



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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## Grand Knights Report

### NOVEMBER IS A MONTH TO REMEMBER -

It seems unusual that our Church liturgical calendar schedules two major celebrations on days that are back to back.

#### ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day, which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day, can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of Christ were annually honoring their brothers and sisters who had given their lives (been martyred) while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ. Typically, on the anniversary of a martyr's death, those living would gather to remember and offer prayers at the tomb or place where the deceased had died. Tombs were sometimes decorated and altars built over the tomb.

The belief among the first Christians, which continues today, is that believers who died defending Christ were borne by angels to heaven and are face to face with the living God, in the presence of the beatific vision.

In the US and many other countries, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and a day not just for remembering the saints, but for honoring and paying respect to our departed loved ones, usually with prayers, flowers, and offerings.



#### ALL SOULS' DAY

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved onto the Church calendar long after All Saints' Day. The Benedictine Monks in France encouraged all the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died, those waiting the joys of heaven.

They instituted this commemoration on the day after All Saints' Day, and soon other religious orders and churches began, on that same date, to annually remember all who had died. Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is tied directly to our belief in purgatory.

On All Souls' Day the universal Church prays for all those in purgatory. By praying for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives. On that day, and during the entire month of November, we remember our departed brethren as we go to the cemetery where they are buried, attain indulgences for them, give alms, do some good work, ask for Masses to be said in remembrance, all on behalf of those close to us and to others we may have neglected.

## Grand Knights Report



### NOVEMBER IS ALSO A MONTH TO GIVE THANKS -

This year has been unlike any other in recent memory for our Council. The myriad of challenges, most notably Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricanes Helene and Milton have shaken many of our brothers, family, and friends. Yet this time of year typically calls us to reflect on what we're thankful for. Here are five things we should be thankful for this year:

#### 1. God has blessed Council #7826

Our Council received many recognition rewards this year for serving our parish at STM and in our community. The most notable award was achieving "STAR Council" for the 2023-'24 fraternal year. The other State awards were in Faith Activities, Publicity, and Altar Server of the Year in the Diocese and the Florida State Family of the Year.

These achievements were due to the outstanding work of our members and their families. We are truly blessed to have so many Knights who live their faith and the core values of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity and who unselfishly give of their time and treasure.

#### 2. New Parish Administration

Our Pastor, Fr. Gordon, was transferred to a Bradenton parish to be closer to his aging mother. We'll miss his jovial personality and friendly advice. However, we are grateful for our new Parish Administrator, Fr. Nick, and his willingness to try new programs like TMIY. We are grateful for our new Parish Business/Finance Manager, Kat Cooper, who has made significant changes on the parish campus to keep us safe with a focus on faith. And we are grateful to Fr. Daniel as our Chaplain and his guidance in directing the spiritual lives of our members.

#### 3. The Generosity of the STM Parishioners

Over the past 24 months our STM Knights and parishioners have taken on the challenges of funding a new Capital Campaign to replace or upgrade our infrastructure in the church and the parish. At the same time, STM had a major commitment to the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) which supports the programs in the Diocese of Venice. We are thankful for the generosity of everyone at St. Thomas More in meeting and exceeding the targets for the Capital Campaign and the CFA.

#### 4. We can continue to serve

STM Knights were called to step forward and volunteer in support of our many charitable giving programs such as the Baby Bottle Drive, Citizens with Disabilities, Spring Training Baseball, Golf Outing, and other parish-related activities this year. We are thankful for so many members willing to serve. We are grateful for their continued support to achieve our goals, and there are still plenty of opportunities for every Knight to serve. We are blessed to have many new opportunities for our brother Knights, united together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity.



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*(Things we can be thankful for . . . continued)*

### 5. Blessed Michael J. McGivney, is closer to sainthood

Last October, Father McGivney was officially declared “blessed” at a beatification Mass held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. The beatification followed the official recognition from the Vatican of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed McGivney. Pope Francis credited Blessed McGivney for his “zeal” that made him an “outstanding witness of Christians’ solidarity and fraternal assistance.” We are blessed to have Fr. McGivney as our founder and his beatification will inspire Knights to go forward with a renewed spirit of charity.

### KNIGHT’S MASS -

On October 2nd 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.

The next “Knight’s Mass” will be on November 6th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join your Brother Knights and their wives for this special Mass.

### 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

## Faith In Action

### YOUTH GROUP COOKOUT -



On Sunday, October 6th, Fr. Nick and Fr. Daniel hosted a cookout for the Youth group. Our Council provided the food for the cookout and prepared the hamburgers and hot dogs on our new grill.

Although it was a rainy day, the young men and women played various games, including “cornhole”, and most of the afternoon. Both Fr. Nick and Fr. Daniel were most appreciative of our support and the culinary cooking skills of our PGK, Ken Berberich.



### IVY BORKHOLDER BAPTISM -



Brother Jordan and Carolyn Borkholder are the proud parents of baby Ivy Borkholder. She was officially welcomed into the Catholic faith at her baptism by Fr. Daniel on Sunday October 20th during the 8:00 a.m. Mass at STM.

The K of C Color Guards were present at the baptism in support of Brother Jordan and Carolyn. It was a joyful celebration in welcoming Ivy as our newest and youngest parish member.





## Faith In Action

### OCTOBER SOCIAL \* PHILLIPPI CREEK -



The October social was held at the Phillippi Creek Village Restaurant and Oyster Bar. Everyone enjoyed the food and the chance to share fellowship at the end of a stormy month of October. Many thanks to Dave and Sue Bracy for their hard work in organizing this evening and the outstanding food and service.

There will not be a Council social in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next social will be in December at the Stoneybrook CC.





## Faith In Action

### FR DANIEL SCANLAN - LANDSCAPING PROJECT -

The first phase of the landscaping project was done on Monday, October 28th and consisted of pruning, trimming, weeding, edging, mulching and generally, getting the landscaping ready for the 2nd phase, which will include several new plants, flowers and further mulching, among others.

Thank you! to Fr Daniel, Myron Fedecky, Steve McElroy, John Cesare, Jim Alexander, Ralph Neller, Jeb Kingseed, John Spinale and Ken Berberich for their work on this project. As you can see, it's nice doing God's work for the Knights of Columbus and our wonderful Parochial Vicar and K of C Chaplain, Fr Daniel Scanlan.



## Faith In Action

# KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE MONTH

### KNIGHT OF MONTH -

This month Brother Chris Pariseau is our STM Council “Knight of the Month”. Brother Chris was Chancellor for our Council and is the current Core Team Leader for the “This Man is You” (TMIY) program at STM. Also, he is a steadfast volunteer at the Christmas Party and several other K of C events.



### FAMILY OF MONTH -

Our “Family of the Month” is Brother Phil and Judy Arsenault. Brother Phil was our Council Financial Secretary and is currently responsible for ordering shirts and badges for our members. His wife, Judy, leads the Christmas Raffle Baskets Committee which raises funds for our CFA each year.





## Faith In Action

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN LEADERS -



Brother Joe Dean and his wife, Ann, were our RTL Leaders in the Baby Bottle Campaign this year. Through their leadership and the dedication of our many volunteers, they distributed nearly 700 baby bottles to our parishioners over the past 4 weeks.

This is truly an amazing total given both the impact of Helene and Milton on our community and the lower Mass attendance in the month of October.

During November most of the Baby Bottles will be returned at all the Masses. This important fund raiser is a major part of our Mission as Knights of Columbus to protect the sanctity of human life!

### RIGHT TO LIFE



### Letter from Dr. Daniel - Day of Spiritual Reflection

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you: to thank you for all that you do for St. Thomas More as well as the community at large. I do consider it a great privilege to be your chaplain and to have such an active counsel that provides so many opportunities to love and serve those around us.

Being such an active counsel, I also know of the importance it is for us to take time to come away and nourish ourselves. After the disciples returned from ministering to the many towns and villages, Jesus himself told them to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." This is the all-too-forgotten reality in which many people serve and serve and yet forget that they must also care for themselves.

In conversation with our Grand Knight, it is from this truth that the idea of offering a Day of Spiritual Reflection for the Knights was born – that our knights may have an opportunity to take a step away from serving and be served and spiritually nourished themselves.

Brothers, it is my hope that many of you and your spouses will take advantage of this opportunity and consider joining us on November 9th for our annual Day of Spiritual Reflection. It will be a day of prayer, fraternity, and coming to a deeper love and knowledge of our Faith. I will be offering two conferences: one on the power of the Mass and what really happens, and the other on the healing power of Confession. Know you are all in my continued prayers and I look forward to seeing of you there.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Daniel Scanlon

## 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.

### HURRICANES MILTON -



After Hurricane Milton the parish grounds were covered with broken tree limbs and debris. Thankfully there was no significant damage to the church or the parish offices (other than a few leaks).

The process of clean up is ongoing as we estimate the campus lost approximately 60 trees during the storms. There is still some work to do with hanging tree limbs and roof repair.





## Committee Corner

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Special Olympics held their Regional Golf Tournament on October 27th at the Seven Springs Golf course.



Brother Chris Pariseau is pictured above presenting a check for \$ 1,000 from our Council to the Regional Director of Special Olympics, Florida, - Jessica Ott. The presentation was made directly after the regional Special Olympics Golf Tournament on Oct 27th.

Also with Brother Chris is his Special Olympic athlete, Chris, who he coached locally in Venice. Their twosome came in second for the event. Congratulations Chris and Chris!

For more details on how to volunteer click on the **[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.

End Date: Sat, Dec 14, 2024  
Spots Available: Unlimited  
Meeting Location: Sarasota County

Organizer:  
Deborah Jackson  
[deborahjackson@sofl.org](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@sofl.org).

Fraternally,

John Cesare,  
Chairman Special Olympics Committee

## Committee Corner



*Left to right: Neil Corrado, Imelda Moeslein, Jeanette and Charley Baldelli, Fr. Daniel, Jim Meyd, Max Streibel, Maureen & Brian Harkins (Frank Moeslein not pictured)*

Thank you for your presence at this month's Prayer Walk and thanks to those who could not join us but prayed at home. Your presence makes a huge difference with 5 babies saved (that we are aware of.....as there could be more) during this Vigil.

We had a nice turnout of 18 Knights/ Parishoners/ Spouses throughout the day with some nice overlap / fellowship in the mid morning. In fact, Ted Kovacic, Kevin and Judy Dedy, John Regan also prayed with us but were not captured in the pictures.

When the STM team arrives throughout the day we usually gather and begin by reciting 2 short but powerful prayers and then some of the group will disburse to pray in private. When Fr. Daniel arrived, he led us in a Rosary Jericho Walk around the perimeter of the Planned Parenthood building. As is always the case, in the six years we have peacefully prayed at the Fall and Spring 40 DFL Vigils, we had many positive words, honks and thumbs up from drivers or walkers who were passing by. Of course, there were some with a vulgar gesture or criticism from others as they drove or walked by. In those cases, we take it all in stride and quietly pray for them that Our Lord softens and changes their hearts.

For Life!

Brian and Neal





## Committee Corner

### CHRISTMAS PARTY SET-UP -



The 2024 STM Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00, in the Chelsea Center. Once again our Council will coordinate all the activities in preparation before and the day of the party. Many of you have volunteered your talents in the past. We thank you for all your hard work, and all this accomplishes on this day of fraternity in our parish.

This year, as in the past, there are many moving parts, and the success of the party comes down to our hardworking volunteers. This is how you and your significant others can help.

Sue Bracy will be leading the team of servers and will be reaching out for our wonderful servers. Carol Szafranski will be leading the collection and distribution of cookies for the party and will also be reaching out for volunteers. Jack Rodman will be the Chairman of the Kitchen Committee.

We will setup and decorate the tree on November 18-19th from 9:00-12:00 each day. We need six volunteers each of those days to accomplish the tasks. In addition, spouses or significant others are welcome both days to sort the many decorations and assist and guide us in decorating the tree. If you are a strong bodied volunteer we can really use your assistance to assemble the tree.

Listed below are the remaining volunteer opportunities for the party:

Tree Setup & Decoration - 6 volunteers each day

Room Setup - 8 Volunteers - Date to be determined

### Day of the Party -

Ticket Takers - 3

Greeters - 3

Beverage Committee - 6

Runners - 4

Table Bussing - 4

Cleanup - All volunteers - minimum of 6

Please contact PGK Jim Meyd (greygoose1@frontier.com) if you are interested in volunteering. There will also be signup opportunities at the November Council meeting. If you volunteer to work the day of the party you will NOT need a ticket.

PGK Jim Meyd,  
Chairman Christmas 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  
Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie Culkin)  
Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
Jean DeVito (wife of Cory)  
Gary Ellis  
Madeline Garvin (wife of Gary)  
Paula Garvin (daughter-in-law of Gary)  
Pat Guadagno  
Jan Jakubiuk  
John Koitsch  
Don Leonard  
Roy MacGillis  
John & Kay Maier  
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 John Malloy**

Brother John Malloy passed peacefully on the afternoon of October 23rd. He was an outstanding Knight in our Council. Please keep his widow, Kathy, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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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

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



November 9 - James Sherman

November 18 - Robert Levanti

November 23 - Scott Deahna

November 27 - Jeff Noccioli

November 29 - James Beck

November 29 - Raymond Paleczny

November 30 - Henry Rauche Jr.

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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, November 6th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers' Meeting is scheduled for November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The Membership Drive will take place after all the weekend Masses on November 9 - 10th.
- Our annual "Spiritual Day of Reflection" will be on Saturday, November 9th beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding with the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
- On Monday, November 11th, the Veteran's Day Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Dewane at the Sarasota National Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.
- The Assembly Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 12th, at St. Patrick's Parish beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The November Council Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Christmas Tree set-up and church decorations are scheduled for November 18-19th from 9 a.m. to noon in the Chelsea Center.
- Our November Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The STM Prayer Walk is planned on Thursday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.
- John Malloy's Celebration of Life Mass will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at STM.
- November 28th - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**





## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I'm thankful to call each of you my brother Knight, and I give thanks to God for all he has helped us do in our community this year.

Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

Knights of Columbus is your capable partner in this pursuit. In addition to helping form members in faith, we also offer a variety of insurance products to help you protect your family financially.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could make a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.

With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.


WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus. Visit [www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus](http://www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus) and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Now is the time to prepare for your family's future needs. As your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you review your financial goals and ensure you have an extended care plan in place. Please call or email me to set up an appointment.


God bless,

Vivat Jesus!


Brian DeBlauw



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SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28				1	2
3	4	5	6 Knight's Mass 8:00 am C Officers' Mtg 7:00 pm SC	7	8	9 Spiritual Retreat 10-4:00 pm. SC
10 Membership Drive All Masses C	11 Veteran's Day Mass 3:00 pm SNC	12 Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm St. Pat's	13	14 Council Meeting 7:00 pm SC	15	16
17	18 Christmas Tree Set Up - 9 am til noon - CC	19 Christmas Decorations 9:00 til noon - CC Exemplification 7:00 p.m. SC	20	21 RTL Prayer Walk 11:00 - 1:00 pm PP	22	23 John Malloy's COL Mass 9:30 am C
24	25	26	27	28  THANKSGIVING	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7