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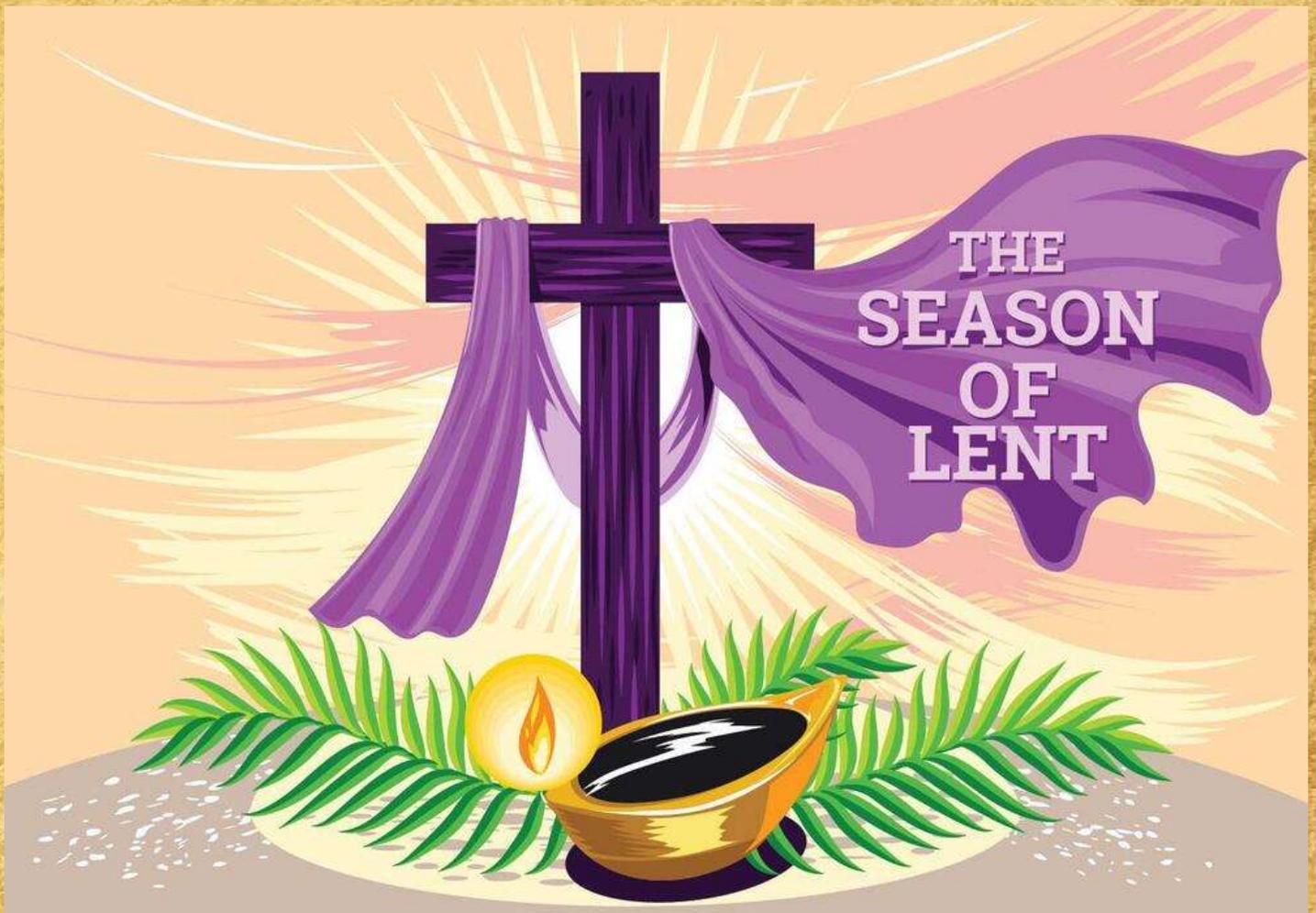
Mother Seton Palm Coast
Council # 17480



Join us: **Third Thursday at 6 PM**

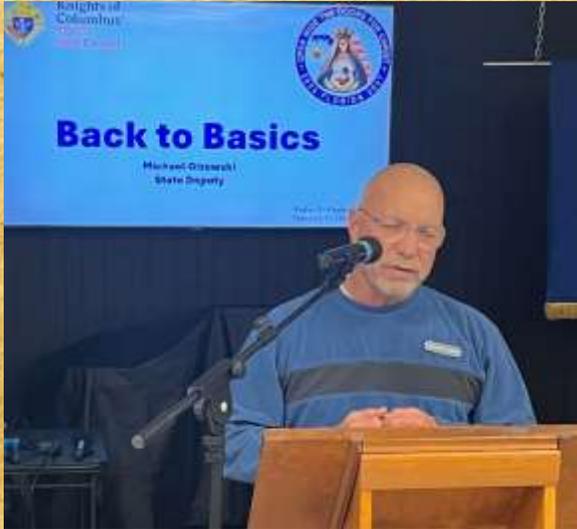
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March 2026



MEET OUR STATE DEPUTY February 11th 6pm SANTA MARIA del MAR

District Deputy Greg Gully (District #17) hosted members of the Florida State Family at the Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall in Flagler Beach. All three councils in District #17 invited their members, wives, and fellow parishioners and guests to attend the meeting. In attendance were each respective Grand Knight from each council; Notre Dame Council 10514 (Bryant Perszyk-Flagler Beach), St. Mary's Council 11961 (Darren Molony-Bunnell), and Mother Seton Council 17480 (Joseph Paul-Palm Coast). There were approximately ninety members, wives, and guests in attendance



Deacon Stephen Johnson from St. Eliz. Ann Seton began the meeting by leading the attendees in a decade of the rosary.



Grand Knight Bryant Perszyk of host Council 10514 stands with Deacon Ed Wolff who did the opening prayer.



State Membership Director
Danny McIntyre

Brother McIntyre talked about the importance of the Knights of Columbus in evangelization and strengthening the church, through both spiritual and corporate works of mercy. He emphasized the importance of communication on both a local and statewide basis. The Order's outreach to Catholic men to join us is crucial to the continued success we enjoy. Brother McIntyre interspersed three or four short (one or two minute) videos produced by the Supreme Council to bring additional clarity to his remarks.

KEY POINTS

- Why we need more Knights?

We lose nearly 1 member for every two we add, mostly due to death. Since July 1, Florida added 2285 men and lost 906.

- Need for KofC programs continue to grow.
- Needs to evangelize.

KEY PROGRAMS

ASAP, Coats for Kids, Celebrating our Catholic heritage, Holy Hour, Special Olympics, RSVP and many, many, more .

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Membership Director McIntyre then introduced State Deputy Michael Gizewski for his presentation. SD Gizewski stated that he was impressed by the number of ladies present. He remarked that the support of wives and family members plays a crucial part in the success of, not only individual Knights of Columbus councils, but his own personal efforts as state deputy to successfully lead a jurisdiction with approximately 57,000 members.



State Deputy Michael Gizewski

SD Gizewski touched on the many programs that the Florida State Council supports that 'piggyback' on the Order's Faith in Action Program. He encouraged each member to learn as much as they can about the state programs by going to the public portion of the Florida State Council website. He explained that every member in Florida can create an account at www.floridakofc.org and clicking on 'Member Login'. This will allow them to get timely information that is only available to members on the state's website. He explained that the Florida State Council has a 501(c)(3) called Florida KofC Charities, Inc. that is utilized to provide funding for local disasters, pro-life efforts, religious vocation assistance, provide coats for kids, food for families, and many other worthwhile charitable programs throughout the state of Florida.

Michael Gizewski KNIGHTS RESUME

- 2009 Joined the KofC
- 2011-12 Grand Knight – Council 2075
- 2013-17 District Deputy
- 2015-19 Faithful Navigator, Assembly 2709
- 2019-21 State Warden
- 2021-23 State Treasurer
- 2023-25 State Secretary
- 2025 State Deputy

A presentation slide for Florida KofC Charities, Inc. The slide features the Knights of Columbus Florida State Council logo on the left and a circular seal on the right. The seal contains the text "OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" and "2025-FLORIDA-2027" around a central image of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. The main text on the slide reads "Florida KofC Charities, Inc." and lists the website "floridakofccharities.org" and the 501(c)3 status. It also lists three bullet points: "On the website, you can:", "Can make individual donations to specific funds", and "Print a tax receipt".

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- floridakofccharities.org
- 501(c)3
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Michael Gizewski

“Throughout my term I always knew spirituality was the key to success. Open wide the doors for Christ and he will enter”

Communication

- Council members
- Parish
- Community
- District Deputy
- State Council



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Florida
State Council



Florida KofC Charities, Inc.

- Special Olympics Florida
- Vocations
- Helping Life
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Memorial and Healing Cards
- Disaster Response
- Mobile Disabilities ...and more...



"A Great Day" – An Award-Winning Catholic Movie

Josh Mariter
Co-Writer/Director of
"A Great Day"
was in attendance at the
State Deputy Meeting
at Santa Maria del Mar
on February 11th.



"A Great Day" is a powerful Catholic short film that explores themes of forgiveness, healing, and the sacramental life of the Church, based on a true story.

**This movie will be shown at
Church on Sunday, March 8th.**

Overview of the Film

"A Great Day" tells the story of a priest who is confronted with the confession of the man responsible for the death of his family. This film captures the essences of the Catholic faith, emphasizing the beauty of true forgiveness and the transformative power of God's grace. It highlights the importance of the sacraments, particularly Confession and the Eucharist, and showcases how brokenness and guilt can lead to spiritual renewal when brought to Christ.

Themes and Messages

The film delves into the struggles of everyday Christians, illustrating how faith can lead to healing and redemption. It portrays the vital role of priests and the sacramental ministry in the lives of believers, affirming that through Jesus Christ, one can find authentic forgiveness and grace. The narrative is enriched with visual storytelling and prayerful moments, making it a profound reflection on the Catholic experience.

Where to Watch

You can watch "A Great Day" on YouTube. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs980DuOBNU>



Grand Knight Message Joseph Paul

March 2026

Worthy Brothers,

This is a time for reflection, but it is also a time for action, and you have stepped up in ways that truly exemplify the core principles of our Order.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Before we dive into our Lenten sacrifices, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your recent efforts:

Adoration: Thank you to everyone who answered the call to fill our Adoration slots. Sitting in silence with our Lord is the fuel for everything we do as Knights.

Social Events: Our recent gatherings were a success because you didn't just show up, you served. Your energy and hospitality continue to strengthen the bond of our brotherhood.

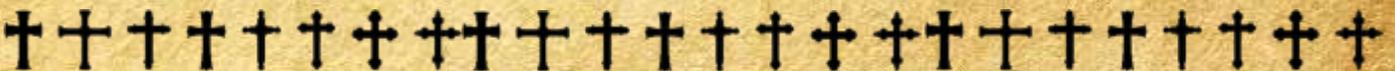
Our Prayers: Thank you for your continued intercession for our brothers in need and for the repose of the souls of our departed Knights. We never leave a man behind, in this life or the next.

Our Lenten Focus

I encourage each of you to find one specific way to deepen your interior life this month. Whether it's attending an extra daily Mass, committing to a Friday fast, or reaching out to a brother you haven't seen in a while, let's move through this season with purpose.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Paul
Grand Knight



March Mark Your Calander

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07 <small>New Moon</small>
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18	19	20 <small>Spring Equinox</small>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- March 16-18, Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Shawn Monahan, O.P.
- March 14th St Patrick's Dinner
- April 3rd Live Stations of the Cross
- April 5th, Easter
- April 26, 2.30PM: First Holy Communion
- October 19-21, 2026, 6PM: Parish Mission by Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA
- March 8-10, 2027: Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Jordan Turano, OP
- March 11, 2027: Lenten Penance Service

Brother Knights,

I am so proud of how all 3 councils in District 17 came out in force for the meeting with our Worthy State Deputy. We received a great message and personal stories from SD Michael Gizewski. Special thanks to Notre Dame council for hosting the event.



As we enter this holy season of Lent, the Church invites us into the desert — just as Christ entered the desert for forty days. In the Gospel of **Gospel of Matthew**, we hear how Jesus fasted, prayed, and resisted temptation. Lent is not simply about giving something up; it is about drawing closer to the Lord and becoming the men God calls us to be.

For us as Knights of Columbus, Lent speaks directly to our principles: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Charity calls us to sacrifice for others. Unity calls us to stand firm in faith together. Fraternity reminds us that no brother should walk alone — especially in difficult times.

This is a season to examine our hearts. Are we leading our families in prayer? Are we serving our parish with generosity? Are we visible witnesses to Christ in a world that desperately needs strong Catholic men? Lent is also a time of invitation.

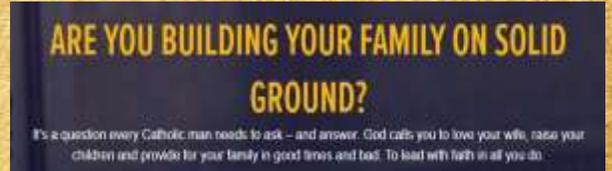
There are men in our parishes who are searching — searching for brotherhood, for purpose, for a way to live their faith more fully. The Knights of Columbus is not just an organization; it is a band of brothers striving for holiness through service. When we invite a man to join the Knights, we are not just offering him a membership card — we are offering him a path to deeper faith, meaningful service, and authentic Catholic brotherhood.

This Lent, let us renew our own commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. And let us courageously invite at least one man to walk this journey with us.

May this season strengthen our families, energize our council, and draw us ever closer to Christ, so that when Easter comes, we rise renewed — as better husbands, better fathers, and better Knights.

Vivat Jesus! In Christ Vivat Jesus

SK Greg Gully
District Deputy 17
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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

MARCH 2026

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” (Gospel for March 22, Jn 11:16)

Look at the bravery of Thomas! Jesus had just announced his intention to travel to Judea, where he had narrowly escaped getting stoned to death. Given the potential danger ahead, Thomas seems prepared for martyrdom. Later, of course, he and the other disciples would flee as Jesus was arrested, and Thomas would doubt reports of Jesus’ resurrection. As fallible humans, our strength and resolve sometimes collapse into weakness. May we always seek the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the going gets tough.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we continue through Lent, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross each week — in your parish community, with your family or individually — with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ. A good resource is the Catholic Information Service booklet *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* (kofc.org/shopcis).

Questions for Reflection:

Are you a good disciple of Christ? How can being a Knight of Columbus help prepare you to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to suffer for your faith if called upon?

Florida Voice For The Unborn

Dear Friend of the Unborn:

I have a heartbreaking update to share with you.

Today, February 13, 2026, the **Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (a.k.a. "AHCA")** released the final statewide abortion total for 2025.



From January 1st – December 31st of 2025, **48,149 unborn babies** were reported as killed in Florida abortions. This updated AHCA report, by gestation reason, is shown below.

As you know, our state's Heartbeat Law limiting (legal) abortions to six-weeks' gestation or less (with some exceptions) took effect on May 1, 2024. Because the final 2024 statewide total (64,854 abortions) included abortions for the four-month period in which the post-six-week prohibition was not in force, it was harder to tell what, exactly, the Heartbeat Law's effect would be.

But now we have a better idea, given that 2025 represents the first full calendar year in which the Heartbeat Law has been operational.



As I predicted, the final annual number of abortions is, tragically, close to 50,000.

Unless and until we get 1) stricter enforcement of the Heartbeat Law, or 2) a complete abortion ban enacted through our Legislature, this is the number of babies we should expect to be reported as aborted in Florida each year.

Now, per **Florida Voice for the Unborn's** February 10th e-Alert, I want to provide you with a related update regarding **AHCA Secretary Shevaun Harris'** Senate confirmation process.

Andrew Shirvell, J.D.
Founder & Executive Director

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a Tallahassee-based grassroots lobbying group that only focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn. It is strictly independent, and its work is guided by faith in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. Florida Voice for the Unborn supports all peaceful efforts by elected officials and others to end abortion and save lives.



Agency for Health Care Administration Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy (ITOP) by Reason, by Trimester 2025 - Year to Date

Reason	Total	1st Trimester	2nd Trimester	3rd Trimester
Elective Abortion	34444	34444	0	0
Abortion Performed due to Social or Economic Reasons	11318	11318	0	0
Abortion Performed due to Emotional/Psychological Health of the Mother	1063	1063	0	0
Abortion Performed due to Physical Health of Mother that is not Life Endangering	689	688	1	0
Abortion Performed due to a Life Endangering Physical Condition	106	61	45	0
Abortion Performed due to Serious Fetal Genetic Defect, Deformity or Abnormality	234	168	66	0
Abortion Performed due to Incest	3	3	0	0
Abortion Performed due to Rape	64	59	5	0
Abortion Performed due to Victim of Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Abortion Performed due to Fatal Fetal Abnormality	228	26	202	0
Florida Totals:	48149	47830	319	0

Knights of Columbus COR Program

The Heart of Our Mission

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. *Cor* (Latin for "heart") continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other.

Everything flows from the heart. If you get the heart right, you get the man right – a man of faith who will courageously live out the mission God calls him to.

Christ is the heart of *Cor*. We invite all men to join us in uniting our hearts with his

Join Deacon Ed
for the next Cor
meeting on
Thursday
February 26th at
6PM in the Cody
Room in Seton
Hall.



**Deacon
Ed Wolff**



Cor

Men need authentic brotherhood.

Families need holy husbands and fathers.

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Open to All Men.

The Three Elements of *Cor*

Prayer Through prayer, we encounter Christ and deepen our faith and relationship with him.

[Lifting Hearts to God](#)

Formation As disciples of Christ, the goal of Catholic formation is to become like Christ.

[Becoming Like Christ](#)

Fraternity Fraternity is not just friendship or hanging out, it is a true brotherhood centered on Christ.

[Brotherhood in Christ](#)



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**FAITH
IN ACTION**

Tax Day

March 2025

Field Agent
Message
Larry
Kennedy



Brothers,

Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications? Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change. You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations. In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month. I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you! Tax benefits assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the tax benefits by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values. Proceeds from life insurance policies may be subject to certain taxes based on individual circumstances.

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Richard A Ziemann	03-09
Robert Asencio	03-10
Renato T Fonseca	03-14
James E Boyd	03-16
Lynn A Frazey	03-27
John Victor Agard	03-28
Charles Doak	03-28
Joseph Pelella Jr	03-30

March
Birthday's



March
Anniversary's

Antonio/Lucy Paulo	03-03-1973
Renato/Pricilla Fonseca	03-14-1971



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February Meeting Awards



Knight of the Month
John Biaino



Knight Family of the Month
Mike & Harlene Convil



Fasting and Abstinence During Lent – Q & A Q: **What is fasting in the Catholic Church?**

A: Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, with no eating between meals. Drinking liquids is allowed.

Q: On which days are Catholics required to fast?

A: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Q: Who is required to fast?

A: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, unless health reasons prevent it.

Q: What is abstinence?

A: Abstinence means refraining from eating meat.

Q: On which days must Catholics abstain from meat?

A: On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

Q: Who is required to abstain from meat?

A: Catholics age 14 and older.

Q: Are the elderly required to abstain from meat?

A: The elderly may eat meat if abstaining would cause hardship or affect their health.

Q: Who else is excused from fasting or abstinence?

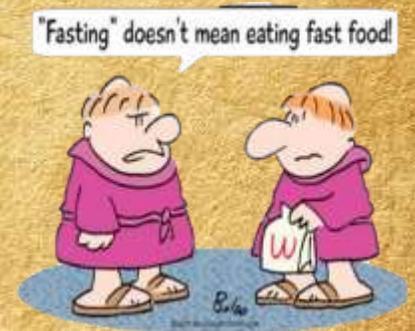
A: Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or have medical conditions.

Q: What should those excused do instead?

A: They are encouraged to choose another form of penance, such as extra prayer or acts of charity.

Q: Why does the Church ask us to fast and abstain?

A: To grow in self-discipline, focus on God, and unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Jesus.



Council 17480 February Meeting Exemplification



Left to Right: District Warden Owen Thompson, GK Joseph Paul, Past GK Ralph Esposito, Past GK Mike Tennyson, District Deputy Greg Gully



New Member Michael Samogala,



Father Rob



Michael Samogala, and Owen Thompson



GK Joseph Paul, Michael Samogala, Past GK Ralph Esposito and District Deputy Greg Gully

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

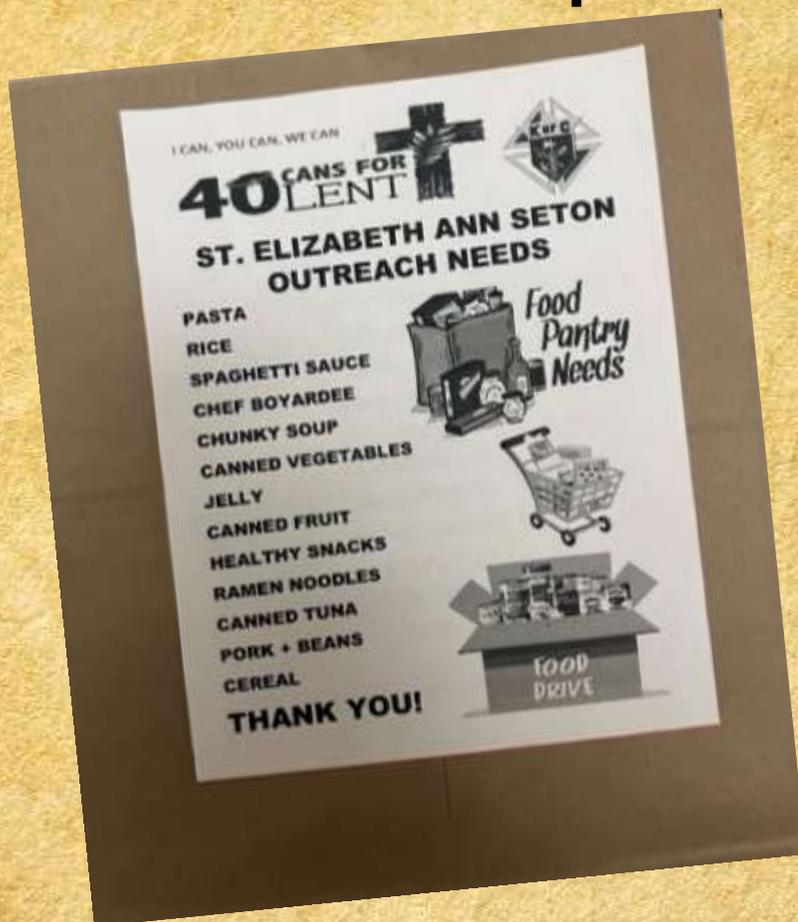
40 CANS FOR LENT



Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. **For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year**

Featured Program Requirements • For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry and contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/distribution/service of meals. **Report activity and apply for the refund using the Food for Families Refund Application (#10057)**

Steps for **SUCCESS!**



1. Check with your Parish Priest to find a weekend when you can hand out paper bags after every Mass.
2. Check with Publix or Winn Dixie to see if they can donate the paper bags.
3. Print out Outreach needs list and staple them to the grocery bags.
4. Get a list of volunteers to hand out the bags after the Church Masses.
5. On the following weekend after your volunteers hand out the bags, get volunteers to collect the bags of food as the parishioners bring them back.
6. Bring the donated food to the Outreach Food Pantry so that we can weight it.
7. Take pictures of all activities. Keep track of volunteer hours.
8. Fill out the forms to get credit for this project.



FAMILY



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON OUTREACH NEEDS

PASTA

RICE

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

CHEF BOYARDEE

CHUNKY SOUP

CANNED VEGETABLES

JELLY

CANNED FRUIT

HEALTHY SNACKS

RAMEN NOODLES

CANNED TUNA

PORK + BEANS

CEREAL

THANK YOU!



Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner Saturday, February 14th



4th Degree at Confirmation February 8th



• Through the Sacrament of Confirmation we come to experience the power of God through the Holy Spirit in a unique way, much as the apostles did on the first Pentecost. Our initiation into the Church which was begun at baptism is carried forward with the anointing by the bishop at Confirmation. Not only are we more deeply rooted in our relationship with God but we become more fully aware of the call to be a true disciple of Christ. Our bond with the Church is thus strengthened and we are able to accept our responsibility to carry out the mission of the Church in our lives.

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Bishop Erik Pohlmeier celebrates confirmation at St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The Knights Color Guard were present.



COME AND JOIN US! April 3rd 6PM Good Friday Live
Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of La leche St Augustine





October 5-15, 2026

with
Fr. Michael Dosch



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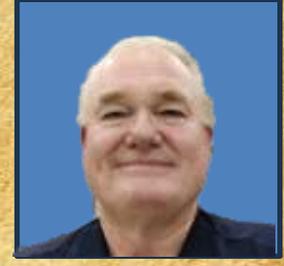
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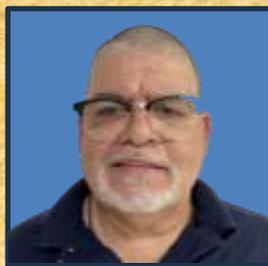
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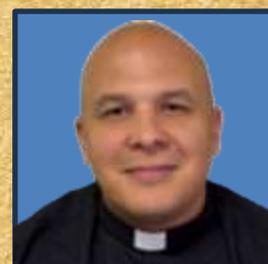
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