

*Special Dates:*

*Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Solemnity of the Blessed Mother*

*New Year's Day*

*Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Doughnut Sunday*

*Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Feast of the Epiphany (Traditional)*

*Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Baptism of Our Lord*

*Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Council Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Martin Luther King Day*



## Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

Despite the pandemic, which has 'put the brakes' on much of what we do, we still are managing to forge ahead on a much smaller scale. We donated \$200 each to the Parish Youth group and the Cub Scouts as well as Christmas Gifts to each of our priests.

We still have some fundraisers for our council and a major one for the school planned. We will host several activities for our youth this month (Soccer Challenge and a Free-Throw Competition). Those dates will be forthcoming.

I hope that all of you good brothers set aside some time to help us out in our undertakings.

This New Year was designated by our Holy Father as "The Year of St. Joseph".

Aside from Jesus Himself, there was probably no more perfect male figure in history, than the man chosen at the beginning of creation to be the foster Father of Our Lord. It seems fitting then, that we put our confidence in his intercession. Along with our Blessed Mother, there isn't a more powerful couple that we can trust our heartfelt petitions to. With all that has gone on this year and more hope for the upcoming year, we can pray.....

*"Dear Holy St. Joseph, Spouse of our Blessed Mother, God the Father chose and entrusted you with His Holy Son and so, we also trust in you and ask you to intercede for our world in this time of need. We ask for; Acceptance over intolerance, Generosity over greed, Mercy over vengeance, Responsibility over unaccountability, Understanding over indifference, Peace over violence, Consideration over disdain, and Love over hate. We are confident that your Son Jesus, Our Lord and Brother, will grant our intercessions through you. We ask this with the greatest humility". Amen.*



## Prayer for Our Country:

*Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.*

--Thomas Jefferson

## Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

Hello my, Brother Knights. I am so proud of the work you do for the People of God in our parish and beyond. This has been a difficult year for us as a council to accomplish all we hope to do for the good of others. But remember, it's not how much we do, it's how much we do what we can with God - in our hearts.

The Knights of Columbus has helped me and many others experience our parish as a family. I feel a particular closeness to you and pray all the men of our parish can grow in this experience of "church." So here are some thoughts for us to ponder about the Holy Family. They can be a great source of inspiration and strength for us.

### THE HOLY FAMILY

No one has to raise their hands and answer this question,





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who remembers the television show, “Leave It to Beaver,” where dad solved all the problems at the end of the show? And who remembers “All in the Family when dad was a racist and mom was confused but well-meaning? And how many have watched “The Simpsons” in our own day where everyone has problems, especially dad?

Whatever our family may be ideal, funny, or broken, there is only one place we can start, and that’s where we find ourselves now. The only moment that God is with us is this moment. We can’t do anything about how things were in the past, and we can only do our best in the present to hope for a better future. Emmanuelle, God is with us.

This is what made the “Holy Family” – holy, being with God in all the ups and downs of life. It’s easy to look at the Holy Family from the outside thinking how perfect it was for them. However, holiness has nothing to do with how good things are going but how we get through things together.

Imagine mother Mary going to Joseph and telling him she conceived the power of the most High who, of course, was God. That was far from easy for him or her. Then Joseph traveling to Bethlehem with Mary, ready to bear her child, could only find a barn for her to give him birth. Then to move to Egypt for the safety of Jesus and then back again only to start over again in a new town. Think how hard that would be not to have any place to live nor a job.

It’s all about Emmanuelle, being with God, and God being with us. When he is with us, it’s easier to be with each other. Let me finish with a story by Tom McGrath.

A man sat down on the desk chair in his son’s room. His boy was lying on his bed; face pressed into his pillow. For quite a while, no words passed between them. His son had come home from his first school dance, and he stormed right up to his room and slammed the door behind him. When his father entered, the boy muttered, “Go away!” And though his dad didn’t go away, he knew enough not to ask any questions, either.

In time the boy told it all, how he had asked Yolanda to





### Birthdays:

<i>William Desio</i>	1/11
<i>Richard Dunn</i>	1/20
<i>Francesco Sclafani II</i>	1/22
<i>Stephen Horn</i>	1/23

### Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Eric Paolino</i>	1/18/2012
<i>Daniel Soto</i>	1/17/2018
<i>Keith Smith</i>	1/9/2019
<i>Roger Kenneally</i>	1/21/2019

the dance, and she said yes, but when she got there, she spent all her time with Tony instead, and some of

Yolanda's friends were laughing at him. "How can people be so mean?" he cried.

His father had no answer to that question, so he just put his arm around his son's shoulder, looked him in the eye, and said, "I've been there." Somehow that helped. Matthew made a point in his gospel account to say that Jesus had traveled to Egypt and back. The Jewish people had been exiled to Egypt and returned, and Matthew wanted everyone to know that Jesus had been there, too.

Jesus also went to weddings and lost a friend too early to death, and was betrayed by other friends, and went through agony in the garden. Whatever comes our way, Jesus can look us in the eye and say, "I've been there." Somehow, that helps.

Story by Tom McGrath  
Prepare the Word

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.

### **Insurance Agent's Report:**

Worthy Grand Knight, Sir Knights and Brothers all,

Happy New Year! It's that well known time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them yet?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! I've been using the Laudate app. The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.



4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. I've always wanted to be a better speaker.

5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.

6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.

7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.

8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art. Think about the last book you read; I just read Rich Dad, Poor Dad and it was very enjoyable.

9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Jones. I just bought a new laptop and now that I reflect on that I'm thinking, "Do I really need that?"

10. Review your financial health; whatever your current situation, it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep: Resolve to meet with me this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. I'll be around after the meeting if you'd like to talk.

Vivat Jesus!

“Cast away from you, all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.”

--Ezekiel 18:3



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## Golf Tournament:

The Golf Tournament Committee (pictured on left) has formed a list of donations that are needed for the outing. An updated flyer is posted at the end of the newsletter. Feel free to run off some copies and hand them out. Proceeds from this event will go to help the School which suffered a huge loss in contributions due to the pandemic. Several of their large fundraisers were cancelled. If every brother could get one donor to contribute to the tournament, we can make this a tremendous success. Of course, we will need golfers to participate. So, if you know anyone that golfs, please let them know. The entry fee is considerably reasonable (\$75 per golfer). This includes: entry to the ‘Closest to the Hole’ and ‘Farthest Drive’ contests for both men and women and the banquet at the conclusion of play. If you don’t golf, you can still play a **major** part. We will need men at the registration table, and men to sell raffle tickets. The School itself is ‘on board’ with us. Together we can make a difference for the children despite all the setbacks they faced this year.

## Fundraising:

On Sunday, Dec.21<sup>st</sup> we had our “Doughnut Sunday”. We also sold the “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets. It was a very successful day. We made over \$86 for the magnets and over \$470 in doughnut sales!!! With these funds, our council gave \$500 to the School for those families in need this Christmas Holiday (as was voted upon at our previous Council Meeting). I thank those





brothers who stayed after the masses and helped with sales. A huge thank you to Brother Keith Smith who kept running to Jupiter Donuts after masses to keep us supplied with the tasty treats.

Our next “Doughnut Sunday” will be on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please spend sometime after your mass to help us out.

We will also be selling the “Roses for Life” stickers on the **weekend of Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will need Brothers to sell the roses for a donation before and after each Mass. Last year we collected \$1000 and gave it to Kimberly House in Clearwater. Hopefully this year will be just as successful, if not more.

### Prayer Intentions:

Brothers, if there is a time that you become aware of a brother that needs assistance or is called back to the Lord, please inform me so that the proper action can be taken. We can't help if we don't know.

We pray for:

Our priests that they stay safe  
The end to the Covid-19 Pandemic  
Our first responders and essential workers  
Our Armed Forces and their families  
The Intentions of the Holy Father  
Our Brothers of this Council that are in need  
That this new year will bring a kinder, more loving world

### And in conclusion:

Hopefully, 2021 isn't as challenging as 2020 was, but I am confident, no matter what lies before us, this Council will rise to any occasion. You certainly have proven that many times over this past year. My gratitude for all that you gentlemen do for our parish, community, school and this council is immeasurable. From the bottom of my heart, I wish you and your families the best year. May it be filled with peace, love, health, laughs and blessings.

Mike P.



Where did Noah keep his bees?  
--In the ark hives

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# *Save the Date!!*

*Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00pm*

*The Inaugural Blessed Sacrament School  
Golf Outing*

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council  
#17162*

*Prizes!!! Raffles!!! Food!!!*

*At Seminole Lake Country Club  
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## SPONSORSHIP / DONATION LIST

Hole Sponsorship----- -\$100.00 (per Hole)

Closest to Pin Contest---(men)-----\$250.00

Closest to Pin Contest---(women)-----\$250.00

Longest Drive---(men)-----\$250.00

Longest Drive---(women)-----\$250.00

Putting Contest-----\$250.00

Donation of a putter would be appreciated

Food Sponsor-----\$1500.00

Tournament Sponsor-----\$2500.00

**Signs with the business info will be placed at the site donated**

Smaller donations for raffle prizes are welcomed, ie.;  
Gift cards - Services - Bottles of Spirits – Merchandise – Etc.

*Larger prizes could be used for a silent auction*

Prizes for gift bags are also welcomed, ie.:

Hand Sanitizer - Suntan Lotion

Sleeve of Golf Balls

Tees and Divot Tool

Coozies

Hats - Keychains

Or anything else that may have a corporate logo

**Entry \$75 per player**

Entry fee includes: golf, entry to Closest to Hole & Longest Drive Competitions and the banquet that follows.