



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



AUGUST – MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. During August we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration (Aug 6), the feast of the Assumption (Aug 15) and the Queenship of Mary (Aug 22). The “dog days of summer” provide a welcome change of pace. However, while vacations afford us the time to relax and refresh, the change of habits and routines can also have a negative impact on our spiritual lives. As if to re-ignite us, the Church offers us, in a plethora of August feasts, vivid examples of the virtue of perseverance: six martyrs—two of whom are named in

Canon I of the Mass and two who were martyred during World War II; seven founders of religious congregations, as well as three popes and two kings; the apostle, St. Bartholomew; the great Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine and St. Monica, his mother; the humble patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney, and the patron of deacons, St. Lawrence. {catholicculture.org}

THE POPE’S PRAYER MESSAGE for AUGUST 2024: For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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 Pat Petrick, Jim McIlhenney, Ed Rice and Josephine Scher. Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother R. Scott Cash who passed away suddenly July 30 at age 41, just elected and installed as GK of Council 13337 at Corpus Christi. 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to the long list of Brothers with birthdays in the month of August, famous for Watermelon Day (Aug 3), S’Mores Day (Aug 10), Left-Handers Day (Aug 13), as well as International Clown Week (Aug 1-7). **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all the Brothers as they celebrate putting one more candle on their cake!



Note also that our Founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, was born on August 12th, died on August 14th and his feast day is celebrated on August 13 (see page 2).

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Don McAllister	08-01	85
Mark Hansen	08-02	75
Robert Wesselman	08-05	86
Andrew O’Connell	08-06	39
Alexander Steiner	08-10	66
Jim Burns	08-14	60
Ken Thomas	08-14	64
Tommy Murphy	08-15	75
Vincent Celestino	08-17	75
Karl Elsishans	08-18	71
Ernie Mikos	08-29	53
Mike DeVore	08-30	72

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 June 27 2024 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the July 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

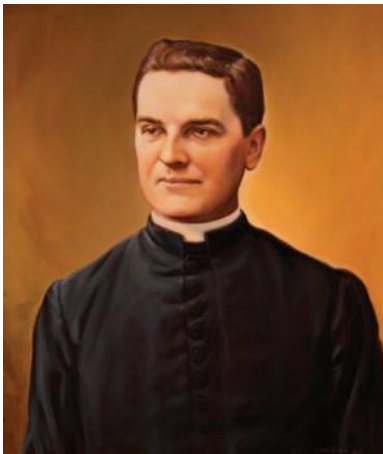
COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING



**4th Thursday
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
AUGUST 22**

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

BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY FEAST DAY AUGUST 13



August is a very important month for the Knights of Columbus. Blessed Michael J McGivney was born on the 12th and died on the 14th. He was declared a “Venerable Servant of God” by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008, and declared “Blessed” by Pope Francis on Oct. 31, 2020 in the [Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification](#), in which his Feast Day was established on Aug 13.

To better understand why the Knights of Columbus was founded and more fully appreciate our founding principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, please read our founder’s history in [The Life and Legacy of Father Michael McGivney](#).

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael J. 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 may continue His work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Blessed Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through His intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of Officers of St. Thomas More Council 7121 for the 2024-2025 fraternal year was held in Celebration Hall on Friday July 19, presided over by District Deputy Robert Billoni (at podium, right), Chaplain Fr. Tim Lindenfelser (giving the opening prayer) and District Warden Brian Foy.

After each officer took his oath of office, they formed the Living Cross (below left). Bill Remy (below right) takes the podium as he gives his welcoming remarks for his 5th term as a GK.



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Brother Steve Barthelmes was (once gain) presented with the honor of being designated Council 7121 **Knight of the Year**.

GK Bill Remy is shown (right) presenting Steve with another custom wood-grain embossed plaque in appreciation of his efforts in running all the Sunday Pancake Breakfasts, the Lenten Fish Fries, the Christmas Party Dinner, the St. Patrick's Dinner, the Fr. Seamus Scholarship Banquet and innumerable small affairs hosting less than 50 people for Religious Education, SALA, Dine With Nine, and various parish ministries. **GREAT JOB. MUCH APPRECIATED BROTHER STEVE!**



ST. GERARD CAMPUS ADOPT-A-ROOM FUNDRAISER

With homelessness becoming a nationwide epidemic, we strive to provide a safe and healing living environment for young mothers and their babies. We do this by providing dormitory-style living with a common laundry and recreational room for mothers ages 12 to 20 and their children. We currently can house 5 mothers and 10 children with plans in the near future to increase our capacity to 10 mothers and up to 20 children.

With school beginning in one month, our rooms are cleaned, inspected, and ready for new beds, cribs, and other necessities to welcome our 2024-2025 residents. We need your help!

A small contribution can go a long way and mean restful sleep, safety, and comfort for young mothers in our community.

CLICK HERE TO BE A ROOM SPONSOR

FULL ROOM SPONSOR \$1000

Sponsors the bed for mom, crib for baby and all basic necessities for one resident room.

REST FOR MOM SPONSOR \$500

Sponsors one bed frame and mattress set for mom.

REST FOR BABY SPONSOR \$250

Sponsors one new crib and mattress set for baby.

ROOM ESSENTIALS SPONSOR \$250

Sponsors all basic necessities for a room including bedding, baby tub, sound machine, toiletries, towels, baby proofing supplies, etc.



CLICK ANYWHERE ON THE PICTURE BELOW FOR ST. GERARD GOLF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ST. GERARD CAMPUS 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

📍 ROYAL ST. AUGUSTINE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Register!
NOW

Gear up for our highly anticipated 3rd annual golf tournament, where competition meets compassion to benefit St. Gerard Campus! Excitement fills the air as teams prepare to showcase their skills for a noble cause. Join us for a day of thrilling matches, community spirit, and making a positive impact on young teen moms.

Knights of Columbus®

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Marsh Creek

COUNTRY CLUB

Columbus Day

Monday October 14, 2024

COLUMBUS DAY DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration is now open!

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD FORM/FLYER](#)

or use the QR code below to register.

For more information: contact Brian Foy, 304-871-0888 - bfoy11@yahoo.com

INCLUDES:

- 18-hole Greens Fee
- Cart Rental
- Driving Range & Balls
- Breakfast
- Awards Lunch
- Pin Prizes & Awards
- Sponsor Recognition

Format:

4 Person Scramble

Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m. Registration
 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start
 Awards lunch at conclusion of play at
 Saint Anastasia Catholic Church
 5205 A1A South St. Augustine FL

ENTRY FEE:

\$150 / Player

\$600 / Foursome

Location:

Marsh Creek Country Club
 169 Marshside Drive,
 Saint Augustine, Florida 32080



EMMAUS MENS WEEKEND RETREAT COMING TO ST. ANASTASIA

EMMAUS



of North East Florida

Next Men's Retreat: September 13-15th, 2024

The Road to Emmaus

The Gospel of St. Luke relates the story of the risen Christ appearing to two men who were going along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were walking together, sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ joined them and explained the scriptures as they walked, how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter His glory. This experience on the road was a heart-warming experience as the risen Christ walked and talked with them. The illuminating climax of the experience was when Christ took bread and said the blessing, then broke it and gave it to them. The two had their eyes opened and they recognized Him as the risen Christ and they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

RETREAT DETAILS AND REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE at emmausofstajax.org

John Lobo, retreat organizer for Emmaus Retreat, gave a short talk about his travel here from India in the 1970s as an immigrant. His mother worked alongside Mother Teresa. He settled in St. Louis, worked for Citibank, has been with Emmaus Retreat for 29 years, attended by a total of 1.4 million people in NA, SA, Asia and Europe. He helped establish Emmaus communities around the country, including St. Augustine in 2019. Thirty-eight candidates attended the St Augustine retreat in April, 2024.

John (standing, center) addressed the council business meeting on June 25, with (left-to-right) Tom Kelly, Brendan O'Connell and Lecturer Jack Jones, who arranged the presentation.

As Worthy Lecturer, Jack asks anyone with suggestions on guest lecturers they would like to see to email him directly at irjones@thelifesourcegroup.com.





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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4

Please read the statement from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops:
flaccb.org/abortion-amendment

PRAYER TO DEFEAT FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTIONAL ABORTION AMENDMENT

(The following prayer will be offered at the start of each business meeting until the November election)

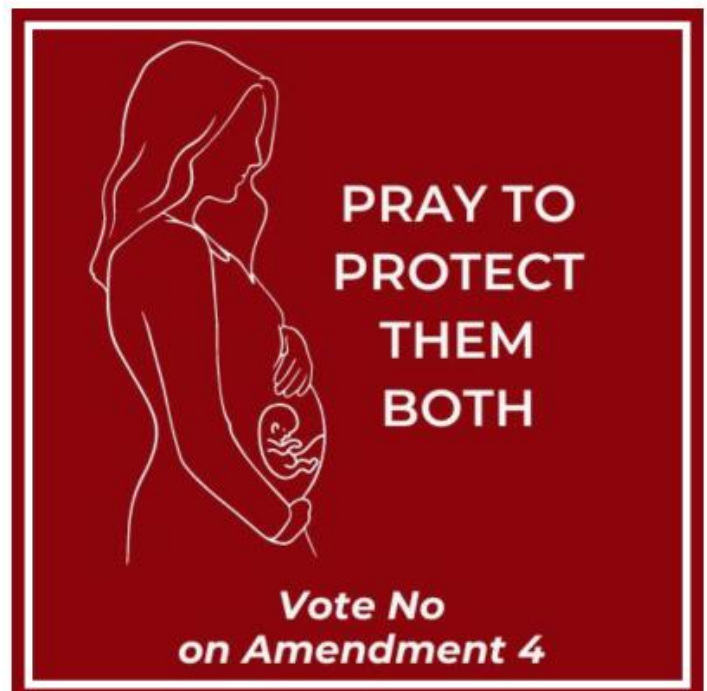
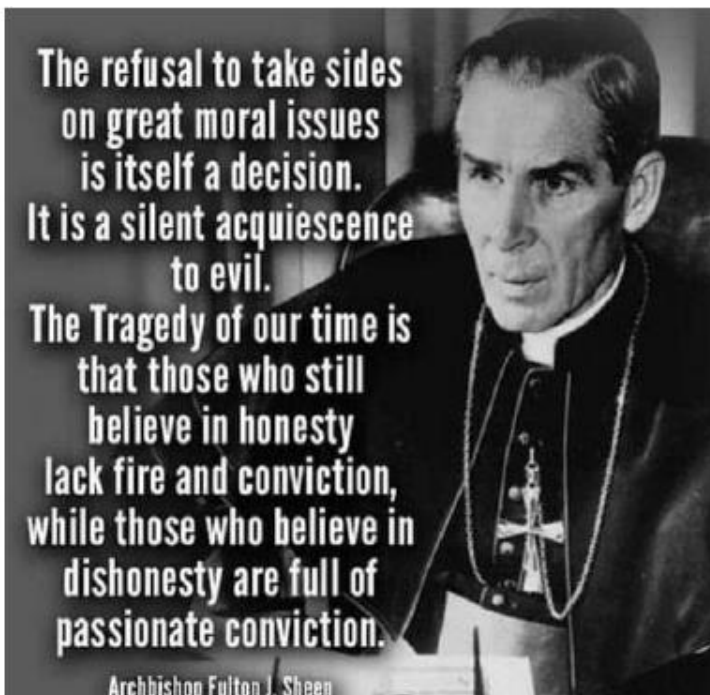
Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken, in every heart, awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!



A HEADLINE YOU WILL PROBABLY NOT READ IN THE *ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD*, *JACKSONVILLE TIMES* or *USA TODAY* (or see it on NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX or any local television news)

[Florida Pro-Lifer Sues Google for Deplatforming Her and Keeping Her Data](#)

Thomas More Society is Litigating Big Tech Censorship

(July 25, 2024 – Jacksonville, Florida) A 76-year-old Florida woman is suing Google for deplatforming her an hour after she emailed members of her pro-life group to join her for a Catholic Mass and prayer gathering in front of a Jacksonville abortion clinic. Thomas More Society attorneys are representing long-time pro-life leader Trudy Perez-Poveda in the lawsuit against the multinational big-tech giant, Google, filed July 25, 2024, in a Jacksonville, Florida trial court. Without explanation, Google also refused to give her any access whatsoever to more than 11 years of her stored emails, photographs, calendars, contacts and other personal data.

The lawsuit appears to be the first of its kind in seeking to enforce parts of Florida's groundbreaking anti-censorship law since the state law was challenged at the United States Supreme Court in *Moody v. Net Choice*. The Florida anti-censorship law, among other things, prohibits large social-media companies from censoring or deplatforming private users without promptly and thoroughly explaining the reason for such censorship. Mrs. Perez' lawsuit shows, using Google's own communications, that Google would not give her any explanation whatsoever, other than a belated and vague reference generally to its "Acceptable Use Policies."

Mrs. Perez repeatedly demanded an explanation, since as she informed Google's representative, there was nothing she had written that remotely violated Google's "Acceptable Use Policies." Google expressly refused to tell her what she allegedly had done or even what policy she allegedly had violated. On behalf of Mrs. Perez, Thomas More Society made an initial legal demand on her behalf, but that demand was met by absolute silence. The lawsuit seeks the return of her property, which even Google acknowledges rightfully belongs to Mrs. Perez and not to Google.

Matt Heffron, Thomas More Society Senior Counsel, stated: "There is an ominous growth of censorship in this country. Large social-media companies act as a 'digital public square,' and play a central role in the debate of ideas. Our case, *Trudy v. Google*, is part of the urgent and overdue pushback against this rising tide of censorship. Nobody should be treated the way Google treated Trudy Perez. She is a delightful person: humorous, warm, peaceful, prayerful, and absolutely persistent. Thomas More Society is proud to be fighting for her."

Trudy Perez-Poveda, Thomas More Society client and plaintiff, said: "People ask me what it felt like when Google abruptly shut me down. My reply is, 'It felt like coming home to a house, which took me twelve years to furnish with family mementos and treasures, and find it completely empty without even a note explaining why.'"

Read the Complaint seeking preliminary and permanent injunction filed July 25, 2024, by Thomas More Society attorneys in the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, Florida, in *Gertrude Perez-Poveda v. Google, LLC*, John Doe agents and/or employees of Google, LLC, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Thank you [Thomas More Society](#) for filing this claim!

THE PARISH CORNER

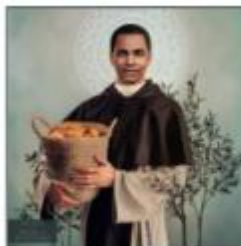


NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS!

Adoration will now take place Monday through Friday 9:30 am — 6:30 pm

Take time to be with the Lord, it will be the best time you've ever spent!

Contact Veronica Mitkish if you would like to sign up for an hour or to be a substitute adorer. 904-540-6775



St. Martin de Porres Community 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.

Thank you for your benevolence. Your kind heart and generosity in spirit has helped so many of our brothers and sisters in the community in need. With your help we have been able to bring Christ to people who may otherwise not know Him. To help this ministry, contact Sister Anne Halpin before or after Mass in the Outreach Room.

'Cherishing the Past,
Sharing God's Praise in the Future

SAVE THE DATE!

25th Anniversary of the
Dedication of the Church

October 6, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving
with a celebration dinner following



In-Person-sessions-Thursdays-10:00--11:30-am-in-the-Formation-Center-Aug-22-&-29;Sep-12,-19-&-26,-Oct-3-&-7
Registration-fee-is-\$10.00
Questions?-Contact-Diane-Buckley-at-buckleydiane@gmail.com

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Celebrating Four Decades of
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ST FRANCIS HOUSE

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September 21, 2024, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Celebration Hall at St Anastasia Catholic on the Island

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9 TO 5

THE MUSICAL, MUSIC & LYRICS BY DOLLY PARTON

AUGUST 3RD DOORS OPEN 6:30PM - SHOW 7:30PM

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