



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



### MARCH – THE SEASON OF LENT PREPARING US FOR EASTER



The themes of Lent are Baptism and Penance. Lent was originally a time of final preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the ancient church, the sacrament of Baptism was performed once a year at Easter. Only adults who were educated in the Catholic Faith were baptized. No one could be baptized until they had learned the catechism. When a person had a sufficient grasp of the Faith, he/she was put forth as a candidate, or "catechumen." Final examinations or "scrutinies" were given to these catechumens 40 days before Easter to decide who was ready to be baptized at Easter. Through the two-fold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. During Lent penance should not be only inward and individual but also outward and social, and should be directed toward works of mercy (such as helping at a fish fry or a fundraising dinner?).

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE FOR LENT 2024:](#) "Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us."

Watch the [www.kofc7121.org/calendar](http://www.kofc7121.org/calendar) for additions and corrections to events that might not have been announced in time for publication of this newsletter.

Please email your news and articles for the next newsletter to [kofc7121@gmail.com](mailto:kofc7121@gmail.com)

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, including recent additions of Dawn Murati, Rose McCaul, Pat Petrick, Ed Rice, Josephine Scher and Sue Coleman, as well Sr. Anne, recovering from surgery. Prayers are also requested for others seriously ill. Names are added to this list as announcements are received. Please click this link (or bookmark it).

### MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all the Brothers celebrating in March, the month that "comes in like a lion, out like a lamb". We also celebrate Daylight Savings Time on 3/10, "Pi Day" on 3/14, the "Ides" on 3/15, the Vernal Equinox occurs at 11:06 PM EDT on Tuesday, March 19, the ethnic "holydays" for St. Patrick 3/17 and St. Joseph 3/19, and **March Madness** the entire month.

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Wayne Reyes	03-09	82
David Kennedy	03-10	85
Brian Kaman	03-16	56
F Whitman Haggerson	03-17	83
Allen Cole	03-22	71
Ed Rice	03-23	72
Jim Clarkin	03-25	81
Kyle A Snodgrass	03-25	47
Kevin Dooner	03-28	73

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://kofc7121.org) council website allows use of shared file and document storage on the Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

**Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the Jan 25 2023 meeting](#)**

**Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the Feb 22 2024 meeting](#)**

Please review the draft minutes of the previous meeting for expedited corrections / approval at the next business meeting. By using these electronic media files, we are able to simplify business meetings and eliminate a lot of uninformed discussions.

**BUSINESS MEETING AT 7 PM ONLY - HALL IS OCCUPIED FROM 5-7**

**COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING**

**3rd Thursday**

**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**

**MARCH 21**



## **BUSINESS MEETING CHANGE FOR HOLY THURSDAY**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in March is Holy Thursday. The business meeting is moved ONE WEEK EARLIER, but St. Anthony Hall is occupied from 5 to 7 PM. Doors open and our meeting starts at 7 PM. There will be no social hour or recitation of the rosary.

## **ST. JOSEPH ICON PRAYER SERVICE**

Exposition of the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon on the altar of St. Anastasia was held the week of Feb 13-18, beginning with an evening prayer service on Feb 13, attended by approximately 20 Brother Knights and parishioners. The service was led by our Chaplain, Fr. Tim Lindenfelser, assisted by Brother Knights Deacon Steve Kassenbaum and Seminarian Steve Henderson.

The [Pilgrim Icon Program](#) consisted of prayers, songs led by a cantor, incense, readings, and recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph. At the conclusion, GK Bill Remy led a recitation of the rosary.



Knights of Columbus to share the centerpiece of their Prayer Program at St. Anastasia Parish: The Icon of St. Joseph

The St. Joseph Icon will be at  
St. Anastasia Catholic Church  
February 13-18, 2024

A prayer service will be held on  
**\*February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**  
All are invited to attend



Gentlemen! Do you want to play a more active role in your parish?  
**Join the Knights of Columbus!**  
Just call or text Rick Cozby,  
Financial Secretary: 410-322-3248  
**The Knights: We make things happen!**  
(open to all Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older)

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WE ARE KNIGHTS OF CHARITY.  
CHARITY IS AT THE HEART OF OUR FAITH AND OUR WORK.

## ST PATRICK'S DINNER ON ST PATRICK'S EVE

The homemade corned beef and cabbage feast returns to Celebration Hall on Saturday, March 16.

Live music again this year – **The Kings English** return after their sellout performance at last month's Sock Hop.





### St. Patrick's Dinner

SATURDAY MARCH 16 - CELEBRATION HALL  
DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM - DINNER 6:00 PM  
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Live Entertainment by The Kings English!

TICKETS: Adult \$20 – Student \$10  
Children 10 and under eat free w/ticket

Tickets on sale at all weekend Masses  
starting March 2 & 3 and March 9 & 10!

If you've purchased your tickets but want  
to reserve a table for a group, visit:  
[kofc7121.org/stpatricksdinner](http://kofc7121.org/stpatricksdinner)

Scan the QR CODE



**TICKETS ARE LIMITED.** Get yours early either at all Masses on Mar 2-3 or 9-10 or by calling GK Bill Remy at 303-886-8065. **PRESALES ONLY –NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. WHEN THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE.**

**GROUP TABLE RESERVATIONS** (minimum 4, maximum 8 people) are available by **ONLINE REQUEST ONLY.** After purchasing your tickets or your group's tickets, scan the QR code above or go to [kofc7121.org/tablereservations](http://kofc7121.org/tablereservations).

## IRISH EVENING OF DANCE

Tim Rippey returns to Celebration Hall on Saturday, March 23, for a special St. Patrick's encore night of Irish tunes and limericks. The dance floor will be open for Irish jigs and tap dancing if you can do it.

Knights provide the cash bar to a very thirsty crowd having a good time, singing and dancing the night away! This is a very effective fundraiser for the council – well worth the time and effort. All proceeds from the tip jar and 50/50 are now dedicated to **SPECIAL OLYMPICS.**

Sign up for any 1 or 2 hour setup - 1<sup>st</sup> shift - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift with Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email [davemorrison@outlook.com](mailto:davemorrison@outlook.com)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
A NIGHT OF DANCING  
WITH TIM RIPPEY

**\$15 AT THE DOOR**  
CASH OR CHECK ONLY  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**St. Anastasia  
Catholic Church**  
CELEBRATION HALL  
Located at 5205 A1A South,  
3mi North of the 206 Bridge

Cash Bar provided by  
**Knights of Columbus**  
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)

Reservations include:  
8-10 tops or open seating

**DOORS: 5:30**  
**DANCING BEGINS: 7:00**

TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074  
EMAIL RSVP: [BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM](mailto:BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM)





## ST. ANASTASIA FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT! Celebration Hall 5:30 PM



Dinner is served immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Brother Knights are asked to help with setup, food service, busing tables, and cleanup after the dinner. Proceeds will go towards funding the council's RSVP vocation donation to seminarians.

Help needed with prep and setup Thursday evening/Friday morning. 5-6 helpers needed anytime Friday between 3 pm - 7 pm. If interested in helping, please call Steve Barthelmes at 904-704-7560.

**\*\*Fish Fry on Friday March 1 is TAKE OUT ONLY due to hall being occupied by the ARTISAN FAIR. We will start serving early (3:30PM), and expect a large crowd.**

## SOCK HOP GOES WILD!!

The Sock Hop for the Homeless Ministry held Saturday Feb 17 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** The dance floor with THE KINGS ENGLISH was rockin' around the clock, filled all evening with couples movin' and groovin' to stacks of hot wax, blasts from the past, rock, pop and doo-wop from Elvis, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry, the Beach Boys, up to the Beatles. The "Twist Contest" was the highlight of the evening,



won by Deacon Steve Kassebaum (top right photo, white t-shirt, dark glasses, right of center) and his wife Chrissie. Sr. Anne was crowned "Queen of the Hop".

Below left: the baskets of new socks contributed by those who took "**Sock Hop**" seriously. Below right: part of the beverage crew dispensing fine wine and brew all night long. Kudos to Bill and Sue Coleman, Rick and Jo Cozby, Mike Lurski, Ken and Josephine Scher, Frank and Irene Merenda and Chuck and Wanda Nitsch. With the highest gross bar income ever recorded, the council was able to write a \$500 check as our donation to the Sock Hop. Total donations to the Homeless Ministry were **\$6,926**. Thank you to all who made this event a huge success!!



*"We are put on this earth to have a good time. This makes other people feel good." Wolfman Jac*

## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

Start shopping now for **NON-PERISHABLE, IN-DATE food** and also **personal care items** for the **needy and homeless**.

Bag distribution will be held after each Mass **Mar 2-3**. Donations will be collected before all Masses the weekend of **Mar 9-10** in the drive-thru lane of the Formation Center.



For monetary donations, please write a check, payable to the four supported ministries: **St. Francis House, Catholic Charities, St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries,** and/or **Knights of Columbus Co. 7121/For: Homeless Ministry.**

 **ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**APRIL 8, 2024**  
**AT**  
**ST. JOHN'S COUNTY GOLF CLUB**  
4900 Cypress Links Blvd.  
Elkton, FL 32033  
**FIRST PRIZE \$600**

### Format:

Scramble, 4 person team  
11:00 a.m. Registration and Putting Contest  
1:00 p.m. Shotgun  
Complimentary lunch, beer and water on the course  
Tournament Awards Banquet at Late Risers Bar & Grille - located at the St. Johns County Golf Club directly after the tournament  
Players: Free Admission to Banquet  
One Guest: \$25.00

**Tournament Registration: Beth Todd**  
518-428-3128 -[BethT1275@yahoo.com](mailto:BethT1275@yahoo.com)

**Hole Sponsorship: Rick Cozby**  
410-322-3248 - [rcozby@verizon.net](mailto:rcozby@verizon.net)

## KNIGHTS RETREAT AT ST. ANASTASIA APRIL 27



Deacon Steve Kassebaum will host a day of spiritual reflection for all Brother Knights and those actively considering joining our ranks. Preliminary agenda begins at 8 AM in St. Anthony Hall will a light breakfast, followed by 9 AM Mass, liturgical presentations, silent meditation, a lunch, with a concluding session 2-2:30 PM. **SAVE THE DATE!**

## FR SEAMUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The 2024 Father Seamus O'Flynn Scholarship applications are now available on the council website at [kofc7121.org/frseamusscholarshipapplication](http://kofc7121.org/frseamusscholarshipapplication), in both an online submittal form or a downloadable paper copy.

### 2024 FATHER SEAMUS O'FLYNN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

OR

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31**

## ST. GERARD CAMPUS GALA PROMO CODE

The St Gerard Maternity Home fundraiser and Gala is set for the evening of **Thursday March 21, 2024**. This gala will be held for the first time at the **Tringali Barn** located on US 1 south of State Road 206. This is our first time fundraiser at this venue.



[Click here for tickets and sponsorship information](#), or use the QR code below. The Knights have received a **20% discount promo code** for the gala. Please use code **ThankYouKoC**. It expires March 20th. For more information or to pay by check, contact Deanna Cedar, [officemanager@stgerardcampus.org](mailto:officemanager@stgerardcampus.org), 904-829-5516.



St Gerard Campus is St. John County's pro-life center for teenage young ladies who are pregnant or have just recently given birth to a precious child of God and can no longer stay at home or remain at a formal high school. St Gerard also offers pregnancy assistance, a donation center for adult women and families in our community along with pregnancy counseling consistent with our fervent pro-life values. God Bless all of you who have supported St Gerard Maternity Home and school so fervently for the past many years!!

*John Alexander, St. Gerard Campus Board Member*

## THE PARISH CORNER

## Hands and Feet

The St. Martin de Porres Outreach room is open **Monday- Friday 8:30am—10:00am** or **30 minutes after all weekend Masses** to receive donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing & shoes, new packs of adult sized socks & undergarments, yoga mats, travel size soap & shampoo and feminine items. With the cooler weather coming in, gently used sheets and blankets would be gratefully accepted. Thank you to all who have donated items to this Outreach Room. Your kind heart and generosity in spirit has helped so many of our brothers and sisters in our community who need help. With your help we have been able to bring Christ to people who may not otherwise know Him.

*And let There Be Music!*

The 2024 Concert Series  
welcomes

**The Powell Trio**

Curtis Powell

Helen Marin

Randy Tinnin



**Saturday, March 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

## Holy Week SCHEDULE

March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MORNING PRAYER 9:00 A.M.</li> <li>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:00 P.M. (ONE HOUR OF ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS)</li> </ul>
March 29 (Good Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MORNING PRAYER 9:00 A.M.</li> <li>CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00 P.M.</li> <li>STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00 P.M.</li> </ul>
March 30 (Holy Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MORNING PRAYER 9:00 A.M.</li> <li>BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD 12 NOON</li> <li>EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 8:30 P.M.</li> </ul>
March 31 (Easter Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MASS 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.</li> <li>EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE 11:00 A.M.</li> </ul>

## Loving Jesus Through Mary

A spiritual program about the richness of our Catholic faith; Marian Devotions, Saints and events in the Liturgical year. New topics each month! Attend any time!

Dates: March 14, April 11, May 9

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Join us for coffee & fellowship at 9:45 am

For more information contact:

buckleydiane@gmail.com

## Let Us Dream

*'The Path To A Better Future'*

**St. Anastasia 2024  
Parish Retreat  
Experience**

What are we most in need of today?  
*Isn't it more faith? More hope?*

The 2024 Parish Mission at St. Anastasia will help you to encounter Christ and the work of God in our lives.

For more than 300 years, Catholic parishes have dedicated a significant week during Lent to prayer, contemplation of God's Word, and profound personal repentance. The emphasis during these three days includes The Overwhelming Gift of Real Presence, The Gift of Transformation, and The Awakening to the Gift of Presence within Us.

Join us as we welcome  
Fr. Jack Conley, Passionist Priest

March 11, 12 & 13  
10:00a.m. or 6:30p.m.  
in the church



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study "At Home With The Word"

Presented by Deacon Steve Kassebaum  
and Steve Henderson

Join us each week as we gather together  
to glorify God through fellowship with  
one another and to study the Word of  
God that we will hear at Mass.

Day: Tuesdays Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: St. Joseph Room

**All are welcome!!**

For more information contact Denise at  
904-471-5364 or dre@saccfl.org.