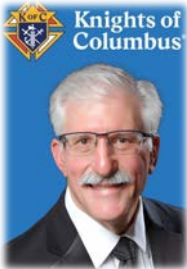




# The Shield

## Grand Knight's Message



Tom Krivchenia, PFN  
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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies,

What a month January turned out to be! It was one of the coldest and wettest months that I can remember in a long time. I hope everyone found a way to stay warm.

January was a quiet month for us. We started off the month by taking down the Christmas Trees and decorations in the main Church. Thank you, Mark Feldman, Gene Jajuga, Tom Wozniak, Mike Engelmann and anyone else who helped with this big project.

As we greet February, we celebrate Valentine's Day and remember our loved ones with candy, flowers and special treats. President's Day follows on February 17 as we recall and honor the patriots who helped create this great nation. February is our quiet time before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5.

Thank you, Mike Engelmann, for taking down all the lights around the courtyard. You did a marvelous job in planning the decorating of the courtyard.

### Coffee & Donuts

Our Coffee & Donuts scheduled for Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> had to be rescheduled to the 19<sup>th</sup> because Publix had a recall on their donuts. They were unable to get donuts from the warehouse or the factory that makes

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Next Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 13 @ **7:00 pm**  
in the Parish Center

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them. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we had Walmart supply us the donuts with a limited selection. Everyone seemed quite happy with them. We had a record amount of RE kids and family members come for donuts, and they quickly finished our supply. A grateful thank you to all those who helped with this event.

Matt Sunski    Gene Jajuga    Frank McEwen  
Paul Harvey    Joe D'Amillio    Betty D'Amillio  
Kay Strehle    Jack Strehle    Dan Brandon  
If I missed anyone, I'm truly sorry.

On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Basketball Free Throw Contest in Padua Hall with the RE students. We had a great turnout for this event. There were around 50 boys and girls who participated. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help.

Matt Sunski    Michael King    Jerry Dewberry  
Bryan Snyder    Mark Feldman    Adel Nammour

I'm sorry for anyone that I may have missed. This event couldn't have gone off without you.

### Upcoming Events

Sat, Feb 01 - Tootsie Roll Drive after the 4:00p & 6:00p  
Masses in the courtyard

Sun, Feb 02 - Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses in the courtyard

Thu, Feb 06 Council 7109 Officers Meeting at 7:00p in the Gathering Room

Sat, Feb 08 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales Masses in the Pavilion

Sun, Feb 09 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales after all Masses in the Pavilion

Thu, Feb 13 - Rosary at 6:15p in the Gathering Room

Thu, Feb 13 - Council 7109 Business Meeting at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Thu, Feb 13 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00p in the Gathering Room

Sat, Feb 15 - KofC Family Picnic at 10:00a in Philippe Park Shelter #5

Sat, Feb 15 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales Masses in the Pavilion

Sun, Feb 16 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales after all Masses in the Pavilion

Sun, Feb 16 - Coffee & Donuts at 7:00a in the St. John Bosco Center

Tue, Feb 18 - KofC Open House at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Thu, Feb 20 - Pinellas Hope Food Prep at 9:00a in the Parish Center Kitchen

Thu, Feb 20 - KofC Unified Degree Ceremony at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Sat, Feb 22 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales Masses in the Pavilion

Sun, Feb 23 - Dinner Dance Ticket Sales after all Masses in the Pavilion

Thu, Feb 27 - Assembly 2474 Meeting at 7:00p in the St. John Bosco Center

Sat, Mar 01 - Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball (Clergy Appreciation) Dinner Dance at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Thu, Mar 06 - KofC 7109 Officer Meeting at 7:00p in the Gathering Room

Fri, Mar 07 - KofC Fish Fry #1 at 4:00p in the Parish Center

Thu, Mar 13 - Rosary at 6:15p in the St. John Bosco Center

Thu, Mar 13 - KofC 7109 Monthly Business Meeting at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Thu, Mar 13 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00p in the Parish Center

Fri, Mar 14 - KofC Fish Fry #2 at 4:00p in the Parish Center

### **Council Family Picnic**

Our family picnic is Saturday, February 15th starting at 10:00 AM in Philippe Park in shelter #5. We will have

hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, drinks and desserts. There will be games for the kids to play and horseshoes for the adults to play. If anyone has a corn hole game and would like to bring it, we would really appreciate it. This is a great time to spend time with friends that you haven't seen in a while. For our new Brothers that joined our Council this year, this is a good way to meet your new brothers and build up some bonds that will last a lifetime. This has always been a fun event with a great turnout. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you out there. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet very shortly so we know how many will be attending. We are looking for some volunteers to help set up and spend some time cooking burgers and hot dogs. Please check your promotions and junk email folder for sign-up sheets if you don't see them in your regular spot.

### **Open House**

We are having an Open House on Tuesday, February 18th. Please invite someone who you think would make a good Knight of Columbus. We are very close to reaching our goal for the year and to Star Council.

### **Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Dinner Dance**

Our first dinner dance of 2025 will be on Saturday, March 1st at 7 :00p. The theme will be Mardi Gras Masquerade and Clergy Appreciation. We will have a New Orleans themed menu and Ron & The Classics band for dancing. Dinner will consist of Cajun spiced chicken thighs with remoulade sauce, dirty rice, oven roasted Cajun vegetables, corn bread, salad and beignets. We will have gift baskets to raffle off and a lotto tree plus a 50/50 raffle. We will be selling tickets after all the Masses starting the weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup>. The tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please visit us in the pavilion to reserve your table for this memorable evening as we experience the New Orleans Mardi Gras tradition of fun and festival before Ash Wednesday.

### **Coats for Kids**

In January, our Council donated 77 coats to Oldsmar Cares, a local organization that provides clothes, food, and other assistance at no-cost to families in need in the local community.

*Tom*

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# Council 7109 Holy Moments

## Spreading Holy Moments and Growing Our Brotherhood

Dear Brother Knights,

I greet you in the spirit of service and unity as we continue our mission of creating Holy Moments, as inspired by Matthew Kelly. Every interaction we share has the potential to transform an ordinary moment into an extraordinary one—and our recruitment efforts are a shining example of this calling.

### Membership Progress & Recruitment Goals

We are proud to report that our council currently stands at 7 new members—47% of our ambitious goal of 15. While this achievement is commendable, we must remain focused on expanding our brotherhood. At present, we have 6 promising prospects in the works, and I urge each of you to continue actively reaching out to potential candidates. Remember, every invitation you extend is an opportunity to share the fulfilling experience of being a Knight and to create another Holy Moment.

### Upcoming Events: Fish Fry & Dinner Dance

Our upcoming Fish Fry and Dinner Dance present excellent opportunities for recruitment. I encourage you to invite Catholic men from your circles—friends, neighbors, and parishioners—to join us at these events. Let them experience firsthand the warmth of our brotherhood and the transformative power of our collective service. These events are not just social gatherings; they are moments where our values come alive, where every shared smile and conversation can spark a journey toward faith and service.

### A Call to Action

Now more than ever, we need to push and promote our council, our activities, and the Holy Moments that define our mission. Let us be bold in our invitations and steadfast in our commitment to grow our membership. Each new brother strengthens our collective ability to

serve our community, to live our faith authentically, and to inspire others to join our noble cause.

Together, let's continue to spread the message of Holy Moments and extend our hands to those seeking to walk a path of faith, unity, and charity. Your efforts today build the legacy of our brotherhood for tomorrow.

In unity and service,

**Edward J. Amador**

Chancellor, Pilot, Director of Membership  
Barney Gonyea Council #7109  
Assembly 2474



Members of the Assembly Golf Tournament Committee - SKs Ed Amador, Mark Peterman, Gene Jajuga, and Paul Harvey - huddle around US Marine John "JT" Doody, the beneficiary of our 2024 & 2025 tournaments, at an event commemorating his new Smart Home being built by the Gary Sinise Foundation.

# Unity - Strength in Numbers

## Informational Open House Schedule

2025

Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 17

## Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2025

Feb 20 | Apr 17 | Jun 19

*Look for more information from our Grand Knight*



## Council Membership Report

Total Membership	330
Insurance Membership	132
Honorary Life Members	63
Honorary Members	08
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	07/15
2023-2024 Insurance	01/02

## Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	127
Honorary Life Members	14
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



## Council Officers 2024-2025

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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

### Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Paul Cooper, Michael Engelmann, Robert Essex, Joseph Gajewski, Christopher Jones, Viktor Lewalski, Donald Lomurno, Andre Milot, Donald Puchalski, John Ruckart, Robert Scheriff, Bryan Snyder, Paul Vilchez, Eugene Wolanin, Thomas Wozniak

### Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Bob Justiana, Mac Sinise (d), Stanley Gdula (d), J. Nick Martin (d), Linda Cooper (d), Edward Mandichak (d), Mary Clare Rose (d), Bob Ehrman, Felipe Hernandez (d), Tony McClure (d), Maria Palazzo (d), Burke Taylor (d), Harry Hill (d), Antonia Rosin (d), Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Mary Branham (d), Mary Williams (d), Frank Schuster II (d), Kennedie McFadden, Sal Burriesci, George Smith (d), Pauline Sager (d), Vicki Nolan (d), Steve Gorey (d), Papa Felice D'Elia (d), Stanley Kwiatowski (d), Ethan Griswold (d), Alex Griswold, Paul Annis, Maggie Cappabianca, Paul Cooper, Michael Kistel, Dick LaLuzerne, Fr Rich Rosin (d), Mary Delk (d), Tony Doyle (d), Mary Frances Lowe, Dwight Rochester, Jim & Pat Nolf, Frank Diaz, Nancy Pagnott, Ed Warticki (d), Joann Finney, Joseph Genalo Jr, John Clarke, Jack Mills (d), Jogn Cathcart, Ed Sleyzak, Thomas O'Rourke

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 [nharvey10@verizon.net](mailto:nharvey10@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 & vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, Donald & Linda Borbath, Jonathan & Marianne Boyce, Sal Burriesci, Mario & Katie Camario, Patrick Carroll, John Coyne, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Jerome Dewberry, Francisco & Mildred Diaz Estrella, Sean Donahoo, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Philip & Jane Farney, Walter Feble, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles & Raquel Friesema, Michael & Lisa Furman, John & Peggy Gohman, Robert & Catherine Gwinner, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, James Hayes, David & Donna Heezen, Irving Hernandez, Joseph & Sandra Hoehrl, George & Claire Inderwies, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Gregory & Kim Juedes, William & Elizabeth Kasak, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, William & Katherine Krajeski, Jack Kuczej, Frank & Deborah Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, Mark Lewalski, Patrick Mackin, Michael McCarthy, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Stuart Miller, John & Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Daniel Peterson, Glen Pettersen, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, Juan & Rosemary Romero, John & Kathleen Ruckart, Peter & Susan Salesses, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Massimo & Valeria Simeoni, James & Karin Smith, Thomas & J. L. Stanko, John & Kay Strehle, Jugdesh & Sucheta Sujanani, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Edward & Violet Amador, Brian & Carolyn Annis, Dennis & Joyce Ayril, Patrick & Beatrice Boland, Robert & Ann Marie Bonvicino, James & Jean Burris, John & Betsy Clarke, Gerald & Cynthia Custin, Peter Demzak, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Frederick & Suzanne Di Masi, Terry & Shirley Drake, Joseph Favia, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Dominic & Vickie Friscia, Michael Gutknecht, Lawrence & Nancy Harkins, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart, James & Janetze Hart, Timothy & Ann Hartle, Jarret & Lesley Ann Honahan, Steven Ippolito, Robert & M. A. Justiana, Brian & Christine Kearns, Robert Kelly, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Thomas Kukulski, James & Maria Lankford, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Stanley Lipiarz, Kevin McMullen, Anthony Metty, James & Patricia Nolf, Brian & Lisa O'Connor, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, Miguel Perez, Brian & Erin Riley, William & Mary Scott, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin, Kenneth Seguin, Jim & Nancy Shirer, Gregory & Carolina Sohn, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Matthew & Julie Sunski, Sean Swauger, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Peggy Watson, David & Patricia Behrle, Herman & Mary Jo Brames, Tim & Stacey Bruggeman, Jacob & Mary Burnett, Mark Busing, Kevin Cordaro, Joseph Cortese, Anthony Crevello, William Cullen, Richard & Melissa Ducheny, Frederick & Christi Efllein, Zach Faraone, Eric & Maria Flores, Joseph & Megan Gajewski, Ward & Kathleen Griffin, Gerald & Lorraine Grubba, Mark Gurley, David & Paula Harvey, Kevin & Gidget Hernandez, Kenton & Sue Heuertz, Christopher & Celise Jones, Derek Jones, Mark Kapinos, Richard & Cecilia Kemball-Cook, Jared Kirsten, James Kleinsorge, Raymond Kraker, Anthony Kuczej, Christian Kuczej, Brian & Christina Lapointe, Brian & Angela Lawandus, Gerald & Renee Lubig, Francis & Carol Mahoney, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, William Mc Fadden, Clifford & Michelle Merz, Darryl & Mary Miller, James & Phyllis Montali, Michael O'Neill, Todd & Margaret Owers, Edmund & Diane Pagnott, Thomas Penders, Mark & Christine Peterman, Frank & Patricia Piro, Christopher & Carol Purcell, Donald & Alexis Reed, Edward & Sandra Riley, James & Dreama Servoss Rooney, Timothy & Barbara Rush, Robert Shafer, Michael & Melissa Short, Hugh & Katie Siegel, Thomas Smith, Bryan & Krista Snyder, Roy & Linda Vanderveer, Alvah Vankleeck, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Edward & Patricia Warticki, Patrick & Joan Alix, Fred & Caroline Bennett, Victor & Susanne Berggren, Benjamin & Molly Bergin, Terrell & Victoria Clampitt, Timothy & Marcy Dolan, Mark & Renee Beth Kraf, Edward Martinenko, Christopher Mazzone, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, Javier & Xiomara Ortega, Robert Papariella, Kurt & Mary Lynn Salac, James & Darlene Stanley, Albert Masselli, Thomas & Cynthia Bergevin

**Total Collected to Date: \$2008.73**



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ  
Chaplain

# Chaplain's Corner

## WWJD

Pope Francis sent “cordial greetings” and “Assurance of my prayers” to Donald Trump on January 20, the day of his inauguration. Francis finished by saying, “Inspired by your nation’s ideals of being a land of opportunity and welcome for all, it is my hope that under your leadership, the American people will prosper and always strive to build a more just society, where there is no room for hatred, discrimination, or exclusion. His words alluded to the question of mass deportation. Other American Catholic leaders, like Cardinals Cupich of Chicago, McElroy now of Washinton DC, Archbishop Seitz of El Paso, and Archbishop Broglio President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, have said that mass and indiscriminate deportation of migrants is incompatible with Catholic doctrine.

Not all immigrants are guilty of criminal activities. Actually, there is about an equal percentage of citizens and non-citizens guilty of crimes. Yet the arrests and deportations do not make the distinction between criminal and non-criminal. The executive order allowing ICE to make arrests in schools, hospitals and churches. This makes undocumented parents afraid to go to hospitals and send their children to schools out of fear of arrest. In Florida ,farm workers are afraid to go into the fields and, as a result, the fruits and

vegetables are rotting and thus destroying the produce industry. Drug runners do not cross on foot the southern borders. They fly! I have encountered a number of Catholics who listen to FOX News’ disinformation and are scared and terrified.

At our meetings we pledge to defend the Church. This issue of disinformation, discrimination, hate, and negativity, and real fear and suffering on our immigrant sisters and brothers is not just a political issue. It is a Catholic, Gospel issue.

As I prayed about this, I am very aware that a number of Knights will disagree with what I am stating. I am not looking to antagonize anyone but I invite all of us to pray and reflect on mass deportation with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who said “whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me.”

I close with WWJD—What would Jesus do?

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

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# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

February will be a busy month. The Knights Officers meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Rosary will be held at 6:15pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> in the JBC followed by the Ladies Auxiliary and Knights meetings at 7pm. Valentines' day will be on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to let your family members know how much you love and appreciate them. Oh, and don't forget the flowers and chocolates for your wives. On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our KofC Family picnic in Phillipe Park at Shelter 5. There will be a Coffee & Donuts following the morning Masses on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and volunteer if you are able. On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a KofC Open House at 7:00pm. If you have a friend, please bring them. The Pinellas Hope Food Prep will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

## Faith In Action



### From the Faith Director's Desk

The Knights will be holding the praying of the Rosary at 6:15pm prior to our Council meeting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

### From the Community Director's Desk

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January we held the Annual Youth Free Throw Contest in the school gym. The winners of this contest will have the opportunity to move on to the district tournament and maybe beyond. The winners are:

**Boys:** 9 y/o - Cole Clegg; 10 y/o - David Ramsches; 11 y/o - Martin Castelnuovo; 12 y/o - Alessandro Germao; 13 y/o - Nathan Snyder; 14 y/o - Agustin Castelnuovo.

**Girls:** 11 y/o - Juliatt Andujar; 12 y/o - Ormaylee Abreu

The Hockey shootout Contest will be held in February in the school gym. The date is to be determined.

### From the Family Director's Desk

We held our first Dinner Dance meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. There will be a few more in February. The Dance is scheduled for Saturday 1 March.

## Liturgical Calendar

- Feb 02 Presentation of the Lord, Feast
- Feb 03 St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr and St Ansar, Bishop, optional memorials
- Feb 05 St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial
- Feb 06 St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
- Feb 08 St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, optional memorials
- Feb 10 St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial
- Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, optional memorial
- Feb 14 Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Memorial
- Feb 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious, optional memorial
- Feb 21 St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, optional memorial
- Feb 22 the Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast
- Feb 27 St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church, optional memorial

### St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, Virgin, Memorial

St Scholastica, born in 480, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. She took up her abode in the neighborhood of Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns. She would visit her brother once a year but was not allowed in his monastery. They would meet at a house some distance away. Those visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. At one meeting, St Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. He refused to spend the night away from his monastery. A furious thunderstorm prevented him from returning to his home. The next morning St Benedict and St Scholastica parted company to meet no more on earth. Three days later she passed away. St Benedict had her body brought to the monastery and laid in a tomb. She died in 543.





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# Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Brothers,

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in February!

Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list?

Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance. If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines.

It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances!

I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis.

If you haven't already, make an important financial goal to schedule a time with me to meet.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!  
John D Ruckart, FICF  
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WGK Tom Krivchenia recognizes SK Richie (and Lady Roe) Resler as Family of the Month for December 2024.



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# Faithful Navigator's Log

## Go Crazy or Turn Holy

In a poem *Serenade*, Brazilian poet Adelia Pradospeaks of a painful ache we feel inside us as we forever wait for something or someone to come and make us whole. What are we waiting for? Love? A soulmate? God? No matter, the frustration eventually pushes us towards a choice, go crazy or turn holy:

*I am beginning to despair  
And can see only two choices:  
Either go crazy or turn holy.*

And when that someone or something finally does come:  
*How will I open the window, unless I'm crazy?  
How will I close it, unless I'm holy?*

*Either go crazy or turn holy.* The older we get the more we realize how true that is, how eventually that's the choice forced on all of us, both by the way we are built and the limitations inherent in life itself. Why? Is there something wrong with life and with us? Why can't we find a peaceful space somewhere between crazy and holy?

Well, the biblical preacher in the Book of Ecclesiastes offers a reason. After penning that beautiful, oft-quoted text about how there is a time for everything – *a time to be born and to a time to die; a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to break down and a time to heal; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time for love and a time for hate; and a time for war and a time for peace* – he offers us this. God has laid out a beautiful rhythm for life and has made everything beautiful in its own time, but God has put *timelessness* into the human heart so that we are out of sync with the seasons from beginning to end. God has established a beautiful rhythm to nature; but we, unlike the physical elements and the plants and the animals who don't have timelessness in their souls, never quite fit into that rhythm. We are overcharged for life on this planet. (Ecclesiastes 3, 1-11)

You find expressions of this in literature everywhere in both religious and secular circles. For example, the renowned German theologian Karl Rahner used to affirm that *in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony*. In that, he echoes Saint Augustine's famous

line that is as true and apropos today as it was seventeen hundred years ago when he wrote it: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*. That single line expresses both a non-negotiable understanding of the human person and a non-negotiable path he or she must walk. We don't have a final home here and that's why at the end of the day there is no option other than going crazy or turning holy. It's no surprise that Ruth Burrows, the renowned spiritual writer, begins her autobiography with these words: *I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity and my path has not been an easy one*.

While this motif is everywhere present in religious literature, it is also present in the thought of many secular poets, novelists, and philosophers. For instance, after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature, Albert Camus, a professed atheist, was asked by a journalist if he believed in God. He answered: No, I don't believe in God, but that doesn't mean I am not obsessed with the question of God. Why that obsession? Because in his thought he could not make sense of the world, nor find a fully sensible place in it for humans, unless there was a God. Without a God, human existence cannot make peace with itself. He likened the condition of someone in this world to that of a prisoner in certain medieval prisons, where they would put a prisoner in a cell that was so small that he or she could never stand fully upright or ever fully stretch out. The perpetual feeling of being cramped, it was believed, would eventually break the prisoner's spirit. For Camus, that's our situation in life. We can never really stand up fully or ever stretch out fully. Eventually, this breaks our spirit – and we either go crazy or get holy. That's also the basic view of other atheistic existentialists like Martin Heidegger and Jean-Paul Sartre.

Go crazy or get holy! Richard Rohr offers us a third option, get bitter. He submits that once we get to a certain age, we have only three options left open to us: We can become *a pathetic old fool*; or we can become *a bitter old fool*; or we can become *a holy old fool*. Notice what's non-negotiable. We will all eventually become old fools. We have the choice only as to what kind of old fool we will be – crazy, bitter, or holy.

Vivat Jesus,  
John



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### March for Life: A Reflection on the Sanctity of Life and Gratitude Amid Adversity

Each January, faithful hearts converge in Washington, D.C., for the March for Life—a solemn yet spirited testament to the sanctity and dignity of human life. The 52nd annual March for Life, carrying the theme “*Life: Why We March*,” calls Catholics and Christians alike to renew their commitment to defend life at every stage, from conception to natural death. This gathering transcends mere activism; it is a spiritual journey, a proclamation of faith, and a rallying cry to preserve the sacredness of God’s most precious creation: human life.

#### Life’s Sacred Worth: Why We March

At the heart of the pro-life movement is the unyielding belief that every human being is made in the image of God. This conviction is powerfully reflected in Psalm 139:13-14

*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

The March for Life invites us to consider the profound dignity imbued in every person, from the unborn child to the aging parent. It reminds us that life’s worth is not determined by convenience, circumstance, or utility but by God’s divine creation. Each heartbeat is a reflection of His infinite love.

We march not simply to defend the unborn but to bear witness to the inherent value of every person, especially those whom society casts aside. This mission aligns deeply with the words of Christ:

*“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40)

#### Faith in Action: The Everyday Mission

The March for Life is not confined to a single day; it is a call to live a life of action and advocacy for the vulnerable. This can take many forms – mentoring a young mother, volunteering at a pregnancy center, or

simply extending kindness to someone on despair. These small gestures weave together a culture of life.

Christ’s directive in John 13:34 challenges us to love in ways that reflect His example:

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

This love is active, courageous, and unwavering. It inspires us to protect the unborn, comfort the suffering, and advocate for policies that promote life and human dignity. By doing so, we emulate Christ’s compassion in a world often tempted by indifference.

#### Finding Gratitude in Adversity: Lessons from Natural Disasters

Amid trials, gratitude emerges not as a fleeting emotion but as a deep and abiding faith in God’s providence. The recent wildfires in Los Angeles are a stark reminder of life’s fragility but also its resilience. As flames consumed homes and livelihoods, stories of hope arose: churches offering refuge, neighbors aiding strangers, and prayers transcending boundaries.

The plight of the wildfire victims echoes the biblical account of Job, a man tested beyond comprehension. Job lost everything – his wealth, his health, even his family – yet his faith never wavered. In his suffering, Job declared:

*“The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord”* (Job 1:21)

Like Job, the survivors of these disasters have demonstrated remarkable resilience, finding solace in their faith and community. This unwavering trust in God’s plan is a testament to the enduring power of gratitude. As Isaiah 41:10 reassures us:

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

The faithful response to such tragedies reminds us that gratitude is not reserved for times of abundance but flourishes in adversity. It transforms loss into

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opportunity, suffering into service, and despair into hope.

### Protecting Life

The March for Life and the lessons from the natural disasters converge in their call for us to protect life and foster hope. Our Catholic faith compels us to act – not out of obligation but out of love and reverence for God’s creation.

#### Here are three ways we can act today:

##### Pray for Life:

Prayer strengthens our resolve and aligns our hearts with God’s will. Commit to daily prayer for the unborn, for mothers in crisis, and for those grappling with hardship. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us:

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

##### Support Life-Affirming Efforts:

Volunteer your time, talent, or resources to organizations that defend life or assist those in need. Whether it’s a local pregnancy resource center or a disaster relief initiative, your involvement makes a difference.

##### Live as Witnesses of Life:

Be a beacon of hope in your community. Let your words and actions reflect the truth that every life is sacred. Advocate for policies that honor this truth and encourage others to join the cause.

#### A Reflection of Gratitude and Hope

As we march for life and reflect on the trials faced by those enduring loss, we are reminded of the eternal significance of our actions. Gratitude in adversity is. Not a denial of suffering but an affirmation of God’s sovereignty. It is a testament to our trust in His plan, even when it is difficult to comprehend.

In every trial, we have an opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our communities, and glorify God. As we stand together to defend the sanctity of life, let us also stand a source of hope and encouragement for all who face challenges.

#### Moving Forward in Faith

The March for Life challenges us to cherish and protect life not only in Washington DC, but in Every facet of our lives. It calls us to honor the dignity of every human

being, to act with compassion, and to draw closer to God.

Inspired by the steadfast faith of Job, the resilience of wildfire survivors, and the grace found in Scripture, let us recommit ourselves to building a culture of life. Together, we can proclaim the truth that every life is a gift, cherished and created by God.

With Christ as our guide and gratitude in our hearts, we can transform our world into one that celebrates life, even in the face of adversity. This is our mission, our purpose, and our call. Let us rise to meet it with unwavering faith and love.



Warm days ahead! Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held Thursday February 13th. We will be assisting our Knights of Columbus Council with final plans for the Mardi Gras Masquerade Dinner Dance. Get your “bling” ready for wear and dancing shoes on! The dinner dance will be held Saturday, March 1st starting at 7:00p. Please inform friends and family of this opportunity to enjoy fellowship and show our clergy members how much we appreciate them. We will be putting together raffle baskets with Spring/Easter themes, and ideas for a sports/guy’s basket.

Our annual KofC Lenten fish fries will begin Friday March 7th, so we will also be planning what to have available at our donation dessert table. We will need a lot of help, so ladies please know how important your time and talents are to make this so successful for the council and auxiliary. As always, thank you for all you do throughout the year. There’s power in our numbers and us being there for our men and our parish community.

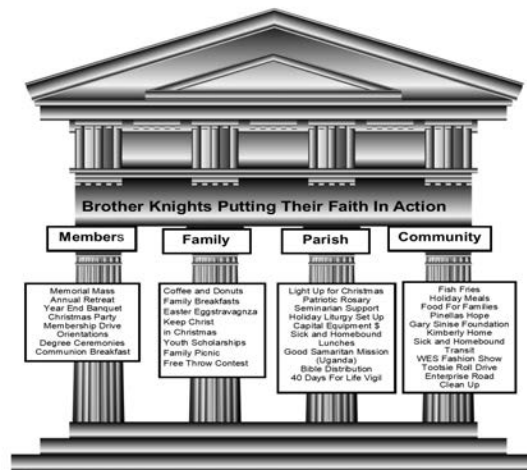


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**Domestic Church Promote Family Life**

The message of Psalm 139 is captured wonderfully by Dan Schutte in the lyrics of his song, Yahweh I Know You Are Near. The chorus is, ***Yahweh I know you are near. Standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, And you lead me in ways everlasting.*** They also speak to our role as Knights to promote family life. What is more important to a loving God who knows our every step and a God whose blessings for us are more numerous than the sands. And, following the lead of Pope Francis, let us read and understand these words as messages of mercy, faith, hope and love. Remember! The greatest of these is love.



**Psalm 139**

LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand: you understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all. Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach. Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are. If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea, even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast. If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for you, and night shines as the day. Darkness and light are but one. You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands; when I complete them, still you are with me. When you would destroy the wicked, O God, the bloodthirsty depart from me! Your foes who conspire a plot against you are exalted in vain. Do I not hate, LORD, those who hate you? Those who rise against you, do I not loathe? With fierce hatred I hate them, enemies I count as my own. Probe me, God, know my heart; try me, know my thoughts. See if there is a wicked path in me; lead me along an ancient path.

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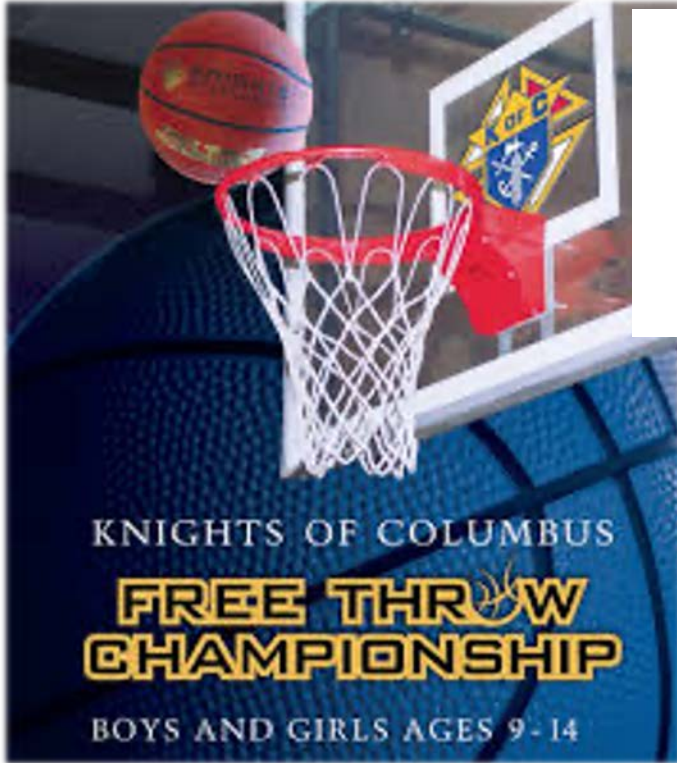
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# In Memoriam

## John "Jack" Patrick Mills April 22, 1936 – January 9, 2025



John (Jack) P. Mills, 88, of Spring Hill, Florida passed away on Thursday January 9, 2025. He was born in Bronx, New York on April 22, 1936. Jack graduated from St. Ann's High School in Bronx, New York and received an Associate's Degree from Pace University in Manhattan, New York.

He was married to Kathleen Goin on June 6, 1959. Jack was a 42-year veteran of the Financial Services Industry working for Blythe Eastman Dillon, Bear Sterns and retired from Merrill Lynch in June 2000. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, a Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. He had a passion for war movies, baseball, football as well as watching the stock market.

He was survived by his wife, Kathleen Mills of 65 years, children Kathleen Grande (Joseph), Jacqueline O'Donovan (William) and Sean Mills (Donna), grandchildren Jenna Carlson, Joseph Grande, John Paul Grande, Caitlyn Shaffer, Brogan Callahan, Connor O'Donovan, Delany Callahan, Liam Mills and Bennett Mills, he was also survived by his only sibling, Michael Mills.

A visitation for Jack was held Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Turner Funeral Homes, Crematory and Cemetery in Spring Hill, FL. A funeral Mass was offered Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Church of Saint Mary Our Lady of Sorrows, in Brooksville, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the American Heart Association at <https://www.heart.org/>

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## Letter to the Editor

### Year of Hope

On Christmas Eve 2024 Pope Francis opened the Porta Sancta, Holy Door, at Saint Peter's Basilica to initiate the Year of the Jubilee and announce his theme of the Year of Hope. The act of passing through these doors symbolizes a call for all to walk in holiness and embrace hope in their lives.

The tradition of the Year of the Jubilee dates back to 1300 AD and was started by Pope Boniface VIII. Initially it was intended to be celebrated each century. Pope Clement VI changed it to every 25 years in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Its origins can be traced back to the Old Testament, specifically Leviticus 25:10, which describes a jubilee year occurring every 50 years, during which debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and land was returned to its original owners.

Extraordinary jubilees can also be proclaimed for significant events or needs. For example, Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy from 2015 to 2016. Pope Francis concluded the Year of Mercy with an apostolic letter titled **Misericordia et misera** on November 20, 2016. The title, which translates to "Mercy and Misery," refers to the encounter between Jesus and the woman caught in adultery, highlighting the profound mercy of God. In this letter, Pope Francis emphasized that mercy should not be a temporary aspect of the Church's life but its very essence. He called for continued acts of mercy and forgiveness, stressing that these are central to the Gospel's message. In part it states, **Forgiveness** is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. The letter also encouraged the faithful to celebrate mercy in their daily lives and through the sacraments.

In his message this past Christmas Eve, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of becoming "pilgrims of hope" and spreading kindness, which he believes are central to the Gospel. The Jubilee will run until January 6, 2026, and aims to inspire reconciliation, forgiveness, and a renewed sense of faith among Catholics

worldwide. He encourages everyone to choose love in a world beset with wars, social injustices, and various forms of violence. **"We choose love, and love makes our hearts fervent and hopeful."** Mercy and Love. Great messages.

The rest of the story. For years, when sealed, the Porta Sancta would be blocked by a special wall of bricks made of sandstone in the Vatican. The doors, when opened, immediately pass visitors to a side altar in St. Peter's which is marked by the presence of Michaelangelo's Pieta. A breathtaking altar. When the doors were to be opened the bricks had to be taken down. Pope Paul VI was accidentally hit by falling rubble when the bricks were demolished at Christmas in 1974.

During our tour in Italy, 1976-1980, we were given one of the bricks taken from that wall. See below. The front shows the Year of the Jubilee and has the initials RFSP. Reverent Factory of Saint Peter's. The back shows the date of the installation and the installer.



## *From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...*

### **He Loved Us First**

*A renewal of devotion to the Sacred Heart helps us grasp God's unfailing love for us and our own identity in Christ*

Starting in January, the Knights of Columbus will begin its newest [Pilgrim Icon Program](#), featuring the most famous depiction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni, the original image is now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. In the painting, inspired by the mystical visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus holds out his heart, which is enflamed with love and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Framed copies of this image, each bearing the apostolic blessing of Pope Francis, will travel between councils and parishes in every jurisdiction of the Order.

One might be tempted to think of devotion to the Sacred Heart as outdated or perhaps overly sentimental, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is, rather, as relevant as ever in its focus on the timeless and bold promise that God has made to us. That promise is his limitless love for us — a love that brings us new life and eternal salvation through the life, death and resurrection of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Christ meets us in our human weakness, and his Sacred Heart touches and brings unity to our own hearts, which are wounded and often broken.

True devotion to the Sacred Heart comes only after first grasping God's profound love for us — and that is what the image is all about. The First Letter of John puts it this way: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an expiation for our sins. ... We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:10,19). Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is our loving response to the fact that God has loved us first. It is the story of a God who is so devoted to us that he will not — cannot — give up on us.

This past October, Pope Francis issued his fourth encyclical, [Dilexit Nos \(He Loved Us\)](#), which focuses on the human and divine love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this beautiful document, the pope makes a plea for us to return to the heart — to rediscover our own heart, our own center, by returning to the heart of Jesus Christ. Christ poured out his blood *for us*, and our hearts find wholeness when they are united with his.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is needed, the Holy Father writes, because contemporary society is "dominated by the hectic pace and bombarded by technology." The result is that we are at risk of losing our very selves because we are losing the ability to "engage in the processes that an interior life by its very nature requires" (*Dilexit Nos*, 9). We must return to the heart of Jesus, the pope tells us, for it is the "unifying principle of all reality" (31).

Now is the time to renew our devotion to the Sacred Heart and to make it a priority. In many ways, this devotion is perfect for the Knights of Columbus and our families. In his human and divine love for us, Christ sends us on mission: "Wherever you may be," Pope Francis writes, "you can hear his call and realize that he is sending you forth to carry out that mission" (215).

We live in an age marked by many fears and anxieties — in our culture, in our homes and even in our own hearts. At times, we can feel tossed about on the waves of these difficulties, but keeping our gaze fixed on Christ and trusting in his boundless love for us will keep us from being overwhelmed. The Sacred Heart of Jesus can calm the waters.

The Lord is faithful to his promises. The heart of Christ is all we need. So as we begin this Jubilee of 2025, dedicated to the virtue of hope, let us follow the wisdom of the Psalmist, who said it best: "Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord" (Ps 31:25).

*Vivat Jesus!*



## *From the Florida State Council Chamber...*

### **Fanning The flames Of Hope**

*State Deputy Richard Hughes*

I pray that each of you had a most Blessed Christmas season! In this Jubilee Year of Hope, I cannot think of a better group of men than the Knights of Columbus to help bring renewed hope to our parishes and our communities.

Our programs help feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, defend the culture of life, and evangelize the faith. They are designed to bring hope in our communities that are in most need. We must recommit to continue our mission even in the face of adversity. It is what we are called to do. It is what our Church needs us to do!

We have received the new Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icons, and we should get the supporting materials soon. Our State Pilgrim Icon Chairman is hard at work scheduling parishes for the tours. If a Sacred Heart Icon visits your parish, please take advantage of this opportunity and promote it.

This third quarter of the Fraternal Year is a prime opportunity for Councils to complete their Star Council goals in programs, fraternal benefits, and membership. The success of each and every Council in achieving these goals is critical to the success of the Order.

In particular, we would like to see every member to embrace Supreme's Fishers of Men initiative and seek out Catholic men to join our Order. Survey after survey shows the vast majority of Catholic haven't joined for one simple reason: they haven't been invited. We have to re-create that culture of invitation initiated by Blessed Michael McGivney almost 143 years ago.

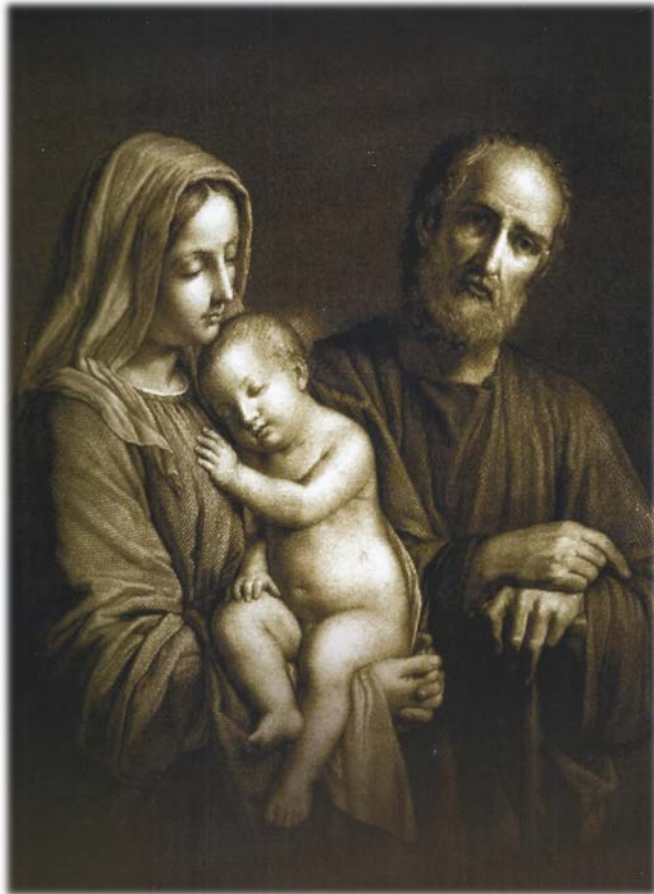
The Supreme Knight has asked each and every Brother Knight to extend that invitation, that hand of brotherhood, to the next generation. I hope that each of us responds to that request with a renewed sense of purpose to grow our Order!

As Pope Francis has said about this Jubilee Year, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." It is a task for which we, as Knights of Columbus, are well-suited.

Vivat Jesus!

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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.

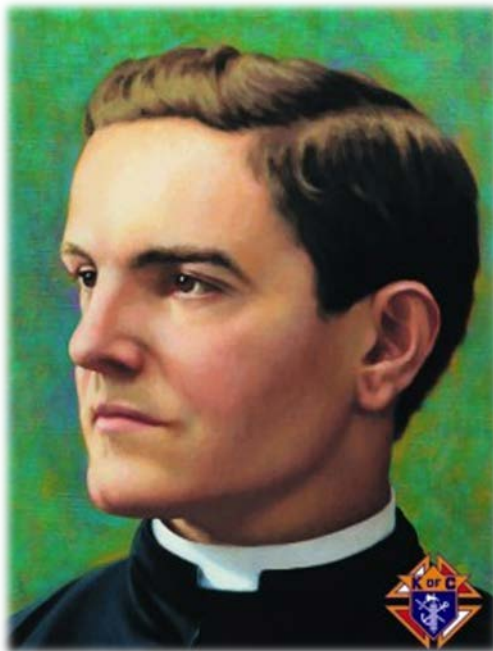
In our daily life and work,  
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
O Father, eternally show with your Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

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...

### February 2025

- 02/08 | Sat 4:00p      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 02/09 | Sun 8:00a      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 02/13 | Thu 6:30p      Rosary
- 02/13 | Thu 7:00p      Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 02/15 | Sat 10:00a      Council Picnic
- 02/15 | Sat 4:00p      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 02/16 | Sun 8:00a      Coffee & Donuts
- 02/16 | Sun 8:00a      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 02/18 | Tue 7:00p      Informational Open House
- 02/20 | Thu 8:00a      Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 02/20 | Thu 7:00p      Unified Degree Exemplification
- 02/22 | Sat 4:00p      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 02/23 | Sun 8:00a      Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- 03/01 | Sat 7:00p      Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Dinner Dance
- 03/07 | Fri 4:00p      Fryday Fish Fry #1



## Assembly Calendar of Events...

### February 2025

- 02/27 | Thu 7:00p      Assembly Membership Meeting

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the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities  
that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing  
Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,  
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

