



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



MAY – THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 2024 Easter season (which ends on Pentecost, May 19) is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in 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.

In 1955, the Catholic Church dedicated May 1 to "Saint Joseph the Worker" in order to Christianize the concept of labor and give workmen a role model and a protector. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of workers and craftsmen, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a happy death.

Other liturgical feasts in May include the Ascension (May 9 or 12), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Pentecost (May 19), Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (May 20), Trinity Sunday (May 26) and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31).

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for May 2024:](#) For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Watch the 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

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 Brian Foy. Prayers are also requested for others sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received. Please click this link (or bookmark it).

MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Brothers born in May. If you need a good excuse to celebrate, May is your month, starting with May Day (aka International Workers Day), Star Wars Day ("May the 4th Be With You"), Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, National Twilight Zone Day, International Family Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day, Do Something Good For Your Neighbors Day, National Armed Forces Day, and finally Memorial Day. Something for everyone to look forward to.

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Jim Hesson	05-02	43
Jack Dibee	05-10	85
Pat Hardin	05-15	55
Roy Torboli	05-16	75
Mark Clark	05-25	79
John Parkey	05-28	67
Ryan Lucas	05-30	36
Frank Merenda	05-30	69
Dave Repnicki	05-30	53

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 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 March 21 2024 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the April 25 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 MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING

4th Thursday

St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)

MAY 23

Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 PM - Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM



SLATE OF OFFICERS – ELECTION TO BE HELD AT MAY 23 MEETING

As required by Article II of the Council 7121 Bylaws, the slate of officers for the next fraternal was presented at the April business meeting. Candidates for the elected offices include Grand Knight – Bill Remy; DGK – Ken Scher; Chancellor – Bill Coleman; Recorder – Frank Merenda; Treasurer – Tim Buckley; Advocate – Chuck Nitsch; Warden – Dennis Tucker; Inside Guard - Jim McIlhenney; Outside Guard – Steve Barthelmes; Trustees – Tom Alexander (1st year), Dave Morrison (2nd year), and Tom Kelly (3rd year). Rick Cosby has agreed to reappointment as Financial Secretary, and the Lecturer office is vacant.

Election of officers will convene, further nominations may be made from the floor, and the election will be held at the May 23 business meeting. Any 3rd Degree Brother who may be interested in assuming the obligations and duties of an elected position is asked to contact GK Bill Remy.

DEFEAT AMENDMENT 4 ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

The abortion lobby is outspending “Respect Life” by 265:1 on Amendment 4. One way we can do our part to defeat this amendment is to attend a training session sponsored by our Diocese. The Human Life and Dignity Office of The Diocese of St Augustine and Council 13337 will host **How to Defeat Amendment 4 on November Ballot** with Guest Speaker Sara Johnson, Statewide Grassroots Director for Florida Voters Against Extremism. Please come, gain knowledge, materials, and a motivating force that you will take back to your parish and community. Date: Tuesday May 7th, 10am-12pm; Location: Corpus Christi Catholic Church-Marian Hall, 6175 Datil Pepper Rd, St. Augustine, FL. RSVP: Maureen Shilkunas, Director of Human Life and Dignity mshilkunas@dosaf1.com. For more details, see [VoteNoOnAmendment4](#).



MOMS EAT FREE ON MOTHER'S DAY

The chefs extraordinaire' are going all out to provide a Mother's Day feast for all families in the parish on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12. No reservations required, easy in, easy out, no valet parking. To provide an even better service to parish families, **MOMS EAT FREE**, as well as children 8 and under.

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE: A generous donation of a case of champagne will allow us to serve **FREE MIMOSAS** (while they last) to all Mothers and their generous husbands who brought them to a free breakfast.

Extra cleanup help will be needed starting at 12 noon. Come on down and lend a hand!

COUNCIL 7121 AT ST. ANASTASIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

After the Masters and Players tournaments, the Council 7121 semi-professionals hit the links at the St. Johns County Golf Course on April 8 for the St. Anastasia Golf Tournament. Below left, Seminarian Steve Henderson practices driving range balls into ponds, sand traps and trees, while Rick Cozby and Brian Foy pose with the council's hole sponsorship sign.



KNIGHTS RETREAT: LIVING A EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY

A Day of Reflection, coordinated by Brother Knight / Deacon Steve Kassebaum, was held in the Community Center on Saturday, April 27. Guest speaker was Sister Florence Bryan, SSJ, (center, joined (back left) by Sister Jane Stoecker, SSJ). Sr. Florence narrated video presentations by Bishop Robert Barron on “The Real Presence of the Eucharist” and “Eucharist as Feast”.

This retreat was intended to give Brother Knights a “refresher course” on the ongoing three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which we participated in by leading the Eucharistic Procession around the parish grounds during the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ celebration on June 11, 2023.

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative by the U.S. bishops intended to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. In the summer of 2024, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin from each of the four corners of the country and end in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress this coming July 17–24.

Below left: Deacon Steve gives the opening prayer, while Brother Knights gathered around the tables for a presentations, sharing and discussions.



THAT’S A WRAP! FISH FRIES FINISH STRONG

Chef Steve Barthelmes emptied the cupboard and the cash box and found a net profit of **\$12,000** after expenses from the six weeks of sacrifice and penance during Lent. Proceeds were split evenly between the parish and the council. Thanks to all those who helped in many ways to make this an outstanding success!!

MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE MAY 18-19 and MAY 25-26



Help finish off a great year of food drive donations by helping distribute bags after each Mass on May 18-19, then collect the bags and donations in the drive-thru lane before each Mass on May 25-26.

Add your name to an open shift on the [Food Drive Signup Sheet](#) or email DaveLook at dave32080@gmail.com



SATURDAY MAY 18

A NIGHT OF DANCING WITH TIM RIPPEY

*St. Anastasia
Catholic Church*

CELEBRATION HALL
5205 A1A South
3 miles North of the 206 Bridge
Cash Bar provided by
Knights of Columbus
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)



DOORS: 5:30

DANCING BEGINS: 7:00

\$15 AT THE DOOR

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

Reservations include 8-10 tops else open seating

TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074

EMAIL RSVP: BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM



THE PARISH CORNER



**Respect Life
is selling**

*Mother's Day
Cards*

May 4 & 5
at all the
exits

**Don't miss this opportunity to give the
gift of prayer to the mom in your life**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Fr. Praveen
as he takes us on a journey
through the Catechism of the
Catholic Church!

The 1st and 3rd Monday of the
month at 10:00am
In the St. Joseph Room
of the Formation Center

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.

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MAY 11, 2024

YOU'RE INVITED
TO
ST. ANTHONY HALL
AFTER THE
4:00 PM MASS
FOR WINE & CHEESE
FELLOWSHIP

ST. ANTHONY'S HALL IS
ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH
NEXT TO THE BLESSED
MOTHER'S CHAPEL

Loving Jesus Through Mary



Date: May 9

A spiritual program about the richness of our Catholic faith;
Marian Devotions, Saints and events in the Liturgical year. Please
join us for the last meeting before the summer break.

Time: Coffee & Fellowship at 9:45am | program at 10:00am

Place: St. Enda of Aran Formation Center

Questions? bucklevdiane@gmail.com

St. Martin de Porres Community Outreach Room

The Outreach room is open **Mon.**
—Fri. 8:30am—10:00am or 30
minutes after 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. We ask that you
please keep in mind the limited
space inside the outreach room.
The weight of the bag you're
leaving is a consideration as
some of our distribution angels"
have physical limitations.

To help this ministry, contact Sister
Anne Halpin before or after Mass
in the Outreach Room.



**Special Holy Hour of
Adoration of Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament for the
Relief of Suffering
every Monday at 1:30pm
in the Adoration Chapel.**

Come pray the Holy Rosary
and the Novena Prayer to
the Sacred Heart for the
Relief of Suffering for all
who are sick or suffering in
our families, in our parish,
and in the world.