

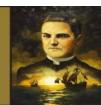
# Knights of Columbus

Council #12196 & Bishop Greco Assembly #2160



“Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love, and the future to God’s providence.”  
St. Augustine

“Vivat Jesus”





# Knight's Messenger

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Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism



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## Grand Knight's Message

## February Newsletter Message



Dear Brother Knights and Parish Family,

As we enter the month of **February**, we prepare our hearts for the sacred season of **Lent**, which begins on **February 18**. Lent calls us to renewal through prayer, sacrifice, and service, and it invites us to walk more intentionally with Christ as men of faith.

This month, we are also actively preparing for the **Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday February 14th**, an important opportunity for spiritual growth and fraternity. Our commitment as Knights is to form strong Catholic men who lead with faith in their families, parish, and community—and this conference is a powerful part of that mission. If you are attending consider wearing your knights shirts from the council and stop by the booth.

Our Annual Communion Breakfast is Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>, We will enjoy great food from Cosmic Donuts who are catering as well as a important talk for our community on new trends on fraud prevention. Tickets will be available until Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

As part of this journey, we will be leading the **Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 27**, beginning at **7:00 PM**. I encourage you and your families to join us as we come together in prayer, reflecting on the Passion of our Lord and uniting our intentions as a parish community.

We recently completed our **fraternal survey**, and we are truly encouraged by the results. The amount of work accomplished by our council in service to the parish and the wider community is something to be proud of. Your dedication continues to reflect the vision of our founder, **Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney**, whose call to charity and brotherhood lives on through our actions.

As we move toward Lent, let us remain united in purpose, strengthened by prayer, and committed to serving Christ and His Church with generous hearts.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Efrain Valles GK**





**COUNCIL No. 12196**  
**MEETS 1st Tuesday of Month**

Officers meet 3rd Tuesday of Month

### 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

## Things to Do In: February 2026

February 1st: Coffee & Donuts after the 8am and  
10am Masses

February 3rd: Knights & Ladies Business Mtg. 7PM

February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th Eucharistic  
Adoration after 8am Mass

February 14th: Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference  
Higgins Hall, Tampa

February 15th: Knights of Columbus Communion  
Breakfast - Parish Hall

February 17th: Knights Officers Mtg. 7pm Parish Hall

February 18th: Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

February 27th: Stations of the Cross 7PM Church

### Future Events:

March 1st: Spring Fashion Show The Center  
Palm Harbor

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> of Every Month***



St Luke Catholic Church Palm Harbor Mass:

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

## Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

The world often associates February with expressions of love and affection. It is a month that gently brings together love, sacrifice, and service—values that lie at the very heart of our vocation as Knights of Columbus. February also brings to mind Valentine's Day, which reminds us that love goes far beyond cards and chocolates. Love, in its truest sense, is far more than a feeling or a celebration marked on a calendar. It is a conscious choice and a lifelong commitment, lived out through faithfulness in marriage, care and responsibility within our families, and genuine charity toward one another. As Knights of Columbus, many of you give daily witness to this self-giving love—by supporting your spouses and children, standing beside brother Knights in moments of difficulty, and reaching out with compassion to those who are vulnerable within our parish and wider community. Your example strengthens the very fabric of Christian family life.

This month we also enter the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The ashes imposed on our foreheads call us to humility, conversion, and renewal: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* Lent invites us to deepen our prayer, practice self-discipline, and increase our works of charity. It is a powerful opportunity for us, as Knights, to align our lives more closely with Christ the Servant, who gave Himself completely for others.

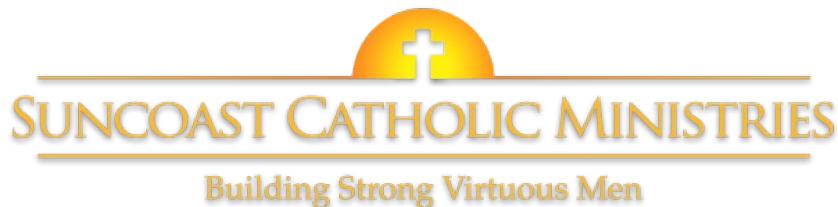
In this spirit, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for all your work and activities especially those activities that often go unnoticed. You truly live out the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood that authentic fraternity is born not merely from meetings or programs, but from standing beside one another, especially in moments of need.

We also mourn the passing of our Brother Knight, Victor Huff who guided and led the OCIA in our parish. May the Lord, in His mercy, welcome him into the glory of the heavenly kingdom.

May this month inspire us to love more deeply, repent more sincerely, and serve more joyfully. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr. Camilo Simoes SAC

*Your Chaplain*



## **The 16th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference**

### **“Finding Hope and Healing in a Broken World”**



#### **Fr. Dan Reehil**

Pastor, Vicar Forane, and Exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville

#### **Dr. Dillon Caswell**

Top-selling author, speaker, and elite performance expert

#### **Bishop Gregory Parkes**

Mass Celebrant and Homilist

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

7:00 AM Rosary | 8:00 AM Mass | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Conference Program

Higgins Hall, Tampa  
On the campus of St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Tickets:  
\$60 per person

Special 2-for-1 Father/Son combo pricing  
High School / College Students: \$30  
Clergy and Religious: Free

<https://suncoastcatholicministries.com>

Pricing includes lunch and a breakfast snack



# Knights of Columbus Florida State Council



STATEWIDE RAFFLE

## Top Prize: \$25,000

### MULTIPLE PRIZES

- **First Prize: \$25,000**
- **Second Prize: \$5,000**
- **Third Prize (2): \$1,000 each**

### TICKET INFORMATION

- Donation: \$3.00 per ticket
- Suggested: \$10.00 per book (4 tickets)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Early Bird Drawing: March 13th
  - One prize to seller: \$400
  - Ticket stubs and payments due: February 10
- **Final Drawing: May 23, 2026**
  - State Convention at Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando
  - Winner need not be present
  - Raffle ends: May 1, 2026
  - All ticket stubs due: May 10, 2026

### SELLERS WIN TOO!

1. Seller of 1st Prize ticket: \$500
2. Seller of 2nd Prize: \$250
3. Sellers of 3rd Prize: \$100 each

### OFFICIAL RULES

- Donations for tickets
- Random drawing
- Need not be present to win
- All prizes paid by Florida State Council Knights of Columbus

***Fund-raiser for Florida State Council and Local Councils***

Chairman: Al Connizzo

Coordinator: Jerry Graceffo

*See raffle guidelines for complete details*

# Bishop Greco Assembly #2160 Announcements

## Fourth Degree

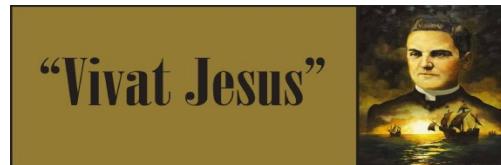


The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus, and it comprises of 17% of the membership of the Order. The distinctive uniform of Sir Knights make them the most visible arm of the Order to the public.

### 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.



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



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## **District Deputy Report**

Brother Knights,

As we prepare for the Lenten season, we should spend some time reflecting on what we should be doing to be deserving of the joyous celebration at the end of Holy Week. After many works of charity and self-sacrifice, we should find ourselves with a clearer understanding of what Jesus did for us. Through the reading of His words and through quiet meditation, we should find ourselves praying for a deeper understanding and a hope that we are getting closer to Him through these acts. There are always acts that we do to help others that are seen and recognized by others for what they are worth, but this is also a time for personal growth with the Holy Trinity to better ourselves and those around us. There are always events to assist with that better ourselves and show what we as Knights can do when we are united as a group, but being examples is very important to possibly influence others to join up or simply do kind acts of kindness by themselves which may help others prepare for Easter.

May God bless us for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37





## **USCCB report: The National Eucharistic Revival's impact, 3 years later**

In 2022, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) launched the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which included nationwide Eucharistic processions, increased Eucharistic adoration, and catechesis, among other efforts to encourage evangelism and increase Catholics' understanding of and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

On Jan. 15, the USCCB published an [assessment](#) of the experience that lay Catholics, priests, consecrated religious, and Church staff had during the revival, revealing positive impacts of the initiative and areas still in need of growth.

Conducted in collaboration with Vinea Research Group during the summer and fall of 2025, the study surveyed 2,500 lay Catholics, clergy, and Church staff on “personal transformation, parish engagement, and future opportunities,” according to a National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) press release.

According to Archbishop Charles Thompson, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, the study had two phases: in the first, an unspecified number of Catholics shared in a one-on-one interview with the researchers about their experiences of the revival.

“These interviews shaped the questions included in the full survey sent out in the second phase,” Archbishop Thompson noted, adding that quotes from these interviews are included throughout the report.

The second phase of the study was a general survey sent to “a broad number of individuals,” including Catholics who received regular communications about the Revival (such as those who attended the events or volunteered with them) and those who were not formally associated with the revival.

The report found that there was increased participation in Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of Confession, more reverence at Mass, growth in volunteering and evangelization efforts in parishes, and renewed confidence among clergy for preaching about Christ’s Real Presence, according to the release.

“The Revival gave me language and courage to talk about the Eucharistic that I didn’t have before,” one deacon said, according to the release.

The study found that about one-third of clergy respondents said the revival had an influence on their preaching on the Real Presence, adoration, and encouragement to evangelize. Priests also reported high levels of support from their local bishops for the initiative, with 47% saying their bishop was “very enthusiastic and actively promoted it,” and 45% saying their bishop was “supportive and encouraged participation” in revival events. Of the pastors themselves, 33% said they were “very enthusiastic and actively promoted it,” and 59% said they were “supportive and encouraged participation.”

“Clergy report strong improvement in Eucharistic devotion and sacramental life in their parish communities, and most see the National Eucharistic Revival as a contributor to this renewal,” the report states. “The Revival’s impact was strongest in areas directly tied to Eucharistic worship and belief in the Real Presence, with secondary gains in evangelization and community life.”

The most fruitful activities held during the revival were parish holy hours or adoration-focused events, Eucharistic catechesis/teaching, and local Eucharistic processions, according to respondents who helped coordinate events and a number of parishioners. The other most fruitful events were the national ones, namely the 2024 Congress and pilgrimages.

Some of the challenges identified in the report were time constraints, resource limitations, raising awareness among target audiences, parish coordination, and capacity constraints. The report notes that local implementation was largely on the shoulders of “volunteers and part-time staff, who often felt they lacked institutional support for sustainable programming.”

The most-cited challenge was difficulty reaching beyond “already-engaged Catholics,” according to the report.

In the lay Catholics survey section, the report states that since 2021, “the data suggests the Revival contributed to a holistic deepening of Catholic faith and practice, not just increased awareness of Eucharistic teaching.”

According to the report, volunteering in one’s community was the most-increased activity during the revival, with going to confession and Eucharistic adoration also increasing. The lay Catholics reported greater understanding and stronger conviction in Church teachings and participation in local church activities. Participants who attended the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress reported even higher growth in these areas.

In the release, NEC President Jason Shanks praised the findings and expressed hope for the future of the Church in the U.S.

“Never in my tenure of working for the Church have I seen such deep impact,” he said. “The fruits of the National Eucharistic Revival are real, lasting, and will continue to shape the life of the American Church for years to come.”

# LENT STARTS



## ASH WEDNESDAY



### WHAT IS LENT?

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days before Easter. Catholics call Lent. We practice prayer, fasting, and sacrifice.

### WHAT ARE FASTING AND ABSTINENCE?



#### Fasting

Catholics who are 18-58 years old are required to keep a limited fast: a single, normal meal & 2 snacks.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday



#### Abstinence

Catholics 14 years & older are required to abstain from eating meat and fowl.

Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent



### Do I have to give up something for Lent?

No. Giving something up is a beneficial custom. You can give up something you enjoy, engage in physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, pray, fast, abstain, go to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

### WHEN DOES HOLY WEEK BEGIN?



Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week.



**HOLY TRIDUUM STARTS** with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday when Jesus celebrated the first Mass, AND LENT OFFICIALLY ENDS.



**Good Friday** marks the anniversary of the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross.



**HOLY SATURDAY** Our Lord lay in the tomb Holy Saturday before his resurrection.



### EASTER SUNDAY

the

Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year!



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# GUIDE TO FASTING



## FRIDAYS OF LENT:

March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11,  
Good Friday April 18

### RULES FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are required to fast and abstain from meat (fish is permitted) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over fourteen should abstain on all Fridays in Lent.



The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing—as far as quantity and quality are concerned approved local custom.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we should not only abstain from all meat, but also fast by limiting ourselves to one meal for the entire day.

### TIPS FOR FASTING

**Start Slow:** If you're new to fasting, begin with small steps like skipping one meal.

**Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the fasting period to stay healthy.

**Choose Wisely:** Opt for nutritious foods when breaking your fast to nourish your body.

**Pray and Reflect:** Use fasting as a time for prayer, self-examination, and drawing closer to God.

### BENEFITS OF FASTING

**Spiritual Growth:** Fasting can deepen our spiritual connection and focus during Lent.

**Self-Discipline:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that fasting "helps us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (2043). Fasting teaches self-control and strengthens our willpower.

**Solidarity:** Fasting in solidarity with others fosters empathy and compassion.

### EXCEPTIONS TO FASTING

Those with health conditions, pregnant or nursing women, and the elderly are exempt from fasting requirements.

If fasting poses a risk to your health or well-being, you are not obligated to fast.

# Stations of the Cross

***"Just a closer walk with THEE..."***

*If this is what you desire, here is an invitation*

*to walk the way of the Cross along with*

*our Saviour through this season of Lent*



**Knights of Columbus Council #12196  
Invites you to Walk with Him**

**Friday, February 27th 7:00 pm**

**St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church**



# COLLECTION DRIVE

## *Help Others In Need!*

### Donations for Pinellas Hope

- Men's Clothing and Toiletries
- Shampoo, Deodorant, Shaving Cream and Razors
- Perfume, Soap



### Donations for Feast Food Pantry

- Non-Perishable, Cans of Food
- Canned Goods: Beans, Vegetables, Meats
- Dry Staples: Rice, Pasta, Oats



We Will Collect These In Our Meetings All Year Round  
*See The Knights with the black plastic totes!*



# Coffee & Donuts



share Christ &  
fellowship  
with other  
Parishioners

## February 1st

(and every 1st Sunday of the month)

In the Parish Hall

Available after the 8am and 10am Masses

Sponsored by the  
**Knights of Columbus Saint Luke Council #12196**



# FIELD AGENTS



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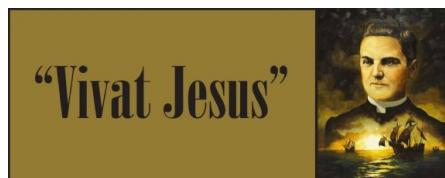


John and his wife Kathleen were married on Valentine's Day in 1997 and are blessed with 4 wonderful children, Matthew, Haley, Johnny and Allison. They are also proud grandparents to 3 awesome grandkids, Clay, Bentley and Annabelle.

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.



## Field Agent Message:

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026!

Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors.

These dividends can be used in various ways, including:

- Purchase paid-up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.
- Reduce an existing loan.



Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

John D Ruckart, FICF, 813-855-5111

Book an appt with me here: <https://bookRuckart.flkofc.com/>

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## Santiago Trade School: Forming a Brotherhood of Young Knights

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council



Located in Silverado, California, Santiago Trade School forms young men through hands-on vocational training rooted in Catholic faith. Every student is a member of the Knights of Columbus, growing together in a brotherhood of faith, discipline, and service. Set on a retreat center, the school's daily rhythm includes Mass and prayer alongside rigorous work in the trades. From the ground up, these young men are constructing buildings while learning skills that prepare them not only for a profession, but for a life of purpose, responsibility, and fraternity. [\(2:49 video\)](#)



# 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

William “Bill” Kelly 04/03/25

Henry J. Schum 09/27/25

Victor Huff 01/19/26

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 10/5/22

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

Kathryn Batassa 12/24/25



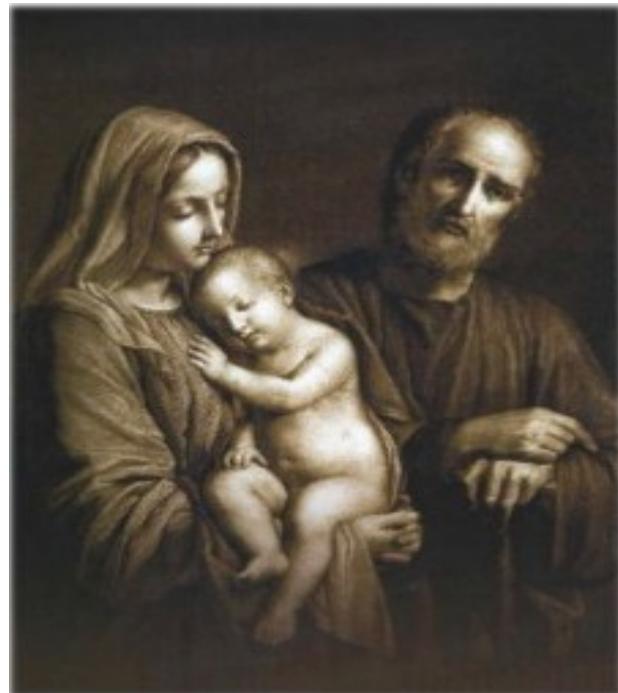
*As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us, and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.’*  
Ven. Fulton Sheen



God, our Father, protector of the poor, and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, 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 continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your Holy Will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*Please report all favors received:*  
The Father McGivney Guild  
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New Haven, CT 06510-3326 USA  
[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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### **A Family Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness, and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

## What Happens During Mass? (A Visual Film on the Consecration)



5 min and 30 second video of what happens at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Council of Trent taught that the Mass is the same as Calvary, "only the manner of offering being changed" from bloody to unbloody. Similarly Vatican II (On the Liturgy #10) said that the Mass is the renewal of the new covenant.

A sacrifice as Catholics understand it (in contrast to some pagan concepts) has two elements: the outward sign and the interior dispositions. The outward sign is there to express and perhaps promote the interior. Without the interior it would be worthless. Hence God once complained through Isaiah 29:13: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." We need to take care that we too do not descend into mere externalism, thinking it enough to just make the responses and sing etc.

At the Last Supper, the outward sign was the seeming separation of body and blood, with the two species. This was a dramatized way of saying to the Father: "I know the command you have given me, I am to die tomorrow. Very good, I turn myself over to death - expressed by the seeming separation - I accept, I obey." On the next day He did as He pledged, but then the outward sign was the physical separation of body and blood, while the interior remained the same. In the Mass, by the agency of a human priest who acts "in the person of Christ" (Vatican II, LG # 10) Christ continues and repeats His offering. The external sign is multiplied as many times as there are Masses. But the interior disposition of Christ is not multiplied, it is continued from that with which He died. For death makes permanent the attitude of will with which one leaves this world.

Read More Here: [The Sacrifice of the Mass](#)

# Pancake Breakfast was a Big Success



St Luke Council  
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Thanks to All Those Who Contributed



# Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast

Sunday  
February 15th  
11:00 am  
Parish Hall



St. Luke  
Council #12196

Guest Speaker  
To Be Announced

\$15 per person  
No tickets at the door

## Breakfast/Brunch Menu

Tickets available at every monthly  
Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

This is a catered event. In order to give an accurate count,  
there is an early cutoff date and tickets are limited.



February 2026

Dear Members of the Ladies Auxiliary,

Our **NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our meeting will be all about our **FASHION SHOW** fundraiser on Sunday, March 1. **Please bring a bottle of wine** that we can use in our gift baskets and to serve at the Fashion Show. Also bring any gift cards you may have collected for gift baskets or raffles. Be prepared to sign up for the many volunteer opportunities! **Tickets will be on sale for \$30.**

**FASHION SHOW SPONSORS AND GIFT CARDS:** Please let me know as soon as possible if you are aware of potential \$100 sponsors. Sponsors' logos will be printed in the Fashion Show program and promoted on our website, bulletin, and outdoor screens. Gift cards can be from anywhere. Think about where you shop, eat, and relax and ask for a donation. Please bring your items to our February 3 meeting. Deadline for sponsorships and gift cards is February 20.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST:** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Communion Breakfast will be held after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **February 15**, in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale at our February meeting for \$15.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. On **Friday, March 13**, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed for the intentions of the Ladies Auxiliary. Please mark your calendars and do your best to attend.

**REMAINING MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR:**

- Tuesday, March 3
- Tuesday, April 7
- Tuesday, May 6 – Brief meeting, including vote on 2026-27 slate of officers, followed by pizza party with the Knights of Columbus.

**ANNUAL PICNIC** is **Saturday, April 18**, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Anderson Park, Pavilion 4. More details to follow.

**2025-26 SLATE OF OFFICERS:** Please think about how you would like to serve the Ladies Auxiliary next year. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Thank you.

Jean Gaspar,  
President

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Vice President  
Alice Ennis

Secretary  
Karen Kurzdorfer

Treasurer  
Christine Bailiff

Sergeant of Arms  
Carol Abresch



The Ladies Auxiliary  
Presents

# March Into Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon



1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 1, 2026  
\$30



**GIFT BASKET RAFFLES - SHARE THE  
WEALTH - DOOR PRIZES**

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The Centre, 1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Palm Harbor

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## February is dedicated to the Holy Family

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Coffee & Donuts after 8am & 10am Masses 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> KofC Business Meeting & Lds. Aux Mtg. 7 PM Parish Hall	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> KofC Communion Breakfast 11am Parish Hall	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> K of C Officers Mtg. 7PM Parish Hall (Fat Tuesday)	<b>18</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Not a Holy Day of Observation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	<b>28</b>
					<b>27</b> <b>K of C</b> <b>Stations of</b> <b>the cross</b> <b>7 pm</b> <b>church</b>	
<u><a href="#">Saints Feast</a></u> <u><a href="#">Days for</a></u> <u><a href="#">February</a></u> <u><a href="#">(Click)</a></u>						

### \*Overview for the Month

Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter). The Feast of the [Presentation of the Lord](#) on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is “the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins.” Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In addition, the faithful may receive in February three of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats and blessed ashes.