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Youth Stargazing Event

One of the most educational events we organized was the youth stargazing event, which saw an impressive turnout of 50 participants. The night was filled with wonder and learning as both young and old marveled at the celestial bodies through telescopes and shared stories under the stars. This event provided educational value and fostered a sense of community among attendees, creating lasting memories.



Grand Knights
Report



Hockey and Basketball Shootout

We held the Hockey and Basketball shootouts and the district event immediately following. Thank you to Brother Gerry for leading us in this event and all those who cooked and helped catch errant shots. One young lady from St. Joseph will advance to the Regional Level for Basketball. The Hockey tally is still ongoing. Find the dog bone in the newsletter to win a \$50 gift card. Be the 10th person to tell me what page it's on to win! Hockey winners will be announced soon.

Faith Formation Families Dinner

Our support for the faith formation families was demonstrated through a delightful dinner event where we served Domino's Pizza to 150 of our future church leaders. This gathering was more than just a meal; it was a celebration of our shared faith and commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of our youth. The smiles and laughter that filled the room were a testament to the strong bonds they have built over the years. It is incredible to see how this group has evolved from a collection of individuals to a friendly, worshipping family. This transformation is mainly due to the tireless efforts of Mary Jo Chronis and her dedicated team.

Golf Tournament

Our Golf tournament was held on February 22 at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club. It was a resounding success, bringing together golfers of all skill levels for a day of friendly competition and fellowship. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported this event through sponsorship, participation and play.

Fish Fry

Fish fry season is here! We need help! I want to apologize upfront if you show up and you don't feel like you are being appropriately utilized. It happens...some of us tend to get tunnel vision and want to stay on mission... Trust me, we can always use more help. So, my ask is this... please don't give up on us...let us know if you are interested in a particular phase of the process. I promise I'll get you appropriately placed for the next week.

Peace, Ron



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Faith

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. Though the start of the Lenten season changes within the calendar year, a fair-sized portion of February gives us a space of time between the Christmas celebrations and the increased focus on Jesus's public life and ministry, which occurs in Lent. It is a transition from the feast of Christmas to the fasting of Lent. Therefore traditionally February has become a time to recall the Holy Family; within the Holy Family is where Jesus spent the time between his birth and embarking on his public journey.

The Holy Family consists of the Child Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saint Joseph. Veneration of the Holy Family was formally begun in the 17th century by Saint François de Laval, the first bishop of New France, who founded a Confraternity.

We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Gospels. Matthew and Luke narrate the episodes from this period of Christ's life, namely his Circumcision and later Presentation, the Flight to Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the Finding in the Temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of February has been primarily associated with the Holy Family. On October 26, 1921 the Congregation of Rites (under Pope Benedict XV) inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. At the very outset of Christ's work on earth, God showed the world a family in which, as Pope Leo XIII teaches, *"all men might behold a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness."* **The harmony, unity, and holiness which characterized this Holy Family make it the model for all Christian families.**

Since the 1969 revision of the General Roman Calendar, the feast is celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, the Sunday between Christmas Day and New Year's Day (both exclusive), or if both Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Sundays, on 30 December (always a Friday in such years). It is a holy day of obligation only if it falls on a Sunday.

The feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893 and set on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany; that is to say, on the Sunday between January 7 through January 13, all inclusive (see General Roman Calendar of 1960). The 1962 Roman Missal, whose use is still authorized, follows the General Roman Calendar of 1960, which has the celebration on that date. ☞



The Faith Formation classes on Wednesday the 19th were started by Father performing the "Burning of the Palms" for Ash Wednesday. There were about 225 students and parents, which were served dinner by the Knights.





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Community

On February 9th, the Free Throw and Hockey Challenge was held for both the local (Mother Cabrini & Holy Cross Councils) and District. Congratulations to all who participated and the winners in the different challenges.

Here are the Free Throw winners from District 49:

Boys

Cooper Lundsten	10	Council	5604
Beau Buchek	11	Council	15231
Bryan Kanillman	12	Council	12155
Joey Linelow	14	Council	7414

Girls

Alliyah Barrosso	9	Council	5604
Ronni Knowles	10	Council	15231
Ava Kalaituikis	11	Council	5604
Mary Winhiem	14	Council	5604

The list of Hockey Challenge participants. (have not completed the scoring yet by time of publication)

Bryan Kanillman	12	Council	12155
Nicholas Colonneso	12	Council	5604
Joey Linelow	14	Council	7414
Bryeen Bosso	15	Council	12155



Parrish Civic Association - 2025 Parrish Heritage Day Festival and Parade

The Parrish Civic Association would like to extend an invitation to the Knights to participate in the annual Heritage Day Parade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025 starting at 10:00 am, with Line-up starting at 9:00 am at the south end of the lot at the Parrish Methodist Church. Over the years the Knights have participated in this parade. This year the 4th Degree Color Corps will be leading the parade. If you would like to participate, please contact Tom Bradley.



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Blood Drive February 23 We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in **25 units** of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives so that means **75 patients** could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at St. Frances Cabrini Church.

We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude for their lifesaving efforts. The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.

We have your next blood drive scheduled on **Sunday, April 27th from 10am to 4pm.**



Sarasota 40 Days for Life Spring Kickoff Rally Monday March 3rd

Rally held in parking lot at Community Pregnancy Clinic
1419 7th Street Sarasota
4:30pm – 5:45pm

Honoring her retirement after 40 years of pro-life activities:
Jeanne Berdeaux, Respect Life Ministry Diocese of Venice

Guest Speaker: Shawn Carney
40 Days for Life CEO

Shawn is a regular media spokesperson, and his work has been featured on hundreds of outlets, including Fox News, The Laura Ingraham Show, The Drudge Report, The Guardian, USA Today, and Christian media including The Christian Post, National Catholic Register, Sirius XM Catholic Radio, EWTN Radio, and Focus on the Family.

Shawn is one of the most [sought-after pro-life speakers](#), addressing audiences coast-to-coast and internationally. Shawn and his wife Marilisa were portrayed in the 2019 major motion picture *Unplanned*, which tells the story of Abby Johnson's conversion as a Planned Parenthood director. Shawn is the author of four national bestselling books including [The Beginning of the End of Abortion](#), [To the Heart of the Matter](#), and his most recent #2 Amazon bestseller, [What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion](#).





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Shirt Order:

Our Knights of Columbus shirts are done. You can get them at the next meeting. If you still owe money please make the check payable to John Kreger or pay cash. If you did not order a shirt and would like one, he has ordered extras - first come first served.



Council

Knights of Columbus 12155 CHARITY GOLF OUTING February 22, 2025

We held our 2nd Charity Golf Outing on the 22nd at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club with 52 golfers, and 12 staff and volunteers. This year we added a Putting Contest which was a big hit with all the golfers, and some of the volunteers trying for prizes. At this time we are still waiting for all the income and expenses to come in and processed so we can get the final number on how much was raised for the different charities. Below are some of the winners. Congratulations to all of the winners!





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Dear Brothers!

I have always believed that the best way to bring home a point is by telling a story and today that story is very personal.

A few weeks ago during a normal annual health exam, my doctor noticed a tender spot on the right side of my lower back. He ordered an ultrasound which revealed a swollen lymph node in my lower right back... quickly, I underwent a CAT scan that revealed a mass on my kidney. I will be undergoing a biopsy this next week.

Now, I am hopeful that whatever it is, it is not life-threatening; however, at this point, all I *can* and *must* do, is put all my faith in the Lord and I trust that His will be done. I also asked for the strength and courage to handle whatever comes my way.

So, I started looking at my retirement account to make sure that my risk was appropriate. I wanted to verify I had what I thought I had and that my beneficiaries were current and accurate. I needed to be positively sure that I was protecting each member of my family.

All I could do is think about what I have always told my clients, that my number one goal is always to **protect** the member and his family, just like Father McGivney, who created the Knights of Columbus to protect widows and their children.

I take this responsibility very seriously. My goal is to reach every member. All we need is a little bit of time to review their current situation to make sure that their families are protected from any event.

Many times, and under most sets of circumstances, insurance may be the answer, and it may be much more affordable than you think. But there is only one way to find out.

Please consider reaching out to me for an appointment. It could provide the piece of mind knowing you are being the best husband and father you can be.





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Family of the Month:

This February, we celebrate Jack and Mary Snyder as our Family of the Month. Their unwavering commitment to serving the parish community exemplifies the spirit of faith and service that is at the heart of our church.

Jack plays a vital role during the 5:45 service as an usher, ensuring that everything runs smoothly and that parishioners feel welcomed. He is also entrusted with the important task of handling the incense, adding to the reverence of our worship. Additionally, his role as a Eucharistic Minister allows him to serve the congregation during communion, further enhancing the spiritual experience for all.

Mary complements Jack's service beautifully through her participation as a lector, where she shares the Word of God with the community. Like her husband, she also serves as a Eucharistic

Minister, reinforcing her dedication to fostering a welcoming and nurturing environment during Mass.

Together, Jack and Mary Snyder embody the essence of service, demonstrating their love for the church and its members. Their contributions enrich our parish life and inspire all of us to engage more deeply in our faith. We are truly grateful for their devotion and service to our community. Congratulations to the Snyders, our Family of the Month!

Knight of the Month:

This month, we are proud to recognize our Deputy Grand Knight Jim Recupito as the Knight of the Month. Jim embodies the spirit and mission of our council, always ready to lend a hand or tackle new responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication. His unwavering commitment to the values we uphold as Knights of Columbus showcases the integral role he plays in our council and the church.

Jim is a stalwart advocate for our causes, understanding profoundly the impact we, as Knights, have on both our parish and the world around us. The phrase "the strong right arm of the church" resonates deeply with him as he lives out this motto daily. His contributions go beyond mere participation; they are imbued with a genuine desire to uplift those in need and make a positive difference in their lives.

As our newsletter editor, Jim ensures that our members are informed and engaged, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. He skillfully communicates upcoming events, sharing stories that inspire and motivate us to take action—another testament to his dedication. Furthermore, as the chairman of multiple fundraising events, he approaches each task with meticulous care and compassion, ensuring that the efforts benefit those less fortunate.

In light of Brother Hank's departure, our council faced a significant void that needed to be filled. However, there is little doubt that Jim has risen to the occasion, taking on additional responsibilities with grace and determination. His proactive approach assures us that our council's vital work will continue and thrive under his watchful eye.

Jim Recupito exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. His passion for service and commitment to our mission inspires us all. Please join me in congratulating Jim on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his unwavering dedication to our Council and Parish.



Knights News



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Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings has also been moved to the Council's web site. Here is the URL for the web site. For the "Members Only" section you need to login for access, the login ID is your membership number (located on you membership card), and your password is your birthdate in the format of "mmddyyyy".

[Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155)

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Friday Fish Fry:

Well it is that time of year again for the Friday Fish Frys starting with the first one on March 7th, and the last one will be on April 11th. This is our largest event needing 35+ volunteers on Friday, there is also prep that happens on the day before which takes about 8 volunteers. We are keeping the price for meals the same this year at 1 for \$13, and 2 for \$25. If you are a new Brother, or and existing one and are looking to meet your fellow Brothers, this is the event where you can help out and meet many of the Brothers. We are always looking for help with this event, as it covers 6 Fridays, there are always volunteers that will miss some of them that we need to replace. There are different areas where help is needed: Ordering, Parking, Kitchen, Cooks, Runners(3 areas), Cleanup. If you are thinking of volunteering please let us know and will add you to the list.

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Friday Fish Fry
Every Friday In Lent
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Drive Thru
and
Outdoor Seating
Starting March 7th

Menu:
Fish, Fries, and Slaw
Shrimp, Fries, and Slaw
Combo Platter

Cash or Credit Cards Accepted

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Parrish, FL 34219

Happy Birthday to the fellow
Brothers for the Month of March

GASPER	PALAZZO	3
KEVIN	ALMENGUAL	10
ROBERT	SULLIVAN	14
DAVID	FROMERTH	18
JAMES	WALSH	18
JOHN	MITCHELL	19
JOHN	FITZSIMMONS	22
MATTHEW	STUART	25
CONNOR	VIERLING	27
THOMAS	JANUSZKA	28

Upcoming events for March:

Fish Frys - Fridays March 7, 14, 21, 28 5-7 pm
TMIY - Every Saturdays 7:30—9:00 am
4th Degree Meeting, March 18th 7:00 pm
3rd Degree Meeting, March 25th 7:00 pm
5th Sunday Rosary, March 29/30

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