



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Council 10169

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
December 2024 Council Newsletter**



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- We will say the **Rosary** at the Mary grotto on Jan. 17th and every third Friday from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We will also be saying a rosary about 30 minutes before the monthly business meeting around 6:00 PM with the meeting starting at 6:30 PM. We had a great turnout at the last rosary with about 23 people attending.
- **Adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is on Jan. 3rd and every 1st Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass and on Jan. 16th and every third Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the chapel.
- **Men's bible study** is every Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the hospitality room. This is a great fraternal activity and it also enhances our spiritual life.
- **The Chalice program** continues at Resurrection Catholic School and Santa Fe has expressed interest in starting one as well.

Family



- Congrats to the **Deardorff family**, our family of the month for December!

We would like to recognize more good families. If you know of a family who would make a great family of the month, please email us at kofc10169@gmail.com.

Family of the Year



- Congratulations to the **Spindler family** for being our family of the year for 2024!
- **Food for families:** Help us serve the needy at the food pantry behind the field at Resurrection School every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Thanks to those who gave out the **Keep Christ in Christmas** magnets!
- Thanks to the McCrea's and Schulender's for getting the gifts for two families that our council sponsored. One family has four children and the other has three.

Community



- Our next **Fish Fry** will be on January 3rd and the first Friday of every month after that until Lent. Come out to the Parish Hall to help from 2 PM to about 8 PM or anytime in between. If you come while students are still in school, please check in with the main office to get a visitor badge.
- Thanks to all who helped prepare Thanksgiving meals last month! We had a great turnout and appreciate everyone who donated a part of their Thanksgiving Day to help provide for others in need.

Life



- There will be a March for Life on Saturday January 18th. The event will kick off at city hall at 9 AM and end at St. Joseph's around 11 AM. There will be lunch afterwards at St. Joseph as well. Be there or be square.

Calendar

Check out our events calendar by clicking the link below:

<https://www.kofc10169.org/calendar>

Fund Raising



- Thanks to all of those who help support **Bingo**, our biggest fundraiser! It's a big time investment, but this event provides us the money to make all the donations that we make. If you want to also help, we have it every Thursday from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the Parish Hall and every Sunday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Santa Fe. If you would like to find out more information about helping out, please contact Keith McDonald at elfolks123@aol.com

Council

News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on January 13th from 6:30 PM to about 7:30 PM in the hospitality room located by the bell tower at Resurrection. Stay for food and fraternity after the meeting. We will say a rosary starting at 6:00 PM.
- We had a great Christmas Party! Thanks to Bill Cullen, Keith McDonald, Rich McCrea, Richard Frates and all who helped make this night a success.
- Another Knight, a member in St. Anthony's Council, experienced a major loss with his house being flooded by a hurricane. It was proposed that the Council provide Corey Breau \$1000 from our Knight in Need fund. The Council provided a first reading approval, requiring a second reading next month.
- A Scout Nick Montealegre has asked the Council for support for his Eagle Scout project, repairing food pantry food carts and making new ones. This is within the Grand Knights discretionary limit.
- Mike Gagne proposed that the Council provide funds for various sundries to support Resurrection nurse Hazel for her ministry. Following discussion, Mike agreed to obtain more detailed information relative to this request and her ministry needs.
- It was proposed that the Council provide \$1000 funding for the purchase of the new church organ, which was described as going to cost over \$200,000. The Council provide approval on the first reading, a second reading to follow next month.

- Please go to our website or click the link below to fill out approximately how many volunteer hours you have done in 2024 so far. We would like to get accurate information for our survey of fraternal activity form we need to submit in a few months. <https://form.jotform.com/243434686702056>
- Assembly 2546 is organizing the First Responders Recognition Dinner January 25th. Keep this date in mind. We need all Knights to support our brave first responders and attend. **Invite a prospective member.**
- There will be a District meeting on January 11th at St. Joseph Winter Haven from 9 AM to 12 PM. Officers are encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome to join us.

Knights of the Year



Congratulations to **Keith McDonald** and **Rich McCrea** for being our Knights of the Year for 2024! They are both very involved in our council and we would have a hard time getting by without them.

Welcome New Members

Anthony Garifi, Don Cooper, Martin Grace, Matthew Gull, Bernard Koly

Treasurer's Report

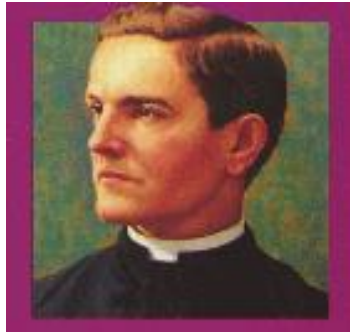


The treasurer reported for July through November, income of \$51,830, and expenses of \$50,288, of which \$37,044 was paid out to Charity

Insurance

Andrew Burke is our insurance agent. He will help look at your individual situation and make recommendations as to what insurance or financial products would be best suited to you. To make an appointment with him, call him at 863-456-8965 or email him at Andrew.Burke@kofc.org. His website is kofclawandusagency.com. Also check out our website at <https://www.kofc10169.org/insurance> for more information on what free benefits all members get.

Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen, Missy Spindler, Maggie McGowan, Maria, Sebastian, Jim Canfield, Tom Deardorff's brother, Assembly members Jim Deaney, Roger Hoffman, Jim Dodge and those who are forgotten.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus 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.

Come to Celebrate the Jubilee and experience the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Dates: April 24 - May 1, 2025



YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

April 24: ORLANDO/ROME

We depart on an international overnight flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

April 25: ROME

Upon arrival in Rome, we are met by our local Tour Escort and transfer to the city for a panoramic tour of the Eternal city, highlighted by Capitoline Hill and outside visit of Colosseum, an architectural wonder completed in 72 AD where gladiators met in mortal combat. We view the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the archaeological area of the Roman Forum. We celebrate Mass at a local church. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (D)

April 26: ROME

After breakfast, we enjoy a tour of the Roman Basilicas. We start with visit of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, followed by St. Peter's Basilica. After some time for lunch on own, the tour continues with visit of the other three major basilicas in Rome including St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Lady, (Mass can be celebrated here – subject to availability) St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, and St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the burial place of St. Paul. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

April 27: ROME - Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Witness history on the momentous day Blessed Carlo Acutis is declared a Saint! Blessed Carlo is the first Saint of the Millennial generation and truly a Eucharistic Missionary for the Digital Age. His canonization will be the highlight of the Jubilee for Teenagers. We will make our way today to St. Peter's Square to secure our spot for the canonization ceremony. Witness the grandeur, music, and moving speeches as Blessed Carlo is elevated to Sainthood. In the afternoon we walk to see the Piazza Navona, Piazza Venezia, Piazza Spagna with its famous Spanish Steps, and the Trevi Fountain where tradition says if you toss a coin over your left shoulder, you will return to Rome again. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

April 28: ROME/ASSISI

We depart Rome after breakfast for a scenic ride by motorcoach to Assisi. We arrive in the Valley of Assisi where we visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we visit the Chapel, Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where he retired for prayer. We travel up to the quaint hilltop, birthplace of St. Francis that still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s, the period when St. Francis began his ministry. We visit St. Francis's huge 13th-century Basilica built over his crypt containing many of the saint's possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. We continue to the Church of St. Clare to see the saint's incorrupt body. The foundress of the Order of Poor Clares followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. We may kneel before the San Damiano Cross from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis asking him to rebuild His church. At the end of the tour, we visit the tomb of the blessed Carlo Acutis at the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B/D)

April 29: ASSISI

This morning, we take a tour up to the Hermitage of Carceri located outside Assisi where St. Francis and his followers found a secluded place for prayer and meditation. Saint Francis returned there often throughout his life. Here we truly can see why St. Francis was the Patron Saint of birds, animals, and the environment. We return in the city and enjoy a free time on own peace. Walk the quaint narrow streets to shop, enjoy the local cafes. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. (B/D)

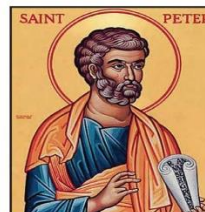
April 30: ASSISI/ORVIETO/ROME/ Fiumicino area

We depart for Rome (Fiumicino area) On the way, stop at Orvieto for a short tour of the city and visit the Cathedral of Orvieto Arrival and check-in the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B/D)

May 1: ROME/ORLANDO

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight back home arriving the same day. (B)

* (B,L,D) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



PRICE \$4,268.00 per person
based on double occupancy

Rates Include:

- Round trip international airfare Orlando/Rome; economy class
- Departures available from most major airports for an additional fee
- 6- night accommodation in 3* superior tourist class hotels
- Daily breakfast at the hotels
- 6 x dinners at the hotels or local restaurants / 3-courses / no drinks incl.
- Deluxe air-conditioned bus as per program
- Services of Bilingual English/Spanish speaking Tour Escort
- Sightseeing and entrance fee as per itinerary
- Portage at hotels – 1 bag per person in/out
- Whispers wherever they are mandatory
- City taxes
- Daily mass arrangement

Rates Exclude:

- Visa fees, if any
- Insurance (highly recommended)
- Visits and entrances not mentioned in the program
- Other meals or drinks not mentioned in the inclusions
- Photo and video shooting tickets
- Any kind of tips/gratuities
- Personal extras
- Minibar and room service in the hotels
- Any other items not mentioned in "Rates include"
- Single supplement - \$850.00 per person

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January Birthdays

Salvatore Ambrosino
Gary Bishop
Martin Frasco
Anthony Garifi
Philip McBride
Matthew McMann
Clyatt Mills
Greg Rieger
Amaury Rivera
John Robinson
Dale Wojdyla

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