



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



THE MONTH OF JUNE is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12 this year, the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Other Catholic feasts in June include Corpus Christi (Jun 7); Immaculate Heart of Mary (Jun 13); St. Thomas More (Jun 22); St. John the Baptist (Jun 24), and Sts. Peter & Paul (Jun 29).

All Brothers and family members are invited to join in the Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Relief of Suffering, recited in the church chapel during Eucharistic Adoration each Monday at 1:30 PM. This novena was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.

### [THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for JUNE 2026:](#) FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with God. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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 Rose McCaul, Josephine Scher, Latane Donelin, Jackie O'Sullivan, Nelson Jambard, Brittini Tucker, Dani Buckley, Jim McIlhenney, Pat Petrick, Bill & Sue Coleman, Bob Covell, Susan Batovsky and Allen McCaffery II. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN JUNE



Happy Birthday to the Brothers who celebrate being another year older and better looking in June. This is also the start of hurricane season, but Google Deepmind does not predict any major hurricanes to hit Florida this month.

Notable celebrations this month include National Hug Your Cat Day (June 4), D-Day (June 6), Best Friends Day (June 8), Flag Day (June 14), Juneteenth on Friday, June 19th, an official three-day federal holiday weekend with all non-essential federal, state, and local government offices, post offices and banks closed. You will have to get up very early on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, for the Summer Solstice, at 4:24 A.M. EDT. Not. A big shout out to all of our Birthday Brothers as we wish them all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Herb Zieglmeier	06-01	89
Bob Briscoe	06-08	66
Ken Robinson	06-09	75
Tom Blackstone	06-11	70
Richard Bucher	06-12	67
Tony Grandinetti	06-13	53
Dean Cox	06-14	62
Wayne Wolfenbarger	06-19	66
Lenley Rafuse Jr	06-21	64
Fr Pasala Praveen	06-24	40
Thomas Alexander	06-30	74

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://kofc7121.org) council website (temporarily out of order, under construction) 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 April 23, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the May 28, 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**



**4th THURSDAY**  
**(Moving to 3rd Thursday July 2026)**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**  
**JUNE 25**

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

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

At the regular business meeting on May 28, the following slate of candidates was presented by GK Bill Remy and duly elected by unanimous acclamation.

Grand Knight– Dave Morrison

Deputy Grand Knight– Bob Meier

Chancellor– Paul Summers

Recorder– Frank Merenda

Treasurer – Tim Buckley

Advocate– Chuck Nitsch

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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!** Show your support by planning on attending the Officers Installation Ceremony in Celebration Hall on Saturday, July 18 at 6 PM.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BROTHER**

Financial Secretary (left) presents the Knights of Columbus Third Degree Membership certificate to our newest Brother, Richard Bomhard, as he joined the business meeting in progress on May 28 after completing the video exemplification in the antechamber.

Richard joins our ranks as a recent convert to Catholicism, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 4. Ricard and his family are newcomers to Florida, having moved to Palm Coast from Seattle, WA only 6 months ago. **WELCOME BROTHER RICHARD!**



# COUNCIL 7121 RECEIVES AWARDS AT STATE CONVENTION

Below left: GK Brian Foy and DGK Dave Morrison represented Council 7121 at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Council Convention held in Orlando on May 21-24, having retrieved the banner and pole from its secret hiding place. A major award for exceeding Council Membership donation quotas in three categories-- Helping Life, Vocation and Special Olympics – was consolidated into one large plaque (center). We did not enter the competition for excellence in banner design and proofreading (right).



# MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE WRAPS UP A VERY GENEROUS YEAR

It takes a lot effort to collect **12,650 lb** of food and **\$34,387** in monetary and gift card donations in five food drives, but that's "where there's a need, there's a Knight" came through again. It's easy when you have 15-20 Brother Knights and their families doing the heavy lifting

Our long-time designated food drive recipients - **St. Johns Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry, Catholic Charities** and **St. Francis House/Port in the Storm** - have benefitted tremendously from a unique group effort that realizes it takes "More Than Food" to help families in crisis situations. We have been approached by Brother Eric Ryan from the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and Bobbi Arenth (right) representing the **S.E.A. Community Help Resource Center**, seeking additional help from the Knights. We will make plans to do that over the summer, emphasizing expansion of the St. Anastasia Outreach Ministry / Homeless Ministry. Anybody want to help?



## LAST CALL FOR BLUEBERRY PANCAKES ON JUNE 14!



SUNDAY June 14 IN CELEBRATION HALL  
After Both Masses!

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

\$7/PERSON - BEST DEAL IN TOWN!  
Children 8 & under EAT FREE!

Don't miss the final Pancake Breakfast  
before the summer break!

## MENS' EMMAUS RETREAT

June 5 – 7<sup>th</sup>, Celebration Hall at St. Anastasia

Emmaus retreats are designed for those who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God, whose hearts are ready to “burn” brighter or need to be reignited. Those who have attended the retreat have experienced a new or better relationship with Jesus, are better wives/husbands and mothers/fathers or grandparents and have more fellowship with women and men of faith among other amazing results.

This weekend at ST. ANASTASIA CHURCH is open to all from any parish or denomination and are designed to be low-key, laid back and not “preachy”. You will listen to others like yourself talk about their journey to know more about God. We know it will be a weekend that you will NEVER forget.

For more information scan the QR code, visit: [www.emmausretreats.org](http://www.emmausretreats.org) or call Donnie Taylor at 904-540-3945



## SAINT ANASTASIA FASTING BROTHERS

*"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them, we need to have double to pray for them". St. Teresa of Avila*

Each of our priests should have at least one Fasting Brother making a sacrifice for him every day except Sunday.

Your fast can be food related (e.g., no food until 3:00 PM, a Lenten Friday type fast, or something else) or fasting from other activities such as your phone, computer or television. You are accountable only to yourself and God. No one will ask what fast you will do and no one will check on your faithfulness.

We have 12 Fasting Brothers active at present. There is no limit to the number of men who can participate. **We are seeking more men.**

Though the focus is on our parish priests, Brothers will find that the sacrifices they make will benefit their own spirituality as well.

If interested, please contact our coordinator, Tim Buckley. You will not be pressured to participate; you will be given information. It is best to reach Tim by email at [buckleyball@hotmail.com](mailto:buckleyball@hotmail.com) or by text to 301-237-7772.

May God continue to bless you on your way to heaven!

## WE CELEBRATE OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE FEAST DAY ON JUNE 22



Council 7121 is named after St. Thomas More, Renaissance man, poet, scholar and lawyer. A brief review of his life and death show him to be a man of wisdom and courage, a fitting example for a group of Catholic men to follow. Sir Thomas More (1478–1535) was an English lawyer, judge, philosopher, author, statesman, Latin scholar and noted Renaissance humanist. He also served King Henry VIII as Lord High Chancellor of England from October 1529 to May 1532.

More opposed the Protestant Reformation, critical of the theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin. More also opposed Henry VIII's separation from the Catholic Church, refusing to acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church of England and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, allowing Henry to marry Anne Boleyn. After refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, he was convicted of treason and executed. On his execution, he was reported to have said: "I die the King's good servant, and God's first". St. Thomas More was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 and canonized in 1935 by Pope Pius XI, and Pope John Paul II in 2000 declared him the patron saint of statesmen and politicians, stating: "It can be said that he demonstrated in a singular way the value of a moral conscience ... even if, in his actions against heretics, he reflected the limits of the culture of his time". His life and events that led to his martyrdom were featured in the Broadway play "A Man For All Seasons". The United States could use a patron saint for politicians.

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Launches in St. Augustine



The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage officially began Sunday, May 24, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios. Worshipers participated in Mass, prayer, music and a public Eucharistic procession through the heart of St. Augustine before pilgrims embarked on a route stretching more than 3,000 miles along the Eastern Seaboard, and will conclude in Philadelphia, PA, over the 4th of July weekend

Bishop Pohlmeier celebrated Mass with assistance from several priests and deacons. After Mass, the Color Corps led Bishop Pohlmeier with the Eucharist under the canopy and processed to the Rustic Altar with several thousand pilgrims following along to witness the Benediction prayer at the Rustic Altar, then, after the Benediction, the Color Corps led the procession to the Chapel of Our Lady of La Leche. Council 7121 was represented by Brothers Tim Buckley and Bob Meier .



Event Color Corps photos courtesy of Assembly 166 Faithful Navigator Frank Hill

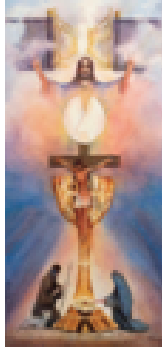


## THE PARISH CORNER

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.



### Seniors vs Crime St. Johns County

**Tuesday, June 16th from  
9:45am-11:15am  
Celebration Hall**

A special project of the Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier in partnership with St. Johns County Sheriff Robert A. Hardwick

#### WHAT WE DO

- Educate the community about common scams and how to avoid them.
- Assist St. Johns County residents who have been victimized by fraud, scams, or deceptive business practices.
- Mediate civil disputes for a fair and equitable resolution.
- Work with law enforcement to protect residents, especially seniors, and hold wrongdoers accountable. Our volunteers are seniors, seasoned professionals in their own right, who understand your concerns and are committed to assisting you.



### **VBS JUNE 22-26: ROOT KIDS IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**We need help with decorations! Can you lend or donate an item?**

Realistic-looking fake plants, vines, ivy, and green or brown paper for leaves. Cardboard boxes, 3 large canvas drop cloths, earth-tone fabrics, and blue sky/water fabrics (blue tarps etc), brown balloons, blue streamers (various blue colors) blow up monkeyS, parrots and tucans, tiki torches, brown ropes, tempered paints & duct tape in tropical colors.

## 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)

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10AM - 1PM**

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\*Pre-Orders Must be Picked Up by **12pm** on day of event at  
**St. Anastasia Catholic Church**  
5205 A1A South - St. Augustine, FL 32080

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LUNCH:** The Knights will be assisting in preparing a lunch of sandwiches and salads. If you have some free time June 25-26, come on down to the kitchen Thursday morning and help Steve with prep and setup, then again Friday morning putting the sandwiches and salads together.