



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

## INDEX

**Grand Knights Report** Page 2

**Faith In Action** Page 5

**Parish News** Page 12

**Committee Corner** Page 13

**Council Good of the Order** Page 16

**Council Birthdays / Officers** Page 17

**Council Upcoming Events** Page 18

**Insurance Advisors Letter** Page 19

**Calendar** Page 20



O JESUS, THROUGH THE  
IMMACULATE HEART OF  
MARY, I OFFER YOU ALL OF  
MY PRAYERS, WORKS, JOYS,  
AND SUFFERINGS OF THIS  
DAY IN UNION WITH THE  
HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE  
MASS THROUGHOUT THE  
WORLD. . .

AMEN!

## Grand Knights Report

### **AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-**

While many Knights are aware that May is the month dedicated to Our Lady and October has a dedication to the Holy Rosary, fewer will realize that August is specifically dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—a central theme of the Fatima message.

Even before the Blessed Virgin appeared to the young seers, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia, they already had an inkling of this devotion in the mysterious words of the Angel of Portugal, during his first apparition in the spring of 1916. He taught them the Pardon Prayer, and when this was finished he said, “Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”

Later, in her memoirs, Lucia said that these words were so powerful that they were engraved on their minds to such an extent that they could never forget them. Therefore, she and her cousins did everything they could to pray earnestly to the Two Hearts, intuitively recognizing that this is a devotion which has a very important role in the life of the Church.

During the second apparition, on June 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin told Lucia that God wished to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart throughout the world, a point she repeated during the July apparition. She then promised salvation to whoever embraced this devotion, to the extent that such souls would be dear to God, like flowers put by her to adorn His throne.

Our Lady also promised Lucia that her Immaculate Heart would be her refuge and the way that would lead her to God. This, of course, also applies to anyone who takes up this devotion. And so, in all the trials and tribulations of this world, we too can have a secure refuge in Mary’s Immaculate Heart.

During the July apparition, the Blessed Virgin taught the children the Sacrifice Prayer, which is to be used when making a particular sacrifice: “O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Our Lady also spoke of the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart during this apparition. We are all now aware of the great power of the collegial consecration, which was made in 1984 by St. John Paul II in response to this request, and of how it led to the collapse of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe.

This is clearly a tremendously powerful devotion, but it is all too easy to regard it as just another religious practice, and not really take it to heart. The month of August, with its dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is the ideal time to do this.

Devotion to Mary’s Immaculate Heart is really concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God, and so it is not an end in itself, but rather meant to be a model for the way we should love God. God, especially when we consider how closely united the hearts of Jesus and Mary were and are.

## Grand Knight's Report

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA -

On July 8th our PGK, Dan Bulinski, hosted an evening to honor the Blessed Mother and her apparitions at Fatima in Portugal. This event helped us to prepare for the month of August and our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



The Presenter for the evening was a representative from **America Needs Fatima** organization. He brought this life-like statue of Our Lady of Fatima (pictured above) for all to venerate.



This Marian Program featured an inspiring and moving audit-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions. It told of the lessons of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima as well as how their message applies to us today.

Following the audio-visual presentation those in attendance were led in praying the rosary by our Chaplain, Fr. Daniel. After which the **America Needs Fatima** Presenter provided both literature and prayer cards to the group.

Thank you again Brother Dan and Joyce for sharing your home with us and your veneration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!





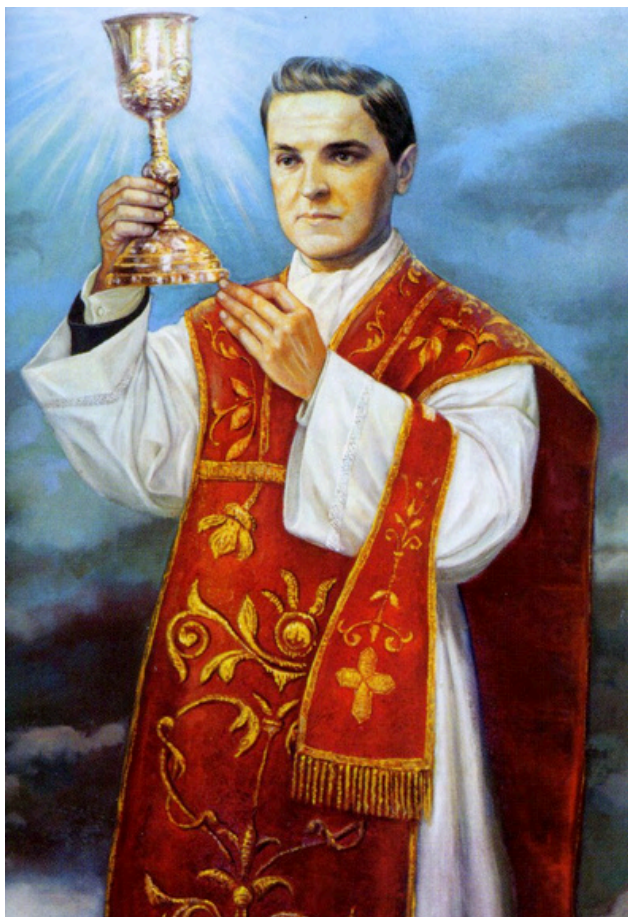
## Grand Knights Report

### KNIGHT'S MASS -

On July 3rd we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel with Father Daniel 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 Good of the Order with a special intention for Brother Thomas Reed. Please join your Brother Knights and their wives for this special Mass.

The next "Knight's Mass" will be on August 7th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



## One Nation Under God

### 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. Below is an image of what you will see on the webpage:

**Prayer/Visit Request**

To send a request to the Good of the Order Committee complete these steps:

- Fill-in your name, email address and phone number.
- Select the check boxes that correspond to your request.
- Complete the "Message" field with any details of your request, i.e., home address, hospital name and room number, recommended time for a visit, etc.
- Select the "Send" button.

First Name	Last Name
Email	Phone Number

☐ Prayers
 ☐ Home Visit
 ☐ Hospital Visit

☐ Communion
 ☐ Call/Email
 ☐ Take Off List

Message

Send

## Faith In Action

### JULY EXEMPLIFICATION -

At our July Exemplification we welcomed 2 new members as 3rd Degree Knights to our Council: Deacon Pat Long and Dr. Bill Dang. The addition of both new members is a great start to reaching our goal of 11 this fraternal year in order to make STAR Council again for STM.



(The Honoree for the July Exemplification was Brother Corey Devito - not shown.)



The July Exemplification Team (pictured above) consisted of GK, Ralph Neller (Presiding Officer), PGK, Johnnie Turner (Charity), PGK Dan Bulinski (Unity), and PGK, FFN. Dr. Steve Wyer (Fraternity), with Brother Charlie Ballschmieder as the Investing Officer and Brother Kevin Deady as the Warden.

Our new 3rd Degree Knights: Brother Deacon Pat Long and Brother Dr. Bill Dang are pictured as well.



## Faith In Action

### INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS -

Our Council Corporate Communion was held on July 20th, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass followed by the Installation of New Officers. The ceremony was conducted by our new DD, Jon Engel, and our DW, Charlie Culkin. Special thanks to Brother Dave and Sue Bracy and to Publix for providing the roses for the spouses and significant others.



### 2024-'25 OFFICER TEAM -

*Front Row: (L to R) Paul Hudale, Joe Dean (3 yr. Trustee), John Spinale (1 yr. Trustee) Dave Bracy (Warden), Steve McElroy (FS), Scott Deahna (DGK), Kevin Deady (Chancellor), Corey Devito (2 yr. Trustee), Back Row: (L to R) Hank Peppard (Outside Guard), Charlie Ballschmieder (Inside Guard), Fr. Daniel (Chaplain), Ralph Neller (GK) Dr. Steve Wyer (Advocate), John Caesar, Al Ferrigno, Jon Engel (DD). (Brothers Ken Berberich, Derek Noll and Dan Bulinski are Officers not pictured above as Brothers John Caesar, Paul Hudale, and Al Ferrigno were stand-ins during their absence.)*



## Faith In Action

### JULY SOCIAL - MEADOWS CC

Our July Social was held at the Meadows CC with nearly 70 Knights, their wives and significant others in attendance to celebrate the Installation of New Officers and to kick-off the new 2024-'25 fraternal year.



## Faith In Action

### JULY SOCIAL - MEADOWS CC (continued...)



### A SPECIAL “KNIGHT’S FAREWELL” TO FR. GORDON-

After dinner we honored our former Pastor, Fr. Gordon, with a special “Knight’s Farewell” as several members paid tribute to his many contributions to our Council and our parish over the past 5 years.

He was presented with a farewell gift of \$500 from our Council in grateful appreciation for his strong support of our ministry and our members during his tenure as Pastor of STM.





## Faith In Action

# KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE MONTH

### KNIGHT OF MONTH -

This month Fr. Daniel, our Chaplain, is our STM Council “Knight of the Month”. Fr. Daniel was instrumental in our Council winning the Florida State Award for “Faith Activities” this past fraternal year.



### FAMILY OF MONTH -

Our “Family of the Month” is Brother Brian Harkins and his wife, Maureen, for their dedication to the Right to Life movement and their passion and leadership for the rights of the unborn.



**Faith In Action**

# KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**KNIGHT OF YEAR - JOSEPH TIFFANY**

The 2023-'24 Knight of the Year is Brother Joseph Tiffany. Joe Tiffany has been our Council Advocate. His tireless efforts have brought many new members to our Council. He is an outstanding example of what it means to be a "Knight of Columbus".

**FAMILY OF YEAR - FRANK & IMELDA MOESLEIN**

The 2023-'24 Family of the Year is Brother Frank and Imelda Moeslein. They were also recognized with this honor by our State Council. Their devotion to the Right to Life and their leadership with our Baby Bottle Campaign were truly remarkable.





## Faith In Action

### PRESENTATION OF SUPREME'S ASAP CHECKS -

**“One of the most important tasks God has given us at this moment is to advance the cause of life.”**

**- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**

++++++

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP), describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers and their new children by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. These pro-life, non-profits are lifelines to women and babies in need and offer essential services that make the difference for a newborn being born into a supportive environment.



***(Patty Madsen and the Community Pregnancy Staff)***

For every \$500 our council donated to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home this past year (up to \$2,000), Supreme donated \$100.

During our last “Baby Bottle” Campaign we raised enough money to allow CPCI to receive an additional check of \$400 from Supreme as part of the ASAP Program.

Pregnancy resource centers provide assistance to nearly 2 million clients each year. In 2021, Knights donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to support these centers and the women and children they serve through cash donations and community service activities such as baby bottle and maternity item drives. The Order also donated \$5.6 million to centers for the purchase of 163 ultrasound machines in 2021 – bringing its total donations since 2009 to more than 1,550 machines valued at over \$75 million. These life-saving organizations would not be able to provide the level of assistance to women and children in need without support from our Order and collaborating parish K of C Councils throughout the local communities.



**Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center + SOLVE**

Pictured above is Brad, the Life and Family Coach, at the SMPC being presented with a check for \$200 from Supreme as part of the ASAP Program.

(Not pictured) The Development Director, Brian Kerwin, with the SOLVE Homes team was also sent a check for an additional \$200 from Supreme as part of the ASAP Program.

## 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.

### St. Thomas More is looking to hire a Director of Religious Education-

The Director of Religious Education will plan, integrate, implement, oversee, and evaluate the religious education/faith formation of the total Parish community.

The Parish is looking for a dynamic Catholic who can: Administer catechetical programs: Faith Formation in Grades K-12, Sacramental Preparation, Home School Supervision, Adult Faith Formation and Catholic school retreats and services regarding religious education; and assist the Pastor in planning catechetical programs to meet both short and long-term goals. He/she will collaborate and communicate with the Pastor and other Parish ministries promotion of events related to catechetical programs.

A candidate must have a Master's Degree in Religious Education, Theology or Catechetics and Evangelization with five years of experience overseeing a religious education or faith formation program in a parish setting.

A detailed job description is available at ***[dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org)***.





## Committee Corner

### RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

With the voting season upon us, please continue to SHARE the message below about the devastating impact of this Amendment. As protectors of our families, we cannot let the onslaught of evil that conspicuously seems all around us these days to gain the upper hand!

Last but not least, thank you for continuing to pray at Planned Parenthood on the 4th Thursday of each month especially to those of you who have endured the brutally hot summer months - your prayers and presence DO make a difference as the Florida 6 week ban has slowed down the number of clients and our friends at CPCI are busier than ever.

#### Amendment 4 sounds like it:

*“Limits government interference with abortion...”*

BUT it starts with *“no law shall...”* banning all government regulation of abortion, even commonsense health and safety regulations for women that most voters support and only allows *“abortion before viability...”* But it NEVER defines *“viability”* and adds *“or when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider”* leaving the healthcare provider to determine *“viability”* and the *“patient’s health”* - allowing non-medical abortion clinic staff to rubber stamp abortions throughout pregnancy.

It empowers doctors to evaluate their patient’s health... But the amendment NEVER defines *“healthcare provider”*. In fact, unlike most amendments, it has *“0”* definitions in the entire amendment. Floridians don’t know what we are voting on and it will be litigated in court for decades to come.

Saves parental involvement by keeping parental notification prior to a minor’s abortion... But Florida law requires parental consent for a minor’s abortion and this amendment would ELIMINATE it.

So.... Is it an accident that Amendment 4 was written with loopholes that allow abortion throughout pregnancy, even when the baby is capable of feeling pain; without definitions, replacing doctors with unknown *“healthcare providers”*; and without telling you it will eliminate Florida’s parental consent law, making abortion the only medical procedure in Florida a minor could get without parental consent?

## NO!

Amendment 4 was written to deceive you. The sponsoring committee, with money from the ACLU and the Soros-backed Open Society Fund, spent more than \$15,000,000 to put Amendment 4 on Florida’s November ballot. They tasked their best attorneys and pollsters with crafting an amendment that will fool you into voting “yes” on this amendment - to enshrine one of the most EXTREME abortion policies in the COUNTRY into Florida’s constitution. Amendment 4 is a scam. And we have to tell Florida Voters not to be fooled.

For Life,

Brian Harkins and Neal Corrado

## Committee Corner

### GOLF COMMITTEE UPDATE -



4th Annual St Thomas More / KofC Council 7826 Golf Outing - UPDATE

Please reserve the date, Monday, May 5th 2025 at Serenoa Golf Club. (Cinco de Mayo)



The Golf Committee met on Monday, July 11th and the following was discussed and approved. We are going to change the amount of the team and golfer fee, to \$500 and \$125, respectively. This is an increase of \$25 per golfer as due to inflation and our increased costs in goodie bag, team prizes, gift baskets et al. We "touched base" with our golf team captains and certain players and this increase does not appear to be prohibitive in any way for the event.

All the 2025 Golf Forms have been effectuated for our committee members to use and for the promotion of the event. The updated forms and Golf Flyer are now available.

We will begin working on Hole Sponsors, Major Donors, Gift and Auction Donors towards the end of the year, say October or so.

Thank you! to all our Committee Members, Volunteers, Donors, Golfers and Serenoa Golf Club management and staff - for making this a spectacular golf event.

Ken Berberich  
Chair, Golf Committee



## Committee Corner

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

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

#### Opportunity Name:

2024 West Coast Region Stand-Up Paddle Championship-Sarasota



#### DESCRIPTION:

Special Olympics Florida is excited to host the State Stand-Up Paddle Championship at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota on Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17, 2024!

We are looking for Volunteers to assist with the following duties:

- Assist with checking in Athletes for competition.
- Serve as Results Runners and Timers
- Prepare and Present Awards to Athletes
- Assist with meal check-in and distribution

Volunteers are also needed as Board Handlers during competition. Volunteers in this position will assist with getting boards into position for the athletes. These volunteers should be comfortable lifting in excess of 30lbs. If you are interested in this position, please contact us at [volunteer@sofl.org](mailto:volunteer@sofl.org).

No knowledge of the sport is required and all training will be provided on-site. All volunteers will receive a T-Shirt and volunteers that work a shift over four hours are also provided lunch. A record of community service hours can also be provided upon request.

Volunteers under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you for your support of Special Olympics Florida! Should you have any questions please reach out to [volunteer@sofl.org](mailto:volunteer@sofl.org).

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

Fraternally,

John Cesare, Chairman Special Olympics Committee

## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli  
Shirley Berardinelli  
Ted Bogusz  
Dave & Sue Bracy  
Erin Macalonie Brady (daughter of John Macalonie)  
Pat Cesare  
Ed Cox  
Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
Jean DeVito  
Gary Ellis  
Madeline 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 Jr.  
Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John)  
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 his mobile 513-708-0528.



### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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



## Council Birthdays

### AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



August 2 - Jerry Hayes

August 4 - Charley Baldelli

August 8 - Michael Mazur

August 9 - John Maier

August 18 - Josef Bogner

August 19 - Joe Sommer Jr.

August 22 - Charles Culkin Jr.

August 25 - James McNamara

August 27 - Jean-Paul Assaff

August 29 - Kim Klee

August 31 - Philip Maresco

August 31 - John Volpe

### K of C #7826 OFFICERS

Fr. Daniel Scanlan - Chaplain  
frdaniel@stthomsmoresrq.org

Ralph Neller - Grand Knight  
rneller65@outlook.com

Scott Deahna - Deputy GK  
scott34465@yahoo.com

Steve McElroy - Financial Sec.  
mcelroyfs@verizon.net

Ken Berberich - Treasurer  
berberichken@yahoo.com

Kevin Deady - Chancellor  
kevingdeady@gmail.com

Dan Bulinski - Recorder  
danb6002@comcast.net

Dave Bracy - Warden  
dsbracy@comcast.net  
Dr. Steven Wyer - Advocate  
steven.m.wyer@gmail.comv82

Derek Noll - Lecturer  
derekjnoll@msn.com

Ernest (Joe) Dean -3yr Trustee  
ejdean99@icloud.com

Corey Devito - 2yr Trustee  
cmdevito@kaighnco.com

John Spinale - 1 yr Trustee  
jtspin912@gmail.com

Charlie Ballschmieder - Inside Guard  
cjbball01@verizon.net

Hank Peppard - Outside Guard  
hakp7916@gmail.com

## Council Upcoming Events

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 4th, the *Altar Server of the Year* Wyatt Liott, will be presented with the Florida State Council Award after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, August 7th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for August 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The August Council Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, August 12th, at St. Patrick’s beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Our August Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Sunday, August 18th, we will host a Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Spirit Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk is planned of Thursday, August 22nd, in front of Planned Parenthood.





## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

This is an exciting time of year for two reasons. First, our 142nd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Quebec, August 6-8. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year.

He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do.

I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at [kofc.org/convention](https://kofc.org/convention). Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention.

Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity.

If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights – whether through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a handle on financial matters or something else – I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others.


I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year.

As always, I am available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself to this important benefit of being a member of our Order.


Vivat Jesus!

God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw




**BRIAN DEBLAUW**  
Financial Advisor  
M: 440-669-8957  
8209 Natures Way, Unit 221  
Lakewood Ranch, FL  
<https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/Meet-BRIAN-DEBLAUW.html>



**Knights of  
Columbus**  
Asset Advisors®

**Catholic Investing**



Let your faith guide  
your financial decisions

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Calendar - August, 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 Altar Server of the Year Award 10:00 a.m. Mass C	5	6	7 Knight's Mass 8:00 am Officers' Mtg. 7:00 pm SC	8 Council Mtg 7:00 pm SC	9	10
11	12 Assembly Mtg. 7:00 pm St. Patrick's	13 Exemplification 7:00 p.m. SC	14	15	16	17
18 Coffee & Donuts 8-10 am Masses	19	20	21	22 9-1:00 pm Prayer Walk Planned Parenthood	23 Social: Miguel's on Siesta Key 5:30 p.m.	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7