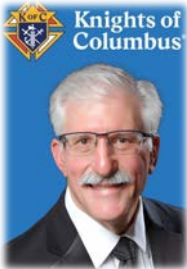




The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



Tom Krivchenia, PFN
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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

As a new fraternal year starts, it is with great honor and dedication to this wonderful vibrant council and the Espiritu Santo parish that you have entrusted me to lead the Barney Gonyea Council 7109 as your Grand Knight for the next two years that starts on July 1st. I'm looking forward to the challenges this great parish and council offers me. I'm most importantly looking forward to your support as we continue to make this the best council in the state.

I want to take this time to thank our Past Grand Knight Gene Jajuga for his courageous leadership in bringing us back to life after we had severely shut most of our activities down due to Covid. Under Gene's exceptional leadership, we were able to meet our budgets and donate to all the charities and a few extra ones despite having to replace costly kitchen equipment totaling thousands of dollars. With courageous leadership and support from all council members in his second year, Gene achieved Star Council for the 2023-2024 fraternal year which we have missed in the past several years. I look forward to living up to the standards that you have set in place and your support. Thank you! Thank you!

June was another busy month for us, it started with our Corporate Communion Breakfast and Mass. We had a good turnout for Mass.

COFFEE, DONUTS & MORE

We had our monthly Coffee, Donuts & More on Sunday June 7th, after all morning Masses in the Parish Center. I

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, July 11 @ **7:00 pm**
in the Parish Center

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Visit the State Website at:
www.floridakofc.org
Visit the Supreme Website at:
www.kofc.org

want to thank and recognize all our Brother Knights and Ladies who volunteered their time and made this event a great success.

John Clark Joe D' Amelio Betty D' Amelio
Ed Amador Frank McEwen Gene Jajuga
Matt Sunski Tom Wozniak Jean Wozniak
Tom Krivchenia

I apologize if I missed anyone who volunteered.

PATRIOTIC DINNER DANCE

We had our Patriotic Dinner Dance on June 14. This was our last dinner dance of the fraternal year and was a wonderful way to close out the year. We served 106 dinners, and all who attended had a fun-filled time. The delicious meal consisted of Chicken Cordon Blue with roasted potatoes and Antigua blend vegetables, and a salad. We had a mouth-watering Chantilly cake for dessert. I would like to thank our great kitchen staff, led by Paul Harvey, Santo Loparo, and Pat Nocerino.

The entertainment, which featured Ron and The Classics Band, was a huge success! They played all the classic songs from the past which gave us a great time dancing the night away. It was truly amazing seeing so many on the dance floor most of the night. Please check out some of our pictures from the dinner dance. We will be looking forward to Ron and The Classics returning with his great sounds so we can party the night away once again. We couldn't put on such a great dance without the help of these outstanding volunteers:

JJ Coyne	Peter Demzak	Betty D' Amelio
Matt Sunski	Doug deWolfe	Edward Amador
John Clarke	Betsy Clarke	Richard LeClerc
Tom Stanko	Rita Wolanin	George Inderwies
John Papa	Jean Wozniak	Peggy Gohman
Tom Harkins	Ann Harkins	Pat Nocerino
Roe Resler	Richie Resler	Robin LaChance
Paul Harvey	Santo Loparo	Margaret Krivchenia
Gene Jugua	Karen Jajuga	Frank McEwen
Judy Zaccaria	Mario Zaccaria	Amaro Lionheart
Kay Strehle	Jack Strehle	Ann LeClerc

If I have missed listing anyone that may have helped, I truly apologize.

I would like to thank all who volunteered from the Ladies Auxiliary, who did a beautiful job of decorating our parish hall and creating our wonderful gift baskets.

I want to recognize our awesome student volunteers who did such an amazing job with serving our tables and cleaning up after dinner.

Carys Adams	Ryan Burriesci	Gabby Suarez-Vargas
Ava Nesci	Bree Rotenberg	Ellen Ryckman

We also conducted the Kimberly Home, WorkDay, on June 20th. Thank you to Michael Gutknecht and Brian Annis who went out and helped with the clean-up of the demolished tool shed to allow for a new playground being built soon.

There was a good-bye party for Fr Rich Rosin on Sunday June, 30th in the Parish Center. Fr Rich was so pleased to see so many parishioners come and share their experiences with him and wish him well in his new role as Pastor of St. Lukes in Palm Harbor.

June was also spent finalizing our Council Officers for the new Fraternal Year. Once again, we of the Barney Gonyea Council, are proud to have a fantastic lineup of Council Officers and Service Directors. We have several officers returning to help guide our new officers.

Our new Deputy Grand Knight, Mark Feldman, has been spending time putting together his team for the many programs directors needed to have a successful year. To the new Directors, congratulations, and to the returning Directors, thank you for your commitment. I'm looking forward to working with you to make this a great year.

As Worthy Financial Secretary, Tom Harkins sent our Council Brothers dues for the new Fraternal Year, 2024 – 2025. If you haven't done so already, please consider paying your dues at your earliest possible convenience so that we can pay the FL State Council and Supreme accordingly. Please bring your payment with you to the next Council Meeting on Thursday, July 11th. Thank you.

The new Council Officers Installation Ceremony will be held on Friday July 12th, in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to give thanks to all the outgoing officers for all that they have done for us and to

show support to the new officers for this upcoming fraternal year. If you have not signed up yet, please do soon, so we can place our order. Felice will be catering the dinner with some great options that we haven't had before.

We have several Brother Knights who joined last year who have not picked up their Certificate. Please come to our Monthly Membership Meeting on Thursday July 11th, so we can present them to you.

We have our first Open House of the year on Tuesday, July 16th. Please invite someone you know, or think would enjoy being a Knight to the open house and let's start off the year on a good foot.

JULY AGENDA ITEMS

Every officer should plan on attending the Council Officers Meeting on Tuesday July 2nd, as we have a items lot to cover.

- At our July Council Officers Meeting, I am planning to review, discuss and finalize our Events Calendar for 2024 – 2025 to be released on or by the next Council Membership Meeting the following week.
- I would like to review, discuss and finalize our council Budget for 2024 – 2025, to be presented to the full Council at our July Business Meeting for approval.
- Finally, we will be discussing and finalizing our upcoming Council Officer Installation and dinner on Friday, July 12th.

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Officer's Meeting - Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room
- The Holy Rosary – Thursday, July 11th, at 6:15 pm in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Membership Meeting – Thursday, July 11th, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center
- Council Installation Banquet – Friday, July 12th
- Program Directors' Meeting – Tuesday, July 16th, 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room
- Council Informational Open House – Tuesday, July 16th, 7:30 pm in the Parish Center
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery - Thursday July 18th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm PC Kitchen
- Council Unified Degree Exemplification – Thursday, July 18th, 7:30 pm in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home WorkDay – Saturday, July 20th, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
- Assembly Meeting – Thursday, July 25th, 7:00 pm in the St, John Bosco Center

Save our Unborn Children,

Tom

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Krivchenia, PFN

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Council 7109

Holy Moments

Embracing Holy Moments and Encouraging Active Participation

Dear Brother Knights,

Reflecting on Our Journey and Setting New Goals

As we conclude June and step into July, it's a time for reflection and renewal. Our journey as Knights of Columbus is marked by moments of profound impact and unwavering faith. This past month, we did not see any fruits from our labor with new brothers joining our ranks. However, our mission is just beginning in the new fraternal year. We must continue to foster growth and encourage participation among all our members.

Creating Holy Moments Through Recruitment

Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments" remind us that each moment is an opportunity to do something extraordinary through God's grace. These moments are not just about grand gestures but about the simple, everyday acts of kindness and faith. In the context of our recruitment efforts, every conversation, every invitation, and every shared experience can become a Holy Moment. I urge each of you to continue encouraging the **Catholic men in your lives to join our cause**. Share with them the fulfillment and purpose that come from being a Knight. Let them see how our work creates Holy Moments, not just for those we serve but for ourselves as well.

A Call to Prayer and Active Participation

To those who have not been as active recently in our Council, I call you to **prayer and reflection**. Consider attending our meetings and participating in our upcoming events. Putting our **faith into action** is a powerful way to create Holy Moments in our lives and the lives of others. Matthew Kelly teaches us that Holy Moments are about saying yes to God, embracing the opportunities He presents, and making a difference, no matter how small it may seem.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

We have several events planned that offer numerous ways to get involved and make a difference see the events calendar for details:

1. **Monthly Meetings:** Join us for our monthly council meetings to reconnect with your fellow Knights and contribute to our ongoing initiatives.
2. **Community Service Projects:** Participate in our service projects to help those in need and strengthen our bonds as a community.
3. **Faith Formation Activities:** Engage in faith-building activities that deepen our understanding and commitment to our Catholic values.

Looking Forward

As we move forward, let's continue to create Holy Moments in everything we do. Encourage those around you to join us, actively participate in our events, and put their faith into action. Every small act of kindness, every moment of service, and every prayer we offer is a step towards creating a world filled with God's love and grace.

Call to Action

I invite each of you to reflect on how you can contribute to our mission. Whether it's reaching out to a potential new member, participating in a service project, or simply attending a meeting, your involvement matters. Together, we can make a significant impact and continue to build a strong, vibrant council.

Let's embrace this new chapter with the same enthusiasm and commitment that has brought us this far. Let's create Holy Moments that resonate through our community and beyond.

Fraternally,

SK Edward J. Amador
Director of Membership

Unity - Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2024: Jul 16 | Sep 17 | Nov 19
2025: Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 17

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2024: July 18 | Sep 19 | Nov 20
2025: Feb 20 | Apr 17 | Jun 19

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	338
Insurance Membership	138
Honorary Life Members	66
Honorary Members	08
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/15
2024-2025 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	134
Honorary Life Members	16
Honorary Members	01
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



Council Officers 2024-2025

Grand Knight	Tom Krivchenia, PFN	727.366.5422
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Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Feldman	727.366.5959
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Treasurer	Jerry Custin, PGK, PFN	727.244.6464
Lecturer	Paul Harvey, PFN	727.286.7171
Advocate	Richard Resler	727.472.1651
Warden	Jim Lankford	813.455.2292
Inside Guard	Paul Cooper	727.736.6837
Outside Guard	Mark Peterman, PFN	727.403.5993
Guard Alternate	Brian Annis	727.204.7490
Trustee Three Year	Gene Jajuga, PGK, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
Trustee Two Year	JJ Coyne, PGK	901.832.7332
Trustee One Year	Ken Seguin, PGK, PFN	727.331.7278
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Fraternal Benefits Advisor	John Ruckart	813.855.5111
Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Joseph Amendola, Mark Barrett, Fred Bennett, Marc Brill, Richard Bulova, James Burris, Steven Cote, JJ Coyne, James Cusick, Zach Faraone, Joel Gray, Derrick Heezen, Michael King, Michael McCarthy, James Nolf, Edmund Pagnott, Glen Pettersen, Charles Powers, James Preston, Richard Roberto, Daniel Saracki, Thomas Smith, Chuck Sullivan, Klaus Tobitsch, Alvah Vankleeck

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Bob Justiana, Jewel Allen (d), Ed Mandichak (d), David deWolfe (d), Joseph Raponi (d), Mac Sinise (d), Stanley Gdula (d), J. Nick Martin (d), Linda Cooper (d), Edward Mandichak (d), Katherine Krajeski, Frank Pensebene, Mary Clare Rose (d), Bob Ehrman, Felipe Hernandez (d), Max Kostioukovski, Angela DiMattei, Tony McClure (d), Maria Palazzo (d), Joyce Ayril, Burke Taylor, Mike Taylor, Bill Kasak, Karen Loparo, Marijon Reed, Katherine Lima, Nelson Amador, Carlos Usera, Richard Roberto, Harry Hill (d), Antonia Rosin, John Hamm, James Bonvicino, Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Katie Griffin, Mary Branham (d), Judith Rodnite, Joseph Genalo, Mary Williams (d), Theresa Kier, Frank Schuster II (d), Kathy Papa-Zinko, Sal Mazzara, Kennedie McFadden, Sal Burriesci

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727. 286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



John Paul Grabowski

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. All three of our seminarians are located at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana. Austin Smith, junior year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Benjamin Harris, junior year from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski, in his sophomore year, is from Catholic Student Center, USF – Tampa.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, Donald and Linda Borbath, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Sal Burriesci, Mario and Katie Camario, Patrick Carroll, JJ Coyne, Joseph and Betty D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol De Wolfe, Jerome Dewberry, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Sean Donahoo, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Philip and Jane Farney, Walter Feble, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles and Raquel Friesema, Michael and Lisa Furman, John and Peggy Gohman, Robert and Catherine Gwinner, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, James Hayes, David and Donna Heezen, Irving Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hoherl, George and Claire Inderwies, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Michael and Katherine King, Dan and Donna Kistel, William and Katherine Krajeski, Jack Kuczej, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Stephen and Ellen Leger, Mark Lewalski, Patrick Mackin, Michael McCarthy, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Stuart Miller, John and Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, Daniel Peterson, Glen Pettersen, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, Juan and Rosemary Romero, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Peter and Susan Salesses, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Massimo and Valeria Simeoni, James and Karin Smith, Thomas and J. L. Stanko, John and Kay Strehle, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujanani, Steven and Jaclyn Verba, Mario and Judy Zaccaria

Total Collected to Date: \$677.97



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

As we celebrate our Nation's Independence, a couple of "facts" may be helpful.

We were founded as a Judeo-Christian Nation under God. Unfortunately, previous to the Declaration of Independence, Catholics were not allowed to publicly celebrate their religion. Some "private" worship was had on Jesuit farms but the Episcopal Church of England and several other "Christian" groups had succeeded in outlawing the practice of Catholicism in their states and territories. Thus, the Declaration of was a radical affirmation of religious freedom. The Declaration recognized the freedom of religion for all religious communities – not just one religion.

However, despite the Declaration of Independence, anti-Catholicism remained part of the dominant culture. So for Catholics being identified as truly American and not separate or "outsides" made a lot of sense. Even a hundred years later, Father Michael McGivney's strong affirmation of being American with the Pledge of Allegiance at all major meetings and the recurring affirmation of being American patriots made a lot of sense and remained essential in being accounted as truly Americans and not some Catholic wackos

Other forms of prejudice continued to exist as well, e.g., anti-Semitism seen in the cultural cliché that the Jewish God of the Old Testament is an angry and mean image of God. Not true. Demeaning Irish and Polish jokes remain in vogue even until today, because both nations are predominately Catholic.

Father McGivney started a life insurance program which we still have today. The reason he did this was because several insurance companies refused to sell insurance to Catholics. The tables have turned as even today the insurance of the Knight of Columbus is rated top of the line.

Most of these prejudices are part of the general culture today. Let that be a lesson to us to examine and check out the negative and prejudicial comments we hear every day, for example, about women, about immigrants, about other religions, et cetera. What examples of blatant prejudices come to mind?

Michael Cooper, SJ
Chaplain



Service Program Directors 2024-2025

Program Director	Mark Feldman	727.366.5959
Membership Director	Edward Amador	305.606.8632
Faith Director	Wally Vazquez	727.542.5376
Community Director	Mike King	
Family Director	Vacant	
Public Relations Director	Vacant	
Life Director	David Behrle, PGK, PFN	727.723.1169
Vocations	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
Retention Coordinator	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

We are starting a new fraternal year. I would like to thank Gene Jajuga for his outstanding job these past two years. Gene you may now take a breath. To Tom Krivchenia, I hope that I can fill the big shoes that you have left me. I am very honored to be stepping in as your Deputy Grand Knight. It will be a busy year with all our events that we have which include our Dinner Dances, Full Family Breakfasts, Basketball Free Throw Championship, Soccer Goal Competition to name a few. We also volunteer at the Kimberly Home clean-up every month. With the help of everyone throughout the year, we will continue to make these events successful and inspiring to all.

Our Officer Installation Banquet will be held on Friday, July 12th. Please come and welcome the new officers and honor the awesome job that the outgoing officers have done over the past two years.

Faith In Action



Our Directors' Meeting will take place July 16th in the Gathering Room. As of this time Wally Vasquez is our Faith Director. Wally will be much appreciative if volunteers step up to help him with all the events.

Mike King is our Community Director. Mike is responsible for the Helping Hands program, Coats for Kids, and the Free Throw Shooting Contest to name a few.

Dave Behrle is our Culture of Life Director. Dave will handle all things related to promote and encourage the Pro-Life movement and the Kimberly Home.



We need a Family Director. If you are interested, please let us know. Thank you in advance.

July Liturgical Calendar

July 1 St. Junipero Serra
July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle
July 4 Independence Day
July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria
July 6 St. Maria Goretti
July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong
July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot
July 13 St. Henry
July 15 St. Bonaventure
July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis
July 20 St. Apollinaris
July 22 St. Mary Magdalene
July 23 St. Bridget
July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf
July 25 St. James, Apostle
July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne
July 29 Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
July 30 St Peter Chrysologus
July 31 St Ignatius of Loyola

July 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

Born Giulio Cesar Russo, a Neapolitan Priest, Theologian and member of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. Lawrence was an accomplished linguist who could write and speak fluently in seven languages including Greek and Hebrew. He was ordained a priest at age 23. He was beatified in 1783 and canonized as a Saint on Dec 8, 1881. He was assigned by Pope Clement VIII to preach to the Jews in the City of Rome. He further established Monasteries in Germany and Austria.

His Favorite Blessing: **"Mary, with her loving Son, bless us each and everyone."**

Mark Feldman
Deputy Grand Knight



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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Brothers,

Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer. These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate.

At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you.

Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it may be the perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future.

On that note, for my brother Knights on the younger side, I have two pieces of good news. And I encourage all my brothers here to consider how this may apply to yourself or your adult children, grandchildren, and other family members.

First, the younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make coverage more expensive.

The second piece of good news is that you have options. Maybe you're not yet sure you want permanent life insurance. In this case, you might choose a term insurance policy, which is an affordable option for temporary needs. If you should decide later that you'd prefer permanent coverage, you may have the option to convert your term insurance.

In today's day and age when so many of us may feel pressure to spend above our means, I have been

heartened to talk to young people who are quite financially literate and eager to set up a responsible financial strategy for their future. Many of them grew up seeing economic problems in the world, and they want to make sure they build a strong financial foundation for themselves.

This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with me. I will be happy to discuss your options with you.

Vivat Jesus!
John D Ruckart, FICF
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Book an appt with me here:
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Learn about our investments:
<https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/meet-john-ruckart>





John Gohman
 Faithful Navigator
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Faithful Navigator's Log

The new Fraternal year commenced with the formal Installation of Officers. The Installation of Officers was held on June 27, 2024, with District Master Sir Knight John O’Toole presiding. I would like to express my profound appreciation and gratitude to Faithful Navigator Wally Vazquez as he concludes his tenure.

Assembly 2474 Officers Fraternal Year 2024-2025

The following officers were installed:

- Faithful Navigator John Gohman
- Faithful Friar Fr Michael Cooper, SJ
- Faithful Captain JJ Coyne, PGK
- Faithful Admiral Wally Vazquez, PFN
- Faithful Pilot Edward Amador
- Faithful Scribe David Heezen
- Faithful Comptroller Tom Harkins
- Faithful Purser Jerry Custin, PGK, PFN
- Inside Sentinel Vince Cristiano
- Outside Sentinel Richie Resler
- Trustee Year Three Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN
- Trustee Year Two Frank DiMattei, PGK, PFN
- Trustee Year One Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA
- Veterans Liaison Bill Gallant

Next Exemplification

August 25, 2024 – San Juan del Rio Catholic Church
 Saint John, Florida

Reflections

I will be sending out each Thursday a reflection on the upcoming Sunday’s readings to help us all prepare for our full and informed participation in our Eucharistic Celebration. The reflections provided are sourced from the archives of Creighton University and authored by the blind Jesuit, Larry Gillick SJ. He has been blind since the age of 11. I pray that you find these helpful.

As I plan this coming year, I am hoping to invite guest speakers, hold quarterly socials and encourage full participation in our Assembly as the Social Gathering of the Knights of Columbus.

The Golf Committee has begun planning this speculator charitable event. Details will follow.

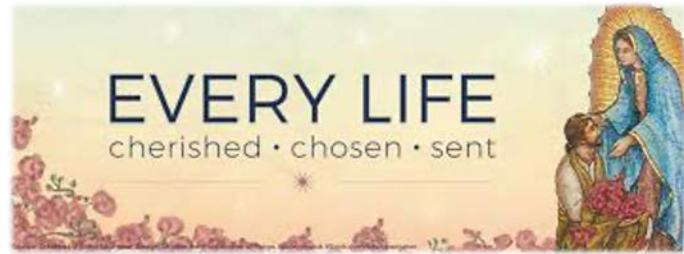
I am humbled and honored by my election as your Faithful Navigator and pledge to serve the assembly with dedication.

Blessings to all the brothers and their families.





Dave Behrle
PGK, PFN
727.723.1169



Congratulations to all our new Council officers, and a big Thank You to Gene Jajuga, now PGK and Trustee, for a Job Well Done these past two years!

Vote NO to Florida Amendment #4 this November: Bishop Parkes has released a video urging all Catholics and people of good will to vote NO to #4. <https://gulfcoastcatholic.org/bishop-gregory-parkes-appears-video-about-amendment-4>

Catholic dioceses across Florida are uniting to educate Catholics about Amendment 4, a misleading and dangerous proposal that would enshrine unregulated abortion in Florida. Here are four reasons to vote NO on Amendment four.

- Amendment Four puts women at risk.** It jeopardizes existing laws and prohibits new health and safety laws that protect women.
- Amendment Four eliminates Parental Consent.** While preserving parental notification, the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion, making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.
- Amendment Four allows for late term abortions.** Viability is not defined in the amendment but it's generally accepted to be about six months of pregnancy. Also, a health loophole in the amendment would allow for extremely late-term abortions, when a child could survive outside the womb.
- Amendment Four weakens medical doctor requirements.** Some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors could approve late term abortions, even though they are not doctors.

Please pray for women and their unborn children and please vote NO on Amendment four. To learn more, visit www.dosp.org/voteno.

Sales Tax Holidays in Florida

Please reference the nearby calendar, and consider what hurricane protection, back to school items, or tools you

may need or want, and the 7% savings on sales tax may be just the right incentive. The Freedom Month sales tax exemption covers multiple items, such as live music & sporting events, museums, state park entry, electric scooters, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, surfboards, camping & fishing supplies, etc. Please check out the 5-page FAQs on the website for \$\$ limits.

2024 - 2025 Florida Sales Tax Holidays

- Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday** (June 1-14, 2024; August 24-September 6, 2024)
 - Flashlights and lanterns \$40 or less
 - Radios, batteries, and fuel tanks \$50 or less
 - Coolers and portable power banks \$60 or less
 - Smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors \$70 or less
 - Tarps and ground anchors or tie down kits \$100 or less
 - Generators \$3,000 or less
 - Various household pet needs
- Back to School Sales Tax Holiday** (July 29-August 11, 2024)
 - Clothing, footwear, and accessories like backpacks, handbags and diaper bags \$100 or less
 - School supplies \$50 or less
 - Learning aids \$30 or less
 - Personal computers or computer-related accessories \$1,500 or less
- Freedom Summer Sales Tax Holiday** (July 1-31, 2024)
 - Certain boating, camping, fishing, general outdoor, and water activity equipment & supplies
 - Admission to a variety of events: music, sporting, cultural events, fitness facilities, movies, museums, single admission or season tickets to theatre and dance performances
 - State park admission and annual passes
 - Tickets, memberships and passes purchased for use anytime from 7/1/24-12/31/24
- "Tool Time" for Skilled Workers Sales Tax Holiday** (September 1-7, 2024)
 - Hand and power tools
 - Safety Equipment
 - Work boots and work gloves
 - Shop lights
 - Toolboxes and belts
 - Plumbing and electrical equipment

For details, visit: floridarevenue.com



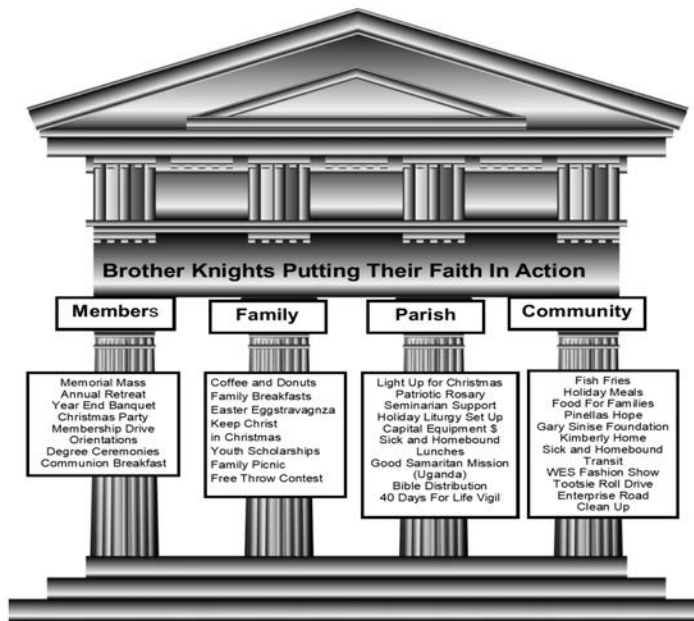
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Serve The Lowly and Abandoned

Yikes talk about fire and brimstone! Psalm 58 is all over it. There was no planned link between the Letter To The Editor focused on our failings as humans and subject to myriad temptations. Psalm 58 blasts the snake of Satan to smithereens. It even questions if our gods pronounce justice or judge fairly. Thankfully the Psalms use the “small g” for god implying the deception that is covered in the Psalm – don’t listen to the voice of the charmer or the enchanter with cunning spells. Quickly and ruthlessly get rid of all that.

Then and only then, “Truly there is a reward for the just; there is a God who is judge on earth!” That is our charge. That is our mission. That is our calling. Here I Am Lord. I’m ready to stand and serve.



Psalm 58

Do you indeed pronounce justice, O gods; do you judge fairly you children of Adam? No, you freely engage in crime; your hands dispense violence to the earth. The wicked have been corrupt since birth; liars from the womb, they have gone astray. Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a serpent stopping its ears, So as not to hear the voice of the charmer or the enchanter with cunning spells. O God, smash the teeth in their mouths; break the fangs of these lions, LORD! Make them vanish like water flowing away; trodden down, let them wither like grass. Let them dissolve like a snail that oozes away, like an untimely birth that never sees the sun. Suddenly, like brambles or thistles, have the whirlwind snatch them away. then the just shall rejoice to see the vengeance and bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked. Then people will say: “Truly there is a reward for the just; there is a God who is judge on earth!”

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Letter to the Editor

What's Your Apple?

I was recently struck by the Mass readings from the Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. It was from the third book of Genesis but has a tremendous amount of prophecy of who we can tend to be as human beings and have "evolved" as a society.

It opens simply enough when God asks Adam where he was. Adam replied that he heard God but hid because he was naked. Second, question from God. "How did you know you were naked? You ate of the tree of forbidden fruit!" Quick on his feet, Adam refuses accountability, tries to deflect blame and says, "that woman **You** put here gave it to me so I ate it".

God asks the woman, OK what's your side of this? Like Adam she defers and notes that serpent **You** put here tricked me. Starting to get the picture here? No accountability, deflect the answer, get out of the path of blame, make up your own rules.

God does indeed put the blame on the serpent and commands, "**on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.**"

The Gospel of Mark covers Jesus building crowds as He traveled through Galilee performing miracles, curing the sick and casting out demons. Tellingly, "**Whenever unclean spirits saw him they would fall down before him and shout, "You are the Son of God." He warned them sternly not to make him known.**

He came home and His relatives were even concerned that Jesus was "out of His mind" and possessed by Beelzebub.

But Jesus quickly sets them all straight. "**Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be**

able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Think of the deception in our lives today, the constant confusion and divisions in our families, society and even our Church at times. We know a couple things. First, the battle between good and evil is eternal. Second, that Christ is not Satan and Satan cannot drive out Satan. But Satan can throw many increasingly sophisticated and attractive temptations at us that we have to constantly sort out. We also learn that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is guilty of everlasting sin as they have the unclean spirit and will eat dirt forever.

Who is really family? Christ reminds us that "**whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.**"

So, in the end, what is your apple? Are you aware of it? Remember we belong to a Church which is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic and have chosen a brotherhood which is based on the principles of Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

What is your calling? Hopefully a clean spirit and simply recall the plea of Isaiah to send him.

I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart.

From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

Meekness, Not Weakness

As sons of Mary and of the Church, Catholic fathers have a responsibility to lead their children to an encounter with God

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a centuries-long devotion which celebrates Christ's love for humanity. The Sacred Heart has deep meaning for all of us and special significance for the vocation of husbands and fathers.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves" (11:29). This passage tells us much about Christ's heart, but here I would like to focus on his self-description as meek — and how the virtue of meekness, contrary to popular belief, is a masculine virtue.

Meekness is a commonly misunderstood virtue. If we think of it as timidity or passivity, we miss the mark. The word in Scripture is often translated as gentleness, which is much closer, but even that doesn't quite capture its full meaning.

Meekness is not weakness. Quite the opposite; it is a sign of greatness — and of real strength. It's the virtue that allows a person to apply one's strength in the right way. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, meekness "moderates anger according to right reason" (*Summa Theologica* II-II, q. 157). Meekness comes into play most when we are under pressure or feel threatened. It can be seen in how we react during moments of conflict. Meekness gives us a self-possession that helps us control our anger, so that we do not make matters worse or, more importantly, hurt those we love.

Anger is certainly a normal part of life, including family life. And anger can often be justified. But it's a passion that, if left unchecked, can inflict great damage. It can destroy human relationships and create divisions among spouses, parents and children that can last for years, even generations.

Meekness, on the other hand, is a unifying virtue. "The meek," according to Pope Francis, "are those who know how to control themselves, who leave space for others, who listen to them and respect their needs and their requests. They do not intend to overwhelm or diminish the other, they do not want to tower over or dominate everything, nor impose their ideas or their own interests to the detriment of others" (Angelus address, Nov. 1, 2020).

Meekness is an essential virtue for Knights of Columbus and for all husbands and fathers. It is the virtue that allows us to master our passions and exercise authority in such a way that helps our families flourish. When correcting our children, we need to choose our words carefully, recognizing their unique vulnerabilities while also reminding them of their God-given dignity. This is important because our children's perception of God will be shaped largely by their interactions with us.

Meekness is also important in marriage. It helps a husband and wife keep the channels of communication open as we give and receive constructive criticism. We will learn much from our spouse if we can keep a cool temper and listen with an open mind to the truth of what the other has to say.

Finally, meekness helps us put up with the failings of others. "If we are constantly upset and impatient with others," Pope Francis explains, "we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 72).

A meek husband is a strong husband, just as meek father is a strong father. In treating others with meekness, we imitate the Sacred Heart of Jesus — and we confirm in our wife and our children their most fundamental identity, that they are loved by God.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Address to the Delegates

Once again, I want to welcome all of you to the 120th Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus Florida State Council. We are here this weekend to gather in Fraternity, to celebrate the achievements of the past Fraternal Year, to conduct the necessary business of the Florida State Council, and hopefully, in the process, learn something new to bring back to our Council members across the Jurisdiction.

I can honestly say that the past year has been one of tremendous success throughout Florida. As I traveled around the State on our Spirit of Unity tour early in the year, I was tremendously uplifted by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by so many Council leaders for the mission of our Order. And you have followed through with your commitment all year long.

Hundreds of activities have been reported from across the Jurisdiction, including such varied programs as feeding families in need and the homeless, fundraising for pregnancy centers, providing volunteer and financial support for Special Olympics of Florida, and conducting Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. And I know that there are many, many more programs that go unreported by Councils. Service programs are at the center of every Council's mission, and it gratifying to see so many Councils taking this to heart.

This has also been a great year for charitable fundraising by Councils in support of our causes. About 70 Councils participated in the traditional Citizens with Disabilities campaign through Florida K of C Charities, collectively raising over \$250,000, with over \$75,000 raised for Special Olympics of Florida alone. 36 Councils raised over \$58,000 directly for the American Wheelchair Mission. Over 100 Councils contributed \$180,600 to support 261 seminarians through the Order's RSVP program. As of May 1, 56 Councils this year have participated in the Order's Aid and Support After Pregnancy program, otherwise known as the ASAP, program, supporting pregnancy centers and maternal homes, and have raised over \$213,000, which currently puts Florida number one in the Order! And that doesn't even count our state fundraising campaign in May for seven pregnancy centers serving the poorer areas of each Florida Diocese, which has exceeded \$54,000 so far! As for Ultrasound projects--\$390,000 has been raised for 7 projects that have been completed or approved by Supreme, with another 3 under review and 2 more underway!

I also know that many Councils have taken on the new Cor initiative to introduce spiritual development into our activities. While we don't have any good statistics on Cor, I do know that many Councils have reported tremendous success with Cor. As Catholics, Knights of Columbus should never ignore the spiritual component of our work, and Cor is great way to systematically incorporate spiritual development into the life of a Council.

It has also been a tremendous year for membership growth. Already, as of mid-May, 142 Councils in Florida have achieved their membership goals, representing 43% of our active Councils, and another 69 are within range of making their goals by June 30. As well, 54 of our 86 Districts have also met or exceeded their membership goals. Your commitment to growing the Order has enabled the Florida Jurisdiction to exceed its membership goals on May 9, which, I am told, is one of the earliest dates that has ever been accomplished! That is certainly not my achievement—it is a result of your collective dedication and successful recruiting efforts! Now, if all 211 of these Councils can meet the other requirements for Star Council, I think we could say this would be one of the best years ever for the Florida State Council!

But we should always remember that this is NOT about the numbers or about getting a plaque for a trophy case. Those of you who have heard me speak on our Spirit of Unity tour know that Star Council goals set by Supreme relate directly to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and so Star Council is a measure of a Council's success in executing that mission. The more Councils that can achieve those goals, the closer we get to achieving that Spirit of Unity across the Florida Jurisdiction and the Order.

While we take a pause this weekend to celebrate our achievements, we also should recognize that, in the words of one of my brother State Deputies, the end of the Fraternal Year is not a destination, it is a checkpoint. In that vein, I hope that all Council leaders this weekend not only take the time to celebrate your accomplishments, but that you take the opportunity to get new ideas and learn new ways of doing things. To that end, we are, for the first time, introducing workshops into the State Convention. I think we have chosen timely topics—Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, Cor, Safe Environment, and

From the Florida State Council Chamber... (cont'd)

website training. We know we may not get this entirely right, and so we really want your feedback on these workshops. Ultimately, we want to ensure that we can continue to improve the service we provide to our parishes and our communities.

While we want to continue to conduct and enhance our service programs and charitable works, the upcoming Fraternal Year poses a special challenge. 2024 is, of course, an election year. I don't have to tell you that the polarization and partisanship in our nation is intense, but we must remember that, as Councils and individual Knights, we cannot be involved in partisan politics. This is a very strict rule of the Order. As an individual, of course, one may be involved in partisan politics as a matter of free will, but a person cannot represent himself as a Knight in such activities, nor can Councils as an organization. Even the appearance of involvement in partisan politics must be avoided.

However, having said that, the situation is very different when it comes to nonpartisan issue advocacy, and there is a very grave issue that will be on the ballot in November—namely, the Proposed Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution which will enshrine unregulated abortion and make Florida one of the most pro-abortion states in the nation. The amendment language is very problematic, using undefined terms like “healthcare provider”, “patient health”, and “viability”, which will very likely lead to allowance of second and third trimester abortions and take physicians completely out of the picture. And the amendment, if passed, would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that protect the health and safety of women, and would eliminate parental consent for a minor to have an abortion—which would make abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say. The Florida Bishops have issued a strong joint statement against this proposed amendment, and all of us here should become familiar with their position.

What is our role as the Knights of Columbus? Quite simply, it is to do everything we can to support our Bishops and our clergy in opposing this amendment. This is truly a lay evangelization mission, and we should take on this mission boldly and confidently, under the leadership of our Bishops. But how do we do this?

First and foremost, our Bishops have asked us to pray, for without prayer, we will accomplish nothing. A specific prayer has been composed, which is already available digitally. You will see prayer cards in your registration packets. I would ask all Knights of Columbus Councils to recite this prayer at meetings and other gatherings, as a constant reminder of what is at stake.

Second, we must promote the reasons why this amendment is wrong. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops is starting to publish support materials for Dioceses and parishes to promote opposition to this amendment. At least one Bishop has already produced a video message on the subject. Let's use those materials in our evangelization efforts to promote opposition to the amendment, particularly among our fellow Catholics.

Third, encourage all Knights—and all Catholics—to register to vote, and to vote “No” to this proposed amendment in November. Nonpartisan voter registration drives have always been a proper Knights of Columbus function.

Finally, in our evangelization efforts, we should also take this opportunity to reflect on why, as Catholics, we oppose abortion. I am certainly the last person to give you theological exposition on the topic, but I can tell you the way I think about it as a lay Catholic. God made Human beings in His image. God took on our humanity as Jesus Christ, and through His Death and Resurrection, He has called each and every one of us to share in the Divine life, body and soul, and to be with Him in all eternity.

What that means is that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death. So why do we oppose abortion? Because all human life is sacred. Why do we oppose euthanasia and the death penalty? Because all human life is sacred. Why do we as Knights support pregnancy centers and maternal homes? Because all human life is sacred. Why do we partner with and support Special Olympics and American Wheelchair Mission? Because all human life is sacred. Why do we conduct and participate in programs to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and provide coats to children in need? Because all human life is sacred. In my view, every service program we conduct as Knights is based, at least in part, on belief that all human life is sacred.

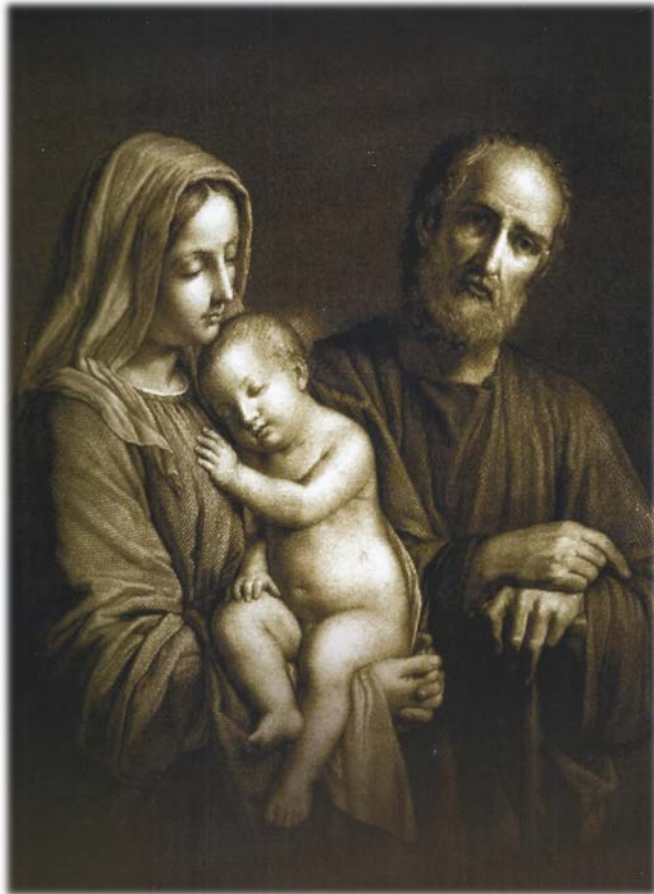
Tomorrow, we will be hearing more from a representative of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, and they will have a table in the foyer. But let us resolve now to get behind our Bishops in this most important task.

I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus. And I am proud to stand beside all you as we continue to serve our parishes and our communities. And as this second year of the National Eucharistic Revival draws to a close, let us continue to deepen our faith as we step up our service and our evangelization efforts, and continue to make the Order flourish in the Florida Jurisdiction.

Vivat Jesus, Veni Sance Spiritus

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

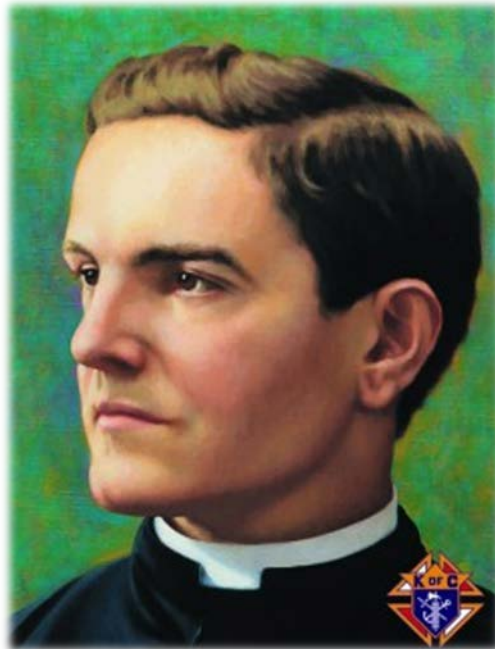
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

July 2024

- 07/11 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 07/11 | Thu 7:00p Council Membership Meeting
- 07/16 | Tue 7:00p Program Directors Meeting
- 07/16 | Tue 7:30p KofC Informational Open House
- 07/18 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Deliver
- 07/18 | Thu 7:30p Unified Degree Exemplification
- 07/20 | Sat 8:00p Kimberly Home WorkDay



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Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

