



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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: cathloicculture.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.

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### 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.

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Watch the [www.kofc7121.org/calendar](http://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](mailto: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, Brittni 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) hands Executive Director Brittany Glisson (4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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

[www.saccfl.org/2026golfouting](http://www.saccfl.org/2026golfouting)

## 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  
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## NEXT EVENING of DANCE: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13



**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13**

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

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

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](mailto: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](mailto:tom_kelly2232@bellsouth.net)



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

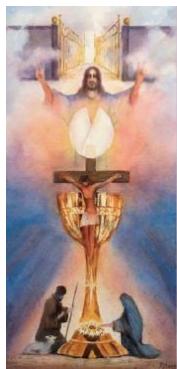


# THE PARISH CORNER

**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.



## 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](mailto:allisonmdubrow@gmail.com)

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will resume in 2026!

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



**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**

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosaries)

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

**February 11 12:00 Noon**

## Mass for the Anointing of the Sick



*"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)