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Congratulations on your selection: Council 11211 Ambassadors of St. Paul



Br. Todd Mitchell
Knight of the Month



Mr. Josh and Melissa and family
Family of the Month

August 2020

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The next General Council Meeting will be held:
In the St. Paul Family Center,
Section-3 at 7:30PM,
September 14, 2020
Always keep a Form 100 Handy



The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



UPCOMING

September 7
September 14
September 21

Officers Mtg. Parish Center, Rm-E 7:30pm
General Mtg. Family Center (Section #3) 7:30pm
Assembly Mtg. Family Center (Section #3) 7:30pm

What's happening with the Knights of Columbus?

Our Council Web Site: www.kofc11211.org
 John Paul XXIII Assembly #2984 www.assembly2984.org
 Knights of Columbus: www.kofc.org
 Florida State Council: <https://floridakofc.org>
 Parish Website: www.stpaulchurch.com

If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord will hear your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families. Please Email me with prayer requests at: ffred4046@gmail.com

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Dear Worthy Brothers:

September

Our Council has had a very eventful and successful August 2020 in which we had 2 "fundraisers" under the banner of "Community". Both were extremely successful in Thanks to the Brothers leading and working the events, and also the support we received from the St Paul Parish Community. I am Always Amazed at the Love, Kindness, Spirituality, and Generosity of our fellow parishioners who gave to these causes.

School Supplies Drive...led by Brother Todd Mitchell with 30 hours worked by Brother Knights. Due to COVID our "Yellow Shirt" presence was diminished in the Narthex. Brother Lou Ricardo of Catholic Charities made a wonderful write up for their newsletter which is attached on another page. Men's'; Clothing Drive...led by Brother Chuck Glass and 30 ½ hours worked by Brother Knights. Again, COVID restricted the "Yellow Shirt Brigade" in the Narthex. This too was written up and posted on the Hillsborough County Sherriff's webpage.

Both successful events will be featured in the September State of Florida Knights newsletter...The Invocation.

On a sadder note our list of Good of the Order is growing, and urgent prayer is needed for many. We have lost Jo Ann the wife of our immediate past Grand Knight, Bill O'Brien who has entered into eternal life. Please continue to pray for the repose of her soul and also for her family who is grieving. Thank You so much because I know our prayers together and unceasing will be heard by GOD who will help heal the sick and care for the families affected always.

September is a BIG MONTH. There is a lot on the agenda. I am asking as many Brothers as possible to attend our monthly meeting September 14, 2020. We have some very serious financial matters to discuss and important and immediate decisions to be made. I promise a very productive meeting as we solve these issues.

Our Golf Tournament is Saturday, October 17, 2020. Jim Neal is once again leading this effort. This topic too will be discussed in much greater detail at our next meeting. Prior to that, there will be a golf committee meeting Wednesday Sept. 2, 2020 at Beef O'Brady's...Himes and Busch at 7pm. Please come if You wish to help.

I will continue to send daily email to communicate anything and everything pertinent to our work, families, and community.

I Give Thanks to Almighty GOD that You have chosen to be a Knight of Columbus at this time...at this place. I Pray Our Work together will be successful for the many that count on Us.



Vivat Jesus
GK Sam Calco

"The fields are ready for harvest, but the laborers are few"
Matthew 9:37



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From our Pastor:

September

My dear friends,

Earlier this month, our Holy Father began a series of talks during his weekly Wednesday audience entitled: "To Heal the World." He writes:

"Although the Church administers Christ's healing grace through the Sacraments, and although she provides healthcare services in the remotest corners of the planet, she is not an expert in the prevention or the cure of the pandemic. She helps with the sick, but she is not an expert. Neither does she give specific socio-political pointers (see St Paul VI, Apostolic Letter Octogesima adveniens, 14 May 1971, no. 4). This is the job of political and social leaders. Nevertheless, over the centuries, and by the light of the Gospel, the Church has developed several social principles which are fundamental (see The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 160-208), principles that can help us move forward in preparing the future that we need. I cite the main ones which are closely connected: the principle of the dignity of the person, the principle of the common good, the principle of the preferential option for the poor, the principle of the universal destination of goods, the principle of the solidarity, of subsidiarity, the principle of the care for our common home. These principles help the leaders, those responsible for society, to foster growth and also, as in the case of the pandemic, the healing of the personal and social fabric. All of these principles express in different ways the virtues of faith, hope and love."

We will share excerpts from his teachings each week in the bulletin. The full statements are readily available online at www.vatican.va under "Audiences." Of course, one of the most important things we can do is to pray. To that end, the Holy See has promulgated a special Mass, "In Time of Pandemic." We will be praying these texts this weekend. I pray that they bring you consolation and that God may hear our pleas. In union with this initiative, our novena to Our Lady of Good Health begins after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday and continues each evening until the Festival Mass on September 8th. [Please see page 8 of the Sunday, August 30, 2020] bulletin for more information.

Here at St. Paul's, our Preschool opened this past week and our little ones are eagerly engaged in the great adventure of learning. We are blest with an amazing team of teachers and assistants and our parents are eager to partner with us to ensure that this year is a wonderful and healthy year for all!

This weekend marks the beginning of a new year of Faith Formation. We offer "Face to Face" classes, remote learning experiences, and home schooling. Remember every child not attending Catholic School must be registered and EVERY child anticipating receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year must also be registered. Please contact the parish office for more information.



For those who are children at heart, our Bible Studies are all in full swing... albeit remotely. You are also welcome to join me via Facebook as we prayerfully reflect on "The New Testament in 20/20". This week, we are reading Paul's letters to Philemon and Colossians! Please join us at St Paul Tampa Parish.

May God bless you and keep you holy, healthy, happy, and safe and sound!

Fr. Bill



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Thoughts to ponder

September

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

That's quite a promise! Christ established Peter as the head of his Church on earth, with his teaching authority and the guarantee that hell itself would not defeat it. How we practice our faith in word and deed influences the moral and spiritual formation of others — our family, friends, fellow parishioners and neighbors. With the help of God's grace, fathers have a sacred role to protect their families from the devil's assaults. May we all take seriously this responsibility to be a "rock" of the Catholic faith in our domestic churches, parishes and communities.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to join with others — family, friends, brother Knights — in praying the rosary for the intention of remaining steadfast in the faith. Second, I challenge you to encourage members of your parish to stand firm in the faith by starting or promoting the Faith in Action Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program at your church.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you regularly lead your family in prayer by saying grace before meals, reciting the rosary, reading Scripture or practicing other devotions? Do you openly discuss the Catholic faith so that your children know and understand the faith and its truth, goodness and beauty? Do you pray for your wife and children that God may protect them from the attacks of the devil?

On the lighter Side:

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Are you Racist?

**POLISH
SAUSAGE**



What aisle is the Polish sausage in???

Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'prejudice' these days...

A customer asked, "In what aisle can I find the Polish sausage?"

The clerk asks, "Are you Polish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?"

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?

Or if I asked for some Whiskey, would you ask if I was Irish?"

The clerk says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Polish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Polish?"

The clerk replied, "Because you're in Ace Hardware."



Knights of Columbus

Are You Ready For The Next Step?

For those interested in advancing to their next Degree or for those wishing to become a Knight of Columbus; please contact:

Brother Ron Bernardi rpbarnardi@aol.com or
Brother Jack Papesch at jackhere1953@yahoo.com



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**I Remain Respectfully Yours,
Your Brother in Christ,
Tom Wilson, PGKJ, PFN, FDD, FHGC
Pope John XXIII Assembly, #2984
4TH DEGREE CORNER and More**



September

My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Welcome to (Saint) Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984 (www.assembly2984.org) where something is always happening right here in Tampa, Florida.

I'M ALIVE! Aren't you happy? Let's make our worthy Faithful Navigator happy too by responding to his simple daily request.

Please email him at ffred4046@gmail.com and just say I'M ALIVE!

Sooo....The political conventions are over with, kind of a different way this year due to the virus. Now we get to listen to all the lies and exaggerations that politics brings upon us. More importantly, on November 3rd, we get to practice our Patriotism and VOTE!

Now, we all want to Make and Keep America Great and continue our great country the way our founding fathers wanted as one nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. However, I'm prohibited as a Sir Knight of Columbus, to tell you specifically who to vote for. We can discuss topics like Socialism, tax increases, riots, liberal vs conservative without telling you specifically on who to vote for. That is your decision. I can tell you, out of all the different topics my belief is that you aren't a Catholic or a Sir Knight if you vote for candidates that think it's okay to murder unborn babies in any trimester including up to birth and sometimes beyond. Your Patriotic vote has to come from the heart. This is my personal belief and I would believe it's the Catholic Church's beliefs. Murder is MURDER! I'll probably get some heat for making these statements, but let's remember who we are. Remember, we carry our sword to honor Christ and we will fight and protect our Church with our biggest weapon as Sir Knights of Columbus - The Rosary!

Our next General Assembly Meeting will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:30pm at St. Paul's Family Center #3. We will gather at 7:00pm to say the Rosary; Please attend and let your voices be heard. We need your help. Bring stuff for our Vets that are in the hospital. We cannot forget them.

And remember at Pope John XXIII Assembly #2984, the Best is yet to Come!

The Knights of Columbus has a NEW On-Demand Exemplification Platform

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They have upgraded to a new, cleaner platform to host our online events and Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Therefore, invitations that led to the On24 platform are now obsolete. To invite a candidate to the On-Demand ceremony, please use the NEW invitation which is on the next page. The invitation, registration, and reporting processes remain the same.

NOTE: Councils must file a form 100 for all candidates who complete an online exemplification. For clarification on the difference between the On-Demand Ceremony and Online Membership (Online Join), use this link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/8602e940-6d4f-41d5-9592-ac8d84dc2e0c.pdf>

For those who are not able to attend Mass in the church:

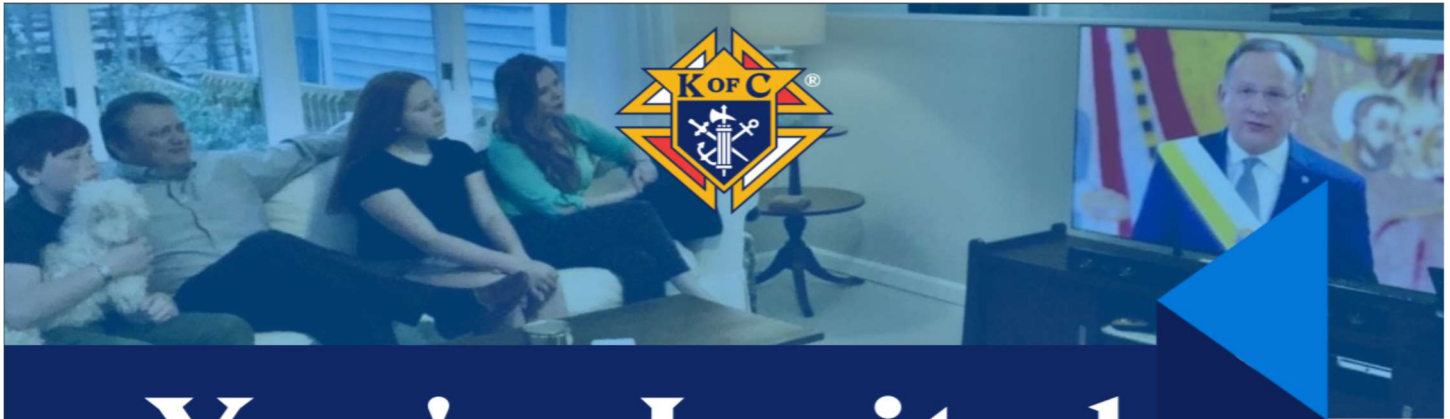
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My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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You're Invited

Dear Knights of Columbus Candidate:

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We are pleased to invite you to a special, on-demand ceremony of admission and advancement. This Knights of Columbus ceremony advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third-Degree member.

These ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to current social distancing precautions, we now offer these ceremonies online.

By clicking the “View Now” link below, you will be able to register for and watch the ceremony, which takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. After viewing the ceremony, you will be a Third-Degree Knight!

When completing your registration form, you will be asked for your Council Number.

“View Now”: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=invitationpdf

Open the registration form by clicking the “View Now” link above. Provide the required information, including the council number you are joining. Watch the 30-minute ceremony. Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony. If you are unable to complete the ceremony, clicking the “View Now” link above will bring you back to the registration page where you can enter your email address in the “Already Registered” field and continue watching the ceremony. Instructions: We look forward to you becoming a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus!

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We look forward to you becoming a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus!

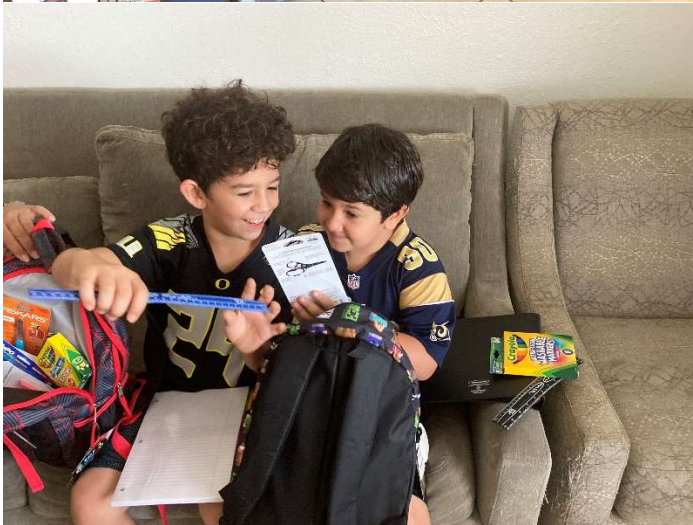


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St. Paul Parish's 15th Annual School Supplies Drive:

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On August 1st and 2nd 2020, council 11211 managed the annual school supplies drive for school-aged children in need. A total of 11 Knights volunteered a total of 35.25 hours over the course of the drive. Volunteers collected 32 backpacks, 46.3 cubic feet of school supplies, and \$1,650.00 in monetary donations which were received from our generous and giving parishioners.



On August 10, 2020, at the Council 11211 business meeting, Brother Knights Todd Mitchell (Chairman), Ken Rudaitis (Co-Chairman) presented a check to Brother Lou Ricardo (Catholic Charities DOSP). Todd Mitchell thanked the entire council, clergy, and parishioners for their efforts and donations. Lou Ricardo informed the council members that the donations will assist children of families in CCDOSP's Pathways to Self-Sufficiency Program. The donations will all be used for these children to have the supplies and dignity they deserve to advance their educations during the upcoming school year and beyond.



Pray for our military and their families!! "Almighty and ever-present God, creator of life and author of peace; guard the brave men and women serving now in our military as well as their families. Watch over them. Protect them. Assure them of our gratitude for the many sacrifices they make on our behalf. May this Holy Season be filled with much peace and joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."



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Another Famous Knight of Columbus

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Brother Brian Craig Buescher is a United States District Judge

Buescher was born on January 16, 1975, in Beatrice, Nebraska and was raised on a farm near Deweese, Nebraska. He graduated valedictorian from Sandy Creek High School near Fairfield, Nebraska in 1993. He received his Bachelor of Arts with honors and high distinction in economics and political science from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1997. At UNL, Buescher graduated Phi Beta Kappa and as a Chancellor's Scholar, earning a cumulative 4.0 grade point average. He also served as President of the University of Nebraska Chancellor's Senior Honorary, the Society of Innocents. Buescher received his Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2000. At Georgetown Law, Buescher served as Editor-in-Chief of The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics, Vice President of the Georgetown University Law Center Student Bar Association, and he received the St. Thomas More Award for his outstanding publication in legal ethics.

Buescher's nomination became a source of controversy earlier this year, when Democratic senators objected to his membership in the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization that conducts charitable work.

The Senate voted this afternoon to confirm Brian Buescher to be a U.S. district judge for the district of Nebraska by a 51-40 vote. Every Democratic senator present voted against Buescher, and a handful (including the seven senators running for the 2020 presidential nomination) did not vote.

During his confirmation hearing and in written questions late last year, Kamala Harris (Calif.) and Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) suggested that Buescher's Catholic beliefs were a concern because they would lead him to rule against the right to abortion. Both senators insinuated that his membership in the Knights of Columbus might disqualify him entirely from serving as a judge.

Hirono even demanded that Buescher drop his membership in the Knights and recuse himself from any case on which the organization has taken a position.

On the Senate floor this afternoon, Ben Sasse (R., Neb.) called the fight over his confirmation "one of the most baffling displays of constitutional confusion and of prejudice I've seen in my time here" and said that today's vote to confirm the judge reaffirms the principle that people of every faith have a place in public life.

The fight over Buescher was an important occasion for Republicans to remind their Democratic colleagues that opposing judges on the basis of their religious beliefs is unconstitutional.

After graduating from law school, Buescher joined the Omaha, Nebraska office of Kutak Rock LLP as an associate. He became a partner in 2007. At Kutak Rock, he led the firm's agribusiness litigation practice, with extensive experience in agribusiness, environmental, food law, real estate, product liability, class action, banking, and insurance litigation matters. Buescher served as the Chair of both the Nebraska Bar Association's Agricultural and Environmental Law Sections. In 2004, Buescher served as a prosecutor for Douglas County and Omaha while still working at Kutak Rock. He received the Excellence in Agricultural Law Award for private practice from the American Agricultural Law Association in 2017. He left Kutak Rock in 2019 after being appointed and confirmed as a federal judge.

On July 24, 2019, the Senate invoked cloture on his nomination by a vote of 52-39. Later that day, his nomination was confirmed by a vote of 51-40. He received his judicial commission on August 6, 2019.



Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska



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St. Paul Knights donate School Supplies to 48 Children whose Families are Pathways Clients!

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COVID-19 virus has dramatically impacted all of us. Many people lost income through reduced hours or job cuts; we couldn't visit loved ones in senior living facilities; we could not attend religious services. Restaurants, bars, entertainment venues and retail stores closed. We've learned new terms like social distancing, remote work and self-isolation and started wearing masks and practicing good hygiene like frequent hand washing. But those impacted also include our children. Schools closed and our school-aged children were taught virtually. As the new school year approached, the debate raged on as to whether to start school on-time or to conduct virtual classes.

One that didn't change, however, is the fact that many children, and undoubtedly many more due to the dire economic impact of the virus, need school supplies for use whether at home or in the classroom.

That's where the Knight of Columbus of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tampa came in. For the fifth consecutive year, they staged their Annual School Supply Drive held the first weekend in August at the parish!

The Knights were joined by Catholic Charities employees for most of the weekend Masses. Despite reduced attendance and the still-difficult economic circumstances, the parishioners of St. Paul generously donated over \$3,400 worth of school supplies and another \$1,600 in cash! Of this year's successful campaign, Grand Knight Sam Calco, attributed the outpouring to "the generosity, kindness and spirituality of the parishioners of [the] St. Paul Catholic Community."...that "starts with our Pastor and Priests...who teach us to LIVE our Faith..."

And what do those supplies mean to the families and children served by Catholic Charities Pathways program, a program designed to provide temporary financial assistance to families struggling to pay their housing (e.g., rent, utilities) expenses in order to prevent them from becoming homeless? See for yourself - in words and pictures!

Sebastian Valladares, who lost his job due to the virus, first became a client of Catholic Charities as a homeless resident of Hillsborough Hope, poses with his two sons, Alex (8-year old) and Kris (6-year old), on the sofa of his new apartment. After Hillsborough Hope closed, Sebastian found a job, moved to the apartment with assistance provided by the Pathways program, and was able to send for his sons who had been living in South Florida with his family. Affording school supplies is one less thing Sebastian has to worry about!

AnneRose Mondestin, who also lost her job due to COVID-19, received school supplies for her three children (twin 11-year old girls Mali and Malissa and their 6-year old brother, Daniel). She said, "I was surprised." My first thought was "I don't have money to buy these things." When she learned they were free, she said, "I was very happy." For her part, Mali said, that when their case manager, Elizabeth brought the book bags to their home, she initially thought "I wonder what is in there?" When they opened the bags and saw the school supplies, "We were really excited", she said.

We can all use happiness, especially in trying times like these. Thanks to the St. Paul parishioners and Knights, "happiness" is the theme for these children and their parents!



"The Holy Father's Intentions for September 2020"

As a show of our solidarity with Pope Francis I, we are printing his monthly intentions:

Universal prayer intention: Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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Pray for your Brothers in need

If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord will hear your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families.

Please Email me with prayer requests at: ffred4046@gmail.com

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, I turn to You in this time of illness. Dearest Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place our worries in Your hands; so pray my Brothers.



For our Brothers and theirs:

Dear Jesus,

Think, O God, of our friends (Jeff Coffee, Terrie Leto, Paul Kappler, Peter McDougal, Dennis Kute, Mary Rodriguez, Merrill Olson, Peter Wodaski, Dave Hayter, Duryan Joseph and his wife Martha, Bill Helms, Josephine Sinagra, Lionel Gonzalez, George Arwood,

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John Mizell, Art Fuxan, Bob Perdemo, Sam Calco, Al Ferral, Sherri Butler, Gilbert Vega, Jo Ann O'Brian, RIP, Fred Baryol, Gabriella Leto, Linda Tarrago, Anna Baer, Ray Dilly and Chris Nardelli) who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard for the Lord, if it be His will.

We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Catholic Prayer and Devotions:

The human heart is drawn to the divine. Many people have a sincere longing for holiness and that is why they spend time in contemplation.

We are encouraged to cultivate a profound inner life, contact with Jesus Christ that is both personal and constant. The Fathers of the Church have consistently said that without true friendship with Jesus, it is impossible for a Christian, to fulfill the mission of the Lord.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

How Does Jesus Teach Us to Pray?

Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the Our Father but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

Why is Our Prayer Efficacious?

Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (Jn 16:24)..



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Pro Life Page - "Roe v. Wade Violates the American Way"

"The State or a person can never justify the intentional killing of an innocent born or pre-born human in existence after fertilization. No exception! No compromise!"



Biological and psychological impact:

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We are only just beginning to recognize the hormonal impact that pregnancy, as well as abortion, has on men. Thorn explained that in some cultures, the hormonal reaction is so strong that the man experiences "couvade," a sympathetic pregnancy and labor. While that may be an extreme case, researchers have found that there are shifts in male hormones and pheromones when a man's partner is pregnant, including increases in prolactin, the nursing hormone that makes the man more helpful, and vasopressin, a bonding hormone. When the pregnancy is abruptly terminated, as in the case of abortion, men are unable to complete the hormonal cycle. Thus, abortion's damage to men may be biological as well as psychological.

Vincent Rue, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Pregnancy Loss in Jacksonville, Florida, explained that in many ways, men's experience of abortion mirrors that of Vietnam War veterans and the discovery of posttraumatic stress disorder. So far, the most reliable data is anecdotal—just as identification of individual cases of PTSD in soldiers preceded organized studies. So far, there have only been 28 studies of men and abortion, and only two of them included more than 1,000 men in the sample.



"Abortion is the most common surgical procedure in the U.S.," said Dr. Rue. "We know this: In every abortion, fatherhood too is lost." Therefore, regardless of the exact number of abortions, the number of men affected is tremendous. Hasek estimated that one quarter to one-third of all men in America are post-abortive.

One dead, two wounded

While the first book on men and abortion was not written until 1984, the stories of those who have undergone the pain of an abortion began much, much earlier than that. The Reclaiming Fatherhood conference began with the testimonies of several post-abortive fathers.



Bruce Mulligan, a facilitator of a men's post-abortion healing group, recounted the tale of his fiancée getting pregnant just months before their wedding. Their abortion decision, a product of fear of expulsion from the Christian college they attended, saddled their new marriage with the debt, shame, secrets and guilt of their decision. Energy that should have been directed toward positive things in the new marriage was instead directed to keeping a terrible secret. Referring to a popular pro-life bumper sticker, Mulligan said that it needed to be updated. "I'm here to tell you, from personal experience, it is one dead, two wounded," he said. "Or even one dead, many wounded."

When Jason Jones and his girlfriend discovered she was pregnant, he dropped out of school and joined the Army to support her. He received a call while at boot camp that her parents had forced her to get an abortion. He was so enraged that when the drill sergeant took the phone and hung it up, Jones punched him. His anger and pain lit a fire under him, and he promised that he would end abortion. Unaware of other prolife organizations, he began going door to door in his free time to talk to people about abortion. He previously served as Hawaii Right to Life's director and Human Life International's public relations director, and was a producer of the pro-life movie Bella.

Rev. Brian Walker spoke of the pain he and his wife endured following the abortion of their first child, Stephan. Having put his faith on the shelf, Rev. Walker mournfully told of how they had "sacrificed their child on the altar of convenience." Even though he did not pressure his fiancée into the abortion, Rev. Walker considers himself as having broken his promise to love her, and her resentment and anger towards him created a 17-year "silent hell" in their marriage.



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<p>Birthday wishes</p> 	<p>Michael Muraszewski 1</p> <p>Paul Posoli 1</p> <p>Michael Hall 2</p> <p>Vince Lombardo 3</p> <p>David Smith 3</p> <p>Jim Kissane 4</p> <p>John Hoyt 5</p> <p>Eric Turn 5</p> <p>Zacarias Marroquin 6</p> <p>Geovanny Hillis 7</p> <p>Robert Baron 9</p> <p>Paul Smith 9</p> <p>Peter Esseff 11</p> <p>Brian Rush 11</p>	<p>September</p> 	<p>Thomas Anyikwa 14</p> <p>Miguel Feliciano 16</p> <p>William Navarra 17</p> <p>Peter Owens 18</p> <p>Larry Clark 20</p> <p>Timothy Klapka 20</p> <p>Merrill Olsen 21</p> <p>Jacob Egan 23</p> <p>Jerome Howard 24</p> <p>Jim Lieb 24</p> <p>Alan Mcknight 25</p> <p>Jeffrey Hodges 26</p> <p>Paul Llanos 27</p> <p>Jeffrey Turn 29</p>	

SEPTEMBER 2020 – Month of our Lady of Sorrows						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1</p> <p>Saint Giles</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Saint Gregory the Great</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Saint Rose of Viterbo</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>"Eucharistic Adoration"</p> <p>Midnight to 1am</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Blessed Claudio Granzotto</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Blessed Frédéric Ozanam</p> <p>Officer's Mtg. Family Center 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Saint Peter Claver</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Saint Thomas of Villanova</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Saint Cyprian</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>"Eucharistic Adoration"</p> <p>Midnight to 1am</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Saint John Chrysostom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</p> <p>General Council Mtg. Family Center 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Our Lady of Sorrows</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Saint Cornelius</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Saint Robert Bellarmine</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Saint Joseph of Cupertino</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Saint Januarius</p> <p>"Eucharistic Adoration"</p> <p>Midnight to 1am</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Saint Matthew</p> <p>Assembly Mtg. Family Center 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Saint Pio of Pietrelcina</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Saint John Henry Newman</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Saint Paul VI</p> <p>"Eucharistic Adoration"</p> <p>Midnight to 1am</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Saint Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Saint Wenceslaus</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Saint Jerome</p>	 <p>Take my hand not my life...</p> <p><small>©2005 Heritage House, Inc. and its licensors. www.hh76.com</small></p>		



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