

KNIGHT VISION

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Grand Knight's Report

In his sermon, "What is Faith" available on www.wordonfire.org, Bishop Robert Barron professes that "...faith is the most misunderstood word in the religious vocabulary. Critics of religious say that faith is accepting things on the basis of no evidence; it's believing any old nonsense; it's naïveté; it's superstition. But this has nothing to do with what the Bible means by faith." So, what does the Bible mean?

From Hebrews 11:1, "...faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." In that vein, the Catechism of the Catholic Church cites qualities of faith by which we express our belief in God, such as:



- ♦ Faith is a personal and communal relationship. We each have a personal relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and as a congregation at Mass, we profess our faith together. Our personal faith brings us into a relationship with God's people, and the faith of the entire people strengthens us in our relationship with God.
- ♦ Faith seeks understanding and is a friend of reason. Our continued quest for understanding helps us gain insight into what God has revealed to us.
- ♦ Faith is a free, human act. Faith is a way of knowing, just as reason is. But living in faith is not possible unless it colors our actions. Our faith defines us.

As a Knight, I'm honored to be among men that through their actions, provide opportunities to live and spread our Catholic faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Blaise

Grand Knight	Peter Blaise	Advocate	Dan Rooney	Trustee (3 Year)	Steve Wolfrom
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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

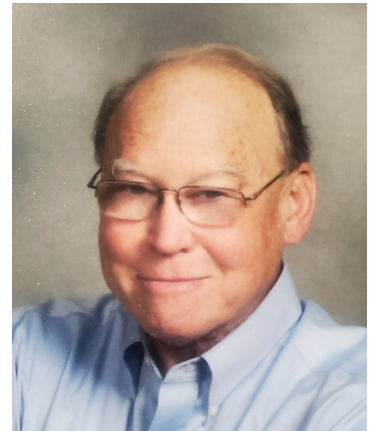
Last month I began to list America's saints in remembrance of America's pending 250th birthday. In chronological order by memorial dates, the first four were: Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4), John Neumann (Jan. 5), Marianne Cope (Jan. 23), and Katharine Drexel (Mar. 3).

St. Damien de Veuster (1840-1889) Originally from Belgium, he dedicated his life as missionary priest to lepers quarantined on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. He built schools, churches, and hospitals. Contracting leprosy himself, he died there. Named a saint in 2009, his feast day is May 10.

St. Junípero Serra (1713-1784) Originally from Spain, he joined the Franciscans and became a missionary originally to Mexico. Going to California, he founded nine Spanish missions, serving both settlers and Native Americans. He became the first saint canonized on U.S. soil in 2015. His feast day is July 1.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) She was raised by her uncle a Mohawk chief, after her parents died, in what is now Auriesville, New York. French Jesuit priests established a mission in her village where she converted to Catholicism at age 19. She later ran away to Montreal, Canada, where she lived out her life as a consecrated virgin. She became our first Native American saint in 2012. Her feast day is July 14.

St. Théodore Guérin (1798-1856) Originally from France, she led a group of sisters to Indiana in 1840. Settling in St. Mary-Of-The-Woods, near Terra Haute, she opened a convent and the first girls' boarding school there, Saint Mary's Academy for young women, the forerunner of [Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College](#). She opened additional schools throughout Indiana and Illinois. Her feast day is Oct. 3.



Upcoming Events

Aug 21	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ, 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Aug 22	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
Aug 28	Executive Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Seton Hall
Sept 1	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 4	Council Meeting at COR (Seton Hall) 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Sept 18	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ, 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Sept 20	OKTOBERFEST at 3rd Planet Brewing, noon–9 p.m.
Sept 25	Executive Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Seton Hall
Oct. 2	Council Meeting at COR (Seton Hall) 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Oct 13	Columbus Day

July Knight of the Month

Rod Culkin



Our July Knight of the month is a past Grand Knight and has served in many of the council's activities, including pancake breakfasts and Habitat for Humanity. He also serves the parish in many ways. For COR, he custom built various items to support the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program; specifically, a Visitation diorama, Processional Cross and Stand, Sacristy

Candle Holder and figure of the Good Shepherd and Sheep, to include a storage box. For the Holy Family Catholic Academy, he worked with Brother Knights, to build and install eight large cabinets for storing backpacks, books, and hangars for jackets in each classroom. Additionally, he serves as a Lector and sings in the Choir at the 7:30am Mass. For these and many other reasons, we thank Rod Culkin for his contributions to the Order and our community.

Congrats!



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State Award Winners

*Faith In Action
Community*



Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County sponsored this billboard recognizing our Faith in Action Community Service award received at the State Convention. The billboard is located on Hwy 20 going west from the Rocky Bayou Bridge, near the storage facility and CEFCO station.

July Family of the Month

John & Kamber Rafferty

John and Kamber Rafferty have been in our council since 2008. They are active in many COR ministries, including the Music Ministry, Pastoral Council, the audio-visual team, and preparation for Community Catechesis. A Knight since 2003, John has served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy, and currently serves as Chancellor. A member of the 4th Degree Color Corps, he regularly supports patriotic, parish and diocesan events. John also serves as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. John works as the Chief Engineer of the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron at Eglin, where he is the Lead Civilian hiring manager, and certifies Electronic Warfare data packages for loading on Air Force Global Strike Command bombers for operational and training missions.

Kamber operates the sound board for Masses and serves as a Religious Education instructor and Orchestra conductor for the Christmas concerts that were previously held in conjunction with Holy Name's choir/orchestra.

Kamber is the Band and Yearbook teacher for Walton Middle School in DeFuniak Springs. She teaches more than 100 band students from 6th to 8th grade, and 10-15 yearbook students. She has taken over 150 students on Spring Break trips to Walt Disney World over the years to play for guest clinicians. John helps out by chaperoning trips, narrating concerts/award ceremonies, setting up the concession stand at football games, and taking sports and club photos for the yearbook. We thank our July Family of the Month, John and Kamber Rafferty for all they do for the Order and our community.



Saturday, September 20, 2025

3rd Planet Brewing

Noon to 9 p.m.

Brats, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut

German Potato Salad

Soft Drinks & Sweet Treats

Bier, Bier, und mehr Bier

German Music from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.