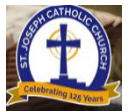




***Knights of Columbus***  
***Council 2505***  
***St. Joseph's Church***  
***Lakeland, FL***  
***March, 2025***

*Beginning Our Second Century of Service 2025*

## *A message from the Grand Knight*



Worthy Brothers,

The Lenten season is almost here. The holiest time of year. For most Catholics, Lent is a time to “give up” something for these 40 days. Lent is a time to accompany Jesus into the desert, imitating His example of prayer and fasting. Over the centuries fasting regulations have changed. This allows greater freedom for personal choice when it comes to Lenten sacrifices. The Roman Catholic Church in the United States currently dictates fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstinence on all Fridays during Lent. Giving up something for Lent is a powerful way to imitate the sacrifices of Jesus in the desert and to unite our hearts with His in prayer.

The spirit of Lent is to do something more, something extra, to grow closer to Christ. The Church sets some guidelines as a minimum, but we are free to do more. Each person decides what practices will best prepare them for Easter.

I am in no position to lecture anyone on what they should believe but I strongly feel that Jesus gave to all of us Himself and even His own life. I feel that giving up a favorite food or drink is a sacrifice, but giving of yourself is an even bigger sacrifice. Giving up your time and talents for someone else is a much more worthy sacrifice than giving up ice cream. Even though ice cream is my most important food group, I don't know if giving it up for 40 days is what Jesus had in mind in the desert.

So how can the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus help you during this Lenten season? First of all, can you sacrifice yourself for a few hours on the Fridays during Lent? The Knights are running the Fish Frys again this year for our parish. The people who you pray with on the weekends are depending on you and the Knights to help them abstain from eating meat on Fridays. I don't see the Fish Frys as an obligation to volunteer to the Knights. Many Knights of Columbus Councils do not have Fish Frys. There is nothing written that our Council has to put on Fish Frys during Lent. We sacrifice our time for our family, friends, and our parishioners of our church. We could use help anytime from 3:30 - 7:30 on Fridays in the Parish Hall during Lent.

Secondly, sacrifice a couple hours on Tuesday nights starting on March 11th to learn about the mother of our Lord. The Knights are hosting a four-week presentation on the Blessed Virgin Mary. What a better use of your time during Lent than to learn about the mother of Jesus. There are other ways to give of yourself to our church and others during this Lenten season. Easter is coming! Prepare yourself.

Vivant Jesus,  
 Mark Sagen

**Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer**



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that You glorify Your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*), through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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March 5 (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of the 40 Days for Life Campaign to end abortion. |There will a Kick Off Rally on Sunday Mar. 2 at 1 PM at the Options for Women PHC on S. Florida Avenue.

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN



### Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community

**Vigil location:** Outside Lakeland Women's Health Center at 4444 S. Florida Avenue

**Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily

**Local contact:** Maryanne Stevens  
[Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com)

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## LAKELAND!

[40daysforlife.com/lakeland](http://40daysforlife.com/lakeland)



## ***Time capsule completed and sealed!***

### **2024 - 2025 Council Officers preparing the time capsule on February 6th, 2025**

**C Stokes, T Maydish, K Dauphinais, M Sagan, J Bice, J Quirk, B Krolak, R Miller**

**M McFarland, G Page, B Renna, S Phillips, B Thompson**



Council 2505 Officers viewed the completed capsule at its February Planning meeting and submitted final notes and memorabilia before sealing. In a subsequent meeting of the Catholic Men of Lakeland, Doug Cooper, assisted by Ken Dauphinais, presented the story underlying the creation of the capsule, discussed the importance of continuing our promises of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, and offered our best wishes to our future brother Knights.



*The Catholic Men of Lakeland is a men's group that has monthly meetings offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer, and a light dinner.*

*Its next meeting is yet to be announced but when set the meeting notice will be sent to all Council Knights via eMail.*

*All Catholic men are encouraged to attend.*

**The Liturgy Schedule for Lent 2025 has been set** – All Knights are encouraged to attend any service as a part of your Lenten preparation for the Glory of the Resurrection.

The Lenten Season provides an opportunity to serve at any of the Masses as an usher or participate in the Stations of the Cross as a reader, Cross bearer or candle bearer. Contact Mark Sagan, Charlie Stokes or Doug Cooper to volunteer.

Print out this page and tape it to your refrigerator!

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 12:00 pm English Mass  
with distribution of ashes
- 5:30 pm English Mass  
with distribution of ashes
- 7:30 pm Spanish Mass  
with distribution of ashes

## *Lenten Schedule 2025*

- *Stations of the Cross*  
*Fridays at 5:30 PM*
- *Holy Hour/Vespers*  
*First Fridays at 6:00 PM*
- *Lenten Reconciliation April 7 7PM*





*Brother Knights of Council 2505 thanks for participating in February's drive; however, **we still need volunteers for March**. Please block off your calendar to assist the Council in our annual undertaking of Tootsie Roll Drive; all proceeds this year will benefit our donations to the statewide Special Olympics Program and also to ROAR a local housing program for developmentally handicapped adults in Lakeland.*

*The next dates for the Tootsie Roll drive are: Mar 8 and 9.*

*Times that we need volunteers for are each Saturday from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm (you will only work a 2 hour segment) and the Sunday dates will be from Noon till 4:00 pm; again, you will only work a 2 hour segment.*

*Any questions, please contact our Tootsie Roll/Life Director Bob Renna at: 863-646-0129 or 863-397-8801. Get your reservation time in quickly to Bob Renna.*

## ***Family of the Month***




*The Maydish family was chosen to be Council 2505's Family of the month for December 2024. Travis and Dani are active members of St. Joseph Parish and Travis often shares his time almost all of Council 2505's activities.*

*Pictured in the photo with Travis*

*are SK GK Mark Sagan and SK Jay Bice, Faith and Family Program Director*

## ***Lent Begins March 5<sup>th</sup> – A time of preparation***

<i>Adult Lenten Study</i>	<i>Mary</i> <i>by Dr. Brant Pitre</i> <i>March 11, 18, 25 and April 1</i> <i>6:00 pm-8:00 pm</i> <i>St. Joseph Parish Hall</i> <i>Study materials and refreshments will be provided</i>
	

Brother Knights Jay Bice and Daniel Wagner continue their Prayer and Study Programs in conjunction with St. Joseph Religious Education in a new chapter in the Lectio series dedicated to more deeply understanding Mary, the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God.

In this 8 part series, Dr. Pitre explores why Mary is so important to Catholics and why so many people have been devoted to her over the centuries. Dr. Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Please contact Jay or Daniel if you have questions or would like to assist them in this program.

# Knights Needed for 2025 – 2026 Council Activities

## Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

20\_\_ Individual Member Worksheet

### INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

**Note:** Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20\_\_.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

#### COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	
<b>Family Activities (where applicable)</b>	
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	
<b>Community Activities (where applicable)</b>	
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	
<b>Life Activities (where applicable)</b>	
a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	
<b>Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)</b>	
Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

#### ASSEMBLY HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
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Thanks to all who submitted your "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity." Now is the time to plan and commit to serving in one of the Activities we embrace as part of our Knighthood.

It's easy to consider which activity you'd like to participate in if you review the line items on the Survey. Council Activities are listed in the left side columns. You'll see that under every Activity type there is a line stating "Miscellaneous Activities." This presents you with the opportunity to propose an activity or project you can lead or are already leading or participating in an activity not listed on the form.

There is room for many different projects or programs in addition to the ones we plan for as our "standard"

programs such as the Lenten Fish Fry, or Tootsie Roll Drive or Lectio programs.

*It's up to you on how, when and where to serve as a Knight.*

For more information on Activity Programs contact:

Jay Bice for Faith and Family 330.307.2321 | Steve Jones for Community 863.529.9031

Bob Renna for Life 863.646.0129 | Gary Page Activity Director 580.242.1095

# Important Dates

## Member Birthdays

Name	Birthday	Age
Gregory L Thomas	03-06-1956	69
Gerald F Karels	03-15-1935	90
Brandon R Payne	03-16-1990	35
Daniel P Charland	03-17-1970	55
John J Barrett	03-21-1981	44
Joseph R Buckler	03-21-1936	89
Bobby J Brigman	03-26-1966	59

## Wife Birthdays

Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
James M Palmer	Diane Palmer	1-Mar
Charles James Stokes	Mary Stokes	16-Mar
Juan Guillermo Casasnovas	Maria Isabel Martino	21-Mar
David A Reilly	Michelle D. Reilly	24-Mar
Magnus C Nwachukwu	Maryjane A. Nwachukwu	25-Mar
Joseph R Muti	Nina Muti	26-Mar
Thomas A Waller	Eleanor Waller	28-Mar
Daniel F Pilka	Cindy Hardin - Pilka	30-Mar

## Member Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr Billy W Antley	3/2/1990	Elisa Antley
Mr Timothy S Brigman	3/3/2024	Gillian Brigman
Mr Clyde Joseph Gengler	3/11/1960	Ina Gengler
Mr Mark T Sagen	3/14/1981	Jeri Sagen
Mr Justin Moldow	3/19/2020	Kaitlin Moldow
Mr Dakota William Trull	3/27/2021	Karlie Trull



<b>March Calendar</b>			
<b>March 3rd</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Officers' Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>March 5th</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b>	<b>Noon, 5:30PM 7:30 PM Spanish</b>
<b>March 7th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross Holy Hour / Vespers Fish Fry</b>	<b>5:30 PM 6:00 PM 3:30PM – 7:30PM</b>
<b>March 8 - 9</b>	<b>Saturday Sunday</b>	<b>Tootsie Roll Drive</b>	<b>10 AM - 4PM</b>
<b>March 10th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Council Business Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lectio Mary study</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 17th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4th Degree Meeting Resurrection</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>March Volunteers Needed</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Fridays in March</b>	<b>7,14,21,and 28</b>	<b>Fish Fry Parish Hall</b>	<b>Brian Krolak Mark Sagan</b>
<b>March 8 -9</b>	<b>Saturday Sunday</b>	<b>Tootsie Roll Drive</b>	<b>Bob Renna 863-646-0129</b>

## **BEWARE OF ONLINE SCAMS**

### A Message from our Financial Secretary

Brother Knights of Council 2505:

Just fyi, I received a text message this afternoon from the following phone # 904-720-3552. The text message was supposedly from Father Luis Salazar our Pastor from St. Joseph's Church here in Lakeland. The text asked for me to do him a favor by me obtaining "Apple Gift Cards" for some women patients battling cancer in the hospital and once I had obtained the gift cards to text him back with the denominations.

Based on my work experience with the Polk County Sheriff's Office I knew immediately that this was a "scam" and not to reply in any way to the text message. I have contacted St. Joseph's Lakeland pastoral office this pm and passed along the above information. The parish staff will make sure to include a note in the parish bulletin for the weekend of March 1st and 2nd (too late for this coming week's bulletin) alerting all parishioners to be aware of this scam and advising Father Luis nor the parish or diocese would solicit help in this manner.

If you receive any phone calls, text messages or emails in the coming days or weeks that are similar to the above instance, don't respond to them; "just hit the delete button".

Charlie Stokes  
Financial Secretary  
Council 2505

*This message has been shared with Fr. Salazar and has been announced at every Mass. Please be sure to share this with your friends.*

## ***In Brief***



**Tip of the hat –** Thanks to our brothers from our Grand Knight

A big thank you goes out for the Knights who helped set up and take down the tent at St. Anthony's: Ken Dauphinais, Dave Tebo, Steve Patton, Daniel Wagner and Bill Rousseau. You men were a huge help!

Also Thank you to the Knights who helped at the Dinner/Dance on Saturday night. Brian Krolak, Scott Phillips, Mike Gannaway, Corbin Trottier, Bob Renna and Gary Page. All of you did a great job. Thank you.

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*Have something to share, an idea for an article or  
are you leading an event?*

*Contact Doug Cooper [Dougstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:Dougstjoe@gmail.com) to have your  
contribution included in next month's newsletter.*

*"Be anxious about nothing, but in all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." **Phillipians 4:6-7***