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FRIDAYS + IN LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

Eucharistic Adoration
9:30 AM—5:00 PM
(Any Funerals will be 10:30-11:30AM)

Confessions
4:00 PM-5:00 PM
Saturdays
2PM-3:00PM

Stations of the Cross
9:00 AM & 5:30 PM



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Grand Knights Report

Hello Brothers,

The editors graciously gave me a whole page for March's newsletter. Thanks to all those who made the Free Throw and Hockey Challenges, Super Bowl Party and First Fish Fry huge successes. Though we only had two kids in the challenges and a hundred or so at the Super Bowl Party, I think everyone had a great time. The first fish fry was the second busiest ever, right behind the Spirit FM fish fry last year. We served 368 meals week 1. Let us hope we can reach 400 in week 2. Enjoy the pictures. Update week 2 was 399 meals!

Joey Lindelow and Brian Kadzielowski both won their division for free throw and hockey shoot out. There's Brother Jerry from Holy Cross practicing his shot and the referee and his deputy (pictures on right).



The view was great from the Buccaneers, Packers, and Cowboys suites. Pure luxury!



Even opposing team's fans got along. Funny, there were no Chiefs or 49er fans at the party. Hmmm, oh well.

Go Bucs!

Thanks to Ernie for getting the game in English. You da man!

Here's the world's best fish fry crew praying for a successful fish fry – it worked. 2 down 4 to go. Thanks for the hard work.





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Faith



You're invited to take part in a 14-week study that will give you the opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Each session will consist of watching an episode followed by a small group discussion/reflection. The group will meet in the Mother Cabrini Center on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Sessions began January 25th and will end on May 9th. The study groups will be led by Brother Paul and Diane Dadowski. Call the

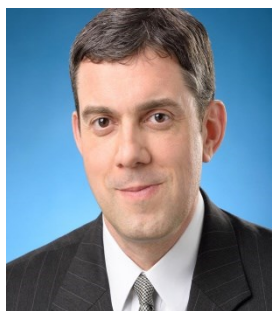
Parrish Office to register! 941-776-9907



Life

Brothers, 40 Days For Life has started with two babies Saved! This Lent, make a sacrifice of your time and sign up to silently pray in front of Planned Parenthood until March 24th. Go to: 40daysforlife.com.

The blood drive held on February 11th provided 15 life-saving units of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 45 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors by our organization. The next opportunity to donate blood will be April 14th. Please help support this very important activity! God Bless **Tom Bradley**



Brothers All,

The Knights have been busy supporting our Parish Family in various ways over the past month. We held a successful KofC Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 11th where we had a good crowd and 30 volunteers to watch the Kansas City Chiefs defeat the San Francisco 49ers. We came together as a parish on Tuesday, February 13th for a Potluck Dinner. Finally, the Knights held their first of six Lenten Fish Fries on Friday, February 16th where we sold out of everything and served 368 meals! The line was as long as 12 cars deep on numerous occasions!



Family

Looking ahead further into February and then into March, the Knights will be holding fish fries each Friday through March 22nd after work so come by and support your parish.

As always, we plan to introduce new initiatives to continue supporting our Parish Family.

Vivat Jesus God Bless! **Brother Ray**



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Faithful Navigator

The next live exemplification for the Florida District of the De Soto Province will be on Saturday, March 9, at **St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish.**



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**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.

There will be 20 Brothers from our council that will become Sir Knights at this event. Please congratulating them on this achievement. We are proud to announce that the honoree will be Father Joseph Gates, Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini.

First Responder Meals:

On February 3, my brother and I were honored to lead the Fourth Degree Feeding of The First Responders. We decided to take a different approach this year by making tacos. Since that is what we know and have been around our whole life. We contacted all the First responders North of the river and the three Manatee County Sheriff's stations. We served a total of 133 meals, totaling 296 tacos. We were excited to hear they loved the tacos and are looking forward to it next year. We thank everyone who came out to support, help, and drive. It is much appreciated. We also thank our Faithful Navigator, for entrusting us with this responsibility.

Vivat Jesus **Samual V.**



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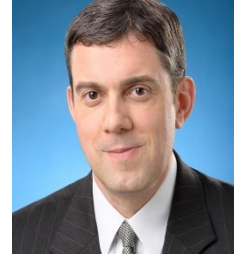
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The Tootsie Roll drive for February was held on the 9th and 10th, which was very successful in helping the Special Olympics and raised over \$3217. This great cause benefits the Special Olympics of Manatee County, and I highly recommend signing up to help out. You can see Brother Ray to get involved and make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities in our community. Thank you for your support!



Community



Worthy Brothers!

You may have heard the expression, “the Catholic Way” when referring to what differentiates the Knights of Columbus from every other for-profit financial services company. I could cite many examples of this “difference”, today I will talk to you about how Knight’s agents handle the most delicate process of a death claim.



Benefits Advisor

Unlike most for-profit companies, the Knights are emphatic about its agents handling these claims in person. Our expression of sincere empathy is something sacred to us and can not be done over the phone or computer. So our agents not only visit the surviving spouse to handle the claim, but we are there to assist them with any and all of what they are dealing with Knights of Columbus related or not.

Let me tell you about a recent widow, Mary that I visited with to handle her late husband’s death claim. Mary had been taking care of her ailing husband for many years, but he still handled all the financial matters. She was overwhelmed.

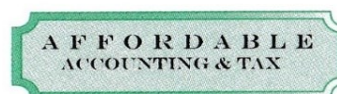
When I arrived at the house, Mary was sitting at the table engulfed in paperwork. After hearing about their life together, I processed the claim. Then I suggested to Mary that I come back in a week or two and work through all the papers, *together*. When I returned, we reviewed their investments and other insurance. We contacted her husband’s pension agency and the Social Security Admin. to make sure Mary would receive everything she was entitled to. Lastly, we determined Mary’s investment carried too much risk and more costs than she needed to be exposed to. We fixed all that as well.

Today, Mary is comfortable, safe and working on the rest of her life with the peace of mind of knowing her finances are in great shape!

Our mission begins and ends with protecting our Brother Knights and their families.

That... is the Catholic Way!

Ron Moliterno, FIC Field Agent



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Council

Recruitment Weekend - Was held February 3rd & 4th and I want to thank all of those Brothers that stayed after all masses and to help recruit new members. Special thanks to Father Joseph for his "recruitment" from the altar when he spoke highly of the Knights. There was interest from 6 - 9 men in joining, and another 8 - 9 men transferring into our council.

February 20th, 3rd Degree Exemplification:

On February 20th Mother Cabrini Council 12155 held it's third exemplification of this fraternal year. We had a great turnout with 8 new members for our council. The ceremony began promptly at 6:30pm, followed by a short Business Meeting and ended with food and drinks.



If you know of someone wishing to become a Knight, they can pre-join on-line at KofC.org. If you have questions, see a brother Knight.

Help Needed:

We are looking for any Brothers that would like to help in setting up and maintain a council web site and Facebook page. If you have any experience in these areas and would like to help please contact Deputy Grand Knight Ron Merigold.

Happy Birthday to our follow Brothers in March!

GASPER	PALAZZO	3
KEVIN	ALMENGUAL	10
ROBERT	SULLIVAN	14
DAVID	FROMERTH	18
JAMES	WALSH	18
JOHN	MITCHELL	19
MATTHEW	STUART	25
THOMAS	JANUSZKA	28

Transfer to Council Eternal

At the business meeting held on 20, February Council 12155 transferred the following Brothers to the Council Eternal:

Deacon Eugene Egendoerfer

Brother Earl Baker

Brother James Murphy



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FISH FRY FRIDAY



Wow! Wow! Wow! Thanks to all of you who helped with the first two February fish fries, two down, 4 more to go for March. The first one is always the toughest since we never know what to expect. Father must have done an awesome job of selling the fish fry because we've never seen the crowds, we saw that night except for when Spirit FM was here last year. We served 368 meals! The line was as long as 12 cars deep on numerous occasions. The first order was taken at 4:20pm and we served meals all the way until 6:50 pm. Next week we'll buy even more food and run all 6 friers in hopes that the crowds will come back.

Thanks to everyone who showed up last night (and this morning) to make the second fish fry the most successful fish fry ever other than the 472 meals we served when Spirit FM was here. After serving 368 meals week one, we served 399 last night. Incredible, and we could not have done it without everyone's help. The next Friday Fish Fry (March 1st) we should easily beat 400 meals - who knows, maybe we can beat 472 without Spirit FM's help.

Special thanks to Hank, who as always made sure the fryers were ready to go. Special thanks to the star of the actual fish fry, Lou Dumais - he was incredible! Lou not only makes the batter and breads the fish, but he does all of that while the fish fry is ongoing. If he wasn't there, we'd be in a lot of trouble - he thawed three boxes of fish, made more fish batter, and then did the dishes. Thank you, Lou. Thanks to Ron Merigold for keeping everyone focused and being the face of the Knights

Thanks to all the cooks, the crew in the kitchen, the runners and to all those working outside in the parking lot and taking the money. I can't say thanks enough. We had eight men become Brothers on Tuesday night and at least half of them showed up to help last night. Second, thanks to those who showed up for the cleanup crew - no one likes doing dishes (as far as I know) but we had new help in the kitchen cleaning crew. Again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped. We could not do these events without your help. Let's see if we can set a new record and break the 472 meals from last year!

John T. Kreger IV, Grand Knight



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Knights News

has been making a significant impact in many ways.

Lou is an usher at our church and has been serving the Council and Parrish selflessly for years. He helps at all food events and is a master of the grill, cooking up delicious meals from Faith Formation Lunches to Fish Fry's.

Lou is also a Certified First Responder at the four o'clock mass, and his expert knowledge and training have been invaluable in emergency situations. He is always ready to assist anyone in need and takes his duties seriously.

When you think of Lou, you think of a reliable, hardworking, and compassionate person. He truly embodies the values of the Knights of Columbus and is a shining example of what it means to be a valuable brother. His contributions to our council are immeasurable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have him as a part of our team.

We congratulate Lou for being named the Knight of the Month and thank him for his unwavering dedication to our Council and our Parrish.



Family of the Month

Kris and Michelle Donley are very active in the Parish. Kris is a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, and Usher. Michelle is a Eucharistic Minister and a Faith Formation teacher. They set the example for others to follow in the parish. Also, I'd like to congratulate them on their son, and Brother Knight, Myles graduation from Basic Training in the United States Air Force. Keep him and all the men and women who serve our country in your prayers.



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A Thankyou note from one of the many donations we made last year!



December 15, 2023

Mr. Bob Wombacher, Financial Secretary
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Dear Mr. Wombacher and Church Family,

As I reflect upon the generosity of your parish family towards pregnant and parenting women who are served by Solve, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. We received your generous donation today and are so grateful!

For nearly 48 years, Solve has been serving the pro-life movement by being pro-love towards women and children. When a woman learns of her pregnancy and is without the customary help and support from family, she often does not believe she can bring this baby into the world as she can hardly care for herself. Abortion can feel like her only answer and it is certainly the answer that the world is pushing upon her. And then, she encounters God's love at Solve. Love for both she and her child – and everything changes.

She is welcomed into one of our beautiful homes! There is enough food to eat and a warm pillow upon which to lay her tired head. A gentle spirited House Mom who will help her to navigate daily living. Welcoming counselors and case managers help her to see her value and worth and the bravery of making a life choice for her baby. She is ushered through pregnancy building new relationships with caring people and begins to see the importance of her new life choices. She works on educational goals and gains employment to begin saving for after the baby's arrival. Life is beginning to feel manageable and hopeful.

Solve is the answer to helping pregnant women know they are not alone and to help them to create beauty from the ashes their life has been, because God is at the center of everything we do. Thank you for once again partnering with Solve to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus.

May God continue to bless you all abundantly!

With Great Appreciation,

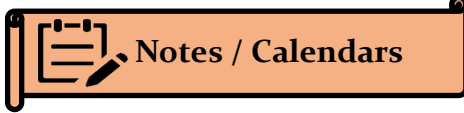
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The next opportunity for you to become a member of the 4th Degree and a Sir Knight is set for 26 August in Jacksonville Florida. There are NO on-line opportunities to join the 4th Degree - all exemplifications are in person. If you have any questions, just ask, or see the 4th Degree (Faithfull Navigator Kevin Almengual) to register.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wen	Thr	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Fish Fry #3</i>	2 <i>TMIY-7am MCC</i>
3	4	5	6	7 <i>Wild Goose 6:30-7:30 pm MCC</i>	8 <i>Fish Fry #4</i>	9 <i>4th Degree Exemplifi- cation. NO TMIY today</i>
10	11	12 <i>SFXC Pot Luck Dinner</i>	13	14 <i>Wild Goose 6:30-7:30 pm MCC</i>	15 <i>Fish Fry #5</i>	16 <i>TMIY-7am MCC St. Joseph Dinner / Dance</i>
17 <i>Family Faith For- mation Lunch</i>	18	18 <i>4th degree meeting 7pm, Moth- er Cabrini Center</i>	20	21 <i>Wild Goose 6:30-7:30 pm MCC</i>	22 <i>Fish Fry #6</i>	23 <i>TMIY-7am MCC</i>
24 Palm Sunday 31 Easter Sunday	25	26 <i>3rd degree meeting 7pm, Moth- er Cabrini Center</i>	27	28 <i>Wild Goose 6:30-7:30 pm MCC</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	20 <i>TMIY-7am MCC</i>