



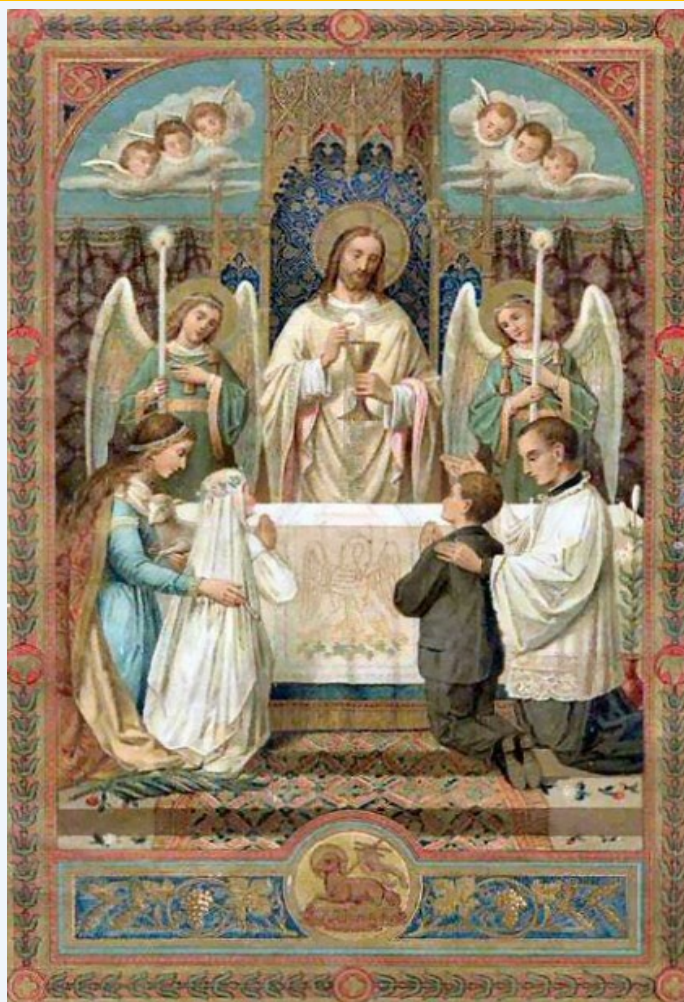
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## Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we close out another month, I would like to share some important updates and encourage your continued participation in our council's initiatives.

Firstly, I want to thank everyone who attended the official dedication of the new ultrasound machine on Wednesday, the 12th. A special thank you to Father for his inspiring words during the ceremony. While there have been no new saves reported this month, the presence of the ultrasound machine will undoubtedly play a vital role in our community's pro-life efforts.

Looking ahead, we need volunteers from the Color Corps for Holy Thursday, April 17th, from 7:45 PM to 10:15 PM. I would love to see at least four members present to guard the Altar of Repose, possibly in shifts of two. Your presence is invaluable during this solemn occasion.

I encourage each member to reach out to friends or family who may be interested in joining our ranks. If you know someone who embodies the values we stand for, invite them to a meeting to experience firsthand what it means to be a Knight.

Our fish fry events have seen great success, with an average of 441 meals served each week—up from last year's average of 364! Thank you to all who have contributed. If you want to join in on the fun (pun intended), I welcome you to pitch in on Fridays at 3:30 PM. Your help with cleanup at 7 PM is particularly needed, as our evening team is stretched thin.

We are also excited to welcome three new members who have joined our Council online. Together, let's nurture their journey and keep our ranks strong.

Regarding community engagement, we raised a net profit of \$7,400 from our Golf Tournament on February 22nd—thank you to all who participated.

Finally, don't forget about our Fifth Sunday Rosary on March 29th and 30th. I am looking for leaders for the 10:45 and the new 5:45 Masses. We also need additional ushers, greeters, sacristans, altar servers, and lecturers at all Masses. If you feel called to serve, please contact Chris in the office.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our Council.  
Peace, Ron



## Family

**On Friday May 9th, we will be joining "Faith and Family Night"** that is open for all parish families at the Pirates and Marauders ball game starting at 6:30pm (gates opening at 5:30). It will be a festival type of event in the ballpark, with

activities and games, face painters and balloon artists, a dunk tank, and they will be hosting a Church Tournament of Games throughout the night on the field!

Every church that comes out with a group of 50 or more will be able to participate in the tournament, where 1 different representative from your church can be chosen to play and at the end of the night, the winning church will receive a prize. They can also do an in-game shoutout for us and put your logo on the big board! Tickets would be \$15 per person and include a Marauders hat and a soft drink.

Please watch the church bulletin for details and a link to purchase tickets. Make sure you use the link provide along with the group code so that we can all sit together! **See you at the ballpark!**

For questions or additional information please see Brother Ed McDonough.





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## Faith

### Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist (Holy Communion), simply is Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. **It is not a symbol of Christ, but rather, it is truly and really Jesus Christ!**

At the point in the Mass known as the consecration the priest, acting in persona Christi, will say *"This is my Body, which will be given up for you"* and *"This is my Blood..."*. These were the words of Our Saviour when He turned the bread and wine at the Last Supper into His Body and Blood, and, **by the divine power of God in the priesthood, the bread and wine become Jesus Christ.** Note: It is correct to say the Bread and wine become Jesus, not Jesus becomes bread and wine.

At the Consecration during the Mass **everyone present except the celebrant should kneel in adoration because by God's divine power the bread and wine become His eternal Son, Jesus Christ** (GIRM 21). The bread and wine become Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity as Our Lord Himself taught in Sacred Scripture specifically at the Last Supper. The only thing remaining of bread and wine is the appearance of bread and wine (called the "accidents").

Jesus Christ gave this awesome power to his disciples, the first bishops who have passed this down through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, a collection of all Catholic beliefs produced in 1992, calls the Eucharist the "source and summit of our faith" (1324). It is in that moment when we receive the Eucharist that our soul is in ecstasy because Christ is truly in us. Jesus Christ loved us so much at the last Supper, even though He knew His death was near, He gave us the joy of being with Him eternally.

Clearly we need Jesus Christ as He is the **"...only way, truth, and life"**, and it is in the Most Holy Eucharist that the veil between Heaven and earth is the shortest and we receive Our Lord, Most High. That intimate moment can not be put into words as it is only the soul that speaks with such fervent love that some are moved to tears. We truly are living Our Saviour's Command: ***"Take ye, and eat. This is my body"*** (Matthew 26:26).

### Let Us Pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who dost deign to remain with us in Thy wonderful Sacrament to the end of the world, in order to give to Thy Father, by the memory of Thy Passion, eternal glory, and to give to us the Bread of life everlasting: Grant us the grace to mourn, with a heart full of sorrow, over the injuries which Thou hast received in this adorable Mystery, and over the many sacrileges which are committed by the impious, by heretics and by bad Catholics. Inflammé us with an ardent zeal to repair all these insults to which, in Thine infinite mercy, Thou hast preferred to expose Thyself rather than deprive us of Thy Presence on our altars, Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, world without end. **R: Amen.**





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## Blood Drive April 27th 8am to 1pm!

Each donation can save up to three lives, The blood donated at our 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 our next blood drive scheduled on **Sunday, June 27th from 8am to 1pm.**

In addition to the standard Blood Drive Bus, we are planning to also have a **Platelet Blood Bus** here. It is recommended that you make an appointment for these at the link below.

**Oneblood.org/donate-now** and use **sponsor code 14358**



## Ultrasound Dedication:

On March 12th at the North River Care pregnancy center, a special dedication ceremony was held for the new ultrasound machine, marking a significant milestone in the center's commitment to supporting expectant mothers. The blessing was led by Father Joseph, who guided a heartfelt prayer that brought together staff members, board directors, and distinguished guests, including the Grand Knight, Deputy

Grand Knight, and the Financial Secretary from our council.

During the ceremony, Father Joseph blessed the ultrasound machine, officially naming it "Eloise" in honor of the founding member's beloved wife. This touching tribute reflects the profound personal connection that underscores the center's mission, which aims to provide vital resources and care to women facing unexpected pregnancies.

After the blessing, light refreshments were served, allowing guests to mingle and discuss the positive impact of the new technology.

This dedication symbolizes a commitment to enhancing the services offered at North River Care, ensuring that expectant mothers have access to critical resources in a compassionate environment. As Eloise begins her journey in helping families, the community looks forward to the many lives she will touch in the years to come. Well done, Brother Knights of Council 12155...



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Dear Brothers!

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful Spring weather...



This month, I want to start with a brief update on my health concerns.

My biopsy on the mass on my left kidney was benign.

I may need a biopsy on my right kidney, but that has yet to be determined.

Likewise, I am scheduled to meet with a surgeon to see if the growth needs to be removed.

In any event, there is nothing life threatening and I am feeling much better.

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers. The prayers are powerful, as is our special brotherhood. Again, thank you so much.



When you have a health scare, it makes Spring even more meaningful. New life!

It has also brought new meaning and purpose to this Lenten season.

Lent is the time of self-reflection, bringing us closer to Jesus Christ.

I believe my job, my vocation of protecting and serving members and their families is my purpose, my way of getting closer to Christ.

Whether it is helping a family with a financial crisis, protecting a member's retirement savings or the somber work of completing a death claim with a surviving spouse, I have been given the privilege of serving others.

The vision of Father McGivney is alive and real and you as members are the beneficiaries of his dream.

As a Knights of Columbus Financial Advisor, I have been well trained to use my knowledge, education and experience to serve you well.

With commercial companies, you would be hard pressed to find a similar mission, purpose and genuine commitment to serve that we as Knight's agents are committed to.

I have never had an appointment with a member that was not meaningful and a valuable use of our time.

If I have not yet had the privilege to visit with you, I hope you will consider taking the time for me to share my story with you.

Brother, as we get ready for Holy Week, I wish you and you and your family a very blessed, peaceful and Happy Easter!

God Bless.





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## Fish Fry Update:



The Lenten Season Friday Fish Fry is coming to a close, with four of the six now completed. With 4 Fish Frys under our belts, we have set a new record for the number of meals served in one night at 487, compared to an average of 426 so far, versus last year's average of 364 (for all 6). So far, we have used 2,099 pieces of fish and 5,188 pieces of shrimp to fill an average of 191 orders this year, compared to 164 average orders last year. This year, we added a new fryer to the cooking line, bringing the number of fryers to 6. Then, we experienced another fryer failure last week, with the repair cost being too high, so we had to purchase a new one. Even with these higher costs, it appears we will still exceed last year's earnings with two more fish fries left to go.

Once again, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to these efforts. We know everyone is tired, but hold on - only two more to go. We couldn't have done this without your help!



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## Knights News



### Family of the Month: Art and John Hansen

It is with great pleasure that we recognize Art and John Hansen as our Family of the Month. Their dedication and unwavering commitment to our council and community have made a lasting impact since they first joined us. Art has been a cornerstone of our council from its inception, contributing his skills and craftsmanship by constructing many of the essential pieces we rely on for our meetings today. His enthusiasm for community service is evident through his participation in the roadside cleanup days and his regular ushering duties at the 4 PM Mass. His willingness to take on various roles exemplifies his commitment to our mission and his generous spirit.

John, as the District Deputy for District 49, plays a critical leadership role. His responsibilities extend well beyond management; he is also the lead usher at the 4:00 PM Mass, where he cares for the spiritual atmosphere by preparing incense every week for Mass. His leadership is marked by his mentorship of new Grand Knights, ensuring that they find their footing and thrive in their roles. John's guidance strengthens not only our council but the entire district. Together, Art and John Hansen embody the values we hold dear, demonstrating how one family can truly make a difference. Their contributions inspire us all, and we are grateful for their ongoing service and dedication. Congratulations to the Hansens on this well-deserved recognition!

### Knight of the Month: Joe Prezzama

We are delighted to honor Joe Prezzama as the Knight of the Month for March. Joe's contributions to our community are immense and his dedication is evident. Recently, Joe has been a prominent figure at our fish fries, where he diligently handles credit card transactions, ensuring the smooth operation of these events. His willingness to help extends far beyond, as he actively participates in numerous other activities, always ready to lend a hand.

However, Joe's most significant impact lies in his quiet work in the classroom. He is instrumental in guiding our OCIA candidates through their journey of faith. This year, thanks to Joe's unwavering commitment and exceptional teaching, we will welcome 16 new Catholics into our Church. Joe's approach to teaching is reminiscent of an experience I had years ago when coaching freshman football. I asked the varsity head coach how we could best prepare our players for the next level, and his advice was simple yet profound: "Keep them interested." That's what Joe does every week - he keeps them interested. This philosophy perfectly encapsulates Joe's method in his classes. The process our candidates undergo is undoubtedly intimidating, but Joe has a remarkable ability to keep them engaged and motivated.

One of the most striking aspects of Joe's teaching is the safe environment he fosters. His classroom is a place where everyone feels comfortable asking any question they may have, without fear of judgment. This atmosphere of openness and support is a testament to Joe's character and his dedication to the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Joe exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Columbus through his service, his teaching, and his unwavering commitment to our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Joe for all that he does. Thank you, Joe, for being an inspiring leader and a true embodiment of what it means to be a Knight.







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### Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings have also been added 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 your 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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### Wives' Appreciation Dinner:

The Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross Councils will be hosting the Wives Appreciation Dinner on May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. This year, it will be held at the Mother Cabrini Center, with Father Joseph Gates and Brother Gerry Hayes leading the team. If you are interested in helping or would like to attend, please let them know. We are still working on the details and will provide more information as it becomes available.

### Upcoming Events:

Fish Fry Friday, last 2, April 4 & 11th

TIMY, last 3 for this sections, April 5th, 12th, & 19th

4th Degree Meeting, April 15th 7:00pm

Faith Formation Meal / Stations of the Cross, April 16th

Alter of Repose, April 17th, 8 to 10pm, MCC

3rd Degree Exemplification / Business Meeting April 22nd, 6:30 pm, MCC

Baby Bottle Drive-Handout after all masses, April 26 & 27th

### Happy Birthday to the fellow Brothers for April!

LOUIS	DUMAIS	1
ROBERT	SLIWA	2
JEFFERY	SUHR	5
ASHTON	VIERLING	14
RICHARD	MEYERS	14
RUSSELL	ZIMMERMAN	17
WAYNE	WALETICH	19
ROBERT	KUCERA	21
TODD	CHIKE	21
VINCENT	GATTO	24
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