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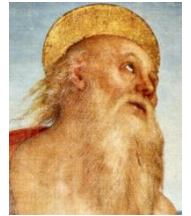
SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to September, the month dedicated to [Our Lady of Sorrows](#), whose memorial the Church celebrates on Sept 15. This feast completes an octave following the birthday of Our Lady on Sept 8 and the Holy Name of Mary (Sept 12).

In the September liturgical feasts, there are many familiar and famous names: St. Gregory the Great (Sept 3), St. Peter Claver (Sept 9), St. John Chrysostom (Sept 13), St. Pio (Sept 23), St. Vincent de Paul (Sept 27), Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Sept 29) and St. Jerome (Sept 30).

St. Jerome is by far the most interesting person. In 382 he went to Rome to become the personal secretary of Pope Damasus, who commissioned him to revise the Latin version of the psalms and the Old and New Testament. Jerome (and necessarily a few others) took 30 years to translate the whole of the Bible from Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic into the Latin version which is known as the Vulgate, still considered the basis of modern Bible texts.



[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for SEPTEMBER 2025](#): For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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, especially Pat Petrick, Ken and Josephine Scher, Sherri Behrends, Dan Donelin, Jim McIlhenney, the Buckley family, Maureen Leahy-Rice, Brian Kaman, Nelson Jambard and Brittni Tucker. Prayers are also requested for those sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN SEPTEMBER



Happy Birthday to the Baker's Dozen of Brothers who celebrate being another year older this month. The celebrations start on Sept 1 with Labor Day, hitting a frenzied peak at 2:19 PM EDT on Sunday, Sept 7 for the "Corn Moon", then a local reenactment of Pedro Menéndez de Avilés coming ashore to found St. Augustine on September 8, 1565.

We wave the flag in solemn remembrance on Patriot Day, Sept 11. Sept 18 is the birthday of the US Air Force. The fall equinox and the first day of autumn arrive on Monday, Sept 22 at 2:19 PM EDT in the Northern Hemisphere. On September 29 we celebrate the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of the military and First Responders, sea and maritime lands, of ships and sailors, of horses and horsemen. Pick your favorite celebration, find one of the Brothers on this list, and wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Kevin Monroe	09-03	67
John S Nolton	09-06	84
Andy Shotwell	09-06	70
Brendan O'Connell	09-08	92
PGK Bill Remy	09-08	80
John West	09-10	64
Dave Look	09-12	77
John Alexander	09-20	71
Joseph G Deloretto	09-21	62
John Decknick	09-27	68
John Krall	09-28	74
William Craig III	09-30	80
Paul Summers	09-30	73

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 26, 2025 meeting](#)
There was no July business meeting.

Click here to view the agenda and the [Draft Minutes of the August 28, 2025 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 more efficiently conduct informed discussions.

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



4th THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
SEPTEMBER 25

Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 PM; Business Meeting 7:00 PM

COUNCIL 7121 WELCOMES FOUR NEW BROTHERS

Attending their first meeting on Aug 28, Council 7121's newest Brothers were recognized with certificates and name badges. Left to right, GK Brian Foy welcomed Bob O'Connell. Dave Olson, and Bob Covell. At far right, new brother John West collects his membership certificate from DGK Dave Morrison in a fittingly appropriate location. **WELCOME BROTHERS!**



WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
IN CELEBRATION HALL
AFTER BOTH MASSES!

BLUEBERRY PANCAKE
EGGS-SAUSAGE-HOME FRIES
JUICE-COFFEE!
\$7/PERSON
BEST DEAL IN TOWN!
CHILDREN 8 & UNDER EAT FREE!
SPONSORED BY
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SUNDAY BREAKFASTS RETURN

To continue a "tradition", the parish has agreed to allow the Knights to host a Sunday Family Pancake Breakfast on almost every **SECOND SUNDAY** of each month (when possible). The scheduled dates are: Sept 14, Oct 5, Dec 14, Jan 4, Feb 8, Apr 12, May 10 (Mother's Day!), and June 14 (Flag Day!). The St. Therese Rosary Guild also holds a bake sale at each breakfast.



SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

As part of Supreme Council 2025 Pilgrim Icon Program, Council 7121 arranged a special prayer service and presentation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at St. Anastasia on August 19th, with the icon displayed on the altar (left) during Eucharistic Adoration. GK Brian Foy (below left) began the Sacred Heart Holy Hour with readings from Sacred Scripture and Pope Francis. Fr. Tim (center) led the Divine Mercy Chaplet, while the choir (right) sang the Latin "O Salutaris Hostia", "Tantum Ergo" and other prayers to the Sacred Heart.



MINISTRY FAIR 2025

The KC7121 display table was set up in front of the council banner in Celebration Hall on the weekend on Aug 23-24.

Competing for attention with approximately 25 other parish ministries and organizations were (left-to-right) Chuck Nitsch, Deacon Steve Kassebaum and PKG Bill Remy.

We did sign up one gentleman who is interested in joining the Knights, and showed tom many more what we do in the parish. Know a Catholic man who would make a good Knight? **ASK HIM!**



MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

BAG HANDOUT:

AFTER ALL MASSES SEPT 13-14

DONATION COLLECTION:

BEFORE ALL MASSES SEPT 20-21

FOOD & HOMELESS MINISTRY DELIVERIES:

9:30 AM MONDAY SEPT 22



MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

THINGS OTHER THAN FOOD ARE ALSO MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Please return this bag next weekend with:

1. **NON-PERISHABLE IN-DATE FOOD**, preferably canned or boxed, (factory- sealed packaging only)
2. **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE NEEDY AND HOMELESS**, such as socks, towels, shampoo, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, bug spray, sunscreen, sheets and blankets (packed separately from food items)
3. **OR** take a **DONATION ENVELOPE** and return it with a monetary or gift card donation. Make checks payable to one of the four supported local food ministries:
 - St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries
 - St. Francis House
 - Catholic Charities of St. Augustine
 - Knights of Columbus Council 7121 / For: Homeless Ministry

THANK YOU to PUBLIX – our food drive sponsor. PLEASE PATRONIZE THEM.



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD IN ST. AUGUSTINE



The Knights of Columbus Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 will host a 4th Degree exemplification on September 13th, from 9 am to 2 pm, at San Sebastian Church, 1112 State Rd 16. Contact Faithful Navigator Frank Hill for details, 812-249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com.



The Honoree for this Exemplification will be our very own Faithful Comptroller, SK Allen McCaffery, Jr., FDD, PGK, PFN. Application for membership and dinner banquet reservations were due 8/25, but the deadline was extended to 8/30. Dinner (catered by Carrabbas) tickets are \$50 each, and may still be available from AJ McCaffery III, mccaff93@gmail.com or phone 904-599-1436.

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY WAS A SUPPORTER OF IMMIGRANTS

If he were still here, he would be saying this:

Beyond Borders: A Call to Christian Compassion

A Statement on Immigration by Bishop Erik T. Pohlmeier

The concerns about immigration continue to captivate our country. Every day provides more news and stronger opinions. It is tempting to scan headlines and comments to find those who agree with our side. I am writing now to ask that we step back and look again.

I released a statement in February that suggests ways to look at policy affecting immigration. Since then, the issue has only intensified. I feel compelled to speak again because I find that many Catholics respond to their bishops along political party lines rather than from the heart of the Gospel.

The political reality of immigration is a serious issue. Bishops who speak out rightly highlight the need to protect citizens and borders, along with just laws for those seeking to migrate. But I write now to call on Catholics in the Diocese of St. Augustine to pause and examine this issue through the lens of the Gospel.

Jesus speaks clearly about caring for our neighbor and welcoming the stranger. As followers of Christ, we cannot set these truths aside when considering policies that shape modern society. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, (paragraph 1902), quotes St. Thomas Aquinas: "A human law has the character of law to the extent that it accords with right reason and thus derives from eternal law." Eternal law requires a hierarchy of truths to properly guide the laws that govern our world. I ask each person of faith to reflect on those foundational truths before forming opinions about immigration.

Decisions about detention centers and immigration policy must begin with an understanding of human dignity and compassion. Jesus identifies himself with the prisoner and demands that his followers practice a higher standard of charity—one that surpasses politics. Each of us must look in the mirror and ask whether our standard for compassion reflects the Gospel, which is built on Christ laying down his life for every sinner. Even when laws must be enforced, charity must not be abandoned. If our compassion falters, we fall short of the Gospel.

If our first question about an immigrant is, "Do they have legal papers?" we are failing to see the face of Christ. In every person, we must begin with the recognition that they are made in the image and likeness of God. This is the foundation of human dignity, which is never lost—not even by those who reject that image in themselves. Only with this foundation can we shape laws that reflect God's eternal law.

When our hearts are rooted in Christ's love and our foundational truths are grounded, we can then assess what just laws should look like. Yes, nations have a right and duty to protect their borders and address violence and conflict. But those laws always impact people, and that demands an understanding of human dignity. Catholic teaching is clear: human dignity is not lost, even in sin. Every person deserves compassion, and special attention must be given to the poor and vulnerable.

Striking this balance has always been difficult. In today's world, we must look beyond party lines and fix our eyes on Jesus, the source of all truth. He died even for those who took his life. That standard of sacrificial love is the great challenge of our faith. We must apply this standard to immigration. The temptation is to begin by justifying stronger efforts to remove those who entered this country illegally. But that cannot be the starting point for Christians. Jesus commands us to see the person first, and then consider laws that allow the person to thrive. There is a line between removing those who intend harm and those who seek a better life. We must find that line—for the good of society and in faithfulness to the Gospel.



This does not mean open borders, but it does mean laws that reflect the dignity of every person. Some of those seeking a better life are already in our pews. They are part of our Church in the Diocese of St. Augustine. They are our brothers and sisters. I urge every Catholic in our diocese to look beyond the issue of border protection.

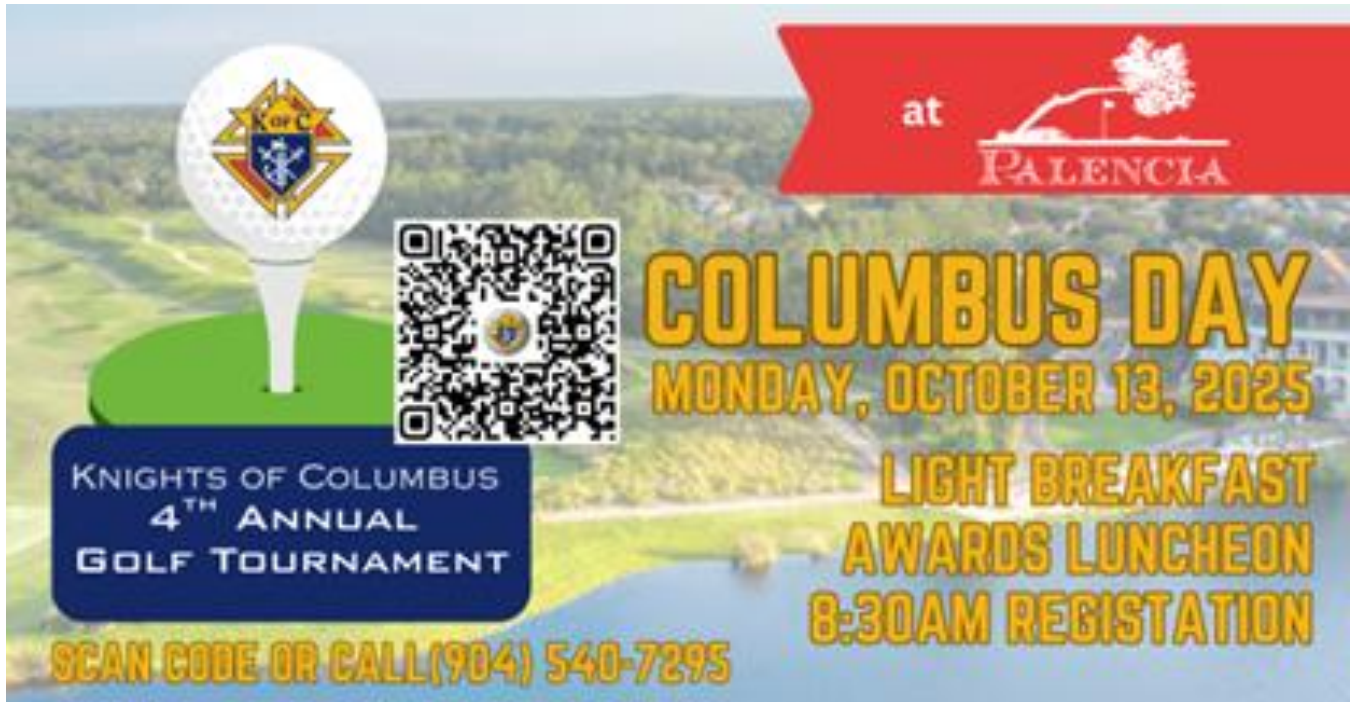
Upholding Christian values means examining all social challenges in light of the Gospel. Jesus calls us to sacrificial love—the kind he practiced on the cross. That is the highest value. And in a broken world, we are called to be its light. Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier Bishop of St. Augustine

COLUMBUS DAY KNIGHTS GOLF TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING

Registration is now open!

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

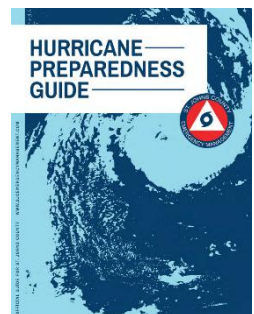
or use the QR code below to register online. For more information: contact Brian Foy, 304-871-0888 - bfoy11@yahoo.com



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 2025 - BE PREPARED!



St. Anastasia, with the help of a few Brother Knights, hosted a Hurricane Preparedness presentation on Wed, Aug 27 in the Community Center. At Left, Laura Nelson, from St. Johns Emergency Management, led a presentation and question & answer session for 25 attendees (bottom right). She handed out copies of the [Hurricane Preparedness Guide](#), which is available online by clicking the link, or by going to the department website: sjcemergencymanagement.com



A new feature of hurricane preparedness is the availability of **Evacuation Transportation Assistance** for those with resource, medical or mobility issues which prevent them from self-evacuating. Help is readily available, but **YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** by filling out the [EVACUATION ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION FORM](#) and returning it to the department. Also now available are emergency text alerts, which will be sent to your cellphone by registering at Alert St Johns or registering for other alert services at www.sjcfl.us/alerts



THE PARISH CORNER

Adult Formation

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:45am in the St. Joseph Room!

The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow and will introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

Contact: Deacon Steve at stephenkassebaum@comcast.net



LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

is holding an anniversary fundraiser!
PLEASE JOIN US!

1/2 WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY
\$3000 POT O' GOLD RAFFLE!

\$20 per ticket- \$3000 jackpot
2nd and 3rd prizes \$500 each
tickets on sale in the narthex after all Masses
8/16-17, 8/23-24, 9/6-7, 9/13-14

Drawing to be held at
The 1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day Party,
at The Oasis Restaurant
September 18 3:00pm-7:00pm
Winner need not be present.



With the heat of the summer upon us, the needs of our homeless population are growing. The outreach is in need of Bug Spray, sun block, socks, bar soap, doo rags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, plastic shopping bags, top sheets and yoga mats (gently used).

These items can be left in the St. Martin de Porres Room in the Church. The St. Martin de Porres Room is open 1/2 hour before each Mass, stays open during Mass and for a 1/2 hour after Mass.

In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' —Acts 20:35



The "Let There Be Music" concert series begins with Peter Bergin, ragtime pianist and storyteller extraordinaire, as he makes his debut appearance at St. Anastasia Sun September 28 in the church at 7:00 PM.

"Peter always puts on a great show that delights and educates his audiences. Peter's mastery of the keyboard and accompanying vocals has the audience singing and tapping along with the great vintage music he brings to the stage".

Emmaus Men's Retreat Sept 26-28, 2025

Emmaus retreats are designed for men who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God, whose hearts are ready to "burn" brighter or need to be reignited.

Men who have attended the retreat have experienced a new or better relationship with Jesus, are better husbands and fathers or grandfathers and have more fellowship with men of faith among other amazing results.

The weekend here at ST. ANASTASIA CHURCH is open to all men from any parish or denomination and is designed to be low-key, laid back and not "preachy". You will listen to other men like yourself talk about their journey to know more about God. We know it will be a weekend that you will NEVER forget.

For more information or to register, scan the QR Code, visit <https://www.emmausretreats.org/> or call 904-585-2228

