIONS

# Thank You!



**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SIR KNIGHT CHUCK MITCHELL MEMORIAL  
HALLOWEEN **Trunk or Treat** AT ASCENSION  
Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

This event will take place in the grassy area southwest of the Church. Trunk or Treat will also include fun activities, games, and food. It is open to all children of Ascension Catholic Community.

**BRING A FRIEND! COME IN COSTUME OR DRESSED AS  
YOUR FAVORITE SAINT AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A PRIZE!**

If you'd like to participate with your vehicle, **PLEASE SCAN  
THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP** or contact us at the information  
below. ALL TRUNK OR TREAT DECORATED VEHICLES MUST BE  
IN PLACE NO LATER THAN 5:30PM.



**PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED FOR  
THE BEST DECORATED VEHICLE TRUNK  
IN 2 CATEGORIES: HALLOWEEN/FALL  
DÉCOR AND "ALL SAINTS DAY" DECOR.**

Each family is asked to bring one canned good which will go to the food pantry at Ascension Social Concerns. If you can't come, please consider donating candies or goodies to help make this event successful. There is a candy drop off container at the entrance to the parish hall. Thank you!

For information, please contact Rich Passarella  
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[kareneatschocolate@gmail.com](mailto:kareneatschocolate@gmail.com) or 321-271-8118.

For complete information and to volunteer with SignUp Genius  
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## From the Ladies Auxiliary



As this is my first Newsletter submission since Installation, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. As a new Auxiliary member, it was with much trepidation that I considered the request to serve. I had concerns about my inexperience with the ministry and about my being a snowbird (that would be away for 5 whole months this year with my Mother), leaving not long after Installation. However, upon praying on the request and confirming that Lyn would be V.P., and Grace and Teri would stay on as officers, and the encouragement received from our Trustees and from so many others that we would have your support, how could I say no? This ministry and the Ladies who are within it are amazing, and it deserves to not only exist, but to grow and thrive. You are a well-oiled machine, and step in you have! I cannot thank you enough for all that you do to support our Knights, parish, school, and community. A big thank you to our Knights, also, for their support!

As you know, we did not meet in June, July, or August, but you continued to work hard, as needed, throughout the summer. Thank you all!

Some of September's activities were...

- \* Our first meeting back was held on September 19, along with the Power Rosary, Council Meeting, and Ice Cream Social. A big thank you to Jan for stepping in to run the meeting in the absence of both Lyn (surgery) and I (failed attempt to join via video). A second big thank you to all who attended, and thirdly a huge thank you to the Knights for the delicious ice cream!
- \* Women's and Men's CRHP Weekends - thank you to all of our Ladies who helped out throughout these weekends.
- \* Ascension Eagle Pride Run/Walk - thank you to all who helped prep and helped during the event.
- \* Ministry Fair - thank you to all of you Ladies who volunteered to represent the various ministries in which you participate.
- \* Sign-up Weekend - thank you to everyone who "got the word out" and recruited new members. Welcome to our New Members!
- \* Parish Picnic - thank you to the many Ladies who prepped for the event and served at the event, including the 50/50. The 50/50 brought in over \$100 for your efforts, and much fun was had by all who attended!
- \* New Ladies Auxiliary Brochure design - thank you, Lyn, for your hard work on updating our brochure to promote our Auxiliary.
- \* New Signs/Banner - we are looking into having new signs made for our upcoming Thanksgiving collection and possibly a new banner made for our Auxiliary.

As we look forward to October we will be focusing on our upcoming Trunk or Treat (October 25) and the Annual Thanksgiving Social Concerns Collection (October 2-3, October 9-10, and October 16-17).

Our Lady of the Month award will resume this month.

Our next meeting will be held on October 17. PLEASE NOTE that we will NOT meet in November or December (Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas to all!), and will resume meeting on January 16, 2025.

I believe that about sums things up! Have a fantastic October, keep doing all of the wonderful things that you do! I look forward to hearing all about it, and to seeing you all in person once again in December!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Becky Richard  
President, Ladies Auxiliary



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### Nobody Left Behind

When Father McGivney founded our Order, a key part of his mission was to help Catholic families attain a secure financial future. In keeping with that mission, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly recently announced updates to our member benefits.

Whether or not you are an insured Knight of Columbus, you are entitled to the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit. This is an accidental death benefit varies from \$1,500-\$5,000, depending on your age, whether you are insured and how long you've been a member.

The other updates I'd like to call out apply to insured members.

**Family Fraternal Benefit:** It's guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18, regardless of physical or intellectual disabilities. This also includes an automatic \$5,000 death benefit for children who die before age 61 days, including stillbirths from at least 20 weeks after conception.

**Orphan Fraternal Benefit:** provides \$500 monthly to a member's child who has lost both parents, up to age 19. This benefit also includes up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships, with a maximum total of \$20,000, per eligible orphan.

**Widow Benefit:** offers surviving spouses of insured Knights the opportunity to purchase Knights of Columbus products, and she and her children are eligible for scholarships.

We strive to bring Father McGivney's mission to life by offering you these valuable benefits. I would like to sit down with you to walk you through the benefits available to your family. Thank you, and I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney watches over our families this month.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

O God,  
to whose commands all the  
elements give obedience,  
we humbly entreat you,  
that the stilling of fearsome  
storms may turn a powerful  
menace into an occasion  
for us to praise you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



Hurricane Milton

The Collect for the Mass Proper:  
"For an End to Storms"

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus tell us: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

We pray for all those who we lost on September 11th and those we lost in the years following due to this unholy attack. We pray for those flying, for those on the ground, and for the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We pray for the children of those who perished that day. May God continue to give them strength and peace despite this terror being beyond understanding.

Christ tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. May the love of God touch the hearts and minds of those who wish us harm and turn their hatred into understanding and peace.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. Comfort and console us; we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

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.<sup>1</sup> 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**  
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Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

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Diocese of St. Augustine

**Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado**  
Archdiocese of Miami

<sup>1</sup> 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.

April 9, 2024

Florida Supreme Court OKs 'impact statement' on costs of the abortion amendment. The 6-1 ruling rejects arguments from the committee promoting the measure after months of legal wrangling. The revised financial statement will appear on the ballot with Amendment 4.

[Read the Ruling here](#)





# A Columbus Day Prayer

O Lord, we humbly pray  
that You will empower us to use our vision and our ability  
to explore new frontiers in ways that are pleasing  
to You and are empowering to all people.

On Columbus Day, we pray that we will  
use our talents and strengths for Your glory.  
Make us willing to challenge false notions  
about our world just as Columbus challenged  
the false notions of his day that the world was flat.

Give us the courage to venture forth into the unknown.  
Help us believe that You will guide us,  
provide for us, protect us and be with us  
on our journeys of life.

## The Catholic Spirit of Christopher Columbus

 [tfp.org/the-catholic-spirit-of-christopher-columbus/](http://tfp.org/the-catholic-spirit-of-christopher-columbus/)

August 31, 2012



The Catholic Spirit of Christopher Columbus

As the sun set, the Salve Regina hymn rang out across the Atlantic. Ninety men stood on the decks of three boats, led in prayer by Christopher Columbus, the foreign captain they had come to trust. They had kept the same ritual of evening prayers since they left Spain months ago, but tonight was different. Tomorrow would be the Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, Spain's great patroness. Columbus had promised his men that had they not spotted land by her feast day, he would order the ships to turn back, a promise he intended to keep. He knew Our Lady would not abandon the enterprise he had worked so hard to bring about. The signs that they were near land were increasing by the day.

As Columbus climbed the steps to his cabin, his gaze fell instinctively to the western horizon. Off in the distance, he caught sight of a light, like a candle rising and falling on the waves. Quickly, he called another man, who confirmed the sighting. The crews on all three ships were alerted, each man was on deck, peering out for signs of land nearby. At 2 a.m., the cry came out, "Tierra!" Land! The excitement of the crew was such that they hardly noticed the many hours it took to navigate the treacherous reef that surrounded their new destination. As Columbus knelt on the beach to give thanks, the following prayer rose from his lips:

[Read full article here](#)



## Videos of the Month







## Ascension Catholic School





## **Prayer Requests**

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### **Pray For Recently Deceased**

Brother George Schak

Joanne Wright — Sister of Lady June Loft

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Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

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 suffering under the jack boots of oppression

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

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

SK Doug Blair

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco

SK Bobby Sullivan

SK Pat Martin

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Lady Lyn Becker

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

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

James Richmond — Brother of SK Bob Richmond

Dino Plivia — Cousin of SK Dwight Collins

David — Son of SK John Harter

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

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

SK Rob Light

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

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco and SK Bobby Sullivan — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Joe or Bobby if you want to pray one of the decades for the Power Rosaries.

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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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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

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