



Knights of Columbus St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Rise Against Hunger Event - February 21, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 6

KC Lenten Dinner

MARCH 8

Daylight Savings

MARCH 13

KC Lenten Dinner

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

MARCH 19

KC 3rd Degree Meeting

MARCH 20

KC Lenten Dinner

MARCH 27

KC Lenten Dinner

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

"Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

— Joel 2 : 13

GROW OUR BROTHERHOOD

Since the launch of ASAP in 2022, Knights have donated over \$19 million to more than 2,000 pregnancy resource centers! From February 1st through March 31st, Knights of Columbus will grant an additional \$250 to ASAP grantees in collaboration with local participating councils who exemplify 3 new members. Put your faith into action and join us today! To learn more about the ASAP program visit kofc.org/ASAP.



90%
of funding for pregnancy centers is raised locally.



Last year, Knights donated a record **\$6 million** to pregnancy resource centers through the ASAP program.



ASAP is more than just financial support. In addition, Knights provide:

- Formula & Diapers to moms in need
- Crucial baby gear for newborns
- Emotional support
- Connecting new parents with jobs



In the St. Ignatius Church Hall

FISH FRIDAY

Proudly Sponsored By KofC

4 - 7PM Every Friday Evening During Lent

Starts Friday, Feb. 20th - 4 to 7 PM

Dinner Includes:

Fish (Baked or Fried), French Fries, Cole Slaw, Scalloped Potatoes, Bread & Butter, Dessert & beverage

Adult Dinner = \$15

Child Dinner (under 15 yrs.)= \$10

Kid's Deal (under 8 yrs.) = \$4

(1 slice of pizza OR Mac-n-Cheese Cookie & Drink)

“FEED MY LAMBS”

Jesus spoke those words to his Apostles some 2000 years ago. That phrase carries two meanings, the first is to feed my people spiritually the Word of God, the other meaning is to physically feed my people.

Since the start of lent the Knights of Columbus have been doing just that, feeding the people with the Friday Lenten dinners.

Our priests and deacons have been doing an exemplary job of tending to the spiritual needs of our parishioners. We as Knights are heeding the second part of Jesus’s command. Our Friday evening Lenten dinners are an excellent opportunity to have a delicious meal and more importantly, a chance for fellowship with other members of our Parish.

In addition to attending yourself, how about asking those who sit in the pews around you? We are all creatures of habit and tend to sit in the same pew every Mass, the folks around you do the same, so you’re not really strangers to one another. How about introducing yourself as a Knight and inviting those that sit around you at Mass to come to a Lenten dinner. You be surprised what happens when you ask, so ask!

(Article and photos submitted by SK Steve Thomas)



“RISE AGAINST HUNGER”

For those unfamiliar with this term, it refers to a Rotary sponsored event where local community organizations come together to package dehydrated food as emergency rations. These meals are sent not only to the U.S. but globally, wherever disaster or famine strikes. Each package of food provides one nutritious meal.

The Tarpon Springs Rotary Club was the host sponsor of this event, along with several local community volunteer groups. As part of our Knights of Columbus Council 7621 community outreach program, we had several volunteers including children and grandchildren of brother Knights present.

The United Methodist church graciously donated its gymnasium facility as the packaging station, as seen in the photos, it was ample space to do this essential work. At the end of the day we had bagged 25,000 meals, sealed and ready for shipment.

This was our first time as participants, and we all agreed it was a very worthwhile project, one to be added to our calendar for next year.

(Article and photos submitted by SK Steve Thomas)





Baptismal Program

*Interested in helping?
You don't have to be a Knight;
couples are welcome!*

Contact: Steve Thomas (508-320-6423)



Contact: Don Tobey (727-815-8912)



Contact: Devin Akins (603-680-0274)

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

Congratulations and welcome to those newly baptized in February!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - *Noah James Edwards*

Officiant: Fr. Sojan

Baptism Team: John & Michelle Gregor



DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTE - SIR DAVID CREAMER

Brother Knights,

As we go further into Lent, we listen in the Gospels of how Jesus was acting as He prepared for the Passion that was going to lead to His rising and for us to have a chance at an eternal after-life with Him. Our actions aren't as critical as His were, but the consequences of what we do have effects on ourselves and on others. Through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we put ourselves in a better position to help not only us, but those around us. With each good act we get closer to God and are in a holier frame of mind to direct not only ourselves, but those closest to us.

Good actions don't have to be directed toward strangers. They should involve those closest to us so we can positively influence the ones we love, helping them grow and encouraging them to do charitable acts for others as well. Being an example for others to see is as important now as ever to bring as many as possible closer to God as we get closer to Easter.

May God bless us for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

**David Creamer
District Deputy 37**



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTE - SIR PHIL HOYLE

Brother Knights,

As we continue our journey through this sacred season of Lent, we are reminded that this is a time of prayer, sacrifice, and renewal. Lent calls each of us to draw closer to Christ and to live more fully the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity in our daily lives. It is also a time to reflect on the many blessings we share as brothers and as a Council.

Gratitude for Our Lenten Volunteers

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered throughout February at our **Lenten Fish Fry Dinners**. Each Friday has been a busy and successful evening, and it is because of your dedication, teamwork, and servant hearts that these events continue to thrive. Your commitment and involvement continue to lift and amaze me. The time you give to support our parish and one another is a true witness to the strength of our brotherhood and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

A special thank you as well to our **Life Teen** members who have volunteered at the dinners. This has become a wonderful partnership, and it is inspiring to see these young Catholics living their faith through service. Their energy and willingness to help are a blessing to our parish and a reminder that the future of our Church is bright.

A Blessing of Generosity

We are also incredibly grateful for an **anonymous donor** who has generously contributed **\$500** to support **young families attending our Lenten dinners**. This thoughtful gift will help ensure that families can come together and share in fellowship during this holy season. In addition to this generous donation, our donor has issued a **challenge to all of us** to consider giving as well – in whatever way we are able – to continue supporting these families and strengthening our parish community. We are thankful for this kindness and the spirit of charity it inspires in all of us.

Looking Ahead – Council Leadership

As we move through this fraternal year, we begin to look toward the next. We are now accepting interest from brothers who feel called to **serve as officers for the coming year**. Leadership within our Council is an opportunity to grow in faith, service, and fraternity. Please prayerfully consider stepping forward or encouraging a fellow Knight who you believe would serve well.

May this Lenten season continue to renew our hearts and strengthen our commitment to serve God, our parish, and one another. Thank you, Brothers, for your faithfulness, generosity, and continued dedication.

Vivat Jesus!

Phil Hoyle
Grand Knight

Grow our Council, Support our Parish, Grow as Catholic Men in Charity, Unity, Fraternity

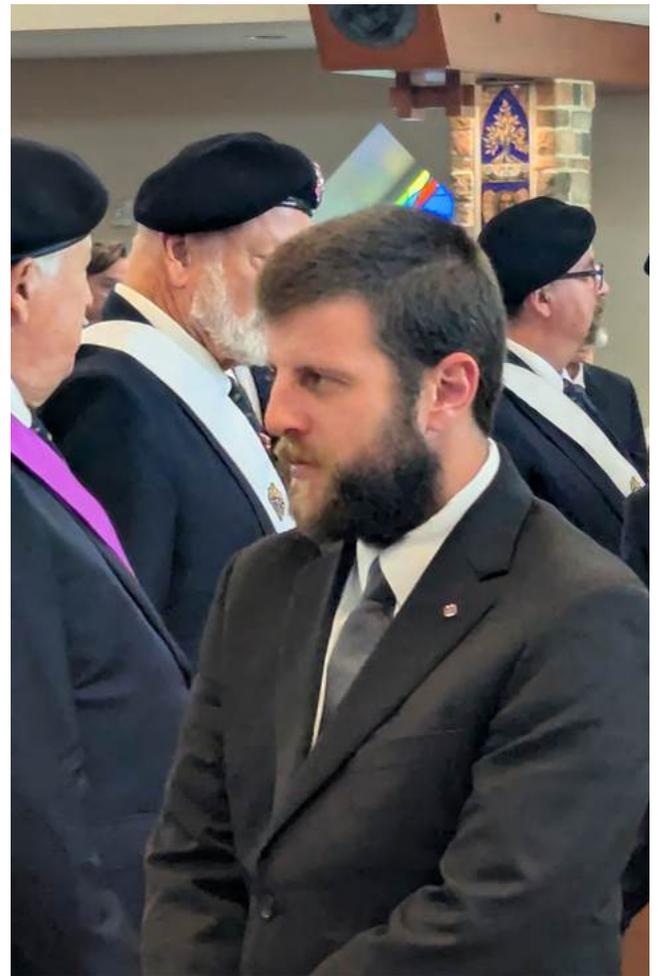


Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

Congratulations!



Fr. Sojan



Devin Akins

NEW Sir Knights



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - FATHER SOJAN

Dear friends,

Lent is not meant to be a season of fear. It is not a time for us to feel crushed by guilt or weighed down by our weaknesses. Lent is a season of mercy. It is a season of returning home.

Every year, the Church gently invites us to rediscover three simple practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But at the heart of all three is something deeper — conversion. And one of the most beautiful and powerful ways we experience that conversion is through the Sacrament of Confession.

Many people carry a quiet burden in their hearts. Sometimes it is something recent. Sometimes it is something from many years ago. We try to ignore it. We try to move forward. But deep inside, there can still be a restlessness — a longing to be free, a longing to begin again.

Confession is not about humiliation. It is not about standing before a judge. It is about kneeling before mercy.

When we enter the confessional, we do not meet a priest first. We meet Jesus. The priest is simply a witness to something beautiful that God is already doing. It is Christ who listens. It is Christ who understands. It is Christ who forgives.

We see this so clearly in the Gospel stories. The prodigal son rehearses his speech, full of shame, expecting rejection. Instead, he is embraced before he can even finish speaking. The woman caught in sin expects condemnation. Instead, she hears, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.” Jesus always moves toward the sinner with compassion, not condemnation.

Lent is our invitation to let Him move toward us again.

Sometimes people tell me, “Father, it has been so long. I don’t know how to go back.” Please know this: the longer it has been, the more joyful heaven will be at your return. There is no sin greater than God’s mercy. There is no past that cannot be healed. There is no wound that Christ cannot touch.

Confession is not just about listing sins. It is about allowing grace to enter the places we have kept closed. It is about hearing those powerful words of absolution: “I absolve you.” In that moment, chains fall. Peace returns. The soul breathes again.

And something else happens — we become more merciful ourselves. When we experience forgiveness, we find it easier to forgive others. When we receive compassion, we begin to show compassion. Mercy received becomes mercy given.

This Lent, I gently encourage you: do not be afraid of the confessional. See it as a place of encounter. See it as a place of healing. See it as a place where burdens are lifted and hope is restored.

If you have been going regularly, thank you for your faithfulness. If you have been away for some time, this is your moment. Come home. The door is open. The light is on. The Father is waiting.

Lent is not about becoming perfect. It is about allowing ourselves to be loved in our imperfection.

May this holy season be a time of deep peace, true freedom, and renewed joy for each one of you. And may we all rediscover the healing power of God’s mercy.

With my prayers and blessings,

**Fr. Sojan
Chaplain**