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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others.

The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self". {ref: catholicculture.org}

Liturgical feasts in February include Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas); Feb 3 Feast of St. Blaise, Feb 5 St. Agatha, Feb 6 St. Dorothy, Feb 10 St. Scholastica, Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick); Feb 14 The Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Feb 22 The Chair of St. Peter. On the commercial calendar, we celebrate Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and National Random Acts of Kindness Day.

THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for FEBRUARY 2026: For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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 (another trip to the hospital) and Maureen Leahy-Rice. Also, Josephine Scher, the Buckley family, Nelson Jambard, Latane Donelin, Brittini Tucker and Ed Schneider. Bob and Marilyn O'Connell are the new additions to the prayer list. Prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Brother Brian Kaman, who passed away Jan 20 at the age of 57.

Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST



The shortest month of the year seems to have the longest list of birthday Brothers, with 16 Brothers who need help celebrating their birthday. We must spotlight Brother George Ceccanese for hitting the century mark – **100 years old** on Friday, February 13!

Besides celebrating Groundhog Day (celebrated by the ancient Romans as Hedgehog Day, before Puxatawney Phil stole the spotlight), we have Super Bowl Sunday on Feb 8, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, Presidents Day, and National Random Acts of Kindness Day on Feb 17.

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Frank Chrzanowski	02-01	81
Brett Malloy	02-01	60
Tim Galvin	02-06	70
Tim Buckley	02-07	75
Eric Ryan	02-08	71
George R. Ceccanese	02-13	100
Will Hall	02-13	65
Michael Dirlam	02-16	35
Ron Meissner	02-16	71
Tom Sandknop	02-16	92
James Hinkle	02-17	56
Tom Kelly	02-18	79
Roger Wentz	02-18	77
William J Brennock	02-19	70
Jack Curtin	02-22	95
Chuck Gidel	02-29	90

We wish you all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and **MANY MORE!**

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 December 18, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting](#)

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



**4th THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
FEBRUARY 26**

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

COUNCIL 7121 AWARDED STAR COUNCIL 4 YEARS IN A ROW!

District Deputy Robert Billoni (right) presents PGK Bill Remy (left) and FS Rick Cozby (center) another plaque for the Knight's wall of honor in St. Anthony Hall during the business meeting on January 22. The award was for fraternal year 2024-2025.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney (membership), Founders' (insurance), and Columbian (Faith, Family, Community, and Life programming) Awards, which required Rick filing around two dozen official reports with the Supreme Council.

Fewer than 14% of all Councils worldwide achieve Star Council status.



ST. GERARD CAMPUS DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 7121



The council business meeting on Jan 22 was graced with the presence of Brittany Glisson, Executive Director of St. Gerard Campus, who described her journey from being a resident there with a young son to becoming its director. St. Gerard Campus is a non-profit maternity home, pregnancy resource center and high school, licensed as a day care and community care center, for young mothers age 14-20. It is the only facility of its kind in the nation, and is currently in a 5-year growth and construction program to triple its capacity.

COUNCIL DONATES TO AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY

Council 7121 took a major step late last year in fulfilling our obligation to support **LIFE** activities by making donations to local pregnancy support programs through the Supreme Council's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (**ASAP**) program.

Left: GK Brian Foy (3rd from left) hands Executive Director Brittany Glisson (4th from left) a \$1000 check from Council 7121. Right: Dave Look hands Sister Kathleen Carr, Mother Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, a \$1000 check for the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center.



KNIGHTS SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Brother Jim Kouropis (left) hands Habitat for Humanity Director Tom Torretta a check for \$1000 from Council 7121 to aid in the construction and furnishing of the 36 affordable homes being built in Volusia Woods in West St. Augustine.

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.



MONUMENTAL CHANGE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

"Brothers: At our last regular business meeting on 22 January 2026, a motion was put forward and seconded to change the date of our regular business meetings from the 4th Thursday of the month to the 3rd Thursday of the month. The reason is consistency. We already meet on the 3rd Thursday in November and December due to the holidays. Adjusting to the third Thursday for all months simplifies our schedule."

This topic and related details will be discussed at the February 26 business meeting. The change, if any, will become effective at the start of our next fraternal year on 1 July. Although you must be present at the meeting in order to vote, we value your opinion and are hereby soliciting it to help inform our decision. Please share your thoughts as applicable via email to the Grand Knight, Brian Foy, bfoy11@yahoo.com, NLT 13 February 2026.

MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE HELPS MEET INCREASED NEEDS

After smashing records in the November food drive for both the **MOST FOOD COLLECTED (3750 lb)** and the **HIGHEST MONETARY DONATIONS (\$8650) EVER**, the January food drive netted a respectable **2000 lb** of food and **\$6492** in monetary donations.



Left: 2000 lbs of food and a van load of homeless ministry items fill the St. Cecilia room after being collected on Jan 17-18.

Right: The Homeless Ministry team of Chelsea Beacon Sr. Anne and Caroline Volk, organizing the continuous stream of donations into the St. Martin De Porres room, collect \$1575 in donations to the Homeless Ministry.



Below: the early Sunday morning crew waits for another car to pull up, the rain kept the later Mass crew huddled under the doorway, and the delivery crew loads up on Tuesday.



The next food drive will be held in March with bag handout after all Masses on the weekend of Mar 14-15, and donations on March 21-22.

[CLICK HERE TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE MARCH FOOD DRIVE DATE/TIME SIGNUP SHEET](#)

2026

ST. ANASTASIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Marsh Creek Golf Course
169 Marshside Dr,
St. Augustine, FL 32080

MONDAY • MARCH 23

- Scramble, 4 Person Team
- 8:30 a.m. Registration & Putting Contest
- 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Continental breakfast, beer & water on the course
- Post Tournament Banquet at Marsh Creek

Registration & Sponsorship Information

Tournament Registration Beth Todd 518-428-3128 BethT1275@yahoo.com	Hole Sponsorship Rick Cozby 410-322-3248 rcozby@verizon.net
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www.sacfl.org/2026golffouting

St. Gerard Campus

Maternity Home | High School | Resource Center

Caribbean Carnival Gala



TRINGALI BARN

7310 US HIGHWAY 1 SOUTH
THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026

5:30 PM

THE PANCAKES ARE COMING! THE PANCAKES ARE COMING!

The February 8 breakfast is usually our largest attendance 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 family meal deal in town!



WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
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**

NEXT EVENING of DANCE: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13 St. Anastasia
A NIGHT OF DANCING Catholic Church
WITH TIM RIPPEY CELEBRATION HALL**

**Cash Bar provided by
Knights of Columbus
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)**

Located at 5205 A1A South,
3mi North of the 206 Bridge

**Reservations include:
8-10 tops or open seating**

**DOORS: 5:30
DANCING BEGINS: 7:00**

**\$15 AT THE DOOR
CASH OR CHECK ONLY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074
EMAIL RSVP: BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM**



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 date is 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.



SURE AND BEGORRAH! THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE IS COMING!

That's no blarney! PGK Tom Kelly has announced that our annual corned beef and cabbage extravaganza will be held in Celebration Hall on Saturday March 14, with Irish music and dancing provided by Tim Rippey before and after dinner.

ATTENDANCE WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS -that's all the servings of corned beef that will fit in the ovens. Tickets will be \$30/person and will go on sale at the church doors on Feb 7. Anyone -Irish or not- wishing to help make this a great event is asked to contact the Worthy PGK at 404-797-0906 / tom_kelly2232@bellsouth.net



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14
A NIGHT OF DANCING WITH TIM RIPPEY**



THE PARISH CORNER

St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex, the room is open

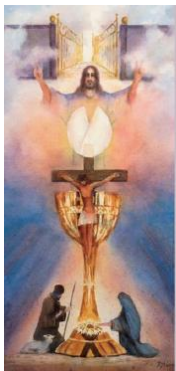
Mon – Fri 8:30-10:00 and 30 min after weekend Masses

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

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.

1 Prayers followed by silent adoration.



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

Adult Faith Formation

The Connection of Faith, Sharing, and Community

• Replenish Women's Scripture Study

February 4, 11, 18, 25 | March 4, 11, 18

9:45am | St. Jude Celebration Hall

Contact: Allison at allisonmdubrow@gmail.com

• Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume in 2026!

• Thursday Evening Bible Study Resumes February 5, 2026 6:00pm

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11 12:00 Noon Mass for the Anointing of the Sick



The Feast of St. Blaise with individual blessing of throats will be Celebrated on Tuesday, February 3rd at 9 a.m.

A General Blessing of Throats will take place on February 7 & 8 at all weekend Masses

Wine & Cheese



February 14th
in St. Anthony Hall
after the
4 pm Mass



“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- Genesis 3:19

Help us prepare for Ash Wednesday by bringing in your blessed palms from last year by **February 15.**

These palms will be reverently burned and used for the distribution of ashes. A collection basket will be located in the center of the narthex.



Gentlemen! Do you want to play a more active role in your parish?

Join the Knights of Columbus!

Just call or text Rick Cozby,

Financial Secretary: 410-322-3248

The Knights: We make things happen!

(open to all Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older)