



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



September 2024

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

August started busy with our Corporate Communion Mass and our Blessed Michael McGivney Membership Drive, both on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Color Corp for their reverent presence at the Corporate Communion Mass and thanks to all who helped with the membership drive. There were several men interested in learning more about the Knights and our Council. Some are still in the process of deciding, and some have just joined us. We welcome these gentlemen to our council and thank them for their decision join us to put their faith into action: Gregory Mockensturm, Eric Montes, Juan Palacios, and Brendan Shea.

We also had a team of 10 Knights who worked as Election Poll Workers during the August 20<sup>th</sup> Primary Election and volunteered to donate their pay to the Council and Assembly. A big thanks to Rich Passarella for leading the effort as Precinct Clerk and to Mike Marzec, John Miller, John Pechar, Bill Quinn, Mike Smith, Bob Holby, Jose Cardet, Randy Lascody, and Jose Montes for working in various roles.

School has started a new academic year and the administration has approved the activities with the school that we have planned for this Fall, which include the Soccer Challenge and a Citizenship Essay Contest in October, as well as a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest during Advent. We will be supporting the school with any requests for help and organizing activities, which could include a request to help during their Annual Eagle Price Run. Please stay tuned for announcements and requests for volunteers.

The month of September will be busy with the Parish Picnic on the Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 3PM. Be on the lookout for requests for volunteers as there will be a need for help loading the grills, food, tables, and other supplies on the truck to take to Wickham Park and also a need for servers, cooks, and cleanup when the picnic is over. The online signup for the Picnic is live already. Please consider helping and sign up [HERE](#).

We have some programs that need people to chair them. Those include the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest organized with the school, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnet sales. We also need chairpersons to plan the Christmas Party and lead fundraisers next year like the Latin Dance and 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. A huge thanks to Ken Raynor who is leading the Parish Picnic, Bob Richmond who is co-chairing the Soccer Challenge, Mike Marzec who is chairing the Citizenship Essay Contest and the Free Throw Championship, and Rich Passarella and Karen Mitchell who again are planning the Annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Halloween Trunk or Treat.

The Ladies are will meeting again this month, so we are planning an ice cream social after the September Council meeting on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. This council meeting will be in the large room in the Buescher center.

Vivat Jesus,

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

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



## **Notes from the Grand Knight**

**Membership Drive.** We held a very successful membership drive on August 10 and 11. This was in conjunction with the annual anniversary event to honor Blessed Father McGivney. We had the Father McGivney banner and our own Council banners in place outside both entrances to our temporary church. Tables were in place at both entrances as well and staffed by Knights and ladies from the Ladies Auxiliary. Our goal was to approach all Catholic men who attend Mass and at least give them the necessary informant on the Knights so they can decide if joining the Knights is the right move for them.

We were very successful with the drive and compiled a list of 16 gentlemen who we are contacting in hopes of having them schedule an interview with our membership committee. So far we have six gentlemen who have committed to joining the Knights and we expect to have them attend the next exemplification ceremony which will be held in the Knights room on August 29 at 7 PM. All Council members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**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 activities scheduled:

- **Eagle Pride Run/Walk (Sept)** - Knights can assist upon request with set up, traffic control, or other needs.
- **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 age 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. We have submitted tentative dates to the school for October 7 and 8. We are awaiting approval from the school for these dates. We would 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 myself and SK Bob Richmond.



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

**Citizenship Essay Contest.** This contest for our school 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. Topic of essays is "Most Important Virtues of our Elected Leaders."

**Novena for Life.** 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.

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.

The way I envision this working is:

- 1. Each of the 9 days, we send an email in the morning to the council and LA with a link to a video containing the prayers, intentions, and reflections for that day. The videos are done following the script provided by [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org). People can watch the video at their own convenient time, on their phone, tablet, or computer, without having to drive to Church. We can also post a link each day on the council's Facebook group page.
- 2. Each of the 9 days, we also have a group attend daily mass, it could be a different group each day, and after mass stay a few extra minutes and have someone lead with the scripted prayers, intentions, and reflections.
- The scripts containing the prayers, intentions, and reflections for each day is at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-novena-printable.pdf>
- The videos can be recorded using a phone, then we can edit them and store them on our Google drive. There would be one video per day. Then we email the link to each video each day along with a meaningful message. We also would place links to it on our website under a dedicated page.
- If we can get other ministries to participate that would be ideal. The Pro-Life Ministry is on board and we will meet with them later this month to present the idea more in detail.
- The webpage is ready. Here is the [LINK](#) and then you can click on the image for Day 1 to see what the video looks like with me already doing the first day.
- I also added links on the page to the vote no on amendment 4 message from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Day 2 could be someone from the Ladies Auxiliary, Day 3 someone from the assembly, Day 4 someone from the pro-life ministry, Day 5 someone from the young adults ministry, then someone from CRHP men's, CRHP women's, etc.



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

**National Elections.** We have 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. 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.

**Parish Picnic.** The Annual Parish Picnic is September 22 and preparations and plans are underway. This is an event where "many hands make light work" and a lot of help is needed over several days to make it happen with most of it happening on picnic day. The Picnic will once again be at the Wickham Park Main Pavilion on Sunday September 22nd starting around noon.

Help is needed loading the truck to transport what is needed from the Parish to the park, unloading, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up tables, and getting things back to the Parish, so a lot of volunteers are needed. The signup is organized in shifts so you can still enjoy the picnic. Please use this link to sign up: [PICNIC](#)

You can also find more information about this on our website under "[Upcoming Events](#)"

Our chairperson for this event is SK Ken Raynor. He can be contacted at 321-795-0174.

**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 will be available to sign up for the many jobs necessary to carry out this event — so stay tuned for more information.

**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 September

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.

Harry Capadano	September, 2
John Walsh	September, 3
Martin Ruzicka	September, 5
William Quinn	September, 6
Abner Garcia	September, 9
Enrique Wong	September, 9
Philip Gaeta	September, 10
Salvatore Grasso	September, 10
Joseph Ciciulla	September, 11
William Terneus	September, 12
David Sullivan	September, 14
Nicholas Inbornone	September, 15
Rogelio Cortes	September, 16
Robert Light	September, 16
Louis Hoffman	September, 17
Damian Madigan	September, 17
Charles Benevente	September, 21
Ashley Breaux	September, 24
Daniel Brinkmann	September, 27
Wayne Hosburgh	September, 28
Werner Schulz	September, 30

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# September Activity Calendar

**Sept  
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
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	1345-1500	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineda Causeway)	SK B. Sullivan
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> / Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Assembly Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WFN B. Quinn
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	1200	9/11 Patriotic Rosary (Church)	PFN J. Pechar
	1700	9/11 Memorial Ceremony (Brevard Veterans Memorial Cntr.)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Councils Officers Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	1815	Power Rosary (Knight's Room.- 312)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Buescher Center – Large room)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	0900	Ascension School Eagle Pride Run/Walk (Support as requested by ACS)	WGK J. Montes
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1000 - 1500	Parish Picnic (Wickham Park Main Pavilion)	SK K. Raynor
	1030	Council 14573 Daily Bread (815 E Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Knight's Room)	WGK J. Montes

## LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>		Council Soccer Challenge	WGK J. Montes
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	0730	Novena for Life	WGK J. Montes
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	1700	Annual SK C. Mitchel Trunk or Treat	SK Rich Passarella
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Citizenship Essay Contest	SK M. Marzec

\*\*\*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 Parish Picnic. Sign up using SignUpGenius.

### Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup>: Women's CRHP Retreat
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup>: Men's CRHP Retreat

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SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
SK Kenneth Raynor	321-795-0174
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SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473

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

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## BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



### From the Faithful Navigator



#### Sir Knights

We finished off August in good form. SK Rich and myself went to Jacksonville with then brother Felix and returned with SK Felix Rodriguez. Don't forget to congratulate him at the next Assembly meeting. Looking forward to the Patriotic Rosary this month, please come out and join us on the eleventh.

**Next Assembly monthly membership** meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, at 7 PM in the Knights Room in the Ministry Building. See you there.

Vivat Jesus

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

### From Color Corps Commander SK Eddy Merlet

The month of August has been somehow very quiet for the Color Corp with the following events:

August 11th, quarterly corporate communion at Ascension and the following SK participated: Eddy Merlet, Bill Quinn, John Miller, Ric Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Elmer Rivera & Edward Barry.

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> degree Exemplification in Jacksonville Florida and the following SK have participated: WFN Bill Quinn & PFN Ric Passarella.

Thank you & God Bless!

**Patriotic Rosary** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 12 Noon in the church. Volunteers from the Assembly will lead the decades of the rosary as we did last year. We also plan to have students from Ascension Catholic School attending the Rosary this year — from 4th and 5th grades.. Contact SK John Pechar for more information.

**New Members.** All Council members are invited to move up to the Fourth Degree. It will be a very rewarding experience for you as we support the patriotic activities of the Knights. You 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.
- So please, consider moving up to the Fourth Degree.
- See FN Bill Quinn or SK John Miller if you would like more information on the Fourth Degree.





## Patriotic Exemplification at San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church in Jacksonville

On Saturday August 24th a Knight from Ascension's Knights of Columbus Council 14573 attended the Florida District, De Soto Province Patriotic Exemplification at San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church in Jacksonville, FL. Let's welcome to Bishop Norbert M Dorsey, CP Assembly 3482 our new 4th Degree member Sir Knight Felix Rodriguez. Supporting our new Sir Knight at the Patriotic Exemplification was Assembly Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Bill Quinn and Faithful Trustee Sir Knight Rich Passarella. This Exemplification and the banquet afterwards was special with 50 Knights becoming Sir Knights. The exemplification was hosted by Switzerland Council 12664, and Ave Maria Assembly 3008. Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier Bishop of St Augustine who was also guest speaker at the banquet.



### 2024-25 Proposed Assembly 3482 Budget

Category	Budgeted
Patriotic (new spending)	500
Flag Retirement	200
Shady Oaks	200
Administrative	500
Tunnels to Towers/Be	250
Honor Guard	300
Honor Flight	400
Food	300
Welfare	50
FN Discretion	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3200</b>

Income	Budgeted
Dues	1700
50/50	200
Election	500
Flags for Heroes	750
Misc	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>3200</b>



## 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



In somber remembrance of and to pray for  
those who perished, for those who were  
injured, those who lost loved ones and for  
our Nation, we will pray

## The Patriotic Rosary



*Knights of Columbus*



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*Assembly 3482*

**Ascension Catholic Church Parish Hall  
Noon • Wednesday September 11th**





## From Spiritual Advisor SK Deacon Tom Stauffacher

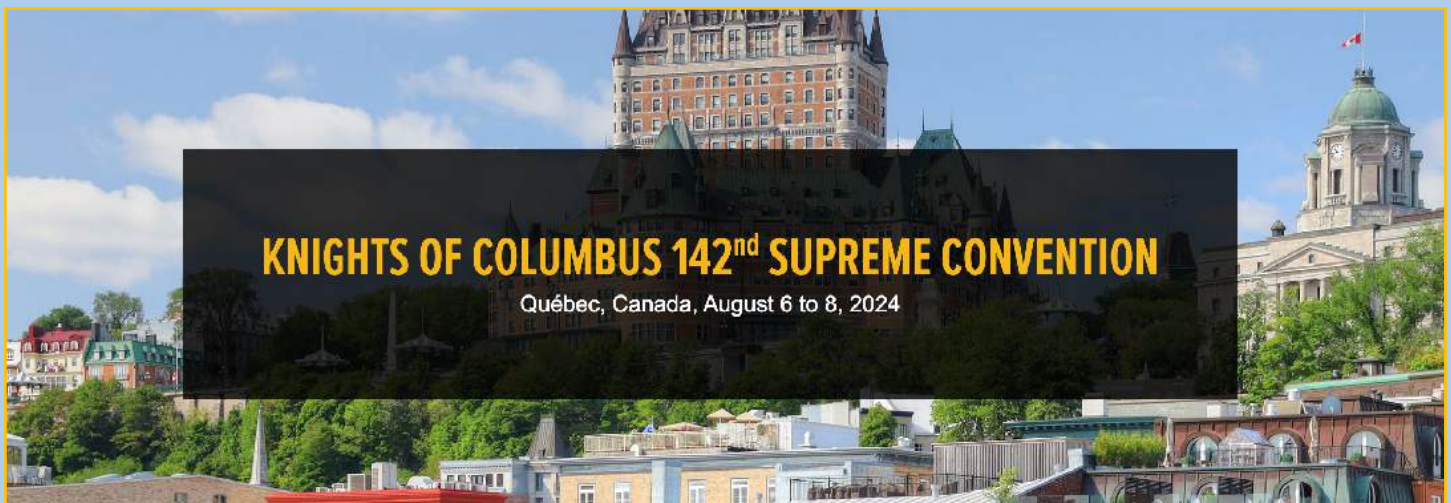
We all read the bible, right? So I was thinking the other day about how the Bible talks about us — all of us as Knights. Jesus faced a lot of things and we as Christian Knights also face many things to deal with every day. There are always hostile powers that work against us around the world that seek to destroy our way of life — our Christian ethics.

Most of us can remember from our past our TV sets growing up — most were black and white and the only remote controls available were when our parents told us to change the channel — since there were very few channels, these channel changes were usually few. So we often had to listen to the radio — and what did we listen to? — the Lone Ranger — and Lamont Cranston — “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men — The Shadow Knows.” We know people — people where talk is cheap — what they talk is not what they mean. Someone may talk like their intentions are good but their actions tell a different story. So we are often put into the position of having to determine if what they are saying is really what their intentions are.



As Knights the way we act is far more important than what we say. Someone can make a mistake — do something obviously wrong — and we may judge that person on that one mistake regardless of all the other good that person may have done. We may judge without the facts, specifics, or substance. We are sometimes too quick in our judgements — we too often judge based on our opinion. God does not judge us on one act. If that were the case, most of us would be in big trouble. God loves us for what we are. God's judgement is not hasty — it is based on mercy, mitigation, and extenuation — the situation we are in — why we did what we did. So with God, we are judged based on the amount of penance we perform, contrition and conversion — how we change our hearts and minds to act better — to do what is right. This applies to all of us as Knights — in our personal relationships — in the Parish, with our family and friends, and in our work environment. To live the four principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus — Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

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## Presentation by Faithful Historian SK Deacon Chris Meehan

### Game On!

#### **Kriegsspiel** – ‘War Game’ Battle Simulator

*Kriegsspiel*, a German word meaning War Game, is a fascinating study in the evolution of military planning tools. Information in this presentation was extracted from the articles listed in the References section with some editing by the presenter and supplementary material to improve order and content.

#### Origins

##### A game originating in history

*Kriegsspiel* evolved from an Indian game dating at least to the sixth century AD known as **chaturanga**, or “four-limbed”. The pieces in *chaturanga* represented the four divisions of the ancient Indian army namely elephantry, chariotry, cavalry and infantry. (An ancient battle formation, *akshauhini*, is like the setup of *chaturanga*.) The pieces also included the Vizier (a high-ranking minister or political adviser of the near east.)

As the game migrated to the west, elephant pieces transformed into bishops, chariots into rooks, (cavalry into Knights), infantry into pawns, and the vizier piece became the queen; also, the name changed to the game we call **Chess**.

In the late 18th century, the German mathematician Johann Hellwig attempted to restore realism to chess and make it a practical military-training tool. And so, updated with 1,617 squares and modern artillery, *Kriegsspiel* was born.

#### Evolution

##### From game to strategy tool

Hellwig’s game was a commercial success, but too rigid to be useful to military officers. After the German military strategist Georg Leopold von Reisswitz spent years improving it, his son, Georg Heinrich Rudolf Johann, completed the job. Taking advantage of modern map-making techniques, Reisswitz Jr redesigned the game to be played on scaled maps of actual battlefields.

In 1824, the Prussian royal family invited the younger Reisswitz to present *Kriegsspiel* to the court. King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia and his court were impressed with it that General Karl von Mueffling exclaimed: “It’s not a game at all! It’s training for war.”

#### *Kriegsspiel* (“War Game”)

##### How It Works

The game was played on scaled maps of actual territories. Planning officers were divided into two teams, controlling red- and blue-painted lead-block troops representing German and enemy forces. Each turn represented two minutes of warfare, and the teams could do anything real forces could do in that time – move their troops, send scouts, initiate an attack. To simulate the fog of war, teams couldn’t see their opponents’ full positions, and so sent commands through a seasoned umpire who estimated outcomes for each action. The game became mathematically rigorous: players consulted tables of data from real battles to determine the casualties of a given artillery exchange. Dice rolls introduced randomness into the outcomes of attacks. Troops advanced a realistic distance per turn.

#### Effectiveness

##### How useful was it?

*Kriegsspiel* proved a remarkably accurate simulation engine. Officers used it to predict when and where their troops would need to be resupplied or reinforced. As war machinery improved, the game incorporated new weapons, tanks and aeroplanes. . . . Wilhelm I, who had, as a boy, played *Kriegsspiel* at home in the royal palace, became king in 1861. He used the game to plan a range of astonishing victories that united the first German Empire. *Kriegsspiel* became internationally famous.

Hitler, who had no formal military training, described this sort of game as “childish force calculations.” His officers had previously used it to try to dissuade him from inciting conflict: in 1938, when the Führer was contemplating the invasion of Czechoslovakia, General Ludwig Beck used *Kriegsspiel* to argue this would escalate into a second world war. Hitler had wanted to plunder their neighbour to strengthen the weak German economy. But this weak economy, Beck argued, was precisely why war was a bad idea. Germany was in no position to fight France, and Britain would then be drawn into the fray. Hitler retorted that his officers were to execute his orders, not to question them using a plaything.

Yet his troops were stretched even thinner; By 1940 . . . the Führer was forced to find a new approach to block the Allies. Captain Erich von Manstein showed, via *Kriegsspiel*, that a bold strategy of making a “sickle cut” directly through France, driving towards the English Channel to cut off Allied forces, would be better. Hitler liked the plan for its audacity, which accorded with his intuition. Most German officers thought it too radical to work, and those who supported it did so largely out of desperation – the Nazis were out of moves. To virtually everyone’s surprise, Manstein’s plan was a success, and the Nazis took France in June 1940.

#### Impact on History

##### How has *Kriegsspiel* shaped world events?

Though often dismissed as trivial, games have reshaped – even saved – the world. In 1983, as Cold War tensions were rising, the political theorist Thomas Schelling arranged a top-secret nuclear-war simulation game for 200 US politicians and military officials. The result of the gamed scenarios horrified everyone: in some cases, nuclear war escalated to the total destruction of life on Earth. In one of the more optimistic outcomes, casualties numbered half a billion, with another half billion expected to die from radiation poisoning. As a result of these exercises, Ronald Reagan’s administration pivoted to de-escalatory nuclear rhetoric and opened sweeping arms-control negotiations with the Soviets.





## Game On (Continued)

This wasn't the first time the fate of the world had hinged on a game. Having contributed to the Nazis' early success, *Kriegsspiel* would also play a role in their downfall. In late 1940, Hitler's officers used it to plan their invasion of the Soviet Union. According to their simulations, the Nazi troops would destroy 240 Soviet divisions, leaving only 60 remaining. The Germans projected such a thorough victory that they didn't bother gaming beyond November.

Almost exactly as anticipated, by November 1941, 248 Soviet divisions lay destroyed – but Stalin had war-gamed the invasion with *Kriegsspiel* beforehand, too, and Gen Zhukov had role-played brilliantly as the Germans. He had left Stalin so distraught by the simulated rout that the Soviet leader had ordered a massive mobilisation of troops in the real world. When November actually came, after those 248 divisions were lost, Stalin had 220 left – not 60 – and as winter set in, the Nazis became bogged down in a war of attrition. It marked the beginning of Hitler's end.

### What About Today?

War gaming continues as a training and strategy tool

Today, most major militaries still use war simulation games. While *Kriegsspiel* proper is primarily the remit of hobbyists and historians, its principles have remained a vital part of military education.

-- From 1977 to 1997, the US Army used the game Dunn Kempf, named after its two creators, to teach tactics to officers. Playing on scale models of Eastern European terrain, students learned pragmatic techniques such as the use of smoke as a defensive screen.

-- Intelligence and defence officials still play commercial games such as "Persian Incursion" to foster creative thinking about foreign conflicts, while the US Marines play "Transition and Tumult", designed to simulate conflict in Sudan, to practise quelling local unrest.

### Modernization

Inspiration for an entire genre

Simplified variants of *Kriegsspiel* have also found their way into the homes of civilians. In 1913, the avowed pacifist HG Wells published a book of rules for a *Kriegsspiel* variant called Little Wars. He hoped it would inoculate its players against militarism, concluding: "You have only to play at Little Wars three or four times to realise just what a blundering thing Great War must be."

RISK -- A Game of World Domination

Little Wars didn't stop the real thing, but it inspired a new family of commercial war games.

In the **1950's through 1970's**, a board game called **RISK** was all the rage. It was super popular while I was in high school (1968-72).

PanzerBlitz" (1970),

While European audiences, subject to firsthand experience of bloodshed, were less receptive to the genre, American audiences happily played games such as "PanzerBlitz" (1970), albeit with the death camps and famine sanitised.

Dungeons and Dragons / Warhammer

War games soon expanded from historical reenactment into fantasy:

First example: *Kriegsspiel*'s umpire was an early version of "Dungeons and Dragons" Dungeon Master. {Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game originally created and designed by Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson. The game was first published in **1974** by Tactical Studies Rules, Inc. It has been published by Wizards of the Coast, later a subsidiary of Hasbro, since 1997. Wikipedia}

Second example: The red and blue block troops of *Kriegsspiel* morphed into the epoxy miniatures of "Warhammer", which features a galaxy-spanning human empire at war with aliens, androids and gods. Warhammer is a tabletop miniature wargame with a medieval fantasy theme. The game was created by Bryan Ansell, Richard Halliwell, and Rick Priestley, and first published by the Games Workshop company in **1983**.

World of Warcraft and Call of Duty

These games, in turn, evolved into modern combat-based video-games such as World of Warcraft and Call of Duty. Many militaries intensively recruit from the gaming community, because the skills required for modern warfare – for instance, remote drone strikes mediated by computer screens – increasingly overlap with the skills that video-games hone.

(All those hours your kid plays video games may be useful after all.)

### Future

Where are war games headed?

-- Talk about impact of AI?

-- Wars fought entirely by machines operated remotely (Droid army as in Star Wars)?

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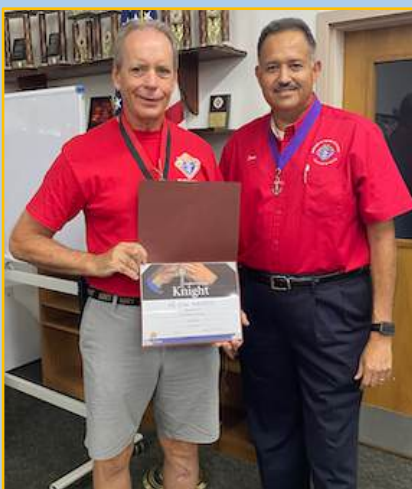
## Monthly Council Meeting



**July Family of the Month**  
**Joe and Mary Banasik**



**May Family of the Month**  
**Stephen, Meghan, Ethan and Lyla Gerrish**



**July Knight of the Month**  
**SK Bobby Sullivan**



**SK Joe Tocco selected SK John Pechar, SK Bill Quinn and SK Dave AmRhein for his annual "Time" Knight of the Year award**





## Daily Bread — August 25



## Highway Cleanup — August 2



Annual Blessed Michael McGivney Membership Drive held on August 10 and 11. The fruits of our labors — New Members Brendan Shea, Eric Montes, Juan Palacios and Greg Mockensturm with District 30 Deputy SK Pat Farrelly, District Warden SK Eddy Merlet and Grand Knight SK Jose Montes. We expect additional new members at the next Exemplification Ceremony in October.







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### Labor Day & Annuities

Brothers, Working with Knights like you and your families every day is a blessing. I truly enjoy my work! With that said, I appreciate a long weekend as well. I hope you were all able to enjoy Labor Day and get some well-deserved rest.

Whenever we have a long weekend, it's like a little preview of what retirement might look like. If you're like me, I hope my retirement is one that's restful where I'm also able to remain productive, be an active member of the Knights, pursue my personal hobbies, and enjoy a bit of travel here and there.

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## Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

Holy God,  
Creator of all people and all nations,  
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events  
That occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died  
In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93  
In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.  
Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss  
In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.  
May their painful memories of that day  
Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.  
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;  
We stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:  
By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;  
By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner  
and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;  
By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions  
in response to acts of hostility;  
By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;  
That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope  
And creators of new dreams;  
That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,  
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001  
By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,  
To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

- Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.



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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**  
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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](#)



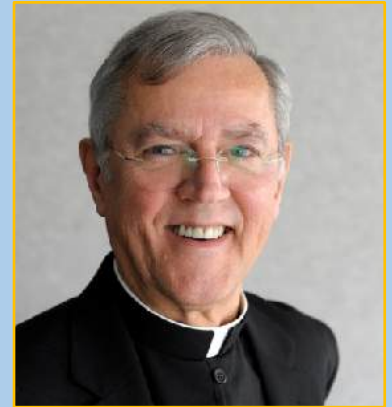
## A Recent Homily from Msgr. Anthony Tocco

Rev. Msgr. Anthony Tocco, fondly known as Fr. Tony, is pastor at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish, where he has served since July 1985. Fr. Tony is a cousin of SK Joe Tocco.

In our society it seems cruel that God would promise Abraham a son in his old age only to ask him to offer Isaac in sacrifice. Strange for us, yes, but not so strange in Abraham's time.

In Abraham's day, the practice of human sacrifice was not unusual. People in that pagan society believed that if they were to protect themselves from the wrath of the god Moloch, they would have to offer a first-born child in fire in order to appease him and they did just that.

Do you remember the word Jesus used when He spoke about hell? I have told you this before. It was Gehenna. (In the Hebrew Bible, Gehenna was initially where some of the kings of Judah sacrificed their children by fire) Thereafter, it was deemed to be cursed. In rabbinic lit Understand that Gehenna was not just a concept or a symbol. It was a real place on the outskirts of the city of Jerusalem. It was the later, when the Israelites began to inhabit the land, they were so appalled at the notion that this had been done, they refused to build dwellings in that area. They made the place a garbage dump and, in that place, at the time of Jesus, garbage fires were always burning. The look and the smell and smoke were atrocious. Thus, when Jesus wanted to let people know about hell, He used Gehenna as an example.



If Abraham sacrificed Isaac, it would have surprised very few people. The story was put in the Book of Genesis at this time in history to make it clear to people that the One, True God did not require human sacrifice. He was looking for self-sacrifice. He did not want us to sacrifice others in service to Him. He wanted us to sacrifice ourselves in service to others.

Today, the question is clear to us individually and as a society. Have we really given up human sacrifice? To my mind the answer is clearly no.

Abortion, my friends, is human sacrifice. It is human sacrifice offered at the altar of choice. The issue is even more clearly understood when during the last election, we heard prominent politicians, some of whom call themselves Catholic, debating once again whether abortion, partial birth abortion or the killing of a child as it is brought to birth, and even infanticide, the killing of a child born alive in a botched abortion, whether that should be allowed in this country. We now know that from top to bottom, they said yes. You might forgive me for asking whether or not we have really given up human sacrifice.

I will remind all of you that until Roe vs Wade, January 22nd, 1973, abortion was, for almost 2,000 years only a moral issue. It was never politicized. Until that time, most politicians and virtually all of the Catholic politicians would have been pro-life. Until then, a part of the Hippocratic Oath taken by every doctor, included a pledge never to participate in or perform abortions. Since Roe vs Wade, the pledge has been removed from the oath.

The basic question for all of us today is whether the fetus in the womb is a thing that can be discarded, or a child. If we clearly think that it is a child, shame on any of us for thinking that it could be killed. We really know that it is a child because loving mothers have answered that question for generations. You all know that I come from a very large family. I have seen my sisters, sisters-in-law and dozens of nieces with child. I learned from them very early on that there comes a moment in a pregnancy when a woman first feels life. It is called the quickening. It is an exciting moment for a couple expecting a child. I have never once heard any of them say "I just felt my fetus kick." What I have always heard them say is "I just felt my baby." With modern ultrasound technology, young couples expecting a child can get very excited when they see the first pictures of their infant in the womb. Have you ever heard any of them say "Oh, look at our fetus." Of course not! What they say is natural. "Look at my baby."

As things stand today, confronting this issue is still critical for a believing people. Since Roe vs Wade, sixty-two million infants in the womb have been murdered. Once again, I ask. Has our society given up human sacrifice? Understand this. God Himself is paying close attention to the choices each of us makes.

Recently, I Googled a talk by Senator Langford of Oklahoma defending the value of life on the Senate floor. He had three pictures of a 26-week-old child in the womb. His question was simple. "Is this a baby? Is this a child? She has a face. She has two eyes a nose, lips, a beating heart and a functioning nervous system." Again, he asked, "Is this a baby? Is this a child?" I ask all of you. Is it a baby? Is it a child? I encourage all of you, especially those of you who may be pro-choice, as a Lenten penance, to Google this piece. It will take twenty minutes out of your day. God will smile if you do.

Today's Gospel tells us to travel another road, to climb another mountain. We are invited to join Jesus on the summit of Mt. Tabor. There, if we allow it, we can be transfigured and transformed with Him.

We pray today, as we make life choices in our society, that God will give us the courage to choose rightly. May God also give us the Grace.

Cheers in the Lord,

Fr. Tony





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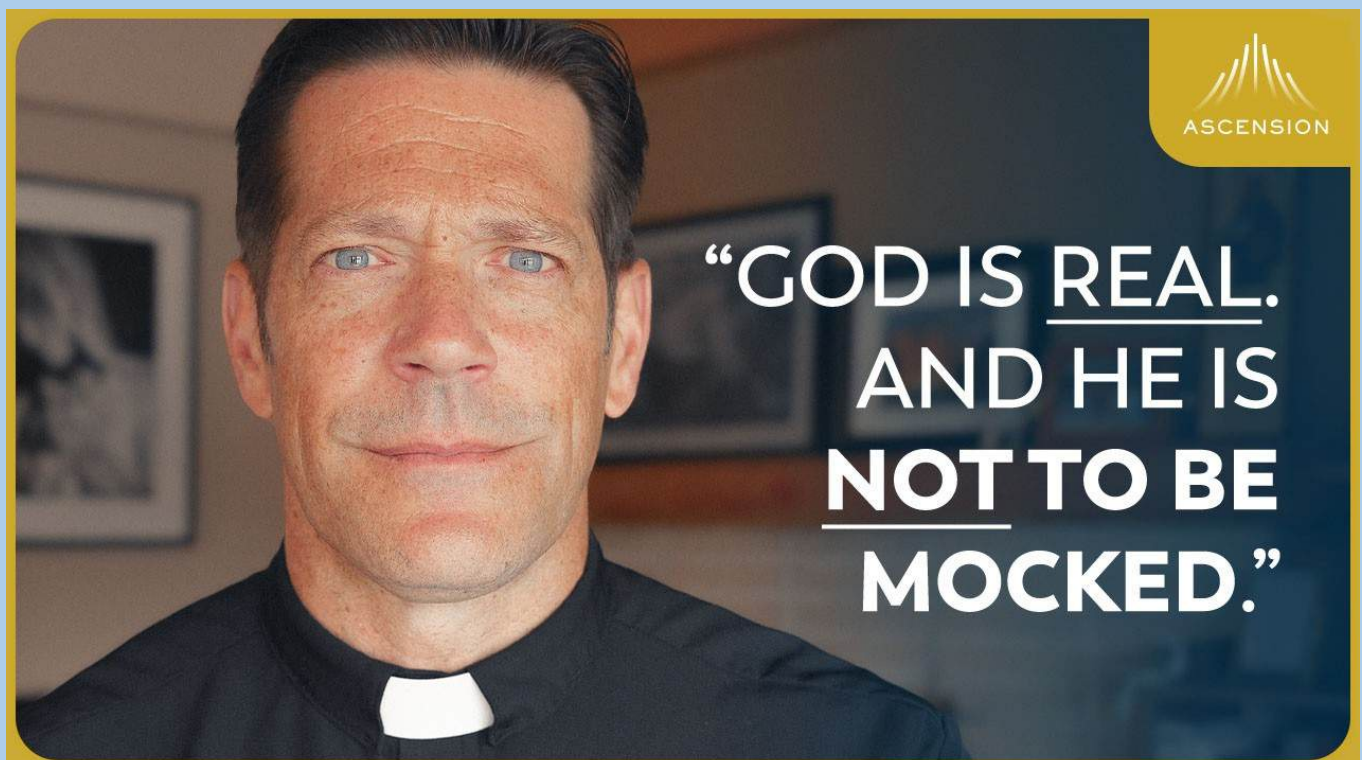
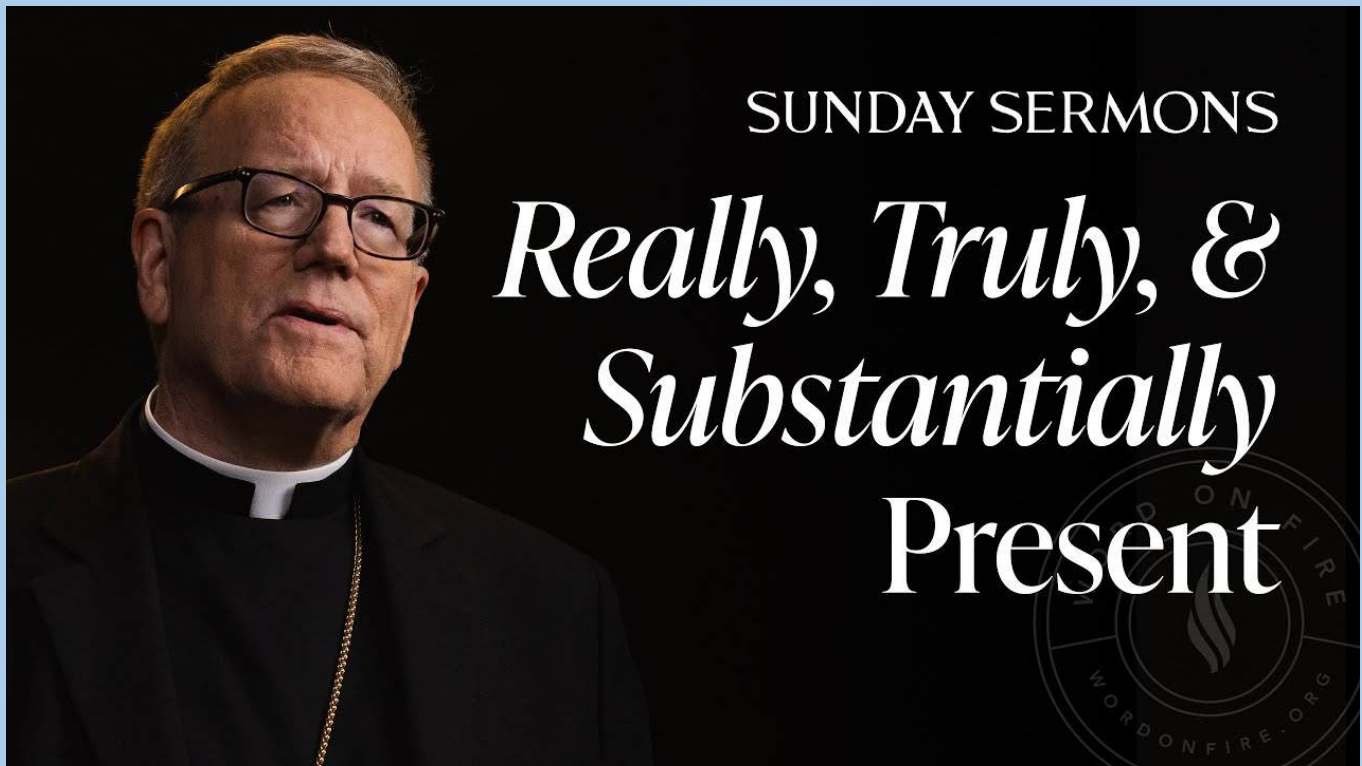
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## Videos of the Month





## Coats For Kids — 2024

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



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

- We had a very good year for Coats for Kids for these deserving children in Tennessee. With donations from local VFW that were given to us last year combined with the \$1000 donated by the Council. We opened donations up to Council members who wanted to contribute to this worthy annual cause. With these extra donations, we were able to order six cases of coats for the Coats for Kids program.
- From Principal Gyla Young
  - “The shipment came yesterday and we are so excited! Our school counselor, Ms Kendra, is going to get some passed out as school begins and then we will still have some to save for later as the season changes. We greatly appreciate you and our students will love their new jackets!” ❤️



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Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide  
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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  
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SK John Harter  
SK Joe "Giuseppe" Tocco  
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton  
Brother Joe and Arlene Ditta  
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson  
Lady Phyllis Ceravolo  
Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo  
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan  
James Richmond — Brother of SK Bob Richmond

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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.

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





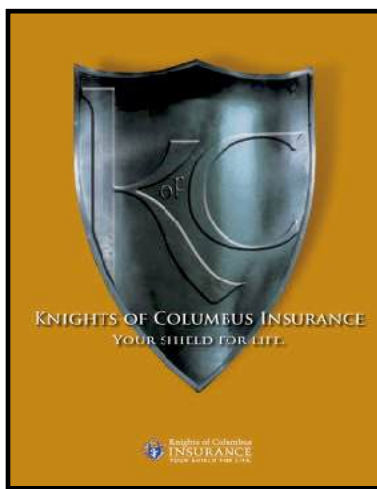
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Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows, because the one who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith. *Galatians 6:7-10*

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