



Knights of Columbus St. Ignatius of Antioch

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KC "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest - January 11, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1

*KC Pancake
Breakfast*

FEBRUARY 14

Valentines Day

KC Retreat

FEBRUARY 16

President's Day

FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 19

*KC 3rd Degree
Meeting*

FEBRUARY 20

KC Lenten Dinner

FEBRUARY 21

*Meal Packing
Event*

FEBRUARY 27

KC Lenten Dinner

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
— Psalm 51: 10*



Meal Packaging Event
Saturday, February 21st 2026
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tarpon Springs

- **When: Saturday, Feb. 21st, 2026 (10am - 12pm)**
- **Where: First United Methodist Church**
501 E. Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs

Brother Knights, if you missed the opportunity to participate in our last Community Outreach event, *Toys for Tots*, there is another chance to be part of a most worthy cause: feeding the poor. The food being packaged at this event is for distribution to areas of famine or natural disaster. Every dehydrated rice/soy meal is fortified with 21 essential nutrients and vitamins.

The Knights are asking for volunteers for this event. It is open to spouses, children, and grandchildren. Volunteer t-shirts will be provided for those volunteers who don't already have one. Knights, please wear your Council polo shirt.

- The goal is to package 22,500 meals
- The cost of each meal is \$0.39 per meal
- The sponsors are looking for at least 100 volunteers as well as financial donations.

If you can't make it in person, even a small \$5.00 donation feeds a dozen people. Together we can make a difference. Let's show Tarpon Springs that the Knights of Columbus are a can-do organization.

Any questions or concerns,
contact SK Steve Thomas @ 508-320-6423 (call or text)

Men of the Parish:

Begin the year by standing with other men to sharpen your faith!



Finding Hope and Healing in a Broken World

16th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference

Featuring Fr. Dan Reehil and Dr. Dillon Caswell
with Bishop Gregory Parkes

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa

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



For tickets or more information,
scan the QR code or visit:

suncoastcatholicministries.com



In the St. Ignatius Church Hall

FISH
FRIDAY

4 - 7PM

Every Friday Evening During Lent

Proudly Sponsored By
K of C
Join Today & Put your Faith into Action

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

Dinner Includes:

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

Adult Dinner = \$15

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

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

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



Baptismal Program

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

Contact: Steve Thomas (508-320-6423)



Contact: Don Tobey (727-815-8912)



Contact: Devin Akins (603-680-0274)

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

Congratulations and welcome to those newly baptized in January!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD – Reagan Maizie Harrison

Officiant: Deacon Mike Waldron

Baptism Team: John & Barbara Donnell

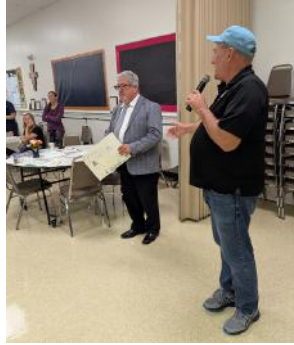
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH – Ixchel Macuil Severian,
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Officiant: Fr. Daniel

Baptism Team: Dave & Katherine Creamer

KC "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST

The KC "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest was a wonderful success once again. A special thank you goes to SK Tony St. George, who put in tremendous effort organizing, judging, and overseeing the event.



KC BIG BREAKFAST

The KC Big Breakfast was a great success with a strong turnout. Thanks to the many volunteers who generously gave their time, everything ran smoothly. Events like this truly show the power of teamwork and service.





DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTE - SIR DAVID CREAMER

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 many acts we do to help others that are seen and recognized for their value. At the same time, this season is an opportunity for personal growth through the Holy Trinity, helping us better ourselves and those around us. There are many opportunities and events that allow us to grow, serve, and show what we as Knights can accomplish when we are united. Just as important, though, is leading by example. Our actions can inspire others to join us or to perform simple acts of kindness on their own, helping prepare hearts and lives for Easter.

May God bless us for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

**David Creamer
District Deputy 37**



St. Ignatius of Antioch Council 7621
Tarpon Springs, Florida

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTE - SIR PHIL HOYLE

Brother Knights,

As we move through February, our hearts begin to turn toward the holy season of Lent. This is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal – an opportunity to draw closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and works of charity. I am grateful for each of you and the continued support you give to our Council and our parish family.

Preparing for Lent

Lent invites us to pause, to examine our lives, and to recommit ourselves to living the Gospel more fully. It is not only a season of sacrifice, but a season of hope – reminding us that through Christ's death and resurrection, we are made new.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this sacred journey. As we receive ashes, we are reminded of our dependence on God and our call to conversion. Let us enter this season with open hearts and a renewed spirit.

Lenten Dinners – Volunteers Needed

Our annual Lenten Dinners are a meaningful way to serve our parish while building fellowship. Volunteers are needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. Please consider offering your time – even one evening makes a difference. Together, we can continue this beautiful tradition of hospitality and service.

Gratitude for Your Support

Thank you, Brothers, for your continued dedication, prayers, and willingness to serve. Your faithfulness strengthens our Council and brings Christ's love into our parish and community.

Looking Ahead – Officer Nominations

It is already time to begin soliciting candidates for next year's officer slate. If you feel called to serve, or if you would like to nominate a Brother, please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Leadership is service, and our Council grows stronger when men step forward in faith.

May the coming weeks prepare us for a fruitful Lenten journey, and may God continue to bless our Council, our parish, and our families.

Vivat Jesus!

**Phil Hoyle
Grand Knight**

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



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - FATHER SOJAN

Lent: A Gentle Invitation to Come Home

Before we enter into the sacred season of Lent, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Knights for the wonderful work they do for our parish. I regret that I did not get a chance to thank you personally, as I had to travel home immediately after Christmas. Please know that your generous support, dedication, and volunteer service—especially during the busy Christmas season—did not go unnoticed. Your willingness to serve quietly and faithfully is a true blessing to our parish community. Thank you for all that you do, and may God reward you abundantly.

As we now turn our hearts toward the month of February, the Church gently invites us into the holy season of Lent—a time not of pressure or perfection, but of grace, renewal, and coming closer to God. Lent is a gift, a sacred pause in our busy lives, calling us to slow down and reflect on where we are in our relationship with the Lord.

Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, Lent helps us refocus our hearts. Prayer invites us into deeper conversation with God, even if it is just a few quiet moments each day. Fasting reminds us that what truly sustains us is not things, but God Himself. Almsgiving opens our eyes to the needs of others and helps us grow in compassion and generosity.

Most importantly, Lent reminds us of God's mercy. No matter where we find ourselves—strong in faith or struggling—God continually invites us to begin again. This season assures us that we are never too far from His love or forgiveness.

As we journey through Lent together, may these days draw us closer to Christ, soften our hearts, and prepare us to celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed faith, hope, and love.

May God bless you and your family during this holy season.

**Fr. Sojan
Chaplain**