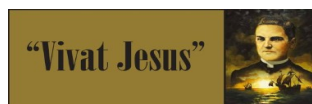


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Council #12196 & Bishop Greco Assembly #2160



“Don’t hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the creator of all things and of you estimates your value so high, so dear, that he pours out for you every day the most precious blood of his only-begotten Son.” ~*St Augustine*





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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary,

As we enter the month of **July**, we do so with hearts full of celebration and hope. This is a time of joyful community and deep spiritual renewal for our council and parish.



We begin by coming together for our annual **Fourth of July Celebration**, a joyful occasion where we honor the **founding of our nation** and the freedoms we cherish. With **barbecue, music, and parish fellowship**, we gather in gratitude for the blessings of liberty and the responsibility of faithful citizenship. We are thrilled to announce that this year's event is officially **sold out**—thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and made this celebration possible. Your support strengthens our unity and mission as Catholic men devoted to God and country.

We are honored to **receive the Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** from **July 7th to July 14th**. This sacred image reminds us of Christ's love, mercy, and call to holiness. We will hold a special **Holy Hour of Adoration on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. I invite all of you to join us for this powerful night of **prayer, reflection, and devotion**—a moment to be in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

This moment is made even more meaningful as we **welcome our new pastor, Rev. Timothy Sherwood**, who begins his ministry with us this month. Let us join together as Knights and as a parish to **warmly welcome Fr. Tim** and pray for him as he begins his spiritual leadership in our community. May the Sacred Heart guide him and all of us as we walk forward in faith.

Let us continue to live our mission of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**, not only through events, but in every act of service and witness.

Our Next Business Meeting will be Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00 pm, in the parish hall, Zoom link will be available for remote participation.

Vivat Jesus!

Efrain Valles 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



July 2025 Council Activities

July 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th: Eucharistic Adoration
after 8 am Mass 8:30 - 9:00 am

July 4th: Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Greco
Assembly 4th of July Celebration - Parish Hall

July 6th: Coffee and Donuts after 8am & 10am Masses
Parish Hall

July 7th: to the **14th:** Pilgrim Icon at Saint Luke

July 8th : K of C Business Meeting 7PM Parish Hall

July 10th: Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour 7PM Parish Hall

July 15th: Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg. 7PM
Parish Hall

Future Events

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

August 19th: Ladies Auxiliary Summer Social
7pm Parish Hall

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 Message



Dear Brother Knights,

July is a month of both transition and celebration. First and foremost, we joyfully welcome our new pastor Father Tim Sherwood, who officially takes charge on July 1. I invite you to join me in praying for him—that the Lord may guide, strengthen, and bless him in his new ministry among us. We are truly happy to have him with us, and as Brother Knights, we pledge our fraternal support, cooperation, and prayers as he begins this important mission.

This month, our nation marks its 249th Independence Day. As we gather with family and friends for parades, barbecues, and fireworks, may we also take a moment to reflect on the gift of freedom and the responsibilities that come with it. Let us pray for our country, its leaders, and all who serve to protect the liberties we cherish.

July also means summer is in full swing—days of sun, warmth, and time to slow down a little. Whether you're traveling, enjoying family time, or staying cool at home, I hope you're finding moments of rest and renewal.

As Knights, even in the quieter months, we remain men of faith and action. Let us use this season to deepen our commitment to our Church, our families, and our community.

May God bless our new pastor, our nation, and each of you and your families. Have a safe, joyful, and blessed July!

Happy Independence Day!

Fr. Camilo Simoes SAC
Chaplain

Avoid These 5 Mistakes at Mass to Deepen Your Catholic Worship During the Liturgy!



Father Leo identifies five common mistakes Catholics make during Mass that detract from the experience for both the congregation and the celebrant. These mistakes include:

- arriving late or leaving early,
- failing to actively participate in singing and responses,
- not contributing to the collection,
- neglecting to confess mortal sins before communion, and
- judging the priest based on homily skills.

He emphasizes the importance of active participation, proper reverence, and a spirit of generosity and prayer.

[Click the image for a more detailed explanation.](#)

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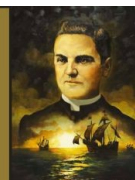
John and his wife Kathleen were married on Valentine's Day in 1997 and are blessed with 4 wonderful children, Matthew, Haley, Johnny and Allison. They are also proud grandparents to 3 awesome grandkids, Clay, Bentley and Annabelle.

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.

"Vivat Jesus"



Patriotism, Independence Days and the K of C

What does patriotism mean? Where and when do Knights celebrate independence days?

7/2/2020

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In early July, the two nations in which the Knights of Columbus was first established both celebrate their independence: Canada on July 1 (“Canada Day”) and the United States on July 4 (“Independence Day”).

Independence days are typically celebrated with public displays of patriotism, including parades, picnics, fireworks displays and speeches at civic events. Members of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus — the Fourth Degree — will often be found turning out in full regalia at these ceremonies.

Patriotism has been one of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus since the Fourth Degree was established in 1900, with a ceremony on February 22. Each of the major jurisdictions of the Order has its own version of the Fourth Degree Ceremony. Each focuses on the distinctive history of Catholicism and the Knights in that particular country, which can be explored in the latest book [*Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*](#).



PATRIOTISM AND FAITH

In 2005, not long before he died, St. John Paul II published what was to be his last book, *Memory and Identity*. He discusses good and evil, church and state, freedom and democracy, and the Communist and Nazi totalitarianism which produced so much human tragedy during the 20th Century.

The saint drew a careful distinction between nationalism and patriotism.

“Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one’s own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others,” he wrote, “patriotism ... is a love for one’s native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one’s own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love.”

St. John Paul II notes that the word patriotism comes from the root word *patria*, meaning “home” or “native land.” It is related to the Latin word *pater*, meaning “father,” and so we sometimes speak of “fatherland” or “motherland” as well. “The concept of patria includes the values and the spiritual content that make up the culture of a great nation,” the pope wrote. “The very idea of ‘native land’ presupposes a deep bond between the spiritual and the material, between culture and territory”.

For members of the Knights of Columbus, for whom faith and patriotism go hand in hand, St. John Paul II’s is a concise description of the relationship between the two: the Fourth Commandment, which tells us to honor our father and mother, obliges us to honor our homeland as well.

“The spiritual patrimony which we acquire from our native land comes to us through our mother and father,” he says.

“Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love. ... The native land is the common good of all citizens and as such it imposes a serious duty.”



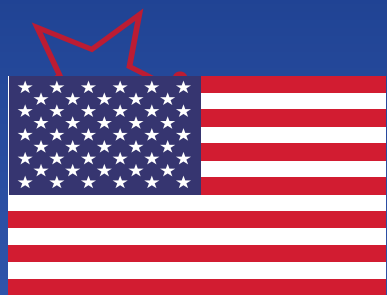
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**Invites you to celebrate
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**4th
of
July**



**Music
Games
Hamburgers
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Sodas &
Chips**

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**Friday,
4th of July
11 am to 2 pm
Parish Hall**

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Bishop Greco Assembly #2160 Announcements

Fourth Degree



The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus, and it comprises of 17% of the membership of the Order. The distinctive uniform of Sir Knights make them the most visible arm of the Order to the public.

Purpose

As Fourth Degree Knights, our purpose is to:

- Promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community,
- Educate its members and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of the USA,
- Promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of the Republic form of government and its democratic institutions,
- Oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous and contrary to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality; and,
- Support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state, and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.
- The Fourth Degree, both collectively and individually, supports those religious, civic, and charitable causes which are designed to implement one or more of these five objectives.

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

As our fraternal years commence, let us assess what we have done well and what we can do even better. As the Sacred Heart Traveling Icon continues around our district, let us pause and reflect as we adore the image and ponder all of the deeds that we can do to continue His work. Thank you all for what you have contributed in the past and also for everything in the future.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



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.

Mike Giacalone 08/18/20

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

Nunzio Quagliana 03/14/24

Robert Kurtz, 08/01/24

Fr. Matteo Rizzo 03/20/25

Fr. Richard Rosin 12/01/24

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Terry Biondi 8/19/21

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Molly Garofolo 02/22/21

Myra Grayem 11/18/21

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Peggy Caufield 10/5/22

Carol Murray 09/10/23

Muriel Crane 12/2/23

Lucille Matejka 12/10/23

Teresa Schum 02/13/24

Marilyn Breton 02/15/24

Barbara Chicano 03/04/25



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

Coffee & Donuts

Share Christ Fellowship with fellow Parishioners.

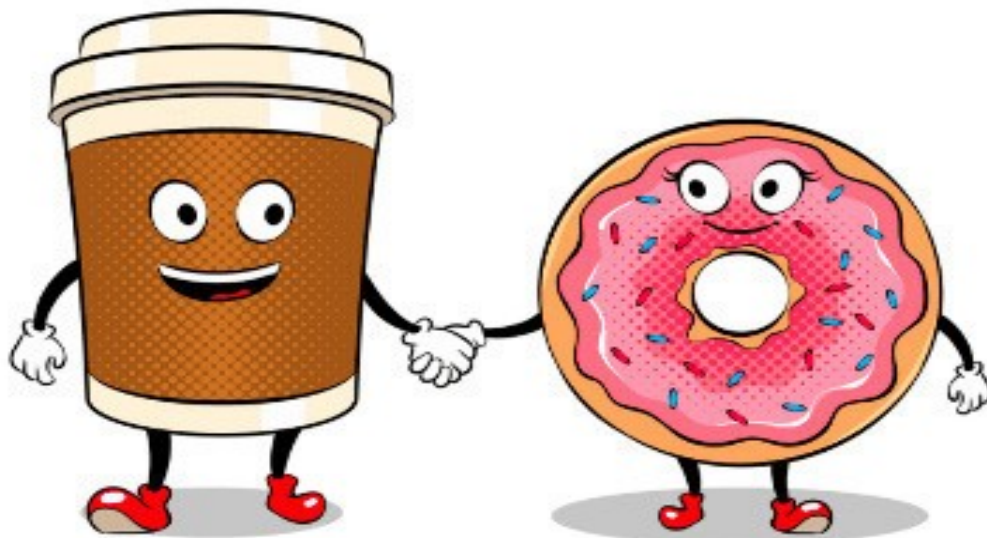
Sunday, July 6th

(and every first Sunday)

IN THE PARISH HALL

Available after **8:00 am**

and 10:00 am Mass



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Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery

by [Diocese of St. Petersburg](#)

On May 26, 2025, Memorial Day, Bishop Gregory Parkes and priests of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg celebrated a Mass at Calvary Cemetery. The Memorial Day Mass is a way to remember, honor, and pray for those who have served our country and to acknowledge and solemnly celebrate the freedom that is ours because of their sacrifices.



[More Photos](#)



Knights In Action



Electronics Recycling Day

On June 14th the Knights of Columbus Council #12196, hosted it's first electronics recycling day, and were assisted by 2 members of the Ladies Auxiliary It was a huge success.



Knights of Columbus launch new Pilgrim Icon Program honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus



By [Francesca Pollio Fenton](#)

CNA Staff, Jan 13, 2025 / 12:20 pm

For more than 45 years, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has brought sacred images to Catholic parishes around the world for prayer and devotion. On Jan. 3, the Knights launched a new Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus program during a Holy Hour at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

During the Holy Hour, an icon depicting the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767 was displayed. This reproduction of the original image is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the apostolic blessing of Pope Francis, that are now traveling around the world as part of the Knights' Pilgrim Icon Program. [Icon will be here at St Luke on July 10th 2025](#)

The original image is currently venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome.

The prayer service to launch the new icon included readings from Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

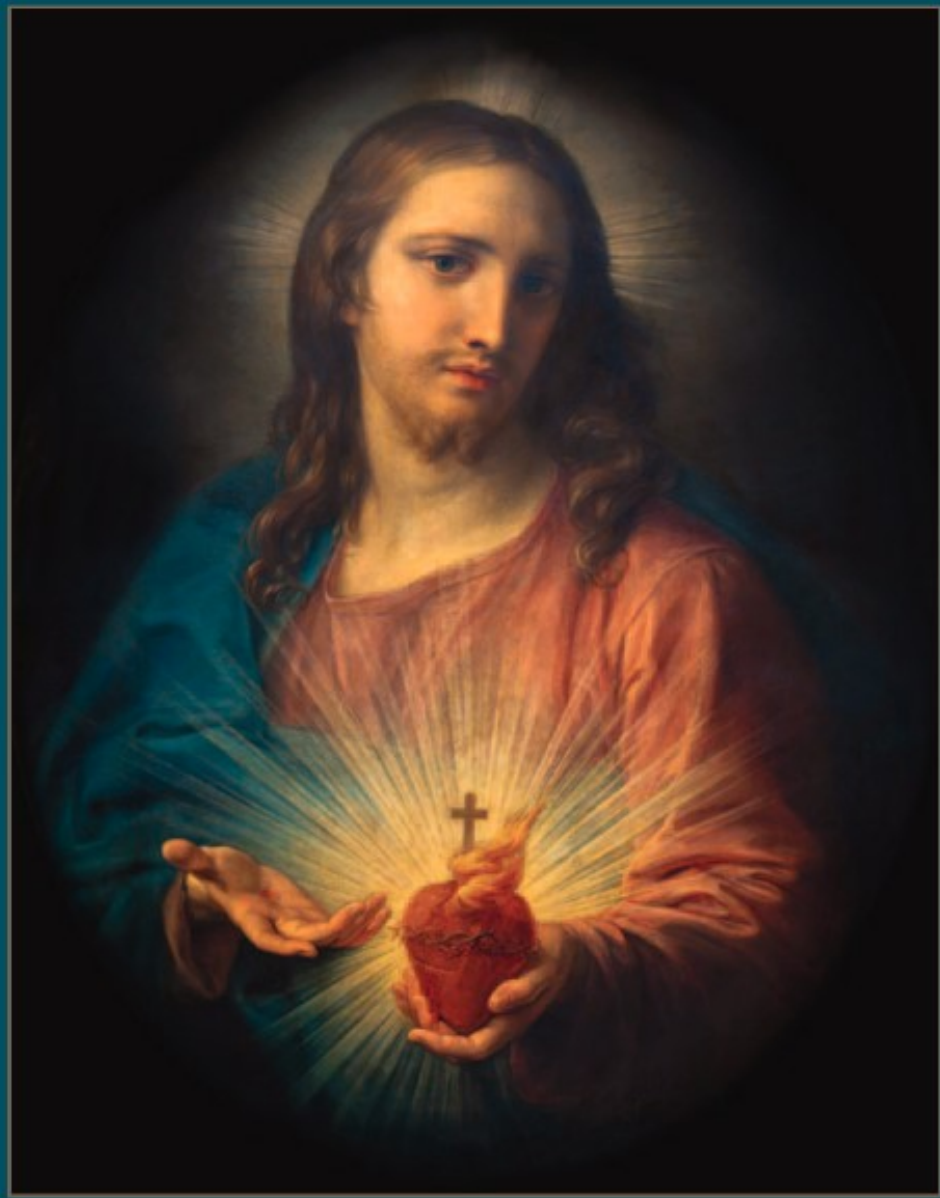
The launch of the new icon program coincides with the release of Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, *Delixit Nos*, which is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"In many ways, *Dilexit Nos* can serve as a mission statement for the Knights of Columbus in today's world," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a press release. "The pope observes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. It is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."

Kelly met with Pope Francis in a private audience on Dec. 20, 2024. During their meeting, Kelly presented the Holy Father with an icon and booklet for the Sacred Heart Holy Hour and shared updates on notable activities of the Knights of Columbus in the past year.

(More to read click the text below)

[Pilgrim Icon Program](#)



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour

St Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church

Thursday, July 10th, 2025

7:00pm





[FINDING HOPE THROUGH MERCY MAIN PAGE](#)

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Saint Petersburg is spreading hope through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We are challenging our community to together complete 1,000,000 acts of mercy. Anyone can participate – as individuals, families, teams – no work of mercy is too small! Just fill out the [form](#) to make it count towards the challenge. We want to highlight all the good works you are already doing by bringing a focus to it and invite others to join in spreading hope!

I have served God through performing works of mercy!

Please tell us your age (there is a youth vs. adults component for those who want to participate), total number of corporal or spiritual works of mercy completed, and the diocesan entity you would like to log your works for. It's optional to enter your name and the date you completed your service. Enter your email and we'll send you a confirmation for your records.

Example: If 2 people visited one person in the community who is homebound, each person has performed a work of mercy. Therefore, the number 2 should be chosen for # of Corporal Works.)

As part of the celebrations around the Jubilee Year, through both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we will make God's mercy manifest in our communities. We will be tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters who experience hardships. The works of mercy are tangible and measurable; no act is too large or too small, especially when done with great love. Empowered by the message of the Gospel, we invite our community to take on the challenge of completing 1,000,000 works of mercy in our diocese. Join us in the challenge!

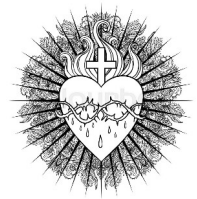


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 KofC Business Meeting 7 PM Parish Hall	2	3	4 Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	5
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<u>Saints Feast Days for July (Click)</u>		Don't Forget Knight of Columbus 4 th of July Celebration 11am till 2pm		August 19 th Ladies Auxiliary Summer Social Parish Hall 7pm	September 2 nd Ladies Auxiliary First Meeting of the Year	

*Overview for the Month

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope 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. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.