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I PROMISE MY
SPECIAL
PROTECTION AND
THE GREATEST
GRACES TO ALL
THOSE WHO SHALL
RECITE THE ROSARY.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Grand Knights Report

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE ROSARY -

“Carry it always and say it as often as you can.”

These are the words of the Investing Officer addressed to every Knight at their Exemplification.

The Knights of Columbus places a special importance on honoring Our Lady of the Rosary. Every man who joins a K of C Council understands these words when they receive their Rosary and is encouraged to seek Mary's intercession by praying it regularly. It is through the Rosary that Mary's love encircles us as Knights, drawing us closer to her Divine Son.

October is the month devoted to the Holy Rosary. This is the perfect time for us to reflect upon the meaning of the Rosary and its significance in our walk of faith. There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

The point of the Rosary, as with any form of prayer, is not that we're changing others, or even changing situations or circumstances. The point of the Rosary is that we're allowing the Lord to transform our hearts, and by transforming our hearts, He makes us a light to shine for others. As Knights we are called to become that light in our parish, our community, and the world we live in.

Recall the Invocation to Mary from the presenter during your own Exemplification . . .



- Mary, Mother of God, with her Knights for the sanctity of human life in all stages.
- Mary, heart of the Holy Family, with her Knights, for faithful marriages and joyful families.
- Mary the Immaculate Conception, with her Knights, for decency and purity in our world.
- Mary, to whom her son would refuse nothing, with her Knights, for justice and compassion for the downtrodden and all those who suffer.

I challenge you to recite the rosary every day in October for your personal needs and for the success of our Council. Together, we can change the world!

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knights Report



VOTE “NO” ON AMENDMENT 4 -

(The following are excerpts from the video message of Bishop Dewane on the dangers of Amendment 4.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
News of Amendment 4, a dangerous pro-abortion amendment which will appear on the Florida ballot this fall, has no doubt reached you by now. The amendment is misleading in its language, and dangerous not only for full-term babies, but women, and girls. It is my hope that once you look into the facts of this proposed change to Florida’s state constitution, you will unequivocally vote “no” in November.

. . . Why vote “NO” on Amendment 4? Titled “Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion,” this amendment would embed unregulated abortion in the state constitution, establishing an unlimited right to abortion throughout the pregnancy, making Florida one of the most pro-abortion states in the nation. Amendment 4 would allow for second and third trimester abortions, a stark contrast to Florida’s current Heartbeat Protection Law which allows abortion up until a heartbeat can be detected, at about six weeks.

This amendment allows for abortion for any reason, including consideration of the “patient’s health,” which is undefined in the amendment. Current Florida law includes an exception for when the pregnant woman’s life is in danger, among many other exceptions. Further, Amendment 4 puts not only babies, but women and girls at risk. The amendment weakens the current medical doctor requirement, allowing “healthcare providers,” not just physicians, to determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother’s health. This is dangerous for women. The Amendment also eliminates the currently required parental “consent” for a minor to have an abortion, preserving only parental “notification.” This is reckless, and destructive, for girls, and their families. In short, Amendment 4 goes dangerously beyond even what was permitted in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It is extreme, and unnecessary. . .

Some have said that the Church has no place in politics. It is true that the Church would never suggest you vote for a particular candidate. However, in this election year, it is critically important to remember that shaping the moral character of society is a responsibility of people of faith, and a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ. In this case, when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity, the Church must not be silent and simply cannot remain on the sidelines. Let us unite in prayer to defeat this expansive, pro-abortion amendment, and vote “NO” on Amendment 4 in November.

Thank you, and God Bless!

+ Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

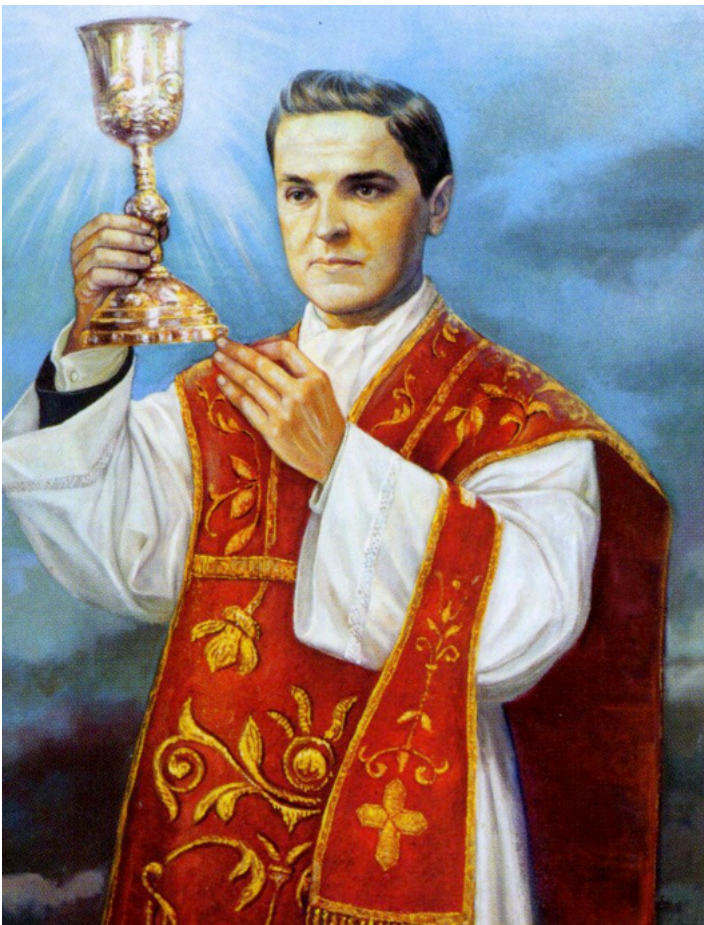
Grand Knights Report

KNIGHT'S MASS -

On September 4th 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 Joseph Tiffany. Please join your Brother Knights and their wives for this special Mass.

The next "Knight's Mass" will be on October 2nd at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



HURRICANE HELENE -

The timing of this month's Newsletter coincides with the clean up efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. As you will see throughout this edition there were several scheduled events that were either cancelled or postponed due to the severity of the storm.

As Knights of Columbus we are a brotherhood. We stand together as a special group of men to support one another in good times and in bad. If you or if you know of anyone in our Council are in need of assistance due to the results of this storm please contact me direct at 513-708-0528 or by email at rneller65@outlook.com. Please stay safe!!!

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



SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER - KAT COOPER

Our September guest speaker was our very own Parish Business/Finance Manager, Kat Cooper.

Kat did an outstanding job of presenting the scope of her role in the parish. Along with her many other duties, she is responsible for the flow of money from Sunday offerings, the reconciliation of the recent Capital Campaign and in helping the parish to reach its CFA goals in 2024.

In her own words “I view my job as more of a ministry in serving others and supporting all the ministries in the parish with a focus on the needs of the parishioners.”



THE OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER - ART REILLY

October is the Right to Life month and our guest speaker will be the Worthy Art Reilly.



Worthy Art is the Past Board Chair of the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center and current Chair of its Medical and Educations Services Committee. Beyond these duties, Art is a member of the President’s Advisory Council for the Mote Marine Laboratory and the Mote Board’s Education and Oversight Committee.

As a PGK with the Incarnation Council, Art has led domestic and global efforts to bring the benefits of the Information Age to people around the world and improve lives by promoting human rights, science, and development through the use of technology.

He has devoted the past 25 years to the Right to Life movement in Sarasota at Incarnation and throughout our community both with the SMPC and in working closely with CPCI and SOLVE to protect the rights of the unborn and those of pregnant women in need.

His focus at our October Council meeting will be on the Amendment #4 issues and what we can do to inform all parishioners on the dangers of this amendment and why it is important to vote “NO” in November.

Faith In Action

KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE MONTH

KNIGHT OF MONTH -

This month Brother Mark Lawrie is our STM Council "Knight of the Month". Brother Mark and Brother Derek Noll are responsible for securing our guest speakers during the fraternal year. Thanks to Mark's diligence we are current on many of the key issues facing our parish and our community.

FAMILY OF MONTH -

Our "Family of the Month" is Brother Dan and Mary Martin. Brother Dan has been instrumental in upgrading the Council website and our Council Newsletter. His wife, Mary, is also a leader in the parish. She is a eucharistic minister and volunteers regularly for many of our K of C events.



Faith In Action

FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT -

The STM Council will host a FBN on Tuesday, October 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.

Our Council Insurance Asset Advisor, Brian DeBlauw, will preside at the event. Brian DeBlauw is an Investment Advisor Representative for the K of C helping clients to grow their portfolios responsibly through faith-based investment strategies.



Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) can help you and your family pursue your financial goals using a wealth of investment products that may suit your life and your faith. With an investment portfolio over \$28 billion strong and a commitment to the socially responsible investment guidelines set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The specific focus of this FBN will be provided at the October Business Meeting. For newer members to our Council this will be an important session to know the scope of your benefits as a Knight of Columbus. Also, attendance at FBN's is required for our Council to meet "STAR" Council requirements.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY ASSEMBLY (4th Degree)



Congratulations to our Brother, Worthy Charlie Culkin, on being named the "Sir Knight of the Month" for the Our Lady of Charity Assembly. Charlie is currently the Scribe for the Assembly and has been an integral part in the overall success of the Assembly leadership team.

ASSEMBLY FUND RAISER

Our Lady of Charity Assembly will have a Bourbon and Cigar Social at Maduro's Wine and Cigar Lounge on October 26th located at 7386 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231 (across from Wilde Honda) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The proceeds from this event will support our two Charitable Partners: Operation Warrior Resolution and Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. For your recommended donation of \$60.00, you will receive 2 Premium Cigars, and Premium Bourbons for tasting throughout the event, dinner, and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the big prize drawing at the end of the evening. The dinner menu includes Smoked Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Macaroni and Cheese, and dinner rolls. Prize drawings include a 55" UHD TV, a custom-made humidor with an Assembly theme, and many other donated items.

This is a fantastic event filled with fellowship and good times. Please consider attending, donating, and helping spread the word! Contact Steve Wyer at 941-330-3168 or email steven.m.wyer@gmail.com for further information.

Faith In Action

OCTOBER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN -



Our STM Council truly makes a difference in promoting a culture of Life and building up the body of Christ.

In October, our STM Respect Life Team will direct the annual Baby Bottle campaign led by Joe and Ann Dean. This important fund raiser kicks off on Saturday, October 5th. By filling the bottles with coins, bills and/or checks, you will be directly supporting our local Community Pregnancy Clinic at 1419 7th St. Sarasota 34236, in helping mothers choose life and supporting them during and after pregnancy. You can check out their website at <https://communitypregnacyclinic.com> for more details.

During the month of October the Baby Bottles will be collected by our dedicated Knights volunteers after the Masses beginning on Saturday, October 5th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and weekend masses throughout the month.

Please support this important fund raiser as part of our Mission as Knights to protect the sanctity of human life!



COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY -

On Sunday, October 13th, our Council will host another Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Spirit Center.

October marks the beginning of the return of the "snowbirds" to Florida and we want to welcome them back to STM with a Sunday of fellowship at our parish Coffee & Donuts after Mass.

Please stop by the Spirit Center with family and friends and meet your new neighbors in our parish.



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.

TRAVELING ROSARY CONGRESS & EXPOSITION -

During October STM will be celebrating one of the important liturgical celebrations, the Traveling Rosary Congress Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with five decades of the Rosary prayed aloud for twenty-four continuous hours in the Chapel at STM.

It starts on Monday, October 7, 8:30am, following the 8:00 am daily Mass and concludes Tuesday, October 8th, just before the 8:00 am daily Mass. Call the Parish Office, 941-923-1691, to pick a 1/2 hour or 1 hour rosary prayer time. They will have a security officer on duty, the entire time, so it will be very safe to choose a late-night or early morning time slot.

THAT MAN IS YOU PROGRAM -

The TMIY Program is a parish program for men that builds community and fellowship among the men of the parish. Its purpose is to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and society as a whole.

TMIY is supported by Bishop Dewane, Fr. Nick and the K of C in the diocese. It is a program of faith development for Knights to deepen their spiritual journey in conjunction with their service and charitable works. For more information contact Brother Chris Pariseau at 443-994-7397 or the STM Parish Office at 941-923-1691.



Committee Corner

SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Special Olympics of southwest Florida has requested assistance with a local Special Olympics event scheduled for October 6th.



West Coast Region Volunteer Opportunity

2024 Area 7 Golf Competition

Sunday, October 6 | 8:00 am -2:00 pm
Rotonda Long Marsh Golf Club
20 White Marsh Rd.
Rotonda West, FL 33947

Register



For more information on in-person volunteer opportunities contact
Debbie Jackson
deborahjackson@sofl.org | (352) 910-4147



Special Olympics Florida - West Coast
27200 Riverview Center Blvd., Suite 107 Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Tel 352-910-4147
www.specialolympicsflorida.org

Description:

Special Olympics Florida is seeking volunteers to serve as a Golf Coach for Sarasota County. The season begins August through December

No coaching experience is required. We will provide all the necessary training, venues, and information! Head Coaches are required to be at least 18 years old and must pass a criminal background check prior to being placed with a team. Applicants should possess a desire to learn and to inspire athletes to lead happier, more satisfying lives.

For more details on the event and to volunteer click on **Event Info and Link to Volunteer** on the Special Olympics Florida website. If you encounter problems, you can also call Deborah Jackson at 352-910-4147 to volunteer.

How to Apply:

If you are not a current volunteer you will be prompted to create an account. Once you have applied, you will receive an email with next steps. If you do not receive an email, please check your spam folder and/or reach out to the contact below.

Start Date:	Thu, Aug 1, 2024
End Date:	Sat, Dec 14, 2024
Spots Available:	Unlimited
Meeting Location:	Sarasota County

Organizer:

Deborah Jackson
deborahjackson@sofl.org
352-910-4147

Category:

West Region Coaches / Sarasota County Coach

Thank you for your support of Special Olympics Florida! Should you have any questions please reach out to volunteer@sofl.org.

Fraternally,

John Cesare,
Chairman Special Olympics Committee

Committee Corner



40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK-OFF POSTPONED -

With the State and the County declaring a State of Emergency and the storm being expected to hit on Thursday, September 26th, the Kickoff Event was postponed. The rescheduled date is still to be determined depending on the speakers' availability.



October is Respect Life month. For the past five years, a number of local K of C Councils have gotten together to sponsor and/or support an event to promote a respect for the dignity of every person and the sacredness of all human life.

This year, once again, Our Lady of Victory Council #3358 has taken the lead with the Incarnation Council sponsoring along with others. The event this year will be on Saturday, October 12th at the Columbus Hall on Fruitville Road. This year's event will be emceed by Rich Owens, Sarasota area 40 Days for Life coordinator and 2023 National 40 Days for Life "leader of the Year".

The featured speakers will be:

- Jennifer Carey, CEO of SMP
- Frances Lacson, Coordinator for Heartbeat Intl.

The presence of Amendment 4 on the Florida ballot this year provides a backdrop to this year's event providing information and motivation to all who attend of the urgency to continue to support efforts to protect life and encourage others to recognize the significant detrimental impact that Amendment 4 would have on the health and safety of women.

Please plan to attend as part of the STM Council support of this event on October 12th Dinner for Life. Just contact one of our RTL Chairmen: Brian Harkins or Neil Corrado or the Grand Knight, Ralph Neller to reserve a seat at the STM Table.

Hope to see you there. Let's get fired up to save babies and defeat Amendment 4 this fall.

For Life!

Brian and Neal

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
Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie Culkin)
Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)
Jean DeVito (wife of Cory)
Gary Ellis
Madeline Garvin (wife of Gary)
Pat Guadagno
Jan Jakubiuk
John Koitsch
Don Leonard
Roy MacGillis
John & Kay Maier
John Malloy
Ron McCluskey
Jim Meyd
Thomas Nate
Margie Noll
Hank Peppard Jr.
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 Spinale
Joe Tiffany
Johnnie Turner
Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John)
Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)



Brother David Clark Passing -

Brother David J. Clark, 87, passed peacefully on August 9th at his home in Wisconsin. He was an exemplary Knight in our Council. Please keep his widow, Beth, and his family in your prayers.



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 or his mobile 513-708-0528.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

Council Birthdays

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Oct. 6 - Roger Milroad
 Oct. 11 - Frank Moeslein
 Oct. 12 - Frank Malatesta Jr.
 Oct. 16 - Michael Vignola
 Oct. 19 - Pasquale Guadagno
 Oct. 19 - Paul Kavlick
 Oct. 20 - Richard Stevens Jr.
 Oct. 21 - James Bonfiglio
 Oct. 21 - Walt Wozniak

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Council Upcoming Events

Thank you for your support of these future events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, October 2nd at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The month of October is dedicated to our “BABY BOTTLE” Campaign when we distribute and collect BABY BOTTLES after all the weekend Masses to support the Community Pregnancy Center in Sarasota.
- The October Council Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, October 14th, at Incarnation beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Our October Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- A “Fraternal Benefits Night” is scheduled for Tuesday October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The STM assigned 40 Days for Life Walk is planned on Thursday, October 24th, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.
- The October Social will be at Phillippi Creek Oyster Bar on Friday, October 25th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Fund Raiser will be held at the Maduro Cigar Bar on Tamiami Trail on October 26th beginning at 5:00 p.m.



Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

When Father McGivney founded our Order, a key part of his mission was to help Catholic families attain a secure financial future. It was a hard time and place to be Catholic, but he didn't want them to feel they had to let go of their Catholic identity in order to find that stability. He wanted them to see their Catholic community as a place of security – to know that here, their faith could grow. And here, their families would be protected.

In keeping with that mission, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly recently announced updates to our member benefits. Now, you might not even remember you have these benefits – in a sense, they're the best kept secret of the Order, but I'm going to do my part in making sure they're more widely known. I'd like to highlight some of these updates, starting with one that affects all of us.

Whether or not you are an insured Knight of Columbus, you are entitled to the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit. This is an accidental death benefit for all members in good standing and their spouse. The benefit amount varies from \$1,500-\$5,000, depending on your age, whether you are insured and how long you've been a member. The second update I'd like to call out is the Family Fraternal Benefit, which applies to insured members. It's guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18, regardless of physical or intellectual disabilities. This also includes an automatic \$5,000 death benefit for children who die before age 61 days, including stillbirths from at least 20 weeks after conception.

Next is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit, which provides \$500 monthly to an insured member's child who has lost both parents, up to age 19. This benefit also includes up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships, with a maximum total of \$20,000, per eligible orphan. Finally, the Widow Benefit offers surviving spouses of insured members the opportunity to purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance or annuities, and she and her children are eligible for scholarships.

We strive to bring Father McGivney's mission to life by offering you these valuable benefits. I would like to sit down with each and every one of you to walk you through the benefits available to you and your family. Please schedule an appointment with me as soon as possible.

Thank you, and I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney watches over our families this month.

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw



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Calendar - OCTOBER, 2024



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SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 Baby Bottles All Masses C	7	8	9	10 Council Mtg 7:00 pm SC	11	12 Baby Bottles 4:00 pm Mass C
13 Baby Bottles All Masses C	14 Assembly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Incarnation	15 Exemplification 7:00 p.m. SC	16	17	18	19 Baby Bottles 4:00 pm Mass C
20 Baby Bottles All Masses C	21	22 Fraternal Benefits Night 7:00 p.m. SC	23	24 40 Days for Life STM - RTL 7 am to 7 pm	25 Phillippi Creek Social 5:30 pm	26 Baby Bottles 4:00 pm Mass C Assembly Fund Raiser - 5:00 pm Maduro Cigar Bar
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