



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



FEBRUARY 2024 NEWS & NOTES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Those Communist Nuns

As we drift toward socialism and beyond, I am reminded of my 9th grade parochial school teacher, Sister Mary Margret. As one of the good Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary she gave us a great education along with an ample dose of discipline, demonstrated by my slightly enlarged knuckles. It was 1963 at St Michael the Archangel School in Miami, Florida and we were wrapping up the school year. In Civics class we had learned about the common forms of government: Laissez-Faire, Monarchy, Democracy, Socialism and Communism. One student asked Sister Mary Margret "Sister what do you think is the best form of government?" The nun thought for a moment and then replied, "Why I think Communism is the best form of government."

We all gasped silently and immediately looked at each other whispering "WHAT! What is she trying to feed us?" Living 90 miles from the coast of Cuba we had a better awareness of Communism than most youngsters our age and that statement really caught us off guard. She went on to explain that, for example, her convent of nuns who teach at our school all took a vow of poverty and live a Communist lifestyle, to wit: "From each according to their ability and to each according to their need. And it works very very well. But there is one problem, one very big problem."

She then went on to explain that "For Communism to work...you have to have a bunch of nuns running it!" I never forgot that lesson.



Vivat Jesu!

Art



**Reminder:
Lent Begins Feb. 14th!**

Honorees

Knight of the Month (Pg. 2)



Family of the Month (Pg. 2)



**"DO YOU NOT
HAVE ONE HOUR
TO SPEND WITH
ME"**

EVERY FRIDAY

9am Until 12 Noon

St. Paul's Church

**Exposition & Benediction
Everyone Welcome!**



Council #5644 Website
KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Tom Burns, Monsignor Francis Carbine, Joseph Freund, Terry Graham, Phil Haurus, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Terry Landon, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, George Nefores, Bob Nixon PFN, Gregory Ochalek, Jennings & Cindy Paugh, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Al Ragona, Kathleen Skoblicki, Stanley Sparks, Richard Sullivan, Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Haley Williams.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January Knight of the Month is brother Joey Landon. Brother Joey has been a Knight for just a year and has attend nearly every membership meeting since. He was awarded the "Pumpkin Patch 5 Shifts or Better" award for most hours volunteered; and he is preparing to qualify for the Florida Special Olympic games later this year.

Joey, your service to the Knights is much appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for February 2024!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings:

The K of C Ladies' Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy Valentines Day. It falls on Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent so plan carefully. On Saturday, Feb. 3rd we'll be assisting at the Polish Dinner and subsequent Fish Fries. At these events we will have a Tray of Treats Raffle available. The tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The prize is over \$200 of gift certificates and gift cards. The drawing will be held on Feb. 23rd and we will have a different collection of gift certificates and gift cards for the next few weeks. This will give folks multiple opportunities to buy a raffle ticket for a new collection.

Our regular meeting will be held on 2/8/24 at the BMMMC Building, featuring our guest speaker Mary Titmus of Page-Theus who will discuss the benefits of pre-planned funerals but not selling. She'll also be bringing a luncheon arrangement.

Please keep all those friends and family who are in need of prayer to overcome illness or other difficult issues in your prayer devotions. Prayer warriors do miraculous things!!

Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins

Co-Presidents

Faith over Fear in ALL Things...Always!!

We have our own phone number: 352-913-5346 and email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com

These will be used on all publications and ads.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for February are Jim & Betty and son Tracy Suleski. Jim has been a Knight for over 40 years and a 4th Degree for almost as long. The Suleskis are snowbirds, from the Buffalo, NY area where he was very active when his home council had their hall, working bingo and hall rental receptions; but somehow when they are here they are "full-time" members of the St. Paul parish & Council 5644. You'll see Jim ushering or serving as an EMHC at the 9am Mass. All three volunteer at the Thrift Shop a couple of days a week. Notably, Jim & Betty will celebrate their 49th Wedding Anniversary this coming July!

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for February 2024!

WORDS OF WISDOM

"If you do not live what you believe, you will end up believing what you live."

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The January Membership Meeting was held the 17th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month; Food Service: 5:30 to 6:15pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm, Membership Meeting @ 7pm.

New Exemplification of Charity~Unity~Fraternity; All 1st & 2nd Degree Knights are encouraged and reminded they can immediately advanced to the 3rd Degree by merely attending an Exemplification; contact your Grand Knight Art Kalinski.

After the Rosary, the Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayers and the Draping of the Charter for Rev. Robert Smolley and SK Bill Kane, the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited; - GK report: December Minutes approved, Recap of events: Prior to his passing Bill Kane made a very nice donation to the Council and the Pumpkin Patch, 2/5 is Fr. Smolley's Funeral Mass at 8:30am, Return Program kicked off, with 30+ in attendance; January 28th Parish Picnic, 2/3 Polish Dinner, Ash Wednesday is Soup Dinner and Friday Lenten Fish Fries 2/16 - 3/22, 2/24-25 Citizens with Disabilities Drive at all Masses, 2/28 Sign up for Special Olympics in Orlando, 4/13 Mom & Sons Day at SPCS, 4/20-21 Hosting Hospitality Weekend, working on doing the Hockey Challenge @ SPCS; - Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 1/17/24; - Financial Secretary: No Report requested of him; - Faith Dir: Knights to Christ book, by the CO State Council \$10, highly recommended; Return Prgm; - Scholarship: 2024 Raffle sales, some tickets remain, contact Ken Lynch, 1st draw done already; - DD: Denis Milonas is new DD, spoke on the year's State Convention, May 25-26, elect your delegates; - 4th Degree: District Master lead the ASM in the Renewal of Obligation, Charter Draped in Memory: SK Bill Kane & Fr. Smolley; next meeting is 2/7; next Coffee/Donuts Taveras V.A. Clinic 8:30-10:30 next one is 2/9, next Habitat for Humanity Lunch in March, Certificates presented to 3 of 4 new SKs; - Old Business: None; - New Business: None; - Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$9, was **NOT WON** by Maxie Teberg; 50/50 - \$20 won by Larry Huhn; monthly Award recipient: Bernie Duko for Dec KOM, Crowells Jan FOM; Prayer List: add Charlie Clymer, Carole Cane and Richard Sullivan; - 20 members present, meeting adjourned 8pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Polish Dinner 2/3; Ash Wednesday Soup/Sandwich Repast 2/14; Lenten Fish Fries 2/16&23, 3/1,8,15,22

Next Membership Mtg: Wed. Feb. 21st, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



6 th Kelly E Way	24 th William L Hendry
7 th Gil L Pierson	Monte M Moon
11 th Allan R Albert	Ronnie G Rokisky
Vidal Garcia Viramontes	26 th Robert H Pusateri
12 th George Mello	27 th Dennis R Anderson
14 th Thomas V Cane	Brian J Beck
Christopher Procise	24 th Richard D Davis
16 th Keith A Wagner	George M Nefores (95)
21 st Theodore J Kornhoff	

Attendance Drawing:

\$9 was **NOT Won** by Maxie Tenberg...

Next month's drawing will be \$12.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$20 - won by Larry Huhn!

You have to be present to play & win!



MEMBERSHIP

As of 01/29/24, the Council has 170 members: 83 insurance, 87 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Congratulations to Brothers: Deacon Michael McGinnity & Jeffery Pfister on attaining their "Honorary Life" memberships in the Knights of Columbus.

Tom Diemer, FS



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: JANUARY WINNERS



- 1st Prize - \$75.00 - #226 Keith Trucug
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #104 Doris Browder
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #404 Tim Malone
- 4th Prize - \$10.00 - #057 Fr. Vincent Pierino



"The challenge is to make every encounter and event of our week a spiritual exercise through which we grow in our relationship with God. The more we do this, the more real God will become for us."

~ Fr. Eamon Tobin's book '13 Powerful Ways to Pray'

Ray Crowell,
Faith Director

COUNCIL SHIRTS

Show you're a member of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a council shirt.



For information and ordering contact:
Monte Moon 678-427-4595
or email: montemoon@att.net

Lenten Friday Fish Fries

Dates: February 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15 & 22
Serving Time: 5PM until 7PM in the School Cafeteria

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Cost: \$13 per person  
\$35 for Family of 4 (2 Adults & 2 Children)  
Dinner Proceeds Benefit St Paul's Youth  
Ministry Summer Mission Trip  
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Also, Stop and buy a raffle ticket from the Ladies' Auxiliary - \$200+ Tray of Treats



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! There was a carpenter who had a habit of taking jobsite materials home at the end of the day. His conscience got the better of him and he went to confession. Fr. Obrien said Paddy are you sorry for what you have done and resolve not to continue; he did. Father tried to think of an appropriate penance to impose; a Rosary was not it, nor saying many Our Fathers & Hail Marys. So he asked: Paddy, have you made the Stations of the Cross? And Paddy responded: No Father, but if you have the plans, I have the lumber!

As we begin this Lenten Season, may we all resolve to be better men and women; preparing ourselves for the most Blessed and Sacred time of our calendars, Holy Week and the institution of the Body & Blood of Our Savior Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, to His ultimate Sacrifice for us on the Cross and the Glory of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Are you ready?



Please Pray for Vocations!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL POLISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus annual Polish dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 1 PM to 3 PM in the SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Menu includes pierogi, galumpki, polish sausage in sauerkraut, chrusciks, and a drink.

LIMITED SEATING
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

Tickets are \$15

AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE



MAY BE SOLD OUT!!
CALL THE OFFICE FIRST...

FEBRUARY 2024

MARCH 2024

Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord 
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church 

Feb 3 St. Blaise 
Polish Dinner: Presale Only 
School Cafeteria 1-3pm 

Feb 3/4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions 

Feb 7 NO SOCIAL

Feb 9 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church 
Feb 10 St. Scholastica 

Feb 10/11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday/Soup Dinner-HFR 
4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC 

Feb 16 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross 
Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Feb 17/18 1st Sunday of Lent

Feb 19 Presidents' Day 
Feb 21 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm 
Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC 


Feb 22 The Chair of St. Peter 
Feb 23 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross 
Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Feb 24/25 2nd Sunday of Lent 
Feb 29 Leap Year Day



Mar 1 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross 
Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Mar 2/3 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mar 4 St. Casimir

Mar 7 Ss Perpetua & Felicity 

Mar 8 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church 
Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Mar 9 St. Frances of Rome

Mar 9/10 4th Sunday of Lent

Mar 10 Spring Forward/DST Begins 
Mar 13 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC 

Mar 15 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross 
Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Mar 16/17 5th Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick's Day 

Mar 19 St. Joseph 

Mar 20 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm 
Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC 

Mar 22 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross 
Last Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Mar 23/24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Mar 25-30 
Holy Week 

Mar 28 Holy Thursday

Mar 29 Good Friday 

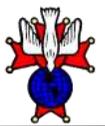
Mar 30 Holy Saturday 

Mar 30/31 Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday 



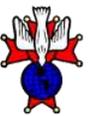


Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets



**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic
Friday, Feb. 9th from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



**Grand Knight Art
presenting the
December Knight
of the Month to
Bernie Duko**



**Grand Knight Art
presenting the
January Family
of the Month to
Ray Crowell
(JoAnn Not
Shown)**



4th Degree Assembly 1675

Faithful Navigator Duane Costello presenting their 4th Degree certificates to Sir Knight James Beehler from Council 10853, Sir Knight William Collins from Council 5644 and Sir Knight Timothy Jaskiewicz from Council 10853 (not present was Sir Knight Gregory Ochalek from Council 5644). All were Exemplified on Saturday, November 25, 2023.



**Next Opportunities are:
March 9 - Parrish, FL
May 11 - Naples, FL
May 15 - Coral Gables, FL
August 25 - St. John, FL**

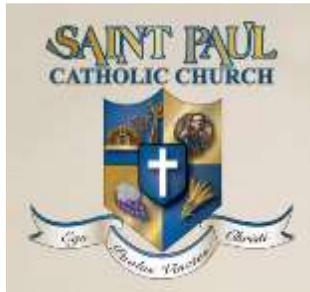




St. Paul Parish Picnic 2024



THE SATURDAY PREPPERS!



THE SUNDAY PREPPERS!

THE GRILL SEARGENTS



IF YOU COOK IT, THEY WILL COME...



SERVING THE MASSES!

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I would like to thank the following people for volunteering for the Parish picnic. It is through their time and effort that it was a huge success. We had people prepping, cooking, and serving to a crowd of about 300.

THANK YOU, Bernie Duko, David Vasseur, Jan & Joe Huber, Mark Ochalek, Frank DeLise, Joe Bono, Kelly Way, Chris Procise, Doug & Ann Rollins, Vince & Mary Clair Zedler, Jo & Ray Crowell, Nick Nuciforo, Robert Allen, Dick & Barbara Davis, Ken Lynch, Bob Tardiff, Larry Huhn, Al Albert, Linda Appel, Cindy Diemer, Mary Robertson and Art Kalinski.

Again, if it wasn't for all of you stepping up to make the Knights of Columbus and the KofC Ladies Auxiliary an integral part of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Tom Diemer
Coordinator





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BLESSED
MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
Pray for Us!

[A Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney](#)

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, ... Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and Guardian of the Redeemer, St. Michael the Archangel, Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. Humble Servant of God, ... Faithful Disciple of Jesus, Son of the Immaculate Heart, Obedient Son of the Church, Exemplary Priest of Purity, Zealous Priest of Christ, Gentle Shepherd of Souls, Devoted Parish Priest, Wise Counselor, Teacher of the Faith, Servant to All, Protector of the Poor, Defender of the Widow and Orphan, Friend of the Lonely and Suffering, Companion to the Imprisoned, Comforter of the Sick and Dying, Apostle of Christian Family Life, Father to the Young, Advocate of Workers, Evangelizer of Those Gone Astray, Champion of the Gospel of Life, Guardian of the Laity, Pastor of Immigrants, Exemplar of Charity, Model of Unity, Builder of Catholic Fraternity, Instructor of Christian Patriotism, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael, humble in service, pray for us. Blessed Michael, devoted to the Sacred Heart, ... Blessed Michael, pure in heart, Blessed Michael, faithful in priestly duties, Blessed Michael, strong in suffering, Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying, Blessed Michael, conformed to Christ crucified, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!

V/ Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney,

R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. God, our Father, inspired by the heroic example of the life and virtue of your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, 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 outcast. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.