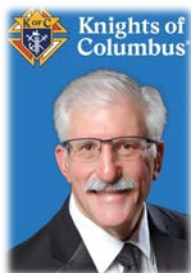




The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



Tom Krivchenia, PFN
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Worthy Brothers & Ladies,

Hello everyone! I hope September has been kind to you. October is just around the corner and with it the hope of cooler temperatures and perhaps, the chance for a fall vacation to see the beautiful colors of red, gold and orange in North and South Carolina. Thankfully, the hurricanes and tropical storms have passed us by. We pray that this weather pattern will continue into October. As I stated in last month's newsletter, our activities were going to increase and they did. We started with Coffee & Donuts with the Religious Education students and their parents. We served over 234 donuts and drinks to the students and their parents. In addition, we also served coffee and donuts to the parishioners after Mass. On the same day, we handed out frozen fruit bars to the students after the family session was over. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your precious time. Sorry if I missed anyone.

Matt Sunski	Tom Harkins	Tom Frizpatrick
Betty D'Amelio	Jack Strehle	Justin Harrington
Mark Feldman	Paul Harvey	Joe D'Amelio
Tom Stanko	Gene Jajuga	Tom Krivchenia
Kay Strehle	Karen Jajuga	Frank McEwen

One of the most inspirational and spiritual events that Margaret and I have ever attended occurred on

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, October 09 @ **7:00 pm**
in the Parish Center

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Visit the Supreme Website at:
www.kofc.org

September 20, in Tampa. The Eucharistic Encounter was fabulous! We will always remember the breathtaking Adoration and Holy Hour. The speakers, the music, and the enthusiasm of 12,000 attendees for Jesus in the Eucharist was a humbling experience. We feel so blessed that we were able to attend!

On the 19th, we had the Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour Service. Fr. Cooper, thank you for giving us an inspirational and beautiful service. Thank you to everyone who organized and volunteered their time and talent. May we always remember the unconditional love and mercy that Jesus has for us. His Sacred Heart shines with that mercy and love. Thank you, Jesus, for loving us. We bow in gratitude to You!

Fr. Cooper	Wally Vasquez	Ramona Vasquez
Roe Resler	Betty D'Amelio	Justin Harrington
JJ Coyne	Jeff Fitzcharles	Tom Krivchenia
John Gohman		

Then on Sunday, the 21st we had a pizza party for our Altar Servers. Thank you to those who organized and served the pizza and cleaned up.

Joe D'Amelio	Betty D'Amelio	Justin Harrington
Jack Strehle	Kay Strehle	Tom Krivchenia

Tom Stanko Matt Sunski Mark Feldman
Wally Vazquez

For the last event of the month, we brought back the Spaghetti Dinner which everyone seemed to enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

Ken Seguin	Gabby Seguin	Jack Strehle
Kay Strehle	Tom Stanko	Joe D'Amelio
Betty D'Amelio	Gene JaJuga	Karen Jajuga
Tom Stanko	Paul Harvey	Justin Harrington
Anne Harkins	Tom Harkins	Tom Krivchenia
Doug deWolf	Matt Sunski	Frank McEwen
Tom Wozniak	Jean Wozniak	George Inderwies
Roe Resler	Rita Wolanin	Clair Inderwies
Addy Coyne	Gene Wolanin	Margaret Krivchenia
JJ Coyne	Cara Adipietro	Robin LaChance

Upcoming Events

We have our Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekend of October 4th & 5th. This is our only way of supporting and collecting money for the three schools that help and support the persons with developmental disabilities. We are having our annual family picnic on Saturday, October 11th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings and potato salad and desserts. This is a great way for us to spend time with some old friends that we maybe haven't seen in a long time. We are hoping to have some games to play. I have sent out a sign-up sheet for everyone to fill out so we know how much food we need to purchase. I will be sending out another sign-up sheet for volunteers. On October 15th we are having an Open House and one of our required Benefits Nights. We need to have at least 14 attendees to get credit for the Benefits Night. Please bring your wife and invite friends to hear about the great benefits we can offer. Please invite someone to come to the open house who you think would make a great knight. We have one new member so far this year, only 14 more to go. Then on Thursday, the 16th we are having a Unified Degree Ceremony.

We are collecting items to put on the auction site for the Golf Tournament. If anyone has a time share, hotel or frequent flyer points you are not going to use, consider donating them for a great cause. Items like this will bring in a lot of money for The Gary Sinise Foundation which builds homes for disabled veterans. We are also collecting bottles of wine and liquor for the auction. We will be selling 50/50 tickets for the Gary Sinise Golf

Tournament for \$20.00 each. First place prize for the last couple of years has been around \$1200 dollars. So, please pick up your tickets.

- Council 7109 Officers Meeting – Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Tootsie Roll Drive – Saturday, October 4th after the 4:00 & 6:00 PM Masses by the Main Church
- Tootsie Roll Drive – Sunday, October 5th after all Masses by the Main Church
- Coffee & Donuts – Sunday October 5th after the morning Masses in the St. John Bosco Center
- Program Directors Meeting – Monday October 6th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday October 9th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council 7109 Business Meeting – Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council 7109 Family Picnic – Saturday, October 11th at 11:00 AM in Shelter 5 in Philippe Park
- KofC Open House & Benefits Night – Wednesday October 15th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Pinellas Hope Food Prep – Thursday, October 16th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen
- Unified Degree Ceremony – Thursday, October 16th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Workday – Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 AM at the Kimberly Home in Clearwater
- Assembly 2474 Meeting – Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council 7109 Officers Meeting – Thursday, November 6th 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Coffee & Donuts – Sunday November 9th after all morning Masses in the St. John Bosco Center
- Rosary – Thursday 13th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council 7109 Annual Memorial Mass – Thursday November 13th at 7:00 PM in the Main Church
- Assembly 2474 Gary Sinise Golf Tournament – Friday, November 14th at 12:00 PM at The Seven Springs Country Club in Trinity, FL



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Council 7109

Holy Moments

The Challenge Before Us

Brothers, as we begin this month of October, I must be frank: **we have no new prospects or candidates confirmed.** While the Ministry Fair last month gave us blessings and conversations, we cannot afford to let that momentum fade. Recruitment must be at the top of every brother's mind. It is not the responsibility of one. It is the shared mission of **all**. If we do not each extend the invitation, we will not reach our goal of **15 new members this fraternal year.**

Matthew Kelly reminds us in *Holy Moments* that the difference between **a life wasted** and **a life well-lived** is often a single **decision**, a **simple invitation** to step toward God. That invitation can be **yours to give**. Will you offer it? Or will you wait for someone else to step forward? The call is before each of us.

Exemplification & Recruitment Opportunities

Our **next exemplification is scheduled for October 16 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.** Brothers, this is an immediate opportunity, an open door waiting for the men you invite. But invitations must be extended **now.**

In addition, our **October 15th Council Open House at 7:00 PM** is a perfect moment to bring a friend, neighbor, or fellow parishioner. Coffee & Donuts and Fish Fry Fridays also provide natural opportunities to invite eligible Catholic men. Do not let these opportunities pass by unnoticed. **Every Council event is a recruitment event.**

Holy Moments: A Call to Action

We speak often of Holy Moments but let us not lose sight of what they truly are: **small acts done in faith that can change lives.** Recruitment is not just about filling seats; it is about creating **Holy Moments for men searching for meaning, faith, and fraternity.** Think about it: the man you invite today could be the one serving beside you tomorrow at a Fish Fry, delivering food to the Pinellas Hope, or leading prayers with his family. That one invitation could change his eternal trajectory.

Matthew Kelly tells us: *"Holy Moments are the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart."* Brothers, the men around us, sons, grandsons, brothers, friends, are longing for purpose. Let us be bold enough to invite them.

Final Appeal

I challenge each of you: **before this month ends, personally invite one Catholic man to join our brotherhood.** Do not assume someone else will do it. Do not wait for tomorrow. The health of our Council, the growth of our mission, and the future of our good works depend on our willingness to act now.

We are only at **1 member in with 14 more to go.** Brothers, the task is heavy if carried by one, but light when carried by many. Let us carry it together.

Vivat Jesus!



SK Edward J. Amador
Chancellor, Captain, Director of Membership
Barney Gonyea Council 7109
Assembly 2474



Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2025-2206

Oct 15 | Dec 17 | Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 16

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2025-2026

Oct 16 | Dec 18 | Feb 19 | Apr 16 | Jun 18

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	332
Insurance Membership	127
Honorary Life Members	62
Honorary Members	08
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	01/15
2024-2025 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	127
Honorary Life Members	14
Honorary Members	01
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers! Many Happy Returns!

Vincent Baldwin, Ryan Burriesci, Richard Cordaro, Kevin Cordaro, William Cullen, Jerome Dewberry, Frank DiMattei, Michael Faehner, Walter Feble, William Gallant, Richard Gouin, Edward Gouthro, Thomas Hart, Jarret Honahan, Thomas Kukulski, Frank Laffey, Will Maxwell, Charles McEwen, Anthony Metty, Kenneth Miller, Adel Nammour, William Nemanich, Thomas Penders, Kurt Salac, Peter Salesses, William Scott, Morgan Sheaffer, Michael Short, James Smith, Robert Smith, Thomas Stanko, Denny Werner, Andrew Williams

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Bishop, Sean Michael Cook (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Susanne Papa (d), Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Linda Cooper (d), Bob Ehrman, 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), Felice D'Elia (d), Stanley Kwiatowski (d), Ethan Griswold (d), Dick LaLuzerne (d), Fr Rich Rosin (d), Mary Duellk (d), Tony Doyle (d), Mary Frances Lowe, Dwight Rochester, Jim & Pat Nolf, Frank Diaz (d), Ed Warticki (d), Jack Mills (d), Bob Justiana, Madison Lentz, Helen Lentz, Kathleen Griffin, Karen Loparo, Taylor Dumke, Richard Roberto, Peter Salesses, Peggy Gohman, Barbara Papa, Kathy King, Richard Roberto, Joe LaGuardia, Michael D'Amelio, Steve Wozniak, Evelyn Harvey (d), Skylar Ruckart, Krish Sujani, Jack Greenwald, Don Bishop (d), Claire Inderwies, Matt Sunski, Colleen Spaeth, Frank Nunziata, Dave Weber (d), Nicholas Burriesci (d), Anthony Burriesci (d), Tania Carnet, Thomas Ziegler (d), Thomas Barrett

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



Mark Wegener



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. Austin and Mark are located at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, while John Paul is located at St. Joseph Seminary College. Austin Smith is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Mark Wegener is from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski 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!

Edward & Violet Amador, Mark Barrett, Donald Borbath, James & Jean Burris, William Cullen Jr, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Peter Demzak, Frederick & Suzanne Di Masi, Sean Donahoo, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Michael & Sue Engelmann, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Michael & Lisa Furman, Joel & Karen Gray, Robert & Catherine Gwinner IV, James & Anna Haitz, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Timothy & Ann Hartle, James Hayes, David & Donna Heezen, Joseph & Sandra Hoherl, George & Claire Inderwies, Steven & Anne Ippolito, Robert & M. A. Justiana Sr, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, Mark & Renee Kraf, William & Katherine Krajewski, Frank Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, John Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris & Leah Nesci, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, John & Susanne Papa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Mark & Christine Peterman, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto Jr, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer Sr, James & Karin Smith, Thomas Stanko, John & Kay Strehle III, Matthew Sunski, Roy & Linda Vanderveer, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Dennis & Joyce Ayrall, Jonathan & Marianne Boyce, Sean Casey, John Coyne, Gerald Custin Jr, James & Sylvia O'Neill, Michael & Mary Kathleen Dixon, Philip & Jane Farney, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Charles & Raquel Friesema, John & Peggy Gohman II, Michael Gutknecht, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Christopher & Celise Jones, Gregory & Kim Juedes, Richard Kembell-Cook Jr, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Jack Kuczej, Christian Kuczej, Thomas Kukulski, James & Maria Lankford, Brian & Christina Lapointe, Brian & Angela Lawandus, Santo Loparo Jr, Patrick Mackin, Michael & Maria McCarthy, James & Patricia Nolf, Brian & Lisa O'Connor, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Frank Pensabene, Daniel & T Peterson, Donald & Alexis Reed, Andrew Rodnite, Juan & Rosemary Romero, Peter & Susan Saleses, Daniel & Paula Saracki, William & Mary Scott, Jim & Nancy Shirer, Michael & Melissa Short, Massimo & Valeria Simeoni, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Keith & Griselda Taylor Sr, Thomas & Jean Wozniak, Patrick & Joan Alix, Patrick & Beatrice Boland, Sal & Ingrid Burriesci, Ryan Burriesci, Patrick Carroll, Joseph Celic III, Terrell & Victoria Clampitt, Joseph Cortese, Joseph Culmone, Hoyt Decker, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Terry & Shirley Drake, Richard & Joan Ducheny, Frederick & Christi Elflein, Zach Faraone, Joseph & Megan Gajewski, Ward & Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Irving Hernandez, Kenton & Sue Heuertz, Jarret & Lesley Ann Honahan, Mark & Maryann Kapinos, William & Elizabeth Kasak, Brian & Christine Kearns, Robert Kenny, Raymond Kraker, Dennis Lentz, Francis & Carol Mahoney, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, Edward Martinenko, Kevin McMullen, Clifford & Michelle Merz, Anthony Metty, Darryl & Mary Miller, Thomas Myers, Javier & Xiomara Ortega, Todd & Margaret Owers, Edmund & Diane Pagnott, Donald & Carol Palacheck, Robert Papariella, Thomas Penders, Glen Pettersen, James & Suzanne Preston Jr, Christopher Purcell, Edward & Sandra Riley, James & Drema Servoss Rooney, John Ruckart, Kurt & Mary Lynn Salac, Julius & Minnie Silva, Thomas Smith, Bryan & Krista Snyder, Gregory & Carolina Sohn, James & Darlene Stanley, Jugdesh & Sucheta Sujanani, Alvah & Margaret Vankleeck, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Margaret Watson, Vincent Baldwin, Fred & Caroline Bennett, Thomas Bergevin, Victor Berggren, Jacob & Mary Burnett, Mark & Janet Busing, Jerome Dewberry, Timothy & Marcy Dolan, Eric & Maria Flores, Gerald & Lorraine Grubba, Lawrence & Nancy Harkins, Robert Kelly, James Kleinsorge, Stanley Lipiarz, Gerald & Renee Lubig Jr, John Malone, Will & Jennifer Maxwell Jr, Christopher Mazzone, James & Phyllis Montali, Michael O'Neill, Miguel & Sammantha Perez I, Guillermo Romero

Total Collected to Date: \$3031.73



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, is part of the high Holy Days celebrated by our Jewish Brothers and Sisters during these Fall Days. I think Yom Kippur invites us to join our Jewish brothers and sisters in reflecting on the past year and discover areas of reform and renewal in our own lives. You can get more info on a google search but why not ask a Jewish friend what it means to him or her—how it effects their lives. Observance suggests devoting the day to prayer and reflection as well as joining with family and friends at the end of the day for a sacred meal. There are several Jewish temples in the area. You might go to a service around these “high holy days” and share with us next week.

Michael Cooper, SJ
Chaplain



Welcome to Fall y'all. Where is the cooler weather though? Hope you are looking forward to all the fun and special items this season, caramel apples, cider, and of course pumpkin and spice every imaginable way. Thanks to the many ladies who helped to make our Knights of Columbus first Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday September 27th a success. From putting together six beautiful raffle baskets, table set-ups, the beautiful rose bud vases/ table, food preparation, manning the raffle tables, and breakdown, all went well. Attendees really enjoyed the meal and long missed conversations. The pasta “gravy” was well received. We hope that this could be an annual event and have more parishioners to join us. Our basket winners were grateful for our generous donations. Until next month, God bless you and yours.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Thanks to all who helped with the handing out of the ice cream for all the Religious Education students after the family session. We need at least four Knights after each Mass on Saturday October 4th, and Sunday the 5th. On Sunday the 5th we will also be having our monthly Coffee & Donuts from 8AM to 12PM in the John Boso Center; we will need help serving after the morning Masses. If you can please help, it will be greatly appreciated. We will be having our Program Directors meeting on Monday October 6th at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Please plan on attending. Our Open House will be on October 15th at 7pm in the Parrish Center. Our Unified Degree Exemplification will take place on October 16th at 7pm in the Parish Center. We will be having our KofC Family Picnic on October 11th. It will be held at Philippe Park Shelter 5 and run from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

We are getting ready for our annual Gary Sinise Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held on Friday November 14 at 12:30PM. Sign-up sheets have already been sent out for volunteers to sign up. This is truly a great event for an outstanding cause.

Faith In Action



From the Faith & Life Director's Desk

The invitation letters have been written for the Memorial Mass & Reception to be held on November 13th at 7:00pm. The reception to follow in the Parrish Center. The participants have been assigned their duties. Wally will be working with Father Michael to finish all the details.

From the Community Director's Desk

We are still waiting for the school to give us a date for the free throw contest. We will reconnect to set up a date.

From the Family Director's Desk

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster and essay for the school age children is starting October 1st. They will have their work turned in by October 12th sat we can judge them. The winners will be sent to the district. We will be requesting volunteers to do the judging. Our Family Picnic will be held on October 11th at Philippe Park Shelter 5, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

October Liturgical Calendar

- Oct 01 - St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the church, Memorial
- Oct 02 - The Holy guardian Angels, Memorial
- Oct 04 - St Francis of Assisi, Memorial
- Oct 06 - St Bruno, Priest and Blessed Marie Rose Duocher, Virgin, optional memorials
- Oct 07 - Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
- Oct 09 - St Denis, Bishp and Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, Priest, optional memorials
- Oct 11 - St John XXIII, Pope, optional memorial
- Oct 14 - St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr, optional memorial
- Oct 15 - St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
- Oct 16 - St Hedwig, Religious; St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin, optional memorials
- Oct 17 - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Memorial
- Oct 18 - St Luke, Evangelist, Feast
- Oct 20 - St Paul of the Cross, Priest, optional memorial
- Oct 22 - St John Paul II, Pope, optional memorial
- Oct 23 - St John of Capistrano, Priest, optional memorial
- Oct 24 - St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, optional memorial
- Oct 28 - Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

St Paul of the Cross

Born January 3rd, 1694, he was an Italian Catholic mystic, and founder of the Passionists. Paul was the 2nd of 16 children, six of whom survived infancy, and learned at an early age the reality of death and the uncertainty of life. He received his early education from a priest who kept a school for boys in Cremolino. He made great progress and at the age of 15 he left school and returned to his hometown of Castellazzo where he taught catechism in churches near his home.

At 19, Paul experienced a conversion to a life of prayer. In 1715, Paul left his work helping his father to join a crusade against the Turks who were threatening the Venetian Republic but soon realized that life of a soldier was not his calling.

When he was 26, Paul had a series of prayer experiences which made it clear to him that God was inviting him to form a community who would live an evangelical life and promote the Love of God revealed in the Passion of Jesus. The first name Paul received for his community was “the poor of Jesus”, later they came to be known as the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, or the Passionists.

He died on 18 October 1775, at the Retreat of Saints John and Paul. By the time of his death the Congregation had grown to one hundred eighty fathers and brother living in 12 Retreats, mostly in the Papal States. There was also a monastery of contemplative nuns in Corneto founded by Paul a few years before his death.

Supreme Knight's Challenge

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly renewed his call for Knights to invite Catholic men into our brotherhood.

“Go for Two” - invite two men to join the KofC

Recruit 2 men 09/01 – 12/31, 2025, you'll be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!*

10 2nd-place winners get a customized, KofC-branded football.

Want 2 entries? Recruit 4 men before the end of the year!

Be sure these new recruits include your member number as their proposer.

This fall, you have the power to bring the KofC mission to more Catholic men – profoundly impacting their lives, their families and their communities.

It starts with a simple invitation, and then one more.

Let's go big this fall — **let's go for two!**



WGK Tom Krivchenia presents SK Tom Fitzpatrick with August 2025 Knight of the Month



WGK Tom Krivchenia Presents Mike & Sue Engelmann with August 2025 Family of the Month



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Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Does yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.”

One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy's cash value, which can grow tax deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you're diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you'll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this

benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It's a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible.

Set up time to meet with me, and we'll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs. Thank you!

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!
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Faithful Navigator's Log

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we move into the month of October, we are reminded of the richness of our faith and the blessings of our fraternity. October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and it offers us a time to deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Mother, asking her intercession for peace in our nation, protection for our families, and strength for our Order. I encourage each of you to take time this month to pray the Rosary, whether privately or with your families, or prior to our monthly Council Meeting, as a visible witness of our Catholic faith.

Thank you to all who gave their time in the Color Corps and through personal service. Your dedication reflects the dignity of the Fourth Degree and keeps alive the spirit of Catholic citizenship. Thank you also to our Veterans' Liaison, Bill Gallant, along with Rich Roberto, Tom Stanko, and Tom Wozniak for sharing their 9/11 Memorial stories!

Looking ahead, we have several important opportunities to serve and gather as brother Sir Knights:

- Patriotic Activities – We will participate in upcoming Veterans Day preparations and parish remembrance events in November. Details will be shared at our next meeting. Coffee & Donuts on Sunday 11/09.
- Fraternal Support – Please keep our fellow Sir Knights and their families in your prayers, especially those facing illness or personal hardship. A kind word, visit, or prayer can bring great comfort.
- Assembly Growth – Let us continue to invite eligible Third Degree Knights to consider joining the Fourth Degree. Sharing your own experience of service and fraternity is the best way to inspire others to take this important step.
- 9th Annual Espiritu Santo & Gary Sinise Foundation Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, November 14 with a 12:30 shotgun start; registration and lunch opens at 11:00a; our tournament committee will meet every other week starting this Monday and then weekly until show time.

Brothers, our calling as Fourth Degree Knights is both an honor and a responsibility. Let us continue to stand firm in faith, united in charity, and steadfast in love for God and country. May Our Lady of the Rosary intercede for us and guide our Assembly in all we do this month and beyond.

Christopher Columbus and the Patriotic Spirit of the Fourth Degree

Christopher Columbus is more than a historical figure for our Order - he is a symbol of the bold Catholic spirit that shaped both faith and country. When Father Michael J. McGivney and the founding members of the Knights of Columbus chose his name in 1882, they sought to affirm that Catholic men could be both devout in faith and loyal to the nation. In an America where Catholic immigrants were often marginalized, invoking Columbus - already honored as a national hero - made a powerful statement: Catholics, too, had a rightful and respected place in the story of our country.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, dedicated to the principle of **Patriotism**, continues to embody this vision. Columbus's daring voyage reminds us that faith and courage can open new horizons. His willingness to sail into the unknown reflects the same spirit we are called to live as Catholic gentlemen - steadfast in belief, devoted to family and Church, and committed to the civic life of our nation. By carrying his name, we are challenged to defend religious liberty, honor our veterans, and be active citizens who bring our Catholic values into the public square.

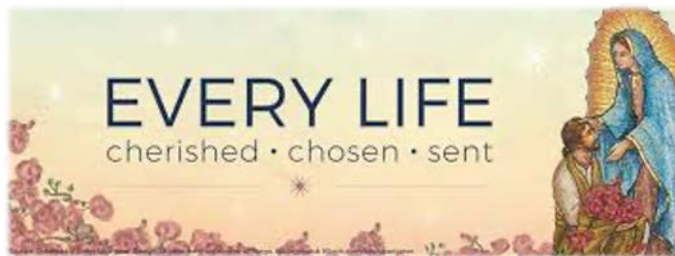
As we celebrate Columbus Day this October, we remember him not only as an explorer who connected worlds, but as a Catholic whose faith guided his journey. For us as Sir Knights, Columbus's legacy points to the heart of our mission: to be men of conviction who unite faith with patriotism, proudly serving God and country in all we do.

Vivat Jesus!

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The Crown of Victory: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church sets this season aside to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to awaken in her children a deeper devotion to the prayer that has conquered armies, converted sinners, and sanctified saints. On October 7 we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a feast born not in sentiment but in battle.

In 1571, Christian forces, outnumbered and outmatched, faced the Ottoman fleet at the Battle of Lepanto. Before a single cannon was fired, Pope St. Pius V had already summoned Christendom to its knees, urging the faithful to take up the Rosary and storm heaven with prayer. When victory came, it was not the admiral's genius or the soldier's strength that the pope proclaimed, but the intercession of Mary, who had turned beads into weapons and prayers into triumph. From that hour, October became Mary's month of victory, a time when the faithful are reminded that the Rosary is not ornament but armor, not ritual but rescue.

The Rosary is the Gospel gathered into beads, a chain of grace linking heaven to earth. Each Hail Mary is a rose offered to the Queen of Heaven, but also a hammer that shatters the works of darkness. Each decade is both song and sword, drawing us into the mysteries of salvation until Christ Himself becomes the pulse of our prayer.

The Joyful Mysteries carry us to Nazareth, where the Word became flesh and sanctified the ordinary. The Sorrowful Mysteries lead us to Gethsemane and Calvary, where love was measured not in words but in wounds. The Glorious Mysteries fling open the empty tomb and lift our eyes to the resurrection and the reign of Christ. The Luminous Mysteries shine with the public ministry of Jesus, the Eternal Light who broke into history to call sinners home. To pray these mysteries is to let the Gospel shape the soul, bead by bead, until our lives echo the life of Christ.

Why October? Because the Church, in her wisdom, knows that every generation must face its own Lepanto.

The enemies may not always sail with banners and steel, but they come with ideologies that corrupt, with lies that enslave, with voices that call good evil and evil good. The Rosary is the answer of heaven to every age of darkness. It is the prayer of the humble that topples the proud. It is the prayer of families that fortifies nations. It is the prayer of saints and soldiers, of widows and children, of every soul that dares to hope.

In the nineteenth century, Pope Leo XIII, the Rosary Pope, renewed this devotion, commanding the daily Rosary throughout October. He knew what our age has forgotten, that a nation on its knees with Rosaries in hand is stronger than an empire armed with weapons. The Rosary is our heritage, our inheritance, our hope.

So let this October not pass like another page on the calendar. Let it be a summons. Take the beads into your hands and do not let them go. Pray them in the silence of the morning, in the company of your family, in the heart of your parish. Pray them for the conversion of sinners, for the defense of the Church, for the triumph of truth in a world that has lost its compass.

And to my brother Knights: this is our month to lead. Let us be the men who take up the Rosary as our weapon and our shield. Let us gather our councils and our families in public witness, praying the Rosary in our parishes, in our homes, and even in the streets. Let us distribute Rosaries to those who do not have them and teach those who have forgotten how to pray them. Let us, like the soldiers of Lepanto, stand shoulder to shoulder, holding not swords but beads, proclaiming to the world that Mary still intercedes, and that Christ still reigns.

The Rosary is victory. It is the chain that binds us to Christ, the crown that honors His Mother, the prayer that builds saints. This October, let it also be our pledge. As Knights, let us live as men of the Rosary, so that our council may shine as a beacon of faith and our families may be guarded by Mary's mantle.

Ad Jesum per Mariam.

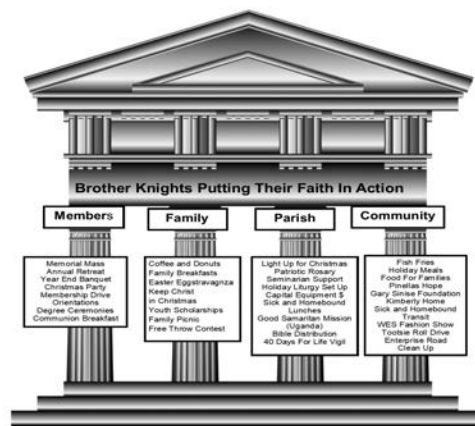


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Domestic Church Generational Relationships

This is an excellent topic for what we face in our culture today, related to the establishment of and adherence to values across generations. Psalm 105 is long. I have included verses 1-6 and 39-45. In the middle verses, we learn that God is a God of justice, and He has made a covenant for a thousand generations. He has given Israel the land of Canaan. But his brothers sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt, and he became influential with the King. Later, Jacob entered the land of Ham, and their population grew, becoming more numerous than their foes. God sent Moses and Aaron to work signs in the land of Ham. He imposed many curses on Egypt and led His people out of Egypt to the relief of the Egyptians. The message? God keeps His promises forever. He is a God of justice, mercy, and love. He has provided us His covenants, and we must be faithful. Life is complex, and when we stray, we can fall into adversity. God will enact His judgment, but He will ALWAYS extend His mercy and love when we choose Him. We have strayed as a nation, as a culture. It is time we return to His Covenants! Let this generation lead us back to the Promised Land.



Psalm 105

Give thanks to the **LORD**, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds. 2Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds! Glory in his holy name; let hearts that seek the **LORD** rejoice! Seek out the **LORD** and his might; constantly seek his face. 5Recall the wondrous deeds he has done, his wonders and words of judgment, You descendants of Abraham his servant, offspring of Jacob the chosen one!

He spread a cloud out as a cover and made a fire to light up the night. They asked and he brought them quail; with bread from heaven, he filled them. 1He split the rock and water gushed forth; it flowed through the desert like a river. For he remembered his sacred promise to Abraham his servant. He brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of triumph. He gave them the lands of the nations, they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, That they might keep his statutes and observe his teachings. Hallelujah!

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In Memoriam

Donald Joseph Bishop

May 21, 1927 – August 05, 2025



Born in the Bronx, raised in Long Island, N.Y., he came to FL in 1992 from his home in Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. He retired as an air traffic controller and as a scheduler & tester at the Navy training ground. He previously worked and lived in Alaska. He was a Navy veteran of WWII, a pilot and an expert sailor. He was an active member of Espiritu Santo Catholic church, a past officer of the Knights of Columbus Council 7109, a facilitator for a bible study, a former lector, a volunteer at many church functions, and a member of the American Legion. He flew gas powered model airplanes, was an accomplished woodworker, member of N.A.R.F.E., and a history buff. He is predeceased by three sons, John (Jack), Robert and Donald Jr, and a daughter, Rosemary, along with previous wives, Rosemary and Rose, and sister, Joan Flock. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie Edwards Bishop, and 3 sons, Brian, Michael, Mark, and 2 daughters, Clare Goldberg, and Eileen Des Jardins; 5 stepsons and 5 stepdaughters, over 40 grand- and step-grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson, Mateo, along with his brother, Robert, and sister, Clare Trouve, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Don lived his faith, and he had a happy long life (age 98). He passed without pain.

Funeral Mass to be held 10:30 am Friday, October 3, 2025, at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church, 2405 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor, FL. Burial will follow at 1:30 pm at Bay Pines National Cemetery, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., Bay Pines, FL. There will be a Celebration of Life held Saturday Noon-4pm at Regency Oaks in the Towne Hall Center, 2701 Regency Oaks Blvd. Apt. A102, Clearwater, FL. 33759. They will be serving a light lunch and drinks. Flowers to be sent to Marie's house by October 1st. Any special arrangements can be made with Robbie. Please contact Robbie McGuinness at rsmcguin10@gmail.com

in loving memory

In Memoriam

David Boyd Weber

January 15, 1949 – September 12, 2025



David Boyd Weber, 76, of Sanford, Florida, passed away on September 12, 2025. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 43 years, Donna Marie Weber (Shepard), and his parents, Mike and Betty Weber. He is survived by his children, David W. Weber (Melinda), Kevin Weber, Sr. (Elizabeth Diaz), and Keri Sikich (Adam); five grandsons, Drew, Kevin Jr., Carson, Luke, and Mark; his brother, Michael Weber (JoAnne); and many extended family and friends who will miss his conversation, hugs, and humor.

David was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 15, 1949, and grew up with a deep love for family. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and together they raised three children, always placing family at the center of his life. In 1998, David fulfilled his lifelong dream of moving to Florida, where he enjoyed the sunshine, beaches, and visits from his children and grandchildren.

A man of many passions, David found joy in the simple pleasures of life: attending live music concerts, visiting theme parks and casinos, and traveling—particularly to France, a country he adored. A football fan at heart, he spent countless hours cheering on the Buccaneers and Bengals with his sons, and he was known for his skill as a chess player, playing the game until his last days. Later in life, he also became an avid Wordle player.

David was a devoted Catholic, converting in 2012, and his faith was a central part of his life. He was an active parishioner at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor and later at All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford. A people person, he made friends easily and enjoyed spending time outdoors, where he could connect with others and embrace life. For his career, he excelled in the insurance field in sales and management.

A gathering of family and friends was held on Saturday, September 27th, followed by a memorial service at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park and Funeral Home, Clearwater, FL.

in loving memory

In Memoriam

Thomas Edmund Ziegler

April 05, 1949 – September 11, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Thomas E. Ziegler, who left us September 11, 2025. Born on April 5, 1949, Thomas lived a life filled with love, dedication, and kindness. He was the beloved husband of Linda Janisch Ziegler, with whom he shared a cherished marriage of 47 years.

Thomas was a proud father to two daughters, Crystal Huners and Jaclyn Eklund, and a loving father-in-law to Tom Huners and Chris Eklund. His family brought him immeasurable joy, and he adored his four grandchildren: Brooke, Alyssa, Harlan, and Brenna.

Thomas was a dedicated member of Espiritu Santo Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He had a deep commitment to education and personal growth, having attended St. Leo's, Fordham University, Miami University, and Adelphi University. He graduated with an MBA in Accounting and worked as a CPA.

An extraordinary story and an example of a man, husband, father and papa who truly knew the value of family, friends, life and the gift of time.

Tom succumbed to a long illness in his sleep at home with grace, dignity and courage through the most difficult times.

He was sweet, compassionate and wise. He knew where due north was and would guide us. He loved and appreciated genuine people and was a true friend. He was the heart and soul of his family. He would worry about the state of the world and the future of his children and grandchildren. He loved the news and keeping up with the ever-changing world we live in.

He put all aside to share unconditional love when he was going through the biggest battle of his life. He would quote Mohamed Ali "Don't count the days but make the days count. Game on and fight." He did just that and gave us many fond, cherished memories of frying a turkey at Thanksgiving, Hooters wings on game day, and watching the Quiet Man on St. Patrick's Day. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, grilling on the Green Egg, had a lifelong passion for Harley Davidson Motorcycles, karate and Miami University.

Tom would frequently reference the Serenity Prayer. What lies behind and what lies before us are tiny to what lied within him and what he gave us. His legacy and values and heart will always be with us.

Special thanks to my family and friends-Tom, Kenny, Peter, Philip and Janet. Their support has sustained us through difficult times and who gave him a lifetime of memories.

And to his children and grandchildren may you always know you are strong like Papa, and he will always be there for you. Know you are forever loved and in his heart.

Letter to the Editor



Pray For Our Country!

The past month or so has been a very difficult time for our country and beyond. Several events occurred that threaten our freedoms of speech, religion, and the Creator-given right to life itself.

These actions are related to both the mental health crisis we have in society, as well as the deep political divisions. This call for prayer is in no way a political statement but a spiritual wake-up call.

On August 27, a gunman opened fire on grade school attendees at morning Mass being said at the Annunciation Catholic Church outside Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two children died in the shooting, and 21 others were wounded. The shooter was a former student and graduate of the Annunciation School who had turned transgender. He committed suicide at the scene. Written messages were found on his guns and magazines. These included antisemitic, anti-Catholic, and racist phrases, "kill Donald Trump", and "6 million wasn't enough".

On August 26, also in Minneapolis at Cristo del Rey High School, another mass shooting occurred, killing one and injuring six. The culprit has not been caught, so the motive is unknown. In June, Vance Luther Boelter, an "evangelical Christian", killed two and wounded two. The targets were Minnesota lawmakers and their families. Mental health and division are not particular.

In response, Governor Tim Walz offered a prayer for the victims but added that prayer was not effective or enough. Former Biden press secretary Jen Psaki went considerably further with comments including "prayer is not freaking enough" and "enough with thoughts and prayers". While there may be some measure of validity to these observations relative to direct impact, they do reflect an attitude that diminishes the value of prayer.

That brings us to September 10 and the assassination of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. Charlie was 31 years old, married, and the father of two. I knew of him but not much about him before the assassination. The reactions to his death, like our society, have been very divided and reflect the not-so-subtle attacks on God, prayer, and the division in our country. Charlie was clearly a man of strong Christian faith. His mission was to dialogue with younger individuals, roughly 15 to 30 years of age, on matters of faith and our God-given rights as Americans. His assassin referenced fascism and had other like memes inscribed on his weapons. Many openly applauded his assassination. Surprisingly, the detractors included professionals in the medical industry and numerous other sectors.

Sadly, a goodly number of our elected members in Congress not only refused to offer a prayer for Charlie Kirk and his family but openly jeered, booed, and reportedly used foul language denigrating our Creator. Ilhan Omar has been especially direct and vulgar on this issue.

There is little doubt about the political divide in our country. These incidents now reflect an open and growing spiritual divide in our country with Christianity and Catholicism as growing focal points. Seren Kierkegaard observed, "When a tyrant dies, his reign is ended; when a martyr dies, his reign begins. Charlie Kirk's global impact and his call for our return to ethics, morals, and values have been global. Pray for him, his widow, and children. Pray for our country. Pray for our religious freedoms. Prove that we believe God listens and responds to our prayer.



From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

An Antidote to Isolation

*Through Christ-centered friendship and fraternity,
men discover who they are called to be*

To be human is to experience loneliness. It's a part of our human condition and has been since the dawn of history. Yet today, for many, the experience of loneliness has grown acute. In 2023, the U.S. surgeon general released an advisory report on what he called "[Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation](#)," detailing the threat that social disconnection poses to the health of individuals and society.

The epidemic has hit young men especially hard - with many struggling more than ever to form healthy relationships. A 2020 study found that 28% of men under 30 say they have no close friends. Meanwhile, young men now account for three out of every four "deaths of despair" from suicide or overdose, which have reached historic levels.

This epidemic also seems to be fueling a troubling rise in the use of "AI companions." These sophisticated chatbots are, simply put, the modern version of an imaginary friend. They are designed to simulate empathetic and supportive conversations, as if you were talking to a real person. Powered by artificial intelligence, they tailor their responses to the user's emotional needs - offering comfort, support and validation. A 2024 Pew study found that 67% of adults under 35 have interacted with an AI companion, and 23% say they prefer these digital relationships to human ones.

Last month, Pope Leo XIV held a prayer vigil outside Rome with 1 million young people during the Jubilee for Youth. At the vigil, a young woman told the Holy Father that she was concerned that her generation's overreliance on technology was leaving them empty and disillusioned. She then asked, "How can we find true friendship and genuine love?"

Pope Leo told her - and the 1 million young people listening - that technology is a poor substitute for real friendship. Algorithms and digital platforms, he warned, can become tools that control us, making us "a commodity on the market and, in turn, a piece of merchandise." Only genuine relationships and stable connections, he said, can build good lives.

Isolation and loneliness can lead to dark places - to depression and addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography, and now, it seems, to AI companions.

Yet, deep down, every man wants to protect and provide - and to serve a cause greater than himself. This is the journey of the spiritual life, and it's the greatest adventure any man can undertake. It is a life that demands heroism and courage. It's a life that matters.

This is what the Knights of Columbus offers. We give men the chance to live that life of courage, to be part of something much greater than themselves - and to do that while connecting with like-minded men.

We can be there for the young man struggling in the darkness, the young man who is having a hard time connecting to others. We can empower him to leave behind what holds him back and become who God created him to be: a man made for mission, a man made to serve others.

In his response at the vigil, Pope Leo said that friendship with Christ - in whom we find "a love capable of giving hope" - is how we can find and build authentic friendships with others. This friendship is the foundation of our fraternity and the goal of our [Cor initiative](#). Cor brings men together in an atmosphere of trust so they can strengthen their relationship with Christ and form genuine friendships in him.

More than 140 years ago, Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus through a culture of invitation. He invited the struggling men of his parish to come together and serve a greater cause. Let's do the same for the men of our generation - and do our part to fight the epidemic of loneliness and isolation.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Our Programs

Faith | Family | Community | Life

Faith

Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way.

Faith Programs: Spiritual Reflection | *Refund Support Vocations | Building the Domestic Church Kiosk | Holy Hour | Into the Breach | Marian Prayer Program | Rosary | Sacramental Gifts

Family

Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

Family Programs: Consecration to the Holy Family | *Food for Families | Family Fully Alive | Family of the Month/Year | Family Prayer Night | Family Week | Good Friday Family Promotion | Keep Christ in Christmas

Community

Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and parish, they accomplish great things.

Community Programs: Helping Hands | *Coats for Kids | Global Wheelchair Mission | Habitat for Humanity | Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest | Disaster Preparedness | Free Throw Championship | Soccer Challenge

Life

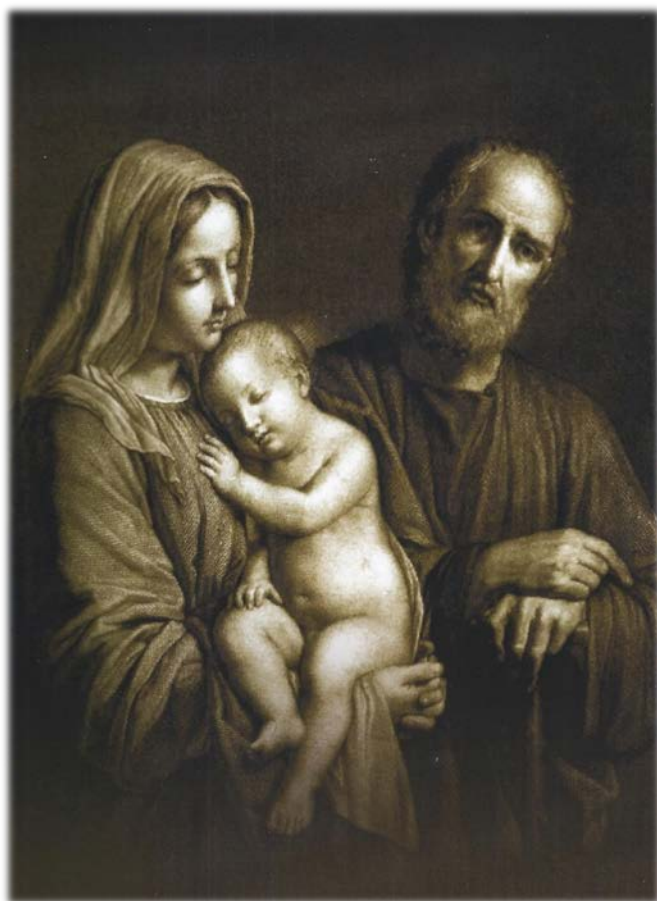
"Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II, 1995). The urgency of the threat to a culture of life in our world cannot be misunderstood. The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Councils and parishes can work to build a culture of life and a civilization of love through these important programs.

Life Programs: Novena for Life | March for Life | *Special Olympics | Ultrasound | Christian Refugee Relief | Mass for People with Special Needs | Pregnancy Center Support | Silver Rose

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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.

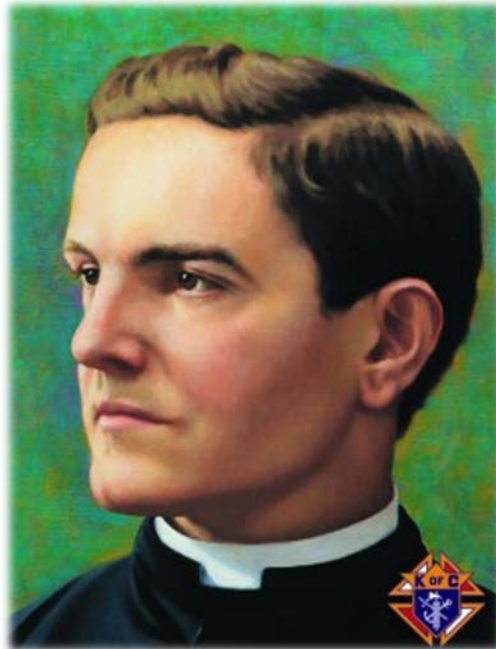
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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...

October 2025

- 10/04 | Sat 4:00p Tootsie Roll Drive
- 10/05 | Sun 7:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 10/05 | Sun 8:00a Tootsie Roll Drive
- 10/06 | Mon 7:00p Program Directors Meeting
- 10/09 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 10/09 | Thu 7:00p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 10/11 | Sat 11:00a KofC Family Picnic
- 10/15 | Wed 7:00p KofC Informational Open House
- 10/16 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 10/16 | Thu 7:30p Unified Degree Exemplification
- 10/18 | Sat 7:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay



Assembly Calendar of Events...

October 2025

- 10/13 | Mon 6:30p Golf Tourney Committee Meeting
- 10/23 | Thu 7:00p Assembly Membership Meeting
- 10/27 | Mon 6:30p Golf Tourney Committee Meeting
- 11/01 | Sat 9:00a 4th Degree Exemplification
St Vincent de Paul CC, Wildwood, FL

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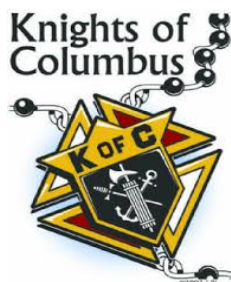
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Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing
Your will.

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.

