

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



The month of November is full of memorials, feasts and solemnities which complement the three-day observance known as Allhallowtide, consisting of The All-Hallows' Eve vigil, All Saints' Day (Nov 1) and All Souls' Day (Nov 2). While the modern version has become secularized, it has deep roots in Catholic liturgy. The celebration of the Communion of Saints highlights the interconnectedness of the Church Militant (those on Earth), the Church Suffering (souls in Purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (the saints in Heaven). It serves as a time for the living to remember the dead and pray for the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory.

The main feast days in Novemer are Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome (9), and Christ The King (24). The other saint days are: St. Martin de Porres (3), St. Charles Borromeo, (4), St. Leo the Great (10), St. Martin of Tours, (11), St. Josaphat (12), St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (13) St. Albert the Great (15), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (17), Presentation of Mary (21),, St. Cecilia (22), St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (24), and St. Catherine of Alexandria (25). The commemorations of Sts. Margaret of Scotland and Gertrude (16), Sts. Clement I and St. Columban (23) and St. Andrew (30) fall on Sundays and are superseded by the Sunday Liturgy. Sunday November 30 marks the beginning of Advent.

<u>THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for NOVEMBER 2025</u>: **For the prevention of suicide**: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 for family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Pat Petrick (who would appreciate a phone call at 904-687-9439 as he awaits heart surgery) and Ed Rice and Maureen Leahy-Rice. Also Josephine Scher, Sherri Behrends, Jim McIlhenney, the Buckley family, Brian Kaman, Nelson Jambard, Latane Donelin and Brittni Tucker. Prayers are also requested for family members and friends sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN NOVEMBER



November has often been thought of as a somber month because it signaled the start of winter. Now it signals the end of baseball season and the start of basketball. Let's celebrate the End of Daylight Savings Time at 2 AM on Nov 2 and the full Beaver Moon on Nov 5 at 8:19 A.M. EST.

We celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Nov 10, then honor all who served our country on Veterans Day Nov 11.

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Gregory A Trzaska	11-02	54
Dennis T Glavin	11-03	70
Norbert Aubin	11-05	82
Louis Laguardia	11-15	77
Rev. Tim Lindenfelser	11-21	59
Dan Floryan	11-22	80
Daniel Goehl	11-25	44
Donald J Kowalski	11-26	77
Nicky Demato	11-28	70
Bro. Ed Sullivan	11-29	82
Robert Parcher	11-30	77

Pick your favorite celebration, find one of the Brothers on this list, and wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The <u>kofc7121.org</u> 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 September 25, 2025 meeting**Click here to view the **Draft Minutes of the October 23, 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



3rd THURSDAY St. Anthony Hall (Community Center) NOVEMBER 20

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

COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM DELIVERS MORE COATS



Brothers present at the August 28 business meeting approved the council increasing its budgeted donation from \$2000 to \$3000 for the Coats For Kids program.

With Worthy Chancellor Bill Coleman taking the lead, Council 7121 purchased 8 cases of children's coats through Supreme Council's Faith in Action-Coats For Kids program.

The coats are high quality, light-duty (suited for Florida), come 24 to a case in mixed boys or girls sizes and styles, and cost only \$14 each when purchased in cases of 24 through Knights Gear Coats For Kids USA in Stratton, CN. The coats were presented to the St. Johns County School District's **A.S.S.I.S.T**. (Aid and Support for Students in Sudden Transition) Program, now serving over 800 homeless / unaccompanied youth enrolled in St. Johns County schools.



ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

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ONLY 2

MONTHS TO GO!

BROTHERS – Have you done or donated something in calendar year 2025 in the areas of FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LIFE and/or FRATERNAL service NOT INCLUDED in any other regular council activity?

Take credit for it and help our Worthy Financial Secretary document these service hours in our quest for another Star Council Award! Click the box at right to make a record of what good you did in 2025!



NEXT DANCE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1

Please call Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email him at daveamorrison@outlook.com if you can help for an hour or two anytime between 5 to 10 pm, then take a break and listen and dance to some really

good music. Upcoming dance dates are Saturday Dec 20 and Friday Feb 13 (early Valentine's Day!)

Providing refreshments to this thirsty crowd is a very effective fundraiser for Council 7121. All tips and 50/50 proceeds are designated for Special Olympics of Florida.



BIG DEMAND FOR HOLIDAY MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE



BAG HANDOUT:

AFTER ALL MASSES NOV 8-9

DONATION COLLECTION: BEFORE ALL MASSES NOV 15-16

FOOD & HOMELESS MINISTRY DELIVERIES:

9:30 AM MONDAY NOV 17



A NEW KNIGHT & SIR KNIGHT

Congratulations to our newest Knight & Sir Knight! (Left) GK Brian Foy introduces our newest member, Brother Frank Arambula, who took his 1st-2nd-3rd Degree online exemplification on Oct. 9

(Right) GK Brian Foy presented Sir Knight Jim Hesson with his Certificate of Knighthood after receiving the honors of the Patriot Degree, hosted by Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 on Saturday, Sept 13.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PREPARES FOR BIG BUILD YEAR



All you need are close toe'd shoes, work gloves and a servants heart

Registration is necessary to enter the job site. Registration closes 24 hrs before the build.

vurl.com/Oct10Build or scan the QR Code and use the code:

For help registering or for more information, contact Brian in the parish office at 904-471-5364 X103 or admin@saccfl.org

The parish sponsors a **build team** that goes to various Habitat sites on the second Friday of each month. Interested volunteers must first register with Habitat at https://habitatstjohns.org/volunteer/. With the acquisition of a 32-acre tract in West St. Augustine, Habitat is preparing

to build 20 affordable homes this year. See kofc7121.org/HabitatForHumanity for further details and upcoming build events.

Habitat St. Johns Veterans Build Nov 7th & 8th from

8:00am - 3:00pm Veterans



For more information contact

Tom Torretta - ttorretta@habitatstjohns.org or Julie Wesling jwesling@habitatstjohns.org

KNIGHTS ARE HELPING AT JINGLE BALL GALA

The St. Franics House/Port in the Storm Festival of Trees is moving to Celebration Hall to avoid the "Nights of Lights" crowds, lack of parking and traffic jams.

This 3-day event features an "Elegant Jingle Ball" gala on Saturday night. The Knights have been requested to provide expertise in the sommelier department.

This is one of their major fundraisers, and we are happy to help a group that helps many homeless youths in St. Johns County.

If you would like to help a great cause, contact Dave Morrison at:

daveamorrison@outlook.com or phone 815-382-2213



2025 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7121 CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dinner reservations are now being taken for the 2025 Council 7121 "Twelve Knights of Christmas" Dinner on Saturday, December 13. Christmas Party details are available at kofc7121.org/christmasparty and reservations are being accepted ONLY through kofc7121.org/rsvp.

COUNCIL 7121 CHRISTMAS PARTY "TWELVE KNIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2025"

CELEBRATION HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM, DINNER SERVED 6:00 PM

CASH BAR - 50/50 - DOOR PRIZES - PARTY BASKET RAFFLE

POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

FREE. NO TICKETS. NO TABLE RESERVATIONS. OPEN SEATING.

Just show up and bring enough of your favorite holiday food to share with your friends and family.

The council is providing the main course (meats).

The dinner is FREE but you MUST REGISTER! Please go to:

kofc7121.org/rsvp



"Twelve Knights of Christmas 2025"

Knights of Columbus Council 7121
5205 A1A S, St. Augustine FL 32080-8006
Party Basket Raffle Donation \$2 or 6/\$10
Drawing to be held Saturday Dec. 13 at 6:00 P.M.

Name	
Email Address	
OR Phone	

A Party Basket Raffle envelope with your name on it is in a box just to the right of the Fr. McGivney statue in the narthex, and will be available for pickup until Nov 5 else mailed in early November.

To help at the party or to make party basket donations, contact DGK Dave Morrison (daveamorrison@outlook.com / 815-382-2213).

St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex, the room is open

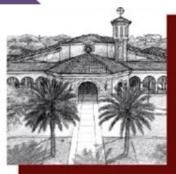
Mon - Fri 8:30-10:00 and 30 min after weekend Masses

Donations of non-perishable food, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted. We ask that you keep in mind the limited space inside the Outreach Room and the weight of the bag or box you are leaving. Some of our distribution "angels" have physical limitations. To be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at: stephenkassebaum@comcast.net

THE PARISH CORNER



A Raffle for St. Anastasia's Tomorrow



Support our parish and join in the excitement! St. Anastasia is hosting a Raffle Fundraiser to help fund the future needs of our parish. \$10,000 in prizes!!!

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Drawing Date: March 27, 2026, 6:00p.m.
Where: St. Jude Celebration Hall at the Lenten Fish Fry
Tickets are available after all weekend Masses THIS WEEKEND!
Only 300 tickets will be sold!
Proceeds directly benefit St. Anastasia Catholic Church.



Collection Dates;
October 4-November 10

Drop-off Location:
 The St. Martin de Porres Community Room

By your donation, you'll be blessing others this upcoming Christmas season.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25.40

For questions or to volunteer, contact Linda at (904) 501-4669

Grief Share

SURVIVING

HOLIDAYS

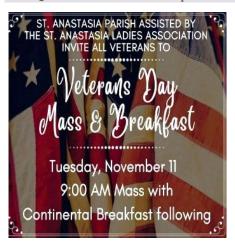
The holidays are fast approaching, and with them comes a focus on family, traditions, social events, and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface. Whether this is the first, second, or tenth holiday after your loved one's death, the emotions that may arise in the days ahead can blindside you. And just like road signs, which show you what's ahead on unfamiliar roads with rough patches and curves, Surviving the Holidays guides you through

this holiday season. You'll find support, direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way and tools that will help you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 18 Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm Place: St. Jude Hall Surviving The Holidays Guide—\$12.00

Questions? Contact Denise in the parish office or visit www.griefshare.org/events/277963





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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M IN ST. JUDE CELEBRATION HALL

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, TRIVIA, AND A CHANCE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE! JOIN IN FOR THE FUN!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!!!!

FULL NAME(S):

PHONE NUMBER: _____EMAIL: _____
TOTAL # IN PARTY: []

PLEASE RSVP <u>NO LATER</u> THAN NOVEMBER 10TH. TO RSVP PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY CRAWFORD AT YOUTH@SACCFL.ORG.

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