

December 2025

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Brothers,

As the month of November draws to a close, we find ourselves with an opportunity to give thanks and look forward to Advent.

Giving Thanks

This time of year, naturally turns our hearts toward **Thanksgiving**. I encourage each of you to pause and reflect on the many blessings we have been given, both as individuals and as a Council.

Family and Friends: Let us be deeply thankful for the love and support of our families and friends. May the Thanksgiving holiday be a time of cherished moments, laughter, and connection around the table.

Our Faith: We are blessed to have the foundation of our Catholic faith, which guides our lives and our charitable work.

Our Brotherhood: I am immensely grateful for the dedication and hard work of every Brother Knight. Your commitment to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity makes a profound difference in our parish and our community.

Looking Forward to Advent

Right on the heels of Thanksgiving, we will enter the holy season of **Advent**. This is not merely a waiting period; it is a time of active preparation—a chance to slow down, reflect on the true meaning of Christ's coming, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

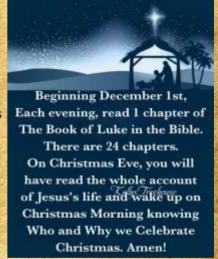
I urge us all to embrace this quiet, expectant time:

Prioritize Family: Take time away from the hustle to focus on your loved ones. Simplify where you can, and dedicate time to prayer, reading, and shared family traditions.

Service and Charity: Let the spirit of Advent inspire our actions. We will continue our Council's charitable efforts, remembering those who are less fortunate, and embodying the **mission of the Knights of Columbus**. May God bless you and your families during this season of gratitude and preparation. I look forward to continuing our work together in faith and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph W. Paul Grand Knight Mother Seton Council 17480



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December 9, 2025, SPM: Advent Penance Service

December 14, 2025, Sunday, 12 Noon: Golden Jubilee
celebration of the Priestly Ordination Fr. Jose

December 16, 2025, 9AM to 9PM: All Day Adoration and
Confessions.

December 27, 2025: 6pm: Feast of St. Stephen Massat St. Stephen Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier January 16-17, 2026, Talks by Dr. John Bergsma February 8, 2026, 2PM: Confirmation March 16-18, 2026: Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Shawn Monahan,

April 26, 2026, 2.30PM: First Holy Communion

October 19-21, 2026, 6PM: Parish Mission by Fr .Tom McCarthy, OSA

District Deputy Message Greg Gully

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Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the Advent season, what a blessed time of the year this is for all of us! Our focus, as always, is to keep Christ in Christmas. This is the perfect time to give the gift of membership to that Catholic gentleman sitting next to you at church. Let's also remember those who are less fortunate and make a special effort to take care of our priests, deacons, and religious.



If you know someone who is alone for the holidays, invite them into your home and make them feel like family. From my family to yours, I wish you a very blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and blessed New Year. May our Lord keep you safe and joyous this holiday season. Our Savior is born, Hallelujah!

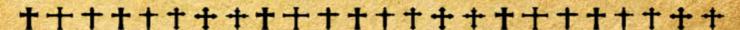
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District deputy
Greg Gully and
Fr Rob discuss
the persecution
of a Priest in
Nigeria



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 2025

"Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Gospel for Dec. 7, Mt 3:10)

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

Questions for Reflection:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?

Christmas Season Thoughts

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year — reminiscing on all of the

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Field Agent
Message
Larry
Kennedy

relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families; I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.

Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays.

If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me. Thank you and a Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kennedy FICF MDRT Financial Advisor-KofC/KocAA 407-579-9888 Lawrence.kennedy@kofc.org

Christmas Symbols THE TREE points to heaven and reminds us that God is eternal. THE WREATH is a circle reminding us that God's love for us never ends.

THE CANDLE ...

shines brightly, showing us that Jesus is the light of the world.

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Elignario Mazariegos Sr	12-02
Rev. Sergio L Santos	12-07
Felix A Tartaglia	12-07
Patrick J Juliano	12-08
Jeffery Hadley	12-10
Rev Christopher Knight	12-11
John E Stankovich	12-15
John Furmanek Jr	12-17
Robbie W Golding	12-20
Raul M Melo	12-20
Hans W Smit	12-22
Thomas V Macron	12-30
	A SHARE WAS A SHAR



Anniversary's

Rebecca/John Zielinsky 12-20-1967 Marylin/Jaime O Burns 12-30-1978



Ministry Fair November 3rd, 2025

Grand Knight Joseph Paul works the Knights of Columbus table at the Ministry Fair.





Grand Knight Joseph
Paul and 1st Year
Trustee John Furmanek



Healing Mass October 30th, 2025



We are blessed to offer a life-changing, transformative evening of Holy Mass, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & an extraordinarily powerful healing service!





Mr. Ames, who travels globally with the written support of his Archbishop in Perth, Australia, has been given a gift of healing. During his services, participants may be moved by the Holy Spirit, which is why we need Knights to stand by and gently catch individuals to ensure their safety as they fall.

Exemplification October 29th, 2025













Knights of Columbus Christmas Gift Cards for Hams!!

Step One Purchase a \$25.00 Gift Card from a local grocery store.







Step Two Drop off the Gift Card in the Poor Box in the back of the Church or at the Parish Office.



Step Three Outreach will give them out to people in need at Christmas along with a bag of other grocery food

items:

Stuffing, Vegetables, pumpkin pie, etc.







The Knights of Columbus are giving away over 200 Coats for Kids.

Friday November 28th
Starting at 9:30AM

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 4600 Belle Terre Parkway At the Food Pantry Building. Children must be present with an Adult





Friday November 28th Starting at 9:30AM





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Thanksgiving Pie Sale



Tom Jones, District Deputy Greg Gulley, Joe Thorp, Ralph Esposito.

Free Throw Contest Saturday, November 15th



Absolutely phenomenal turn out for our BB Challenge event. All 3 councils well represented to assist and 21 children participating in the contest.

Four District 17 winners were chosen and will move onto regional contest.

Thank you to all who assisted.

Brother Chris Daley for setting everything up. Brother Doug Hill for organizing. PGK Jerry Chabon and Brother Tony for handling awards. District Wardens Joe Lupo and Owen Thompson for assistance with medals and scoring. Most of all thank you to Worthy Chancellor 17480 and Community Director Jeff Hadley for his management and planning of this event for all 3 councils. 21 kids WOW!!! Everyone made their council and District 17 proud today.





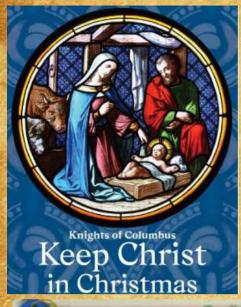
















1-2 grade winners

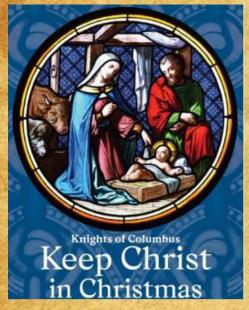
1st Prize Lorena Pinheiro-Rodrigues







3rd Prize Emma McFadden





3-4 grade winners



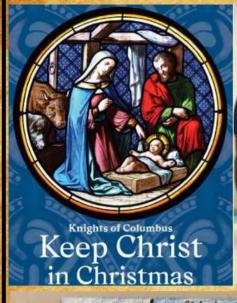
1st Prize Olivia Tennen



2nd Prize Devon Viera



3rd Prize
Drake Luevanos







5-6 grade winners

1st Prize Kira Dotin

2nd Prize Sofia Ferreira





3rd Prize Cora Aplin





7-8 grade winners

1st Prize

Daria Rogacheva

Catelina Estinvil





3rd Prize Simone Garcia

Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Jose

You Are Warmly Invited

Join us for the Noon Mass on Sunday, December 14, 2025, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil, CMI.



Immediately following the Mass, a joyful reception will be held in the Social Hall.

Let us come together as a parish family to thank God for Fr. Jose's 50 years of faithful priestly ministry and to honor the many ways he has touched our lives with his dedication, wisdom, and pastoral care.

All are welcome!



Come on Sunday,
December 14th at the Noon
Mass to support and
celebrate our pastor's 50year Golden Jubilee
Celebration of his
Priesthood.

Hey my friends, Fr. Sergio speaking here... As we walk together in faith, I invite you — with all the warmth of brotherhood and love — to pause for a moment and lift our hearts in prayer for our dear sisters and brothers in Nigeria. They are our family in Christ, and right now they face deep trials.

In many parts of the country, Christian communities are under attack: churches devastated, families displaced, the innocent suffering simply for the name of Jesus.

Let us join together in prayer:

- Pray for protection over those who gather to worship: may God be their shield.
- Pray for consolation for those who have lost loved ones, homes or hope: may the Lord's peace rest upon them.
- Pray for strength and steadfast faith: so that in the midst of fear,
 His light shines through.
- Pray for transformation: may hardened hearts be softened, and new life spring where there is brokenness.

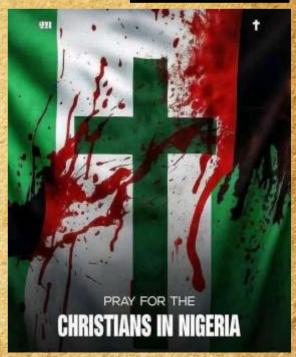
I encourage all of us — here and now — to share this intention on our social media, mention their names in our Rosary, and unite our hearts in solidarity. Let us become a living prayer for them.

And remember: when we serve, our hands become the extension of Christ's mercy; when we forget, even the smallest act of love becomes a blessing. Let us not be silent. Let us not pass by. This is an invitation to act with our hearts in prayer.

May Our Lady, Queen of Peace, cover Nigeria with her mantle. May the prayers of the martyrs and witnesses of our time rise like incense before the throne of God on their behalf.

"Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth — and begin in Nigeria."







We are in need of volunteers to provide a deterrent presence at the SEAS property during school hours.

The Mother Seton KofC Council and the Men's Club have donated a retired police department interceptor vehicle for this purpose.

Principal Barbara Kavanagh has requested we have men on site during school hours. M-F 7:30am-2:30pm. You will be asked to move the vehicle to the area that kids are outside the school building. Example: Soccer Field, Veranda, Basketball Court and Parish Hall.

The car is NOT to leave the SEAS property. See Liz for keys and give a copy of your driver's license. This is a big ask but if you think of the safety of our kids, it will make this all worthwhile.

We have Monday and Tuesday covered by Joe Lupo and Greg Gully. We need volunteers to W-T-F. Volunteers can split the days in half, so someone will cover the morning and someone else covers the afternoon.



Email Grand Knight Joseph Paul at skjosephpaul@gmail.com with the day and time you can volunteer.

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Article from Knightline

With the Knights of Columbus on pace to welcome 100,000 new members by the end of the calendar year, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly urged fraternal leaders to maintain the momentum during the annual Midyear Meeting of State Deputies last weekend. The supreme knight also reminded leaders how the Order offers a unique solution to the growing crisis of loneliness and isolation plaguing young men today. "We connect our brother Knights with God and with the Church," he said, "and importantly, with a group of other like-minded men who share that mission. And that's why we're growing."



Knight of the Month Chris Daley

Knight Family of the Month Kevin and Iris Reibsam

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Lest We Forget Awards



award from Frank Consentino

William Klinkerberg receives the Jim Laredo receives the award from Frank Consentino

Defending Life Alliance of Florida announces....

The 2026 March for Life

Jacksonville, Florida

Saturday, January 17, 2026

James Weldon Johnson Park. Downtown Jacksonville 135 W. Monroe Street.

Pro-Life Expo: 10 AM Speakers / Expo: 10:45 More Speakers, prayer service and March: 11:30

Some of the organizations who directly support us and this event:

LIVE ACTION • STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE • LET THEM LIVE

FLORIDA RIGHT TO LIFE • CEC FOR LIFE

PRIESTS FOR LIFE SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

OPERATION SAVE AMERICA • THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION

NIFLA • OPERATION RESCUE • SEVEN WEEKS COFFEE

Confirmed speakers so far:

EMILY BERNING - LET THEM LIVE KIMBERLY BIRD - LIVE ACTION SARAH NEELY - OPERATION RESCUE LIANNA REBOLLEDO - LOVING LIFE

More information to follow.

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