



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior."

January begins with the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, followed by the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, January 4 (in the US, January 6 in the rest of the world). The Christmas liturgical season ends with the Solemnity of the Epiphany on January 11, the Baptism of the Lord, and Ordinary Time begins.

Other feast days in January include St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (also January 4), St. John Neumann (January 5), St. Andre Bessette (January 6), St. Raymond of Penafort (January 7), St. Anthony, Abbot (January 17), Sts. Fabian and Sebastian (January 20), St. Agnes (January 21), Day of Prayer for the Unborn (January 22), St. Francis de Sales (January 24), St. Angela Merici (January 27), St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28) and St. John Bosco (January 31). (Ref: catholicculture.org)

THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for JANUARY 2026: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 and Ed Rice and Maureen Leahy-Rice. Also, Josephine Scher, the Buckley family, Nelson Jambard, Latane Donelin and Brittni Tucker. Bob and Marilyn O'Connell are the new additions to the prayer list. Prayers are also requested for family members and friends sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST



A New Year! Another birthday!! Get ready to drop the confetti! To the list of a dozen Brothers with birthdays in January, here's your greeting from the Poetry Department:

*In the middle of winter
The days are cold and dreary
Here's a birthday wish for you
That your day be bright and cheery!
Happy Birthday Brothers!!*

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Mike Abbott	01-02	71
Jack Jones	01-05	70
Tom Burkhard	01-09	66
Deacon Steve Kassebaum	01-11	65
Denny Lucas	01-18	71
Rev. Terry Morgan	01-18	76
Jerry Coyle	01-22	82
James Monko	01-22	66
Gary Remensnyder	01-24	63
Fred Hernandez Sr	01-26	63
John R Mofran	01-26	90
Dave Morrison	01-27	66

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

[Click here to view the Final Minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting](#)

[Click here to view the Draft Minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting](#)

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



**4th THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
JANUARY 22**

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

WANTED: SEVERAL BROTHERS TO TAKE OVER AS CHEFS



At the December 18 business meeting (all of 43 minutes long) Steve Barthelmes announced his upcoming "retirement" from running the kitchen, **effective Sept 2026**. Steve is very good at this job, but with the unavailability of several backup helpers, this job cannot be handled by just one person.

A committee will be formed, volunteers identified, and training to begin to allow Steve to phase out of being the sole provider of kitchen expertise. In acknowledgment of Steve's sacrifices and dedication, several people are needed at each skill level in order to provide needed backup capability. Brothers willing to learn how to do some of the tasks involved in supporting medium-to-large parish functions are asked to consider stepping forward and sharing the load. Committee details to be released in January.

THE PANCAKES ARE COMING! THE PANCAKES ARE COMING!

Kick off the new year with another great family breakfast prepared and served by your Brother Knights!

The January 4 and February 8 breakfasts are usually our largest attendances of the year. A few more volunteers will help make things go smoothly, especially with serving after the 10:30 Mass and cleanup after 12 noon. Come on down! Lend a hand! Enjoy the best deal in town!



WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
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
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CO 7121**

2025 COUNCIL 7121 CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Twelve Knights of Christmas Dinner filled Celebration Hall on December 13 with over 100 guests enjoying a great dinner, some Christmas music, a long line of gifts baskets, and a visit from Santa Claus. Shown below, Brian & Karen Foy and Dave & Marie Morrison played the part of Santa's elves, handing out baskets and gifts. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD KNIGHT!



AFTER FEEDING THE REINDEER AND CLEANING OUT THEIR STABLE, SANTA MAKES ANOTHER STOP

PGK Bill Remy continued to play Santa as he made another stop on Tuesday, December 16th, at Coral Landing Senior Living to share the joy of the season and the love of Christ with the elderly in our community at the first ever Coral Landing assisted living facility Christmas party sponsored by St. Anastasia Respect Life. Everyone had an amazing time! Regina Major



MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE HELPS MEET INCREASED NEEDS

The bad news is that **THE FOOD CRISIS IS STILL HERE**. Families are still struggling to put food on the table. 9,700 people in St Johns County saw their SNAP benefits suspended or reduced. One out of seven children in this country now face food insecurity.

A **TEMPORARY FOOD DRIVE** was held outside the St. Martin De Porres Room during this "crisis", asking people to take an empty Publix bag, fill it with things you would need and want if your cupboard were empty. Bring it back and drop it off in the St. Martin de Porres room. This resulted in extra food donations, which are much needed as counties and states struggle with "government efficiency" cutbacks that reduce food assistance.

The January More Than A Food Drive dates are:



BAG HANDOUT:

AFTER ALL MASSES JAN 10-11

DONATION COLLECTION:

BEFORE ALL MASSES JAN 17-18

FOOD & HOMELESS MINISTRY DELIVERIES:

9:30 AM MONDAY JAN 19

LONG MAY SHE WAVE!



The halyard on the flagpole snapped during a windstorm on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Brother Rick Cozby, who volunteers to lower the flag to half-mast upon presidential order, managed replacement with a marine-grade metal core halyard and stainless fittings, with assistance from a St. Johns County Fire & Rescue Department ladder truck.

Next on the list of things to do before the **nation's 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026** would be replacement of the flagpole display box with something not appealing to termites. In better days, it held the notice for whom the flag was being displayed.

Are there any Veterans who would like to lead this project? A call for volunteers will be made at the next council meeting.



 **St. Anastasia Catholic Church continues our partnership with Habitat For Humanity to help our community! Will you join us?**

January 9 - 7:45 am

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

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

To register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Oct10Build> or scan the QR Code and use the code: **SACC**

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



KNIGHTS SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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 Council 7121 has made a \$1000 donation to Habitat For Humanity St. Johns County for each of the last four years.

JANUARY IS “SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH”

JANUARY 16-24: NINE DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA

Pray the prayer “Every Life is Worth Living,” reflecting on the gift of human life.

*Heavenly Father, thank you
for the precious gift of life.
Help us to cherish and protect
this gift, even in the midst of fear,
pain, and suffering.
Give us love for all people,
especially the most vulnerable,*

*Grant us the humility to accept
help when we are in need,
and teach us to be merciful to all.
Through our words and actions,
may others encounter the
outstretched hands
of Your mercy.*

JANUARY 22: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II

Evangelium vitae, 25 March 1995

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy are very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the “Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

THE PARISH CORNER

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

Prayers followed by silent adoration.



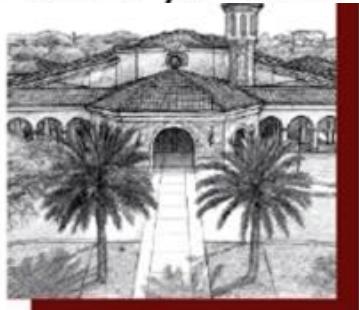
Second Saturdays! Wine & Cheese

NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday Jan. 10
Join us for this free fellowship event after the 4pm Mass in St. Anthony's Hall

Mission Tradition

Raffle

*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!!!

\$10,000 in prizes! | Tickets: \$100 each

Prizes:

1st Prize \$7000

2nd Prize \$2000

3rd Prize \$1000

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!

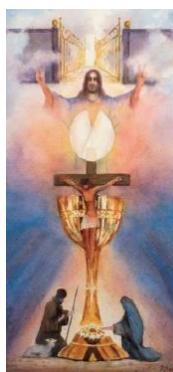
Proceeds directly benefit St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

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



Holy Hour for the Protection of Life

You are warmly invited to join us for a Holy Hour for the Protection of Life. Together, we will pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all human life – from conception to natural death – and for a greater respect for the dignity of every person.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Location: The Adoration Chapel

Let us come together as a community of faith, entrusting the cause of life to the loving heart of Jesus and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." — Jeremiah 1:5
All are welcome. Come and spend an hour with the Lord in prayer for the protection and sanctity of all human life.



To pray the Rosary For Life, just scan the QR Code or visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosaries

Join us for Epiphany Extraordinaire!

Saturday, January 3, 2026

7:00pm

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South | St. Augustine, FL 32080

Local musicians from our community will be joining us to perform the music of the season!

St. Augustine Community Choir

Cantabile

St. Anastasia Chorale

St. Anastasia Choristers

String Quartet

Echo Duo

Russ DeFilippis

Open to the public | Free Admission | Free Parking

Donations are gratefully accepted

Questions? Contact Dr. David Mach at music@sacefl.org