



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 7121

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## MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Marian Feasts include St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31). Other liturgical feasts in May include Solemnity of the Ascension (May 14), Ascension Sunday (May 17), Pentecost (May 24) and Trinity Sunday (May 31).

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit - the Breath of God - was the "mighty wind swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2). At the birth of the Church, He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2). {ref catholicculture.org}

### [THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for MAY 2026:](#) **That everyone might have food.**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food..

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** web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Helen Morin, Pat Petrick, Ed Rice and Marilyn O'Connell. Prayers are also requested for others sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

## MAY BIRTHDAY LIST



Welcome to May, the month of merriment. Forever immortalized with the Star Wars theme "May The Fourth Be With You". If you need a good excuse to celebrate, May is your month, starting with May Day (aka International Workers Day), Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, National Twilight Zone Day, International Family Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day, Do Something Good For Your Neighbors Day, National Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

Something for everyone. We look forward to meeting and greeting any our birthday Brothers, taking the time to wish them a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Jim Hesson	05-02	45
Jack M Dibee	05-10	87
Jim McLiverty	05-10	63
Pat Hardin	05-15	57
Roy Torboli	05-16	77
Mark Clark	05-25	81
Frank Arambula	05-27	73
John Parkey	05-28	69
Ryan Lucas	05-30	38
Frank Merenda	05-30	71
Dave Repnicki	05-30	55

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://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 March 26, 2026 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the April 23, 2026 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**  
**(Moving to 3rd Thursday July 2026)**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**

**MAY 28**

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

## **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2026-2027**

As required by council bylaws, nominations for council officers were presented by PGK Bill Remy at the April 23 business meeting. Further nominations from the floor and election of officers will be held at the May 28 meeting. The nominations are:

Grand Knight– Dave Morrison  
Deputy Grand Knight– Bill Coleman  
Chancellor– Paul Summers  
Recorder– Frank Merenda  
Treasurer – Tim Buckley  
Advocate– Chuck Nitsch

Warden – Steve Barthelmes  
Inside Guard – Nicky Demato  
Outside Guard – Kevin Kernan  
Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> yr – Brian Foy  
Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> yr – Bill Remy  
Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> yr – Tom Kelly

Financial Secretary (Rick Cozby) and Lecturer (Jack Jones) are appointive offices.

*Happy Mother's Day*  
Join us for Fellowship Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, May 10 | After All Masses  
In Celebration Hall!

- BLUEBERRY PANCAKES
- EGGS
- SAUSAGE
- HOME FRIES
- JUICE & COFFEE

Cost: \$7 PERSON | Children 8 & under eat free.  
Best deal in town!  
Breakfast for mom is on us!! **MOM'S EAT FREE!**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Co 7121

## **MOMS EAT FREE ON MOTHERS DAY!**

### **SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST**

**St. Jude / Celebration Hall**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**\$7 per person**

**Children 8 and under EAT FREE**

Blueberry pancakes, sausage, eggs,  
home fries, juice & coffee

**Best meal deal in town!**

**EXTRA HELP NEEDED** serving mimosas to all Moms!

Put your name on the [Breakfast Signup Sheet](#) if you can help with the extra crowd expected.

## MEN'S PARISH RETREAT

Council 7121, through Brother Knight Deacon Steve Kassebaum, is sponsoring a retreat open to all men of the parish. Guest speaker will be Dr. Alexander Groppe, Director of Music Ministries at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Hudson, Florida.

There is no cost for the retreat, but attendees are asked to **REGISTER** before May 4 using **EITHER**:

the paper forms available in the narthex (near the Fr. McGivney statue), returning the form to the parish office.

**OR:** CONTACT Deacon Steve at [deaconstevek@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevek@gmail.com)

**OR:** register online at: [kofc7121.org/retreat](http://kofc7121.org/retreat)



UNITED IN FAITH, JOYFUL IN HOPE,  
ACTIVE IN CHARITY:

*Men's Parish Retreat*  
*'A Day to Reflect, Renew, and Grow in Faith'*  
With Dr. Alexander J. Groppe, D.Min., MA. Th.

**May 9, 2026 | 9:45am-3:30pm**

**ALL MEN OF THE PARISH** are invited to join us for a day rooted in prayer, Sacred Scripture, inspiring imagery, video, and music, along with engaging presentations and opportunities for both group and individual reflection, as well as communal and personal prayer. There is no registration fee for this retreat. We only ask that you register in advance so we can prepare the appropriate amount of food and materials.

Register by contacting Deacon Steve Kassebaum at [deaconstevek@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevek@gmail.com) or return the registration form to the parish office by May 4, 2026



## WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

May 29- 31, 2026 at St. Anastasia Formation Center. A Women's Emmaus Retreat is an experience led by an amazing team of women from various cities who have come together to share their experiences and make this a weekend you will not forget. We will be happy to return your retreat fee if it is not a life-changing experience for you! Space is limited. Visit the Emmaus website: [www.emmausretreats.org](http://www.emmausretreats.org) and click on the WOMEN'S EMMAUS link or contact Patricia Burke (941-380-1247) at [emmaus2pb@yahoo.com](mailto:emmaus2pb@yahoo.com)

## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

**BAG HANDOUT:** After all Masses May 9-10

**BAG COLLECTION:** Before all Masses May 16-17  
Click here to see the [FoodDriveSignupSheet](#) and put your name in an open slot. Non-food items for the **Homeless Ministry** are emphasized in this drive, but may also be delivered to the St. Martin de Porres Outreach Room Mon.- Fri. 8:30am—10:00am or 30 minutes after all weekend Masses.



# COUNCIL 7121 SUPPORTS ST GERARD CAMPUS

Brother Mike Waldron has volunteered to be our liaison lead with St. Gerard Campus. After his initial visit, we received a request for an urgent need to for an infant-toddler highchair. Mike bought one and (left) presented it to new mother Cheyenne for her daughter Willow. DGK Dave Morrison (right) presented the \$200 rebate check from our Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) donation to Sarah Vanik, witnessed by Mindy Butts (far left, wife of Co. 611 GK Andy Butts) and a group of the SGC student mothers.



...and, since you're in the neighborhood, here's our current wish list.

If you have an Amazon account, use it to send a needed item or two from the St. Gerard Campus Wish List collections:

**Subject:** "Wishlists"

**Daycare**

<https://a.co/08MA0pqn>

**Education**

<https://a.co/04OT4G84>

**Community Care**

<https://a.co/08jCipy0>

**Dorms**

<https://a.co/02O8ANZT>

If the links do not work, go to [morethanfoodrive/stgerardcampus](https://www.morethanfoodrive.com/stgerardcampus)

# COUNCIL 7121 SUPPORTS FOUR SEMINARIANS

Four seminarians from the Diocese of St. Augustine are sponsored by Council 7121 through the Supreme Council Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Transitional Deacon Steve Henderson will be ordained on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church.



**Rev. Mr. Steve Henderson**

**Seminary:**  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Regional Seminary  
**Year:** Configuration IV



**Peter Leone**

**Seminary:**  
St. John Vianney  
College Seminary  
**Year:** Discipleship I



**Nick Patin**

**Seminary:**  
North American  
College Rome **Year:**  
Configuration I



**J. Paul Schellenberg**

**Seminary:**  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Regional Seminary  
**Year:** Discipleship I

# SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Please join me in congratulating Assembly 166 Sir Knight of the month - Bill Coleman!

The award certificate was presented by Faithful Navigator Frank Hill at the Assembly meeting on April 27.



**CORPORATE COMMUNION**  
5th SUNDAY  
MAY 31  
8:00 AM MASS

Attending a Corporate Communion Mass as a group is an opportunity for all the Knights of Council 7121 and their families to sit and pray together in a display of unity and fraternity



## SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Brother Eric Ryan, volunteer for the Vincentian Society of St. Augustine, gave a moving presentation on the role of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the Apr 23 business meeting about how SVDP St. Augustine helps many in need in St. Johns County. The next time you are thinking about how you can better help “the neighbor”, give them a call. The nationwide epidemic of need, caused by social services cuts from the July 4, 2025 “Big Beautiful Bill”, have severely impacted those who cannot lobby for themselves in a dysfunctional Congress. The need for volunteers to fill the gap is critical. Contact Dawn at [vc@svdpsafl.org](mailto:vc@svdpsafl.org) or call 904-217-8097.

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER!**

Let's Help Others In Need.  
Help us make a difference in our community by volunteering at our Thrift Store and Food Pantry!

**Volunteer Positions:**

- Donation Sorting (Thrift/Pantry)
- Cashiers (Thrift)
- Food Distribution (Pantry)

**How to Register:**  
Call or Visit the Neighbor Services Office  
282 San Marco Ave,  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
904-217-8097

### What Does SVdP St. Augustine Do?

#### At a Glance:

Fiscal Year 2024 -2025

- 13,937 families and 45,371 individuals received food from our pantry
- \$1,975,667 of food distributed
- 384 families received rent, utility or furniture assistance
- 1,764 individuals received clothing, lunches, and birth certificates
- \$67,000 distributed through domestic twinning
- \$15,000 distributed through international twinning
- \$77,820 worth of clothing distributed
- \$126,547 worth of furniture distributed



**Total Amount Distributed by SVdP St. Augustine in fiscal year 2024-2025:**

**\$2,409,465.91**

### Who does the SVdP Food Pantry Serve in SJC?



Families that received food from our pantry in the past 5 months

- 32080 (St. Anastasia)
  - 266 families
- 32084 (Cathedral, San Sebastian, Shrine)
  - 3,240 families
- 32086 (Corpus Christi)
  - 907 families
- 32092 and 32095 (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
  - 425 families
- 32145 (St. Ambrose)
  - 134 families
- Other SJC Zip Codes:
  - 37 families

The monetary value of the food our pantry provides to Saint Johns County averages over **\$234,000.00 every month**

In the past 5 months, we have provided food to **5,957 families**.

Often times, these food pantry families are people you know personally, that you would never know are in need of food assistance.



**Come Renew your Faith.  
Celebrate America's  
250<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24  
PILGRIMAGE DAY  
(Key Moments)**

- 9 a.m. Welcome
- 10 a.m. Opening Remarks by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier
- 10:40 a.m. Family Rosary Across America with Relevant Radio (Field Altar)
- 11:30 a.m. Pentecost Mass & Procession to Historic Chapel with Exposition & Adoration
- 5 p.m. Eucharistic Procession from the Shrine to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine
- 6:30 p.m. Reflections • Speakers • Sacred Music (Cathedral)
- 8 p.m. Overnight Silent Adoration (Cathedral)

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
(1 to 5 p.m.)**

- Pilgrim Mass • Adoration • Rosary • Confession
- Museum Exhibit: Mary Revealed • Florida Martyrs
- Immersion Walk • Service Project • Special Presentations: Way of St. James | Perpetual Pilgrims | Cenacolo Community

**WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS**

*Experience more this Memorial Day weekend at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche with these added events, alongside the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage schedule.*

- Fri, May 22:** 12 p.m. Pilgrim Mass
- 1-3 p.m. Exposition
- 6-8 p.m. Confession • 3:30-5:30 p.m. Devotions
- 5:30-9 p.m. Opening Pilgrimage Concert (Ticket Required)
- Food Trucks & More
- Sat, May 23:** 12 p.m. Pilgrim Mass | 1:30 p.m. Pilgrim Mass (Español)
- 2-3:30 p.m. Founders' Landing Reenactment
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Exposition & Adoration
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 3-7 p.m. Confession
- 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Devotions
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Special Presentations, Lectures, Tours & Service Project
- 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. First Coast & Mini Camino
- 8:30 p.m. Candlelit Rosary
- Food Trucks & More
- Mon, May 25:** 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony
- 12 p.m. Outdoor Mass at Rustic Altar

During our National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 22-24 May 2026, the Shrine staff needs to be bolstered with **VOLUNTEERS** to serve as greeters, crowd flow helpers, children's activity assistants, water stations attendants, trash patrol, event ushers, operations & communications staff assistants, ticket takers and general set-up / takedown.

Adult supervisors & activity facilitators will need to be cleared in advance through the Virtus process. All volunteers will receive free general admission tickets to the Friday night concert.

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP  
as a  
National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Volunteer**

## THE PARISH CORNER



### Adult Faith Formation

The Connection of Faith, Sharing, and Community

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Deacon Steve [deaconstevek@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstevek@gmail.com)
- Wednesday Morning Replenish! Women's Scripture Study Allison at [allisonmdubrow@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmdubrow@gmail.com)
- Thursday Evening Bible Study: Denise [KrisCunas.DLKrisCunas@aol.com](mailto:KrisCunas.DLKrisCunas@aol.com)

NEW TO THE PARISH?  
LET'S MEET!

*save the date*



NEW ATTENDERS  
WINE & CHEESE  
THURSDAY, MAY 14

6:30PM-8PM

ST. JUDE CELEBRATION HALL

Check Out Our Calendar!

From community meetings and parish life events to joyful parish celebrations—it's all right here! Just scan the QR code.

SCAN HERE



or go to <https://saccfl.org/events>

## St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex- open Mon-Fri 8:30am – 10:30am and 30 min after all weekend Masses

Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at this time.

We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space in the Outreach Room and the shape and weight of the packages you are dropping off. Some of our distribution angels have physical limitations.

To be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at [stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net](mailto:stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net)



## Be part of the Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

St. Anastasia currently has three groups in place, one for each priest supporting our parishioners. Each Sister in those groups committed one year to spend in a Holy Hour of prayer on a specific day of the week. The commitment is to the specific day. The Sister may pray at any hour of the day. If she is unable to offer her Holy Hour, the team has substitutes or she may secure a substitute explaining to them the Apostolate's mission.

The hour must be either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. It is not restricted to our parish, the commitment may be met when traveling or if one lives in different locations during the year. Women who respond to this call make a commitment on or near the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is June 12, this year.

If you are interested in joining this Apostolate, have questions or need more information, please contact: **Cynthia Power at: [Power812@gmail.com](mailto:Power812@gmail.com) or (703) 786-1834**

The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine invite you to our meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month here in St. Anthony Hall from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Next Meeting April 26  
If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an Associate, which is open to both men and women, and how we continue the mission and charism of the Sisters, then you are most welcome to come and see.

For more information, contact:  
Nancy O'Byrne [nancy.obyrne@currently.com](mailto:nancy.obyrne@currently.com).