

Knights of Columbus

Council #12196 & Bishop Greco Assembly #2160



"We all cannot do great things, but we can do small things with great love."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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Grand Knight Message



Dear Members of Council 12196:

This is our first newsletter for the calendar year 2024. I hope everyone had a safe, healthy and joyous Christmas.

This year we are having our Chili/Baked Potato dinner on January, 27 at 5:30 pm. The cost of tickets is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids under 10 years old. The dinner consists of salad, chili, baked potato with sour cream, butter and bacon bites, followed by desserts. Drinks will be available also. We will have a silent auction for dinner tickets to 5 different restaurants in the Palm Harbor area and a fruit/vegetable gift card to Steve's produce on Alt 19 in Palm Harbor. The starting bid for each auction is \$5 with increased bids of \$2.00. The bidding will stop at 7 PM. Winning bidders must be present and pay their bid amount. We are looking forward to this event.

The walkway bridge between Fr Paul's residence and the church is in urgent need of repair. Our council will pay for the work and materials to repair the bridge. We are planning to work on the bridge Saturday morning, Jan 20 at 9 AM. If you can volunteer, please contact fellow Knight Joe Cilento.

We will have our annual KofC Communion Breakfast/Brunch on Sunday, Feb 11 after the 10 AM mass. It will consist of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, pastries, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$15 per ticket. These tickets will be on sale to KofC and Ladies Auxiliary members only. We will also have a guest speaker TBD.

So, we have a busy start to the new year. Please be safe and healthy.

Regards,

Dennis Deperto, GK





Prayer for First-Responders

Dear Lord, we pray for our first-responders and essential workers.
Please protect them and keep them safe, bless them and draw
them near to your heart. In Jesus name, Amen



January 2024 Council Activities

January 2nd: Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary
Mtg. 7 PM Parish Hall

January 11th: Parish Rosary - In Church- 7PM

January 16th: Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg.
Parish Hall

January 27th: Chili & Baked Potato Dinner 5:30 PM
Paish Hall

February 11th: Communion Breakfast after 10 AM Mass
Parish Hall

Future Events

Please refer to the calendar at the end
of the newsletter for more activities

Business meetings are followed with refreshments furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary. Stay awhile, have a snack, soda or a cup of coffee, and fellowship.

It's free!.



SICK and DISTRESSED

Please keep in your prayers our Brother Knights & Ladies. Pray for the repose of the souls of all brother Knights, those who are having medical problems and for those who have lost a loved one.

Also, remember the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, fire and police!

Publication Deadline

Before the 1st of Every Month



St Luke Catholic Church Palm Harbor Mass:

Click for: [Bulletin & Mass Times](#)

Chaplain's Messag

Dear Brother Knights,



As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. May this new year be filled with joy, good health, and prosperity for you and your loved ones.

As we embark on this journey into the future, it is fitting to reflect on the blessings we have received and to look forward with hope and gratitude. In the spirit of this new beginning, let us remember the importance of faith, love, and service in our lives.

On the first day of the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a day of profound significance, as we honor Mary who played a perfect role in the story of our salvation. Mary's unwavering faith, humility, and devotion serve as an inspiration for us all. As our mother in faith, let us turn to her with trust and seek her intercession as we navigate the challenges and joys of this new year.

Under Mary's maternal care, may we find strength in times of difficulty, guidance in moments of uncertainty, and joy in the knowledge that we are cherished children of God. As Knights of Columbus, let us renew our commitment to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, and may our actions be a testament to the love and compassion that flow from our faith. May Mary the Mother of God be our companion as we journey through this New Year.

Wishing you all a very happy Feast of Mary the Mother of God and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2024!

Fr. Camilo Simoes SAC

Chaplain

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

Join the worldwide spiritual association dedicated to praying the Rosary for the salvation of souls and the intentions of its members

What You'll Do

As a member of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, you'll commit to praying a complete 15-decade Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries) once per week. Your name will also be inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. This is the sole obligation of membership and does not bind under pain of sin.

Spiritual Benefits You'll Enjoy

There are many benefits you can expect to enjoy as a committed member of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. In addition to the graces included in praying the Rosary, you'll also enjoy:

- The special protection of the Mother of God.
- A share in the prayer of the countless Confraternity members around the world over.
- A share in the prayers, Masses, and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
- The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
- Various plenary and partial indulgences.



Rosary Indulgences

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” ~ CCC 1471

- For members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:
 - **On the Day of Enrollment:** (When application is made, a certificate of membership is sent, indicating the day of the enrollment.)
 - **On the Following Feast Days:** Christmas, Easter, Annunciation, Purification, Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Immaculate Conception.
- For those who pray the Rosary, a plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions, when the Rosary is prayed in Church, or in a Public Oratory, in a family (family Rosary), Religious Community, or Pious Association. Otherwise a partial indulgence is granted.

ENROLL IN THE CONFRATERNITY

Why Do Catholics Believe in the Real Presence?

Carl Olson

As a fundamentalist, and later as an evangelical, I took it for granted that the Catholic Church held to the most un-biblical, illogical and offensive beliefs about the Eucharist.

But there came a point when I began to wonder, “What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist?” This meant taking Catholic doctrine seriously, rather than mindlessly repeating anti-Catholic rhetoric from questionable sources.

I discovered that Irenaeus of Lyons, writing in the second century, stated, “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking” (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1327). I read *Lumen Gentium*, the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which described the Eucharist as “the source and summit of the Christian life” (No. 11). And I saw that the Council of Trent had declared that “in the blessed sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, after the consecration of the bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and man, is truly, really, and substantially contained under the appearances of those perceivable realities” (Thirteenth Session, ch. 1).



So, I wondered, “Why do Catholics believe in the Real Presence?” I quickly learned the reasons are many and interrelated, but can be generally described as biblical, historical and theological. The biblical reasons were of primary interest to me and came in large part from the nagging suspicion that Jesus’ insistent, shocking words “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (Jn 6:55) were not metaphorical at all, as I believed as a Protestant. The larger context of John 6 — during the Passover (see v. 4) — and the striking escalation in Jesus’ teaching about His identity and the need to eat His flesh and drink His blood pointed to something far deeper, unsettling and astounding.

If Jesus had allowed some disciples to depart over a misunderstanding regarding metaphors (see Jn 6:66), what sort of teacher and Savior would He be? If the apostle John, writing his Gospel in the late first century, also failed to clarify Jesus’ intentions, what sort of apostle and Evangelist was he? And did it make sense that the Old Covenant could boast of manna — physical food given by miraculous means — but the New Covenant had a physical symbol only? No, it didn’t. In addition, the Catholic (and Orthodox) belief in the Sacrament of the Eucharist helped make sense of other passages of Scripture, such as Jesus’ words at the Last Supper — “Take and eat; this is my body” (Mt 26:26) — and St. Paul’s warning to the Christians at Corinth that “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord” (1 Cor 11:27).

While the biblical evidence cracked the door, the historical evidence blew it open. I recall rather vividly standing in a bookstore reading a passage written by St. Ignatius of Antioch that was penned around A.D. 107, which renounced the Docetist heretics because “they abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the Flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ” (Letter to Smyrna, No. 7). Many other passages from many other writers followed, written over many centuries, each professing the same belief that the Eucharist is the true Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. In fact, no orthodox Christian interpreted the words of Jesus and Paul about the Eucharist in a metaphorical fashion until a thousand years after they were written.

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John and his wife Kathleen were married on Valentine's Day in 1997 and are blessed with 4 wonderful children, Matthew, Haley, Johnny and Allison. They are also proud grandparents to 3 awesome grandkids, Clay, Bentley and Annabelle.

John lives in Oldsmar in the same house he was raised in since the age of 4. Along with having proudly served, and recently retired, as an officer in the US Army Signal Corps after 29 years, he also volunteered in the BSA as Cub Scout leader and Scoutmaster for over 13 years. John also currently serves as the Chair of the Oldsmar Veteran's Advisory Board.

John has many favorite pastimes but spending quality time with the family is always top of his list. His family enjoys going to Disney, family get-togethers, visiting their son in Savannah, boating, cruising and traveling to fun and different places. John's hobbies include computers, 3-D printing, drone flying, and playing with the latest tech gadgets.

John is driven by his deep Catholic beliefs and by the love and support of his family. John has been a Knight since 1992 and is dedicated to the mission of the Knights of Columbus and feels honored to serve in this wonderful organization. In following his desire to help others, he is grateful to have the opportunity to serve his brother knights and their families, helping them achieve the financial security they strive for.

Bishop Greco Assembly #2160 Announcements

Fourth Degree



Happy New Year!

[4th Degree Application PDF](#)



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Knights of Columbus®

District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

As we look at our calendars of events, there are many opportunities to do good work in our parishes and to be seen as leaders in our churches. Christmas has left us with a warm feeling of family and fellowship and we need to spread this joy that we have found with all we come in contact with. Through our events we are able to generate some funds which help us in our charitable reaches and these acts of charity are our founding core. Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are accomplished in most every function that we put together. To continue with our work, we need to always look to add on new members to assist us to do our good acts. Spreading the message of our main purpose of helping others is important to show that our good Christian way of life is the right way of doing things.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



Catholic Manliness

Let's Get Back to It!



14th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference



Saturday, February 10

Higgins Hall - 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa
on the campus of St. Lawrence Catholic Church

6:30 AM Rosary | 8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Conference Program

Adoration and Reconciliation opportunities and
Ministry Room throughout the event.

TICKETS

\$60 per person with a special 2 for 1 Father/Son
combo discount. Other discounts are available.
Free admission for clergy and other religious.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Bear
Woznick**



**Gus
Lloyd**

and a personal witness talk!



MASS CELEBRANT

**Fr. Israel "Izzie"
Hernandez**

Special Breakout Sessions
on topics of interest to today's Catholic man.

For more information visit:
SuncoastCatholicMinistries.com
Scan the QR code to register today!



Attention All Knights:

Save the Date:

When: Sat, Jan 20, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: St. Luke's Church

What: Repair the footbridge behind the church

Who can volunteer:

- any able-bodied men (no experience needed)
- Men who can supply equip (but not volunteer)

On the actual workday, we are in need of the following volunteers:

- Experienced handyman (operate saws and equip)
- General volunteers (demo and light construction)



Tools Needed:

We are in need of all types of power tools and general tools for light construction.

If you can supply any of the following, please let Joe Cilento know.

Power Tools Needed:

- Generator
- Chop Saw
- Circular Saw
- Sawz-all
- Power screw drivers (battery or electric)

Other Equipment:

- Hammers
- Crowbars
- Screw drivers
- Manual saws
- Sawhorse or portable table-tops
- Tape Measures
- Shovels
- Trowels for concrete
- Sandpaper



If you can help with any of the above, Contact:

Joe Cilento at 203-994-6087 or at jcilento@att.net

Catholics Can Receive a Plenary Indulgence by Praying before a Nativity Scene

This year, Catholics will be able to receive a plenary indulgence from Dec. 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Feb. 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church.

There are three churches in the Diocese of St. Petersburg entrusted to the care of Franciscans:

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 509 N. Florida Ave, Tampa
- St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4520 S. Manhattan Avenue, Tampa
- St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 515 4th Street South, St. Petersburg

Earlier this year, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the faithful gathered at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, to honor the beloved Italian saint and celebrate the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio.

As part of the celebration of this Franciscan Centenary, the Conference of the Franciscan Family asked Pope Francis for the approval of this plenary indulgence.

The conference wrote: “In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there.”

The Apostolic Penitentiary welcomed the request, allowing the faithful to receive this indulgence under the usual conditions.

Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their sufferings up to the Lord or by “carrying out practices of piety.”

When will local churches be open for prayer in front of the Nativity?

(Check parish websites for Mass times and more details.)

Sacred Heart - The Nativity will be in place on the main altar from December 23, 2023 through January 8, 2024. The church is open Monday-Friday, following the 7 a.m. Mass until 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted. On weekends, the church is open about 30-45 minutes before the first Mass of the day, and remains open between Masses on Sunday Morning.

St. Mary Our Lady of Grace - The Nativity will be in place from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023, to Sunday, January 7, 2024, the Epiphany of the Lord. The church will be open 30 minutes prior to Sunday and weekday Masses for prayer before the Crèche.

St. Patrick - The Nativity will be in place from December 8, 2023 through February 2, 2024. The church is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Saturdays 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., Sundays, 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However, for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

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In Memorandum

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Brian McParland 5/10/21

Ken Listle 8/18/21

Eugene Wittman 11/20/21

Richard Sweeney 8/27/21

“Ted” Kostanski 11/07/21

Thomas Riggio 05/02/22

Charles Viaud 04/22/22

Rich Barbaro 01/31/23

Armand Iannone 7/29/23

Walter Schwacke 09/02/23

Deacon Joe Reid 09/16/23

Terry Biondi 8/19/21

Mary Cabano 11/22/21

Molly Garofolo 02/22/21

Myra Grayem 11/18/21

Nancy Giacalone 01/30/22

Nancy Lay 07/02/22

Peggy Caufield 10/5/2022

Carol Murray 09/10/2023

Muriel Crane 12/2/23

Lucille Matejka 12/10 /23

“As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.’” – Ven. Fulton Sheen





January 2024

Dear Members of the Ladies Auxiliary,

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING is TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our meeting will primarily be about our **FASHION SHOW** fundraiser on Saturday, February 24. **Please bring a bottle of wine** that we can use in our gift baskets and to serve at the Fashion Show. Bring your ideas for gift baskets and prepare to sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities that day! **Tickets will be on sale for \$25.**

ST. LUKE'S PARISH ROSARY will be held on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the church. The next Rosary is **January 11, 2024**

LUCILLE MATEJKA'S FUNERAL: Friday, **January 12**, 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's. The family is organizing a reception in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

MASS INTENTION FOR MURIEL CRANE: Sunday, **January 14**, at 10:00 a.m. Mass. A luncheon will follow at Bliss Cook House (formerly Chatterbox), 2710 US-19 ALT, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. Please call/text me at 727.324.3379 if you are interested in attending.

CHILI-BAKED POTATO DINNER: This St. Luke's community event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, **January 27**, 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at our January meeting and after Masses on the first three weekends in January.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Communion Breakfast will be held after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **February 11**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 and will be sold at our January and February meetings.

Jean Gaspar, President

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Kathryn Kranz

The OPTIMIST'S CREED



As you
ramble on thru
Life, Brother,
Whatever be
your Goal,
Keep your
Eye upon the
Doughnut
And not upon
the Hole!



January 2024

*Dedicated to Holy Name of Jesus



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Not a Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of Mary	2 K of C Business Meeting Lds Aux. Mtg 7 PM Parish Hall	3	4	5 Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8 am -12 PM First Friday of every month	6
7	8	9	10	11 Parish Rosary in Church 7 PM 	12 LUCILLE MATEJKA'S FUNERAL 10 AM Church	13
14 Mass for Muriel Crane 10AM followed by breakfast at Bliss Restaurant	15	16 K of C Officers Meeting 7 PM Parish Hall	17	18	19	20 Walkway Bridge Repair 8:30 to 5:00 9 AM also Ministry Fair
21 Walkway Bridge Repair 8:30 to 5:00 9 AM also Ministry Fair	22	23	24	25	26	27 Chili Baked Potato Dinner 5:30 PM Parish Hall
28	29	30	31		Feb 11 th Communion Breakfast After 10 AM Mass Parish Hall	
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*The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or **Ordinary Time** (formerly *Time After Epiphany*), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. [Overview for the month](#) also [Holy Name of Jesus](#)