



# St. James Cathedral Council 12402

February 2025  
Bimonthly Newsletter  
Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



**D**ear Brothers,  
Happy New Year! I hope 2025 is off to a blessed start for you and your families.

We have great news—Phil Perfito has agreed to step in as our Deputy Grand Knight! We are incredibly grateful for his leadership and willingness to serve. Please join me in welcoming him to this role.

Our council continues to make an impact in the parish and beyond. On February 2nd, we served over **60 meals** to the youth group, and it was a fantastic success. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

Looking ahead, **the 121st Annual Convention is coming up in May** in Jacksonville, FL. Important dates have already been announced, so it's time to start preparing! Stay tuned for more details as we get closer.

Fundraising has also been strong. Our **magnet and Christmas card sales** brought in over **\$290**, and our amazing spouses helped us raise **\$238.68** from our first **homemade baked goods sale** in over a year! A big thank you to everyone who contributed—we collected **\$159 in cash/checks and \$79.68 via PayPal**. Thanks to your generosity, we are now in a position to **make a donation to Food for Families**.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Knights: Christopher Engel & David Ewing. We also want to recognize: our Knight of the Month: Dan Wallace and Family of the Month: Chris Marquette

Thank you all for your continued dedication to our council and parish. Let's keep up the great work as we move forward into 2025!

God bless,

Chris Ewing  
Grand Knight, Council 12402



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Bishop Noonan Room



*PGK SK John Rice  
Faith Director*

## FAITH

TMIY is back. Come join us at 6:30 AM on Friday's.

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Monday - Friday 11:30AM

Saturday 9:00AM

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday 7:30AM - 12:00PM

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our nation

End of Abortion

JMJ

Vince

Pola

Neighbor

Visa for Spouse

Maria Adams

Ed Sigfried

Victims of Wild Fires



*Our Chaplain:  
Very Reverend  
Miguel González*



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*Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006*

### PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and Relevant Radio that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's website or on your favorite podcast app.





## COMMUNITY DIRECTOR TEXT FROM BOB WILSON



*SK Ralph Briscoe*

One of our Council's ongoing service projects has been feeding the homeless at The Christian Service Center's West Central Blvd. campus. While our Council's involvement dates back over twenty years, the St. James Cathedral parish has been involved with the Center for over fifty years.

In 1971, St. James and four other downtown churches pooled their resources to better serve the hungry, homeless and hurting in our community by forming the Christian Service Center for Central Florida. Since that time, the parishioners of St. James have actively supported the Center's programs.

One of the cornerstones of its programs, Daily Bread, began as the "Peace Meal" served from the patio of the St. James Rectory where the Parish Center now stands. As originally reported in the Orlando Sentinel Star and recalled in the Summer 1999 issue of Jubilee, a parishioner brought a hamper of food to a noonday Lenten "rap session" at the

church. "The following Thursday she did it again, the idea caught on, and really hungry people began coming," the Sentinel Star reported.

The Lenten program was expanded, and 100 to 125 people a day were served from the rectory. Father David Page, pastor at the time, approached the Christian Service Center and in July 1975, the Center assumed responsibility for the program, renaming it Daily Bread. On the occasion of the Center's 40th anniversary in 2011, then-executive director Robert Stuart remarked, "I'm sure the people of St. James when they started feeding the hungry all those years ago had no idea that their ministry would grow into a program that has served over 3.3 million meals today." The number of meals served to the hungry and homeless in our community today through Daily Bread has now grown to over five million.

Former Rector of the Cathedral Father Sean Heslin served as President of the Center in the late 1990's, and under his leadership Daily Bread served its 2 millionth meal, its hotel ministry celebrated 25 years of leading worship at Walt Disney World, and the downtown Alzheimer's Respite Care program expanded into a new facility.

Over the years, several of the Center's programs have "spun off" into their own organizations. Meals On Wheels (now Seniors First) and Alzheimer's Respite Care (now Share the Care) are among those that began under the Christian Service Center umbrella. In addition, the Center's campus has served as the initial home for other non-profit agencies, such as the local Habitat for Humanity.

Under its current Executive Director, Eric Gray, the Center is evolving into a Comprehensive Day Services Center, co-locating a number of necessary service agencies on its campus. Under this model, the Center is able to focus on those programs that it does best and act as host to local agencies that provide other specialized services.

The Christian Service Center continues to operate: Family & Emergency Services - helping families and individuals who are faced with an unexpected crisis by providing financial assistance, food, clothing and other services from facilities in Orlando and West Orange; Daily Bread - serving nourishing free meals to anyone who is hungry from kitchens in Orlando and West Orange; Unique Boutique - dignified clothing program; and Emergency Food Pantries.

Independent agencies operating at the Center's downtown campus include: S.A.L.T. Outreach -providing showers and laundry, haircuts, clothing and case management; Hope Team - a housing outreach of Orange Blossom Family Health (OBFHC); OBFHC - providing primary and urgent care, behavioral health and labs twice a week from a mobile unit at the Center; Compassion Corner - a ministry of First Presbyterian Church providing counseling services and morning daily devotions; First Step Staffing - assisting the unsheltered with immediate job placement; and Straight Street Ministries - serving lunch and dinner and conducting prayer services and bible studies daily. Since July 2024, Straight Street assumed responsibility from Daily Bread for the daily lunch that Council 12402 serves on the first Monday of each month.

Please join your fellow Knights on the first Monday of each month to serve lunch to the homeless at the Christian Service Center. For more information about the Christian Service Center's programs, visit [www.christianservicecenter.org](http://www.christianservicecenter.org).





## EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Mon, Feb 3 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am

Mon, Feb 10 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm

Thurs, Feb 13 – Council Meeting, 7 pm

Fri, Feb 14 – Valentine's Day

### MARCH

Sat, Mar 1 – Laps for Life – Bishop Moore HS, 9:00 am

Wed, Mar 5 – Ash Wednesday

Fri, Mar 7 - Fish Fry!

Mon, Mar 10 – Assy Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm

Thurs, Mar 13 – Council Membership Meeting, 7 pm

Sat, Mar 15 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner, dinner at 6 pm

Fri, Mar 28 - Fish Fry!

Sat, Mar 29 – Founder's Day

### APRIL

Thurs, Apr 10 – Council Membership Meeting, 7 pm

Mon, Apr 14 – Assy Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7 pm

Fri, Apr 18 – Good Friday

Sun, Apr 20 – Easter Sunday

\*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

## CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
*a catholic community*

<https://stjamesorlando.org/weekly-bulletin/>

## DIOCESE EVENTS



<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/events-calendar/>



## FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



*SK Les Castro*

**T**he 52nd annual March for Life was held in Washington DC on January 24th. The National Catholic Register describes “tens of thousands” marching from the Mall to the Supreme Court. A variety of speakers sounded the pro life message encouraging the crowd to keep fighting for the unborn.

A Pew Research study of 8700 participants in 2024 shows 63% of Americans say abortion should be legal in all cases. The latest KOC-Marist poll shows 67% of Americans support limited restrictions on abortions. 60% support legal abortions up thru the first three months of pregnancy.

According to the World Health Org., abortion accounts for 42% of deaths worldwide. Over 45 million abortions in 2024 are more than all military and civilian deaths in WWI combined.

Last week, the US Senate failed to reach the needed 60 votes to advance the Born Alive Survivors Protection Act which would have required all medical aid needed to care for a baby of a failed abortion attempt. The House has passed the legislation—twice.

The Central Florida Laps4Life will be held on March 1st at Bishop Moore HS. The fundraising goal this year is \$125,000. To join a team and donate/participate go to Central Florida Laps4Life/Eventpage website.

The JMJ baby bottle campaign reports (as seen in the St. James bulletin) donations of \$4,411 from 180 bottles returned. There are still 290 bottles outstanding.



On a personal note, it was a great pleasure to welcome my son, David, into the Knights of Columbus as a 3rd degree Knight. He is a seminarian applicant for the Dioceses of Orlando and should know about acceptance here in the next few months. Please pray for his vocation.

PGK Chris Ewing



## HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, [profcewing@gmail.com](mailto:profcewing@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- ☐ Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- ☐ Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- ☐ Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- ☐ Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- ☐ The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

### Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- ☐ Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Is the family tight knit?
- ☐ Does the family spend quality time together?
- ☐ Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- ☐ Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- ☐ Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- ☐ The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- ☐ It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

### Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Knight of the Month

Awarded to

For the Month of

Grand Knight

Council

Date

Faith in Action

Family of the Month

Awarded to the family of

who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life

Grand Knight

Council Number

Date

Faith in Action

Family





## NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY STARTING IN JANUARY

Angela Sibayan, the Cathedral's Youth Ministry Coordinator, is launching a new Young Adult Ministry in January, open to individuals aged 18 to mid-30s. This is a great opportunity to strengthen faith connections among young adults in our parish community. If you or someone in your family falls within this age group, please consider sharing this news.

A QR code is available that links to a quick questionnaire where interested participants can share their preferences for meeting dates, times, and activities, as well as express their interest in joining.

For more information, you can reach Angela at **407-563-8248** or [asibayan@stjamesorlando.org](mailto:asibayan@stjamesorlando.org). Let's work together to keep our young adults engaged in their faith journey!



## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

USE THIS QR CODE TO FILL OUT THIS FORM & LET US KNOW:

- WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO?
- WHAT TIME(S) WORK FOR YOU?



Knights participating at Feed the Homeless in December. Thanks!





## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



Archbishop William E. Lori  
Supreme Chaplain

### January 2025

*[A]nd on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:11a)*

**T**he solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi recognize the newborn king and offer him homage. This great feast occurs during the liturgical season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During Christmas time, we all remember and celebrate the reality that God assumed our human nature and became a little child. May this season also remind us to recognize the dignity of all children — including unborn children — today.

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you look upon the lives of children — and all people — with respect, recognizing the dignity of human life? What more can you personally do to protect and support life wherever it is threatened or in need? Are

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**WHAT:** 12th Annual Central Florida Laps for Life

**WHERE:** Bishop Moore Catholic High School, 3901 Edgewater Drive, Orlando FL 32804

**WHEN:** 9am Saturday March 1, 2025

**WHO:** Brother Knights, faithful and families who wish to help pregnancy resource centers defend life.

Laps for Life offers two ways to support pregnancy centers and maternity homes:

**Ultrasound Initiative**, whereby the Knights Supreme office in New Haven, Connecticut match 100% of funds raised for purchase of ultrasound machines by qualifying pregnancy centers. As discussed below, so much support has been provided for the Ultrasound Initiative that Laps for Life sometimes looks beyond central Florida to help pregnancy centers obtain this life-saving equipment.

**Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)**, whereby the Knights match \$100 for every \$500 raised for non-ultrasound-purchase donations to eligible pregnancy centers or maternity homes — up to \$400 matched (against \$2,000 donated) per center per council per year.

After the March event, Laps for Life will contact each Knights council to ask how they want funds allotted ASAP vs. Ultrasound. Laps for Life will help your councils get your support where it needs to go — within central Florida, or beyond!



## YEARS OF SERVICE

Date	Member	Years	Date	Member	Years
<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Years</u>
1 Feb	Bishop John Noonan	41	10 Feb	Daniel Adjei	7
9 Feb	Jake del Campo	17	10 Feb	Rene Blanco	7
19 Feb	Eugene Damaso	17	10 Feb	Nicholas Cotroneo	7
14 Feb	Carlos Bajana Jr.	16	10 Feb	Santos DeLeon	7
9 Feb	Dr. Greg Coffman	12	10 Feb	Mark Gumula II	7
7 Feb	Dr. Gil Lavoie	10	10 Feb	Rob Owen	7
11 Feb	Bruce Croteau	10	10 Feb	Nicholas Pinto	7
20 Feb	Rev Serge Pardo	9	10 Feb	David Venincasa	7
20 Feb	Jonathan Rivera	9	4 Feb	Fernando Pinhal	6
11 Feb	Phil Perfito	8	8 Feb	Carmine Bonacci	6
1 Mar	PGK George Olson	38	24 Mar	Steve Palvisak	16
24 Mar	Robert Kalakauskis	26	25 Mar	Daniel Rios Doria	10
24 Mar	Dan Wallace	26	27 Mar	Luis Prada	9
30 Mar	Ed Gold Jr	21	8 Mar	Gerrit Lemmen	8
23 Mar	Josh del Campo	19	11 Mar	Frederick Jonassen	5
6 Mar	Mike Ciappetta	17	1 Mar	JB Coward	4

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*Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY

District Deputy James Ball was present at our January meeting and provided updates on recruitment efforts. He emphasized the importance of educating members about the benefits of the Knights of Columbus insurance program, which generates 60% of the organization’s budget and extends valuable support to all members. The recruitment process is evolving, with Form 100 being phased out in favor of a 100% digital model. He suggested using recruitment business cards with QR codes to streamline sign-ups and make it easier for potential members to join. Additionally, he encouraged all members to support new recruits and guide them toward understanding the benefits of the insurance program.



## INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE



Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar>

Our 4th degree representative is SK George del Campo.

Msgr. Bishop Assembly 0162

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Thursday, February 6, 6:00 pm - Memorial Mass for deceased men of the parish & members of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Catholic Church, 5125 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Muster at 5:30

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## GOOD OF THE ORDER FROM OUR WORTHY LECTURER (LES CASTRO)

Edith Stein OCD (in religion Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; 12 October 1891 – 9 August 1942) was a German Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. Edith Stein was murdered in the gas chamber at Birkenau on 9 August 1942, and is canonized as a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church; she is also one of six patron saints of Europe.

Stein was born into an observant Jewish family, but had become an agnostic by her teenage years. Moved by the tragedies of World War I, in 1915, she took lessons to become a nursing assistant and worked in an infectious diseases hospital. After completing her doctoral thesis at the University of Freiburg in 1916, she obtained an assistantship there to Edmund Husserl.

From reading the life of the reformer of the Carmelites, Teresa of Ávila, Stein was drawn to the Christian faith. She was baptized on 1 January 1922 into the Catholic Church. At that point, she wanted to become a Discalced Carmelite nun but was dissuaded by her spiritual mentor, the archabbot of Beuron, Raphael Walzer OSB. She then taught at a Jewish school of education in Speyer. As a result of the requirement of an "Aryan certificate" for civil servants promulgated by the Nazi government in April 1933 as part of its Law for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service, she had to quit her teaching position. Edith Stein was admitted as a student to the study of religion to the Discalced Carmelite monastery in Cologne on 25 November, on the first vespers of the feast of Saint Teresa of Ávila, and received the religious habit as a novice in April 1934, taking the religious name Teresia Benedicta a Cruce (Teresia in remembrance of Teresa of Ávila, Benedicta in honor of Benedict of Nursia). She made her temporary vows on 21 April 1935, and her perpetual vows on 21 April 1938.

The same year, Teresia Benedicta a Cruce and her biological sister Rosa, by then also a convert and an extern (tertiary of the order, who would handle the community's needs outside the monastery), were sent to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, for their safety. In response to the pastoral letter from the Dutch bishops on 26 July 1942, in which they made the treatment of the Jews by the Nazis a central theme, all baptized Catholics of Jewish origin (according to police reports, 244 people) were arrested by the Gestapo on the following Sunday, 2 August 1942. They were sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, and were murdered in the Birkenau gas chambers on 9 August 1942.





**!!!71st ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT!!!**



**PRESENTED BY**  
**Knights of Columbus Saint Cloud Council 6624**  
**Singles and Doubles: Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
**Team (4-Person): Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**Proceeds to benefit: Special Olympics Florida State Bowling Competition**

**USBC Sanctioned - Handicap 90% of 230. Open to all KofC members & pledges, female family and significant others. For new bowlers (males) enter at 145 average; new (females) enter at 130 average.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bowler to roll a 300 wins \$100!!!**

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**AMF Kissimmee Lanes**  
**4140 W Vine St, Kissimmee, FL 34741**  
**(407) 846-8844 - Website: [www.amf.com](http://www.amf.com)**

**Lodging: All within 5 miles of the bowling center. Make your reservations early.**

**Days Inn by Wyndham Kissimmee West**  
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**1/2 mile from Kissimmee Lanes**  
**Free coffee & breakfast item**

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**5 miles from Kissimmee Lanes**  
**Free hot breakfast**

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**Additional information can be found on the State website ([www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org)) or on our Facebook page (Kofc Florida State Bowling)**

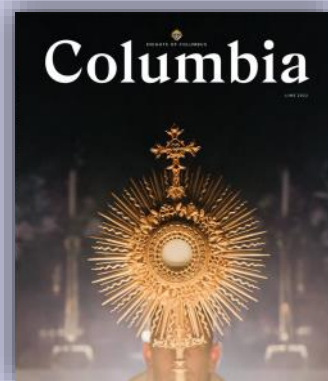


## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

<b>4 Feb</b>	<b>John Layman</b>	<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Timothy Phan</b>
<b>10 Feb</b>	<b>Lynn Hinson</b>	<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>Dr. Gil Lavoie</b>
<b>10 Feb</b>	<b>Brian Kirwan</b>	<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>Louis Adams</b>
<b>12 Feb</b>	<b>Daniel Adjei</b>	<b>22 Feb</b>	<b>PGK George Olson</b>
<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Nathan Aleskovsky</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Bishop John Noonan</b>
<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Daniel Coombs</b>	<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>Matthew Steiger</b>
<b>2 Mar</b>	<b>Tim Regan</b>	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>Dr. Marcelo Farela</b>
<b>4 Mar</b>	<b>Daniel Almaguer</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>Luis Prada</b>
<b>5 Mar</b>	<b>Ryan Koren</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>Raul Rodriguez</b>
<b>6 Mar</b>	<b>Mark Ashman</b>	<b>23 Mar</b>	<b>Robert Anschuetz</b>
<b>8 Mar</b>	<b>John McIntosh</b>	<b>23 Mar</b>	<b>Carmine Bonacci</b>
<b>15 Mar</b>	<b>Rene Blanco</b>	<b>24 Mar</b>	<b>Eligio Colon</b>
<b>16 Mar</b>	<b>Wilson Ariza</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>Chris Groom</b>
<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>JT Griffin</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>Mark Zeitler</b>
<b>19 Mar</b>	<b>Miguel Kaled</b>	<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Carlos Bajana Jr.</b>
<b>19 Mar</b>	<b>Richard Paolo</b>		

## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Sherry Herring (49 years)</b>
<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Kristy Terrizzi (26 years)</b>
<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Elizabeth Simpson (59 years)</b>
<b>3 Mar</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Milena Marquette (19 years)</b>
<b>31 Mar</b>	<b>James &amp; Julie Bayly</b>



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## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—SPOUSES

<b>5 Feb</b>	<b>Maureen Hutcherson</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>	<b>Maria Laughlin</b>
<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>Carol Quartano-Weigand</b>	<b>6 Mar</b>	<b>Marcy Eelman</b>
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Lisa Sojourner</b>	<b>11 Mar</b>	<b>Katherine Rodriguez</b>
<b>23 Feb</b>	<b>Julie Bayly</b>	<b>16 Mar</b>	<b>Kristina Blem</b>
<b>23 Feb</b>	<b>Gisela Briscoe</b>	<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>Janet Lemmen</b>
		<b>19 Mar</b>	<b>Wendy Grant</b>
		<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>Tamara Larocque</b>
		<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>Stacy Palvisak</b>



## Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



### FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION 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.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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Review the brief YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information. To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser.

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org) and the State website at [www.FloridaKofC.org](http://www.FloridaKofC.org).

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b\\_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ) Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

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