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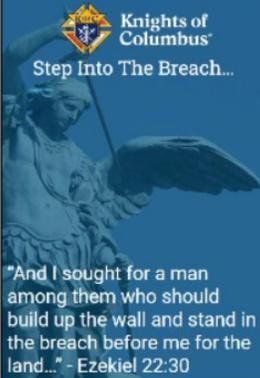
Welcome to Council 3880  
Faith In Action 2023-2024

Knights of Columbus

Our Council-Faith In Action



# Knight Life



Knights of Columbus  
Step Into The Breach...

This year all Knights are called to Step Into The Breach.

- Attend one council meeting.
- Participate in one event or activity.
- If you don't already have one, get a council polo.

How many of these 3 have you achieved?

Respond to the call with "I'm In!"

"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land..." - Ezekiel 22:30

## Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus brothers!

Quarterly I work with our Worthy Treasurer and Financial Secretary to compare actual income and expenses against our budget. Our budget is the road map. We put a plan together last June, and our budget shows us how we expect the year to go.



planned?"

When program reports are given showing how much we raised for a food truck event, or Christmas trees, or passing

the can, I look to see "Did we do what we said we'd do?"

We planned the budget to keep the council healthy, expecting the same amount to go out as what we take in. So as long as we're meeting the budget, I know the council is safe and doing well.

So, with 2023 wrapping up and 2024 kicking off, how are we doing? The treasurer has provided a report of income and expenses. We've mapped them to the budget, and the council is doing well.

As a highlight, we're currently showing donations of over \$12.7K for the year. I'll save the rest of the details for our next council meeting. Come to the meeting to get the full story.

Also, that \$12.7K could not have been donated if not for the efforts of all of our council members over the last year. Those who are hungry, cold, and otherwise in need of our support are feeling your efforts.

Our Financial Secretary is also pulling together our "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" for the year. It does a tally and documents our total contributions for the year in both dollars and man hours. We'll share that during the next meeting as well. It's always amazing to see on paper everything that you all accomplish.

Need an example? Our vocations raffle was a success again this year thanks to your participation. Last week, I signed \$500 checks for nine different seminarians. This includes Ryan Nooraae, who we've supported each year, as he becomes a deacon this year. Our **Life Chair Pete Harren**

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But none of this could have been achieved without the support and participation of you all. Thank you for all that you have done to support the council and our community. Looking forward to a successful year 2024.



For more details, feel free to come to the next Planning meeting on January 30th and / or the Membership meeting on February 6th, 2024.

Vivat Jesus  
Cesar Jimenez, Deputy Grand Knight

## Deputy Grand Knight

Year 2023 ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This happened to coincide with our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. What a better way to end the year than to recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday memorial mass at both the Oak street and Pierson street churches in memory of our deceased brother Knights. This is a first for our council holding this service at both locations.

As we reflect on this year we look back at all that the council has accomplished. Polish and St Patrick's dinners, blood drive, free throw contest. Food pantry support, Clergy night, vocation raffle, silver rose, crosses for life, and so much more.

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## Membership

**We have scheduled an Exemplification for Monday February 12, 2024 at Oak Street Church, 7pm.** We are getting closer to our membership goal. So, if you have prospects that you are working with, please let them know of the degree and me so I can send them all the information that they need to attend.

Please inform your prospects of a brief history of our council which will be 70 years old this year, 1954 – 2024. The four key principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. And inform them of the events we have like our monthly breakfast, special dinners, Tootsie Roll Drive and Brat



Mobile events to raise money for CHARITIES!! Please tell them of the fellowship that will be made working events with fellow Knights. Just, if it is for a few hours or working the entire

event. Friendship and fellowship will be made for a lifetime with fellow Knights.

Remember our 1<sup>st</sup> principle is CHARITY!!

Fellow Knights, if you have someone you know is thinking of joining the Knights, please contact him and give him the below information.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-theknights.html>

Bob Wyman  
Membership Chair  
KC Council 3880

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TODAY!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Knight's Monthly Breakfast

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**  
**A belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!**

Well, after that phenomenal December Breakfast with Santa, we were guaranteed that the January Breakfast would be a bit slower... and of course it was... but then with the weather getting typically Mid-West crazy, nothing to be surprised about there! But it was not too bad... we did go though so much food that we really needed to restock the cupboards, so that bill was high. But to put it in Knights perspective, the loss was less than the cost of a goof six-pack! AND we bought a couple new, small pieces of equipment, so really no loss! Let us keep things in perspective with all that is going on. When we investigated 'numbers' a little further, we did find that 20% of the people who attended the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses did come in to eat... of course we know what the Mass Attendance numbers look like, so.... But, hey we take what we can! A few of the regulars were out, but the usual people just



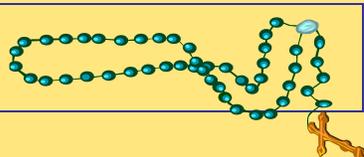
filled in, moved over, whatever it takes. **AND** welcome back to **Jon Kosin!** He lives out of State these days with his wife but saw **Bob Wyman's** flock note about asking for help, was going to be in town anyway, so decided to crash at mom and dad's and come in to work! That was a special treat for me, as **Jon** an d older brother **David** started coming to the breakfast years and years ago when they were very young to help dad... serving food, cleaning the tables and all that... long before turning 18 and joining the **Knights of Columbus** on their own, **David** in 2006 and becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2021, and **Jon** joined the following year in 2007... but **Jon** is still 1<sup>st</sup> Degree!!!! And lives in Janesville, a short ride away.... So,



there is a candidate for advancement!!! See what happens when I know you?? But seriously, it was so good to catch up and we did talk a while. I've said it before, there have been so many sons and daughters who came in when they were young to 'help' Dad (and just to be with them... just what family is supposed to be and we, the Knights, are so good at it!!) and they come back and say high to me and astonish me to see how great they have turned out... every one of them! That is a good part of what keeps me going. So, thanks to them, but a special thanks to dad who let them come and help... and we have a few new ones who have recently started doing it... so the tradition continues, thank God!

See you on February 18!

John



## Pack 127 & Troop 127

### Scouting – what’s the future?

The new president of the Boy Scouts of America plans to reverse the trend of declining membership and improve safety programs as the organization emerges from bankruptcy following a sexual abuse scandal.



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neering and aerospace career spanning more than 45 years.

"As a life-long Scout, the opportunity to lead the Scouting movement represents the perfect capstone to a long and fruitful career and a chance to give back," said Krone. "The program was a big part of my life and the lives of my children. I want to make sure every child has an opportunity to have that same amazing experience."

Membership in the organization’s flagship Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA programs fell from 1.97 million in 2019 to about 762,000 in 2021. Last year, membership

Roger Krone, a retired businessman and Eagle Scout, was named as the new chief executive of the 113-year-old youth organization in November of 2023, replacing the retiring Roger Mosby as the top administrator. As an Eagle Scout he spent summers at Scout camp and Philmont Scout Ranch where he regularly applied the lessons he learned in Scouting during an engi-

was up to just over 1 million. Among the reasons cited for the membership drop include the sexual assault allegations, competition from sports leagues, technology and video games and the pandemic.

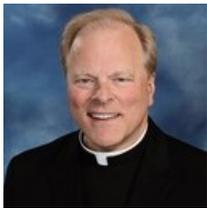
Scouting needs to be relevant for the children of today, but Krone said the opportunity to get outdoors — to have Scouts sail a boat or paddle a canoe, go hiking, mountain climbing, rappelling or spelunking — has universal appeal. He predicts in five years, the Boy Scouts of America will be twice its current size, their high adventure camps — where they go sailing in Florida, mountain climbing in the Rockies or ziplining in West Virginia — will be expanded, and scouting will be relevant to the youth.

Much like the National numbers have decreased so have those in McHenry County which is the Sycamore District of Blackhawk Area Council. We are striving to increase our numbers again and give young people the opportunity to explore adventures they cannot find elsewhere. It is a tall order, but one Pack 127 and Troop 127 have taken on and are doing all we can to recruit new members. We have a program that will provide life skills and tenets to our participants to live their lives as they make their way in the world. Scouting continues to be one of the best ways to grow our future citizens of tomorrow who will be guided by the [Scout Oath and Scout Law](#) wherever their path may lead them.

We thank you for your support and wish all the best for you and yours in the New Year. May God bless you and your families and may God bless America

## Chaplains Message

The Diocese of Rockford is prayerfully considering a potential \$60 million stewardship initiative. A feasibility study has just begun that will guide any plan of action before moving forward with this initiative.



They have engaged CCS Fundraising, a nonprofit consulting firm with over 75 years of experience in the Church, to guide this effort. Through this feasibility study, dialogue and input will be sought (from clergy and lay leaders throughout the diocese) on furthering the priorities of our diocese through a possible capital campaign. The goal of this possible campaign is to meet

current and future needs of our diocese, including the following:

- Ensure the Vitality of our Parishes
- Support and Serve our Communities and Families
- Strengthen Catholic Education and Evangelization

Each parish has individual needs, which may range from maintenance and capital improvement projects to investment in parish-level programs. 30% of all funds raised in this stewardship initiative will be allocated to local parish needs as determined by each individual parish, with the potential for a more generous over-goal share.

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle, we have been in the process of identifying many of these needs. Last Summer, we hired and are currently working with Chris Mominey of Avanti Advisors to assist in forming a new direction for our school, with an eye on enhancing Communications, Marketing and Enrollment efforts. We are confident that our enrollment will increase in the future based on the spiritual love and support we have witnessed from past and current school fami-

lies. Our last “Oktoberfest” event was a rousing success raising over \$40,000 for the school! We are now looking forward to our upcoming Open House on January 28, and School Winter Fundraiser on February 10, (at the Vixen, in McHenry).

We also have been attending to many capital projects that have simply needed to be addressed at the present time (parking lots, school boilers, replacing old and ineffective plumbing, updating lighting, etc.). In addition, we have been developing a five-year plan to look at future projects and related expenses. The past few months have been devoted to securing estimates for many of these projects. Our current income and savings simply will not support all the work that needs to be accomplished. So, the proposed Diocesan Stewardship Initiative is something that promises to greatly benefit our parish as well as our diocese.

As we begin our parish’s second century, we find ourselves in a time of Eucharistic Revival. We have the Real Presence of Christ to offer us transformation, hope and new life. We do face some real challenges, but we certainly are not the first generation of St. Thomas families to face challenges. Our ancestors have lived through two world wars, a great depression, and a host of other very significant challenges. Their faith in the Real Presence of Christ was a major factor in them meeting those many challenges and will be for us as well. Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

## Grand Knight

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has also focused our support on new seminarians needing our encouragement such as Joseph Johnson who will be ordained in 2031.

The Mass doesn’t happen without priests. Supporting our vocation raffle allows us to encourage and support our future priests. Thank you for your support of this and all of our programs. You make a difference in people’s lives.

So, yes, our council continues to do well. The best part is that we’re only half way

through the year. We have a lot more budgeted, and planned, to help others. Keep that in mind as we look for support, in dollars or hours, with the Polish Dinner, The Newman Fund, Clergy Night, Free Throw Contest, and St. Pat’s Dinner.

And brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do.

Vivat Jesus,  
Joe Scherb  
Grand Knight



# Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

## Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Brothers,

Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this 3rd Thursday. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help. We are in need of 8-10 volunteers to help serve our neighbors at the pantry.

(Masks are currently optional for all)

**Time: 4:30pm -7:30pm**

If you are interested or have any questions, please **Contact PGK,**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**Mike Kebr**  
815/814-7395

See you there. Mike Kebr

**3rd Thursday of the Month 5-7pm**

**4th Saturday of the Month 8am -12 noon**

**We need your help**

**Crystal Lake Food Pantry**

42 East Street,  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
815-455-0961

## Fourth Degree



The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Inn in Bradley, IL, just north of Kankakee. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight who would like more details on the event can find it [here](#), or see one of the Sir Knights in our Council or reach out to me for a Form 4 to get set up to take your step into the Patriotic Degree but time is very short to get it done. If you are a Sir Knight looking to attend the event/banquet, the deadline to avoid the late fee is January 27<sup>th</sup>. You

can use the same link for the banquet reservation form

Just to plan ahead if the above date does not work for you, the next Exemplification is planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Monica's in Chicago. More details to follow but check your calendars now.

I hate to sound like a broken record but we **STILL** have all five allowances (\$100 each) at the Assembly level and all five [uniform](#) allowances (\$100 each) at the Council level so if you are a Sir Knight and wish to purchase the [4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform](#), you could get up to \$200 back if you act quickly which is almost enough to cover the cost of the [sword and service baldric](#).

Our next Assembly meeting is on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** (due to the 14<sup>th</sup> being Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day) at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and not getting meeting invites or any other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation.

## From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

### Pop Tops! Pop Tabs! Pull Tabs!

Call them what you want, but **WE WANT THEM!!!** A long long time ago...



Our Current Worthy Chancellor **Bob Kosin**, set out an empty jug on the table at the Monthly Breakfast and championed us to bring in our **Pop Tops! Pop Tabs! Pull Tabs!**, call them what you want, but we are collecting them for Charity!!! Yep, those tiny tinny things became a source of yet one more charitable thing we were doing... that was about a dozen years ago and it provided some help to those in need. We now have a renewed effort to keep this up! We didn't do a lot but have now been

notified that they are being weighed and for a reason. Those itty bitty little things add up, and it only takes **749 POUNDS** of them to equal a million! And that million gets us a little recognition... We have been averaging collecting nearly 10 pounds this year, which may have been a low point... but if we put our minds to it, by collecting even more of these, from pop cans, beer cans, soup cans, whatever, we can strive to reach the lifetime goal of 1 million Pop Tabs donated to Ronald McDonald House. I am pretty sure that we all know what that provides for families... we have three in our area alone, in Arlington Heights, Naperville and in Winfield. These houses are a lifeline for families with children who are hospitalized away from home and family, where they can be together without incurring the cost... they have enough to worry about without a hotel bill... and we can help, as we have always done... so save those Pop Tabs and let's go for a record amount in 2024! Don't know if we can do 749 pounds in a year, but heck, let's go for it anyway... and when we reach that goal, we get our name on the wall as a faithful supporter... one more way of letting the world know what **3880** is all about!!

## 2023 VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RAFFLE WINNERS DECEMBER 2, 2023

WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1 <sup>ST</sup>	\$10,000	PETER J. JUSTEN	7694
2 <sup>ND</sup>	\$2,500	K OF C COUNCIL 4380	4380
3 <sup>RD</sup>	\$1,000	TODD BANKS	15719
4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	NORM BISHOP CONSULTING LLC	141714
5 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	THOMAS & PATRICIA MCBRIDE	690
6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	PHILIP FOGERTY	15746
7 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	DAN & ANN CASING	5573
8 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	STEVE GALL	1580
9 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	K OF C COUNCIL 8473	8473
10 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	STEPHEN & JACQUELINE POBOZNY	1369
11 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	NEIL DORIGAN	1444
12 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	STEFFEN	
13 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	KAREN LANTER	15746
14 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	DONNA OTTENSMEIER	
15 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	COUNCIL 11981	11981
16 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	JERRY SULLIVAN	6483
17 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	BARBARA KIZELEVICUS	6090
18 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	MATTHEW WIEST	14463
19 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	ROMAN RODZIEWICZ	4456
20 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	STEWART MATTSOON	16011
TOTAL	\$20,000		

## Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

### Abortion and the ‘Throwaway Culture’: A Decade of Pope Francis on the Life Issues

[Lauretta Brown](#) [Nation](#) March 17, 2023

Pope Francis has spoken with a unique voice on the dignity of human life over the 10 years of his papacy, providing a distinctive framework that connects grave evils like abortion with society’s general disregard for human life when it is viewed as an inconvenience.

He has [repeatedly condemned abortion](#) as a prominent manifestation of today’s “throwaway culture,” bluntly characterizing it as “murder” in 2021 and earlier in 2018 likening it to “hiring a hitman” to solve a problem. But while this striking rhetoric has commanded some attention, observers note that, overall, Francis has made opposition to abortion much less of a priority than did his immediate predecessors, Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. And the Pope’s willingness to allow some people who advance pro-abortion-rights perspectives to hold positions at the Vatican has generated confusion and concerns among some Catholics.

The Holy Father’s other key actions on life issues include modifying the wording of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with respect to the death penalty, strengthening its rejection of the death penalty, and raising concerns about society’s treatment of the elderly, disabled and poor.

Lucia Silecchia, a professor of law at The Catholic University of America who writes on elder law and Catholic social thought, told the Register that “throwaway culture” is a “powerful phrase” that the Pope uses to emphasize that “we cannot be truly concerned about throwing away or discarding physical or material things without first being aware, with sober contrition, of all the ways in which we can ‘throw away’ people who are vulnerable — the unborn, the very old, the very young, those who are ill or living with disabilities.”

#### Forceful Words

Charles Camosy, a bioethicist and moral theologian who teaches at Creighton University School of Medicine, told the Register the Pope’s “organizing principle of resisting throwaway culture is an important counterpart to St. John Paul II’s resisting the culture of death,” as “it helps us understand how refusing to help — not just active killing — should be a central concern of the pro-life movement.”

Camosy praised some of the [strong words](#) that the Pope has used in speaking out against abortion over the years. Along with the “hitman” comparison, he referenced Francis’ 2018 comment on the targeting of unborn babies with disabilities for abortion, where he said, “In the last century the entire world was scandalized over what the Nazis were doing to maintain the purity of the race. Today we do the same thing, but with white gloves.”

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, who served as chairman of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee from 2017 to 2021, received some clarity directly from Pope Francis on the centrality of the abortion issue following the U.S. bishops’ [debate](#) on the language of abortion as a “preeminent priority” for Catholic voters at their fall 2019 meeting. He met with the Pope in January 2020 and brought up “how some of the bishops in the conference who claimed to speak for the Pope said that language was anti-Francis.”

He told Francis that some of the bishops thought he and others were making abortion “too important.” The Pope responded, “Without that right, no other right matters; of course, it’s preeminent.”

The archbishop said he is “grateful” for the ways in which the Pope “has spoken plainly about the protection of the innocent unborn.” He said the Pope has used “very compelling terms” in discussing the issue and pointed out that when the Holy Father has been asked about abortion, “he [asks](#) two questions: ‘Is it ever right to kill a child to solve a problem?’ and ‘Is it ever right to hire someone to kill a child to solve a problem?’”

Archbishop Naumann called those questions “a very powerful way to help expose what abortion really is about: the killing of children.”

The Kansas archbishop also highlighted the Pope’s emphasis early in his papacy on “mercy for those that have been involved with abortion and now deeply regret it” and “encouraging confessors to treat them with compassion and love.”

Beginning in 2015 during the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis [permitted](#) all priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion in the confessional, something that ordinarily would be absolved by a bishop or priests designated by him for this role since it is a sin incurring automatic excommunication. The Pope later [extended](#) this jubilee mandate indefinitely.

Archbishop Naumann said the pro-life movement has embraced the Pope’s theme of [accompaniment](#). The U.S. bishops’ “Walking With Moms in Need” [initiative](#), to provide resources to women facing pregnancy in difficult circumstances, “very much echoes what Pope Francis has called for there: that we want to assist those that are in a difficult pregnancy and surround them with the community of support and love.”

Pete Harren  
Prolife Director

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[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

## A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

## Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

[Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

### THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE JANUARY 2024

**Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."** (Gospel for Jan. 28, Mk 1:25-27)

The unclean spirit immediately recognizes Jesus as the Christ and is aware of his power. As St. James tells us, "You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble" (Jas 2:19). We must not take for granted who Jesus is, his presence in our midst and the power he has to help us. Let us always recognize that Jesus is actively working in our lives and seek him daily in our prayer.

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

This month, I challenge you to attend Mass and receive holy Communion more often than just on Sunday — daily if possible — to grow in awareness of Jesus' presence and power in the Eucharist.

### Questions for Reflection:

Do you take the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist for granted? Does the way you dress for Mass reflect that Jesus is present? Do you remain conscious throughout each day of Jesus' activity in your life and turn to him frequently in prayer?

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## Good of The Order

### Knights Birthday Feb. 2024 Anniversaries Feb. 2024

- Patrick J. Cleary
- Keith M. Fisher
- William G. Genzler
- Thomas P. Harold
- Robert Kosin
- Charles Lundgren
- Matthias Martin
- Robert L. Modrich
- Mark Nelson
- Marc Niemann
- Trevor D. O'Donnell
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- Gregory Thomas
- John M. and Karen Ferrero, III

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Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

### Notice:

If you would or your wife would like to be mentioned in the Good of the Order for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let PGK, Tim Hicklin know by sending an email to [thicklin@aol.com](mailto:thicklin@aol.com)



Remember and pray for our troops in this hopeful new year.

### Wives Birthday Feb. 2024

- Lynn Faye
- Linda Walsh

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass. March 31, 2024— 9:00 AM

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Sunday Mar 31<sup>st</sup> is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic have changed our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.



*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;*

*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen.*

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

Robert Kosin

## Council Calendar—2023-2024



February 2024	March 2024	April 2024
2/6 Business Meeting 2/8 Clergy Night 2/12 Exemplification 2/13 Mardi Gras 2/14 Ash Wednesday 2/15 Food Pantry 2/18 Breakfast 2/27 Officers Meeting 2/29 Food Pantry	3/2 Business Meeting 3/16 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/17 Breakfast 3/21 Food Pantry 3/26 Officers Meeting 3/28 Food Pantry 3/28-30 Triduum 3/31 Easter Sunday	4/2 Business Meeting 4/18 Food Pantry 4/25 Food Pantry 4/26-28 KofC State Convention 4/30 Officer's Meeting

### Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.

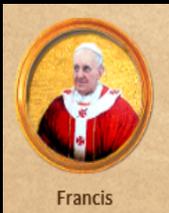


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