



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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**“THE HEART OF JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE SYMBOL OF GOD'S MERCY.”**

*- Pope Francis*

## Grand Knights Report

### JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART -

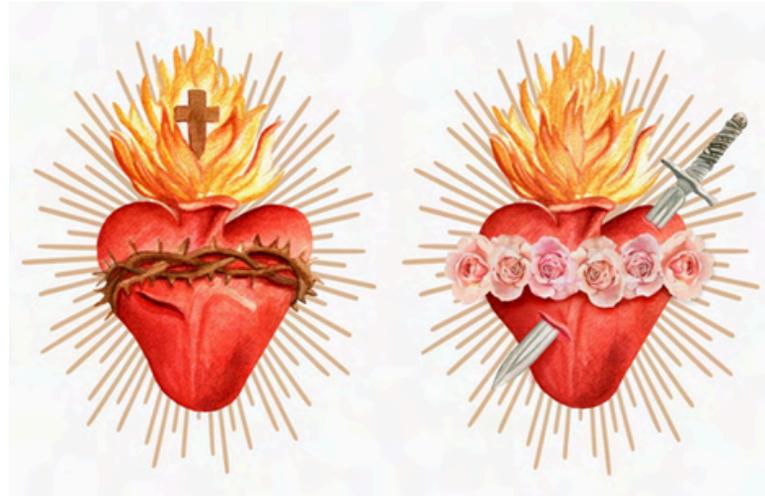
The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart.

It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God's love for us; in this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God's passionate love for us.

As we look at the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we notice many symbols. Each of these expresses some aspect of God's love for us.

**Flames:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus burns with divine love. In the Gospel, Jesus says that He has come to set fire to the earth—the fire that He longs to set is the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit, in each human heart.

**Rays of Light:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded by rays of light, as if rays of light are emanating from it. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us the eternal truth of God's love for us, bringing the light of God's love into the darkness of our sin and suffering, our fear and doubt.



**Crown of Thorns:** We remember that during His Passion, the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head. The crown of thorns symbolizes our individual sins, which prick His heart.

**The Cross:** In the Gospels, Jesus hangs upon the cross as He dies for us. In the image of the Sacred Heart, the Heart of Jesus no longer hangs upon the Cross, but rather the Cross stands atop the Sacred Heart, as if to say that the Heart of Jesus is what supported the Cross and what supports us when we have to bear a cross.

**The Open Wound:** After Jesus dies on the cross, a soldier pierces His Heart with a lance, and blood and water flow out.. The open wound in the image of the Sacred Heart shows us that the Heart of Jesus is always open to us, His mercy always available to us, that He never closes His Heart to us.

At this moment in our world, torn by so much violence and suffering, we, as Knights need to let our own hearts be filled with the love of the Sacred Heart, so that God's love fills the world through us.

# Grand Knights Report

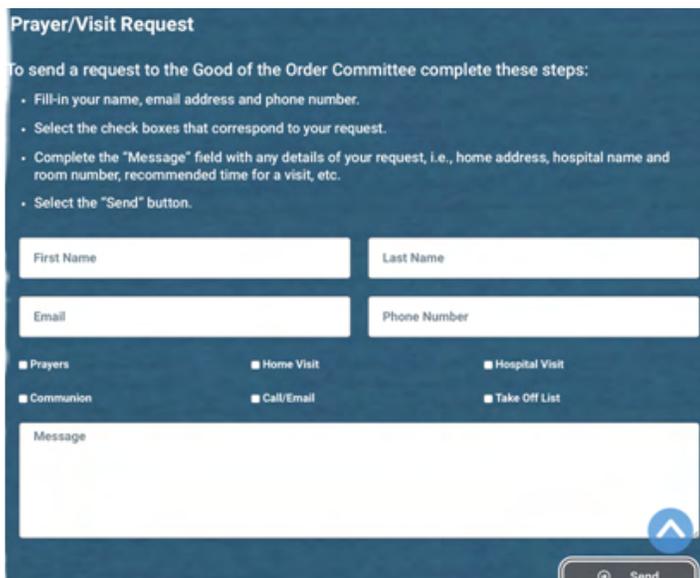
## KNIGHT’S MASS -

On May 8th we had our monthly “Knight’s Mass” at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel with Father Gordon as the celebrant. The rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration following the Mass in the Chapel.

The rosary and the Mass were dedicated to the “Unborn” children and their Right to Life. Please join your Brother Knights and their wives for the special Knight’s Mass this month on Wednesday, June 12th.

## WEBSITE UPDATE -

Our website has a new “Prayer/Visit Request Page”. Simply go to our website (<https://kofc7826.org>) and select the “News” menu option from the main menu bar at the top of the web page. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page to where the Pray/Visit request is located. Guidance on how to create a request is provided within the Prayer/Visit Request field. Below is an image of what you will see on the webpage:



## CRUISE RAFFLE -

The WINNER of the 2024 Cruise Raffle is Ms. Patty McKeever-Hand of Pennsylvania. She has not yet decided to take either the cruise or the cash prize. Congratulations Patty!

Again, thanks to Worthy PGK Dan Bulinski and Brother Steve Melchiorre and his wife, Debbie, with Brother Gary and Margot Ellis and their team of volunteers for a very successful campaign.



## STM K of C WEBSITES –

The STM parish web page and our STM Council #7826 website have been updated to ensure current information and events are available in a timely manner to all members. Our Council website address is [www.kofc7826.org](http://www.kofc7826.org). Check out our FACEBOOK page at **Knights of Columbus Council 7826 St. Thomas More**.

Please use these websites and pass it along to your friends, relatives and associates that may have an interest in the Knights of Columbus and our St Thomas More Council activities.

## Faith In Action

### WATERFRONTOO SOCIAL -

Our May social” was held at WATERFRONTOO on May 17th. We had approximately 45 members and their wives in attendance. The evening was filled with fellowship and fraternity among the members and their wives or significant others.

Thanks to Dave and Sue Bracy for their continued dedication to our Council Socials. In June the Assembly Celebration Dinner on June 22nd will replace our council social. All members and their wives are welcome to attend.



# Faith In Action

## 3RD ANNUAL STM K OF C GOLF OUTING -

Sereona Golf Club hosted our 3rd Annual STM K of C Golf outing this year with rave reviews from the golfers and volunteers.



The golfers were greeted at Registration (from L to R) by Carol Neller, Trish Berberich, and Denise Caldonia



Steve McElroy, Phil Arsenault and Margot Ellis were very successful in selling 50/50 raffle tickets!



We had 26 golf teams paid in full with 68 Hole Sponsors and 6 Major Sponsors. At the end of the day, the total revenues were \$24,045 with a net income of \$10,786.69!

We had 19 Volunteers at the event. Serenoa said we are their "best organized event" and the golfers were very positive on the golf, the food and our amenities. Simply said, this was a wonderful day! THANK YOU ALL!

The date of the 4th Annual Golf Outing will be (reserve this date) Monday, May 5th 2025 (Cinco de Mayo).



Our Chancellor, Chris Pariseau, and his team on the course.

## Faith In Action

### 3RD ANNUAL STM GOLF OUTING (continued . . . ) -

The Raffle Baskets and Auction items represent the many businesses that supported our event. In all these items were valued at over \$5000. As a result of outstanding ticket sales these items accounted for \$2745 of the day's income.



Our “Hole-In-One” team of Dr. Steve Wyer and Charlie Culkin were the spotters on hole #17 for anyone who made a hole-in-one. The reported closest shot finished 18" from the hole. WOW that's close!



Fr. Daniel is drawing for the winning tickets of our 50/50 Raffle assisted by PGK and Golf Committee Chair, Ken Berberich.



Brother Al Ferrigno presenting a “Thank You” trophy to Golf Committee Chair, Ken Berberich. in recognition of his hard work and leadership of the STM Golf outing.

# Faith In Action

## MAY EXEMPLIFICATION -

During May we added 2 new members to our Council as 3rd Degree Knights. They are Brother Myron Fedecky below and Brother Jordan Borkholder pictured at the bottom of this column.

DW and Worthy Charlie Culkin was the “Honoree” for this May Exemplification. Charlie is a leader in our Council and with the 4th Degree Assembly. He serves our parish and community through various activities as Lector, a money-counter for the Sunday Collections. He has also been selected to Co-Chair the Parish Picnic schedule for this coming October.



## Faith In Action

### COUNCIL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER -

The guest speaker for our May Council Meeting was Ms. Alexandra Elma-Foley from the Lighthouse Vision Educational Center. She presented the many stages of vision impairment starting with the need for glasses all the way to blindness.

In appreciation for her making the trip with her guide dog to tell us about the many stages of blindness, the Council presented Lighthouse Vision Educational Center with a check for \$500.



### 1ST COMMUNICANTS NEW BIBLES -

On Sunday, May 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the parish celebrated the 1st Communion of 15 boys and girls.

After the Mass, our Council provided Bibles to each of the 1st Communicants. Worthy DGK Charlie Culkin is seen presenting the Bibles in the opposite column.

Congratulations to all the children making their 1st Communion!



## Faith In Action

### ST. JOSEPH ICON -

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. This year our parish was chosen to display the Icon of St. Joseph for 1 week in May.



Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis we welcome the Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The “just man,” whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord’s foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry.

Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants.

Pope Francis received the Order’s Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said “I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.” Bearing those words in mind, I chose to entrust my service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph, and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph.

*From the Vatican:*

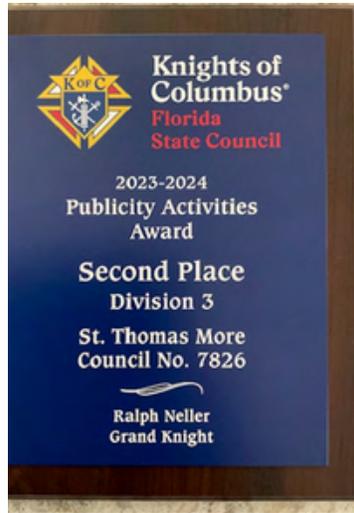
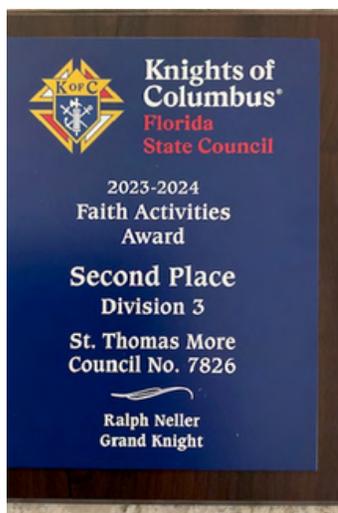
*His Holiness Pope Francis cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing  
On the feast of the Solemnity of St. Peter & Paul- June 29, 2021*

# Faith In Action

## 120TH STATE CONVENTION -

The 2024 Florida State Convention was held in Orlando over the Memorial Day weekend. This year our Council was recognized with several state awards: *Family of the Year* (Frank & Imelda Moeslein), *Faith Activities*, *Publicity*, and an *Altar Server of the Year* award for the Diocese of Venice.

Congratulations to every member of our Council, their wives and family members who so generously gave of their time and talents to make this such an award winning year!



**Faith In Action**

**KNIGHTS OF MONTH - CHARLIE BALSCHMIEDER AND HANK PEPPARD**

This month we have 2 “Knights of the Month”. Our Inside and Outside Guards: Hank Peppard and Charlie Ballschmieder. Thanks to their dedication to handling the meals and refreshments at all of our Council meetings.



**FAMILY OF MONTH - STEVE and DEBBIE MELCHIORE**

Our “Family of the Month” is Steve and Debbie Melchiore. Brother Steve and his wife, Debbie, have helped to lead our Cruise Raffle this year with outstanding results.



**Parish News**



**FOOD PANTRY -**

Thank you to all the Food Bank volunteers and their spouses for your in-person participation and your monetary support. As you may know, the supply chain remains a challenge, and food supplies are still in short supply.

Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE -**

SAFETY POLICY - With the advent of the new state-wide policies on homelessness, all local parishes have been dealing with the homeless in and around their properties. As Catholic Christians we are empathetic with their situation but this predicament presents increased safety concerns. Your involvement and support have been noticed and is sincerely appreciated.

STM PICNIC - Father Gordon is happy to announce that STM will hold a parish-wide picnic on Sunday, October 27, 2024 after the 12:00 Mass. Worthy Charlie Culkin and Luchie Child have agreed to Co-Chair this year's picnic.

FUND RAISING POLICY - Effective July 1st through June 30, 2025, every ministry may rely upon Bulletin ads, pulpit announcements, tickets sold at the office reception and email blasts to promote their event. Each ministry is allowed to promote their fundraiser after Mass a total of 3 times per fiscal year. Each ministry must schedule the dates a minimum of 30 days apart. Each ministry will be allowed to select from 2 planned weekend days for each month to meet their total of 3 appearances. Only 1 ministry per weekend day will be allowed.

(This policy will not apply to: 2nd collections, and Baby Bottles with unmanned weekends.)



## Committee Corner

### RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -



Thanks for all of you who attended the Mass of the Unborn on May 8th and for those who were able to peacefully pray at Planned Parenthood for our regularly scheduled Monthly vigil on Thursday, May 23rd. Here is a stunning picture above taken that morning by Frank and Imelda Moeslein of an empty baby stroller outside of Planned Parenthood. It's yet another stark reminder of the devastation of human life that takes place at Planned Parenthood and why our Ministry is so important. In June, let's continue to focus on Prayer and Presence in mind of Mother Teresa's prophetic words - "Each act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small".

1. PRAYER - Prayer is God's lifeline for all of us. Seek to learn more and spread the word to VOTE NO about the serious ramifications of the VERY misleading Amendment 4 which will be on the November ballot in Florida that seeks to enshrine abortion up until birth! Please view these websites and sign up for information about what you can do - <https://www.tooextremeforfl.com/>.

### PRAYER con't

There is an online community (FLCAN - Florida Catholic Advocacy Network) established by the Bishops to connect, educate and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses. The website is [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org) where people can sign up to receive alerts by email and/or text to stay informed and take action on Amendment 4.

2. PRESENCE - In June, those of us still in Florida can gather on Thursday, June 27th to pray at PP. Those of us away - please say a rosary or this simple prayer that day or any day. Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!

Please RSVP to Neil (941) 586-3060 and Brian (908-451-7454) to join us for one hour. With several Brother's and Spouses going back to cooler climates already, we could always use some more prayer warriors!

For Life,  
Neil and Brian

## Committee Corner



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE -

Our Council offers a Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School scholarship program for children and grandchildren of parents and grandparents who are registered parishioners at St. Thomas More. The scholarships available range from \$1,000 up to \$3,000 and most are sponsored as memorials from Brother Knights or their surviving families. We always have more deserving applicants than scholarships available, so to encourage new sponsors. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a scholarship through our Council program, please contact Steve McElroy at [mcelroyfs@verizon.net](mailto:mcelroyfs@verizon.net) or 941-539-4263. And consider joining us June 11th at 7:00 PM in the Spirit Center when we award the five scholarships for the upcoming academic year 2024-2025.

This month we are honored to highlight the scholarship which has been generously sponsored by Brother Hank Peppard for many years. The Hank Peppard Family Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Hank Peppard is a fourth-degree member of the St. Thomas More Council 7826 of the Knights of Columbus. One of the founding members of the council, he has served as an officer and one of its most active members since its origin in 2011. In 2017 Hank was named Knight of the Year by the council. Hank established this scholarship fund to honor his family members who have left this earth to be with God. In 1983 his beloved son, Hank Peppard, Jr. died at age 13 when he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle home from school.

In 2003 Hank lost his father, Henry Peppard, Sr. at age 94. Hank's mother, Louise, who moved to Florida to live with Hank for 8 years, passed on in 2013 at age 98.

Another tragedy struck Hank's family when he lost his niece and nephew in a house fire. Bill Peppard Jr. was 8 years old and his sister, Jackie, was nine at the time. Their father, Hank's brother Bill, was a Grand Knight in his Knights of Columbus council in Oceanside Long Island. He succumbed to a heart attack in 2008 while volunteering with the Knights of Columbus calling Bingo numbers at his parish in Long Island.

In March 2021, another member of the Peppard Family was lost. Bill Peppard's daughter, Debbie S. Metzler passed away at age 63 from cancer.

If you have any questions about the program or are interested in sponsoring a scholarship through our Council, please contact Steve McElroy, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at [mcelroyfs@verizon.net](mailto:mcelroyfs@verizon.net) or 941-539-4263.

## Committee Corner

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS -**

Special Olympics of southwest Florida has requested assistance with local Special Olympics events. Below you will find more opportunities to volunteer.

The BOWLING season has restarted and runs on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Brother Al Ferrigno at A72342@gmail.com

The GOLFING season will soon be starting and is need of Golf Coaches. Below please find the announcement below from Special Olympics.

Sarasota County  
Golf Coaches needed

The season runs from August to December  
Time Commitment: Once a week



Coaches are heroes to our athletes – and athletes often become heroes to our coaches. Special Olympics Florida coaches model good sportsmanship and character to enrich the overall sports experience for athletes. They are role models who give courage to our 70,000 participants and the capacity to learn, grow and improve. Lessons learned on the playing field – teamwork, self-discipline, and confidence – transcend into the athletes’ everyday lives. Coaches and athletes form deep, meaningful connections that extend beyond the playing field and often last for years. It can be truly magical.

No sports expertise is needed. We will provide all necessary training and be with you along the way.

Join us in helping athletes achieve their dreams, volunteer today!

Go to the Special Olympics website and click on the link shown below to sign up as a Golf Coach.

### **Sign Up for Golf Coach**

If you should need any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me at johncesare1@verizon.net

Fraternally,

John Cesare, Chairman Special Olympics Committee

## Committee Corner

### 2024 STM 3rd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING -

A successful STM Golf Outing was held on Monday, May 6th at Serenoa Golf Club. Thank you to all that made this a wonderful day and event. This includes, the Golf Committee Members, the Volunteers, all who donated items for the Gift Baskets and Auction Items, the Hole Sponsors, Major Sponsors and the management and staff of Serenoa Golf Club. This event was accomplished with all these individuals and businesses supporting our golf event.

So how'd we do?

26 paid golf teams, 68-hole sponsors, 6 major sponsors, 20 volunteers, huge support by individuals and businesses for our raffle baskets and auction items; with revenue at the event, consisting of mulligan sales, 50/50. gift basket revenue and auction items revenue. These totaled almost \$4200 "at the event".

A great - at the event, sales effort by our volunteers.

On Total Revenues \$24,045 and all expenses paid, we reported Net Income to the Council of \$10,786.69

John Koitsch, our videographer, has made a video of the event and this has been sent out to those involved in the golf outing.



SERENOA  
GOLF CLUB

Feedback - we have been called the most organized event by the golf club and the golfers "love our event" as it includes a light breakfast, golf, BBQ lunch and various awards and prizes.

Again - this happens because of the support of all involved and the leadership of our Golf Committee.

Reserve the date - Monday, May 5th 2025 - for the 4th Annual KofC Council 7826 Golf Outing.

Ken Berberich

Chair, Golf Committee



## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli  
 Shirley Berardinelli  
 Ted Bogusz  
 Dave & Sue Bracy  
 Erin McAlonie Brady (daughter of John McAlonie)  
 Pat Cesare  
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
 Jean DeVito  
 Gary Ellis  
 Madeleine Garvey (wife of Gary)  
 Pat Guadagno  
 Jan Jakubiuk  
 John Koitsch  
 Don Leonard  
 Roy MacGillis  
 John & Kay Maier  
 John Malloy  
 Jon McAlonie  
 Ron McCluskey  
 Jim Meyd  
 Thomas Nate  
 Kevin Noccioli (brother of Jeff Noccioli)  
 Margie Noll  
 Hank Peppard  
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)  
 Ed Plankey  
 Tom Reed  
 Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)  
 Eugene Sobecki (C. Ballschmeider's sister-in-law)  
 John & Craig Spinale (John's son)  
 Joe Tiffany  
 Johnnie Turner  
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)  
 Dr. Steve Wyer



If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact (Ralph Neller, Grand Knight) at his email address [rneller65@outlook.com](mailto:rneller65@outlook.com) or my mobile 513-708-0528.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!

## Council Birthdays

### JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



June 2 - John Van Schoor  
 June 4 - Edward Cox  
 June 9 - Gregory Sokolik  
 June 16 - Ronald Faille  
 June 16 - Corey Devito  
 June 17 - Steve McElroy  
 June 20 - Ray Santelli  
 June 24 - Rob Carver  
 June 25 - Tony D'Souza  
 June 26 - Gene McNany  
 June 26 - Jim Venter  
 June 26 - Daniel Martin

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## Council Upcoming Events

**Thank you for your support of these future events!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Officers' Meeting is scheduled for June 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Sunday, June 9th, we will provide Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, June 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center.
- The Scholarship Awards Presentation is scheduled for June 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our monthly "Knight's Mass will be on Wednesday, June 12th, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The June Council Business Meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The funeral mass for Brother Alec Berardinelli will be held at STM Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15th.
- Our monthly Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- A Celebration Dinner is scheduled by the Assembly on June 22nd beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Laurel Oak CC. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, June 27nd between 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

This month is Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of oneself.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).

"A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.

That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus were able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw

**Calendar - JUNE, 2024**



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

**SC – Spirit Center**

**CC – Chelsea Center**

**C - Church**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28					1
2	3	4	5 Officers' Mtg. 7:00 pm SC	6	7	8
9 Coffee & Donuts 8 - 10 am Masses SC	10 4th Degree Assembly Mtg. 7:00 pm - CC	11 Scholarship Awards 7:00 pm SC	12 Knight's Mass 8:00 am C	13 Council Mtg 7:00 pm SC	14	15 Funeral Mass - Alec Berardinelli 10:00 am STM
16	17	18 Exemplification 6:30 pm SC	19	20	21	22 Assembly Dinner 6-8:00 pm Laurel Oaks CC
23	24	25	26	27 9-1:00 pm Prayer Walk Planned Parenthood	28	29
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