

# FR. MCCORMICK COUNCIL 3880

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3880, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

# KNIGHT LIFE



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Chock full of news...  
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



**H**ello, Brother Knights,

Hello Brother Knights,

As we being Year 2026, I hope that you were able to start this New Year in the presence of your family, close friends, and others you cherish.

Although January is traditionally a slow month we must acknowledge a few good highlights.

Our January Blood Drive exceeded expectations.

- Goal of 39 donations was met with 57 donations. The most ever for our council. Thank you, John Orso and Dan O'Connell for your continued support with coordinating this program.
- Thank you, Tom DeFrisco and George Moersch for assisting with the set up.
- Thank you, Matt Carzoli, Eli and Stuart Liegel for your support with the clean up afterwards.
- Breakfast in January again was met with new parishioner faces and strong results.
- The Polish Dinner appears to be selling out fast based on current ticket sales.

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We continue to demonstrate that together as multiple strands coming together, we can achieve so much.

Thank you to all that assisted at all of the multiple events. It's your support and fraternity that makes our council so strong.

As always, if you know of someone who feels left out, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

Cesar Jimenez  
Grand Knight

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Greetings brother knights and Happy New Year. As I began to compile what was accomplished by our council in the first six months of the fraternal year; I was awestruck.

As the DGK; it is my privilege to watch over the many programs that the K of C organized. Our programs are divided into four areas – Faith, Family, Community and Life. Each area has a responsible knight to help coordinate things.

The knights do a lot of things within each area. Some help to raise money for our charities; others just need volunteers and some we do because it is the right thing to do.

During the first half of the fraternal year, the knights participated in about 18 different activities within these specific areas. I am not going to mention all of these but would like to highlight a few that displays what being a knight is all about.

In August; a bi-lingual rosary was conducted outside the Oak Street Church. Both Fr. Jones and Fr. Fitzpatrick were in attendance but so were 18 youths from the Youth Group; 12 brother knights from Pierson for the Spanish portion of the rosary and of course, 25 other knights. It was a sight to see each bead of the rosary with a person on it.

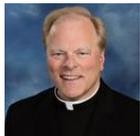
In September and October, the annual Vocational raffle was conducted. The program consisted of individual envelopes with a single ticket inside. The tickets sales were more than doubled what was accomplished in previous years.

Being a father of two girls made me appreciate helping out at the Daddy/Daughter Dance in November. It was interesting to watch 6 knights put together a buffet for nearly 200 dads and daughters. I think the highlight of the evening was when the principle announced that the sweet table was open and 100 girls descended on two helpless ladies.

The final event I want to mention was the December Santa breakfast. Our normal decorating person was out of town and it took three people to replace him and make the place look Christmas-like. It worked and attracted a record crowd for a K of C breakfast.

Now you can see what you have been missing but not being at sure activities. There are more exciting events coming in 2026. The knights are sponsoring a Polish dinner, a St. Pat's dinner and a Clergy dinner along with the usual breakfasts, food pantry, etc. Look at the monthly calendar and decide what you are going to commit your time to. See you around!

## CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



This week we join with Catholic Schools nationwide in the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This week is an excellent opportunity both to celebrate Catholic education and to welcome families interested in learning more about Catholic schools. Thankfully, in STS we have a very fine Catholic School to showcase.

This week will be observed under the national theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," and will include open houses, liturgies, and school-based activities highlighting the academic, spiritual, and community life of Catholic Schools. Every day this week will be devoted to an important element of Catholic Education.

**Sunday:** On this day we will celebrate our Parish and Partner Parishes. Our partner parishes serve as a spiritual home for our students and families. Our parish communities provide generous financial support and prayers to sustain our school. We could not exist without your support and we are deeply grateful for it. Today we celebrate our parishes and the gifts they share with us.

**Monday:** We celebrate our Communities. Our school builds the leaders of tomorrow by instilling a devotion service to others and emphasizing the role our Catholic values play in our community. Today we celebrated our community and our place in it.

**Tuesday:** We celebrate our Students. Our school strives to educate the whole child by developing curious minds, strong bodies, and resolute spirits. Today we celebrate our students and their growth and accomplishments.

**Wednesday:** We celebrate our Faith. Our school is rooted in our Catholic Faith and guides our children in following the path of Jesus. Today we celebrate our faith and the spiritual foundation our school lays for our students.

**Thursday:** We celebrate our Families. Our school continues the work of the first teachers, our parents. Our parents and families are an integral part of our school through volunteering, financial support, and prayers. Today we celebrate our families and the love and support they provide to our students and school.

**Friday:** We celebrate our School. Our school has so much to celebrate! Today we celebrate our amazing students and staff, supportive clergy, and encouraging families and all of the gifts a Catholic education brings our students. Join STS families and friends tomorrow night for a night of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game. Tickets can be purchased until Sat. Jan. 31 – <https://www.gofevo.com/event/saintthomasapostle>

Peace, be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

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## CHANCELLOR'S THOUGHTS

### Can You Live Without Coffee?

Can you live without coffee? I know I can't, but not just because it helps me get moving in the morning. It turns out that a properly brewed cup, or at least the process of brewing that cup, can remind us of our Baptism and our continual need for Reconciliation. Weird, I know, but hear me out and then check out this reel by Fr. Albert Garong SSP:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17zTDMsVhV/>

We'll skip a few of the finer details and boil it down to the essentials. The first step is to weigh the amount of beans you'll be grinding, but before you put them in the grinder you "baptize" them with a couple drops of water. Why is this done? The process of grinding creates static charge which causes some grounds to fly around, making a mess, and other grounds to clump together. That little bit of water greatly reduces static charge buildup which keeps the grounds from flying around and clumping.

The next step is to pour your grounds into the filter (by the way, you are doing a pour-over style of brewing) and gently pour hot water over them in a circular fashion. Of course, don't forget to put your cup under the filter! With your beans properly "baptized" and not clumping together, the hot water flows evenly through the grounds and extracts the best flavors those beans were made to deliver. In contrast, with clumpy grounds, the water flows unevenly causing some grounds to brew for too much time and other not enough. The clumps hinder the flow of water, and the beans can't be the best they were designed to be.

Our Baptism and regular Confession keep us from flying around, not focusing our attention on the things that matter and sticking to bad habits. Without regular confession we get clumpy. The grace that God wishes to provide does not flow as well and it could. Regular confession keeps us grounded and removes the clumpy-ness of sin, allowing God's grace to bring out the best in us, to be the best that God meant us to be.

The next time you have that perfect cup of coffee, remember those beans and what they had to go through to be the best they could be. And then go to confession so you are ready for Lent!

God Bless!  
John Carzoli - Chancellor



## LECTURER'S REFLECTIONS

The Knights of Columbus Council #3880 is embarking on a season of reflection, vision, and action as we engage in strategic planning for the years ahead. Our goal is to strengthen our mission of faith, charity, and unity, ensuring that our council continues to be a vibrant force for good in our parish and community.

This process is not just about setting goals—it's about listening to God's call, building on our brotherhood, and finding new ways to serve with joy and purpose. Together, we seek to inspire greater participation, welcome new members, and deepen our commitment to defending life, family, and faith.

We begin this important work with prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus and the mission you have entrusted to us. Bless our efforts to grow in faith, charity, and unity.

Inspire our members to be active in service, joyful in fellowship, and steadfast in defending life, family, and faith.

Guide our plans to increase participation, so that more hands and hearts may work together for the good of our Church and community.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Knights, may our Order flourish in numbers and in holiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## JANUARY BREAKFAST



Happy New Year... 2026 and the first Breakfast of the new year, but continuing on with the traditions... The Best Breakfast in Town, A Fund Raising Event, a Community joined in fellowship! As we started this not so good weatherwise day, the hopes of yet another Bears victory later on, and the thoughts that it is a bad winter morning after a TREMENDOUS Breakfast with Santa last month so the crowds would be smaller, we were happily surprised! Not a record breaking day.. but a little above the last 3 January's... I do keep all kinds of records... gross, expenses, net, profit/loss, number of people attending and so on. If anyone wanted to see it, I Can also show how many had what meal at any event.... Kind of helps me prepare for each upcoming breakfast for food orders, manpower and so on.

After the last one, with so many people served, and the history, I knew I needed to order replenishments, but not a too high of level. So we had enough but didn't run out of anything... except, surprisingly enough, Steak! We ran out last month and the supplier shorted us the case of steaks in December. So I only ordered a case of 16 not a case of 20 and we sold them all. Curious in that the highest priced item sold so well! But we are making money on that menu, the people are happy and keep coming back, so win win!

Had a few key people that were not there, either that we knew about or where surprised about, but as usual filled the holes! A very special Thank You to **Brother Matt Carzoil** for happily filling in one of the toughest spots, plating! Filling in the giant footsteps of **Brother SK Dan O'Connell** (who was in Michigan visiting son **Brother Knight Brian O'Connell**, helping him celebrate his 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!). Plating is one of the toughest jobs as it touches **EVERY** order that is processed! But the crowds didn't quite hit the 200 mark they were very close and we did make some money! So yes it was a little quiet, a little hectic at times, but happily successful! How we like them. Thanks to all of you who came and worked, or dined, or both...

Hope to see you there on February 15th for the next round of working on our Charitable Goals to continue with our Fiscal Year! ... one side of the counter or the other... John



## MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

### Saying and Doing

The Eighth Grade Class at St. Thomas received a civic essay question from the Knights of Columbus, who is their favorite Pope and why? The Papacy of 278 members provides a rich source for research and learning.

Similarity within the lives of the thousands of Saints, their words can help explain what brings us Catholic men to the Knights of Columbus.



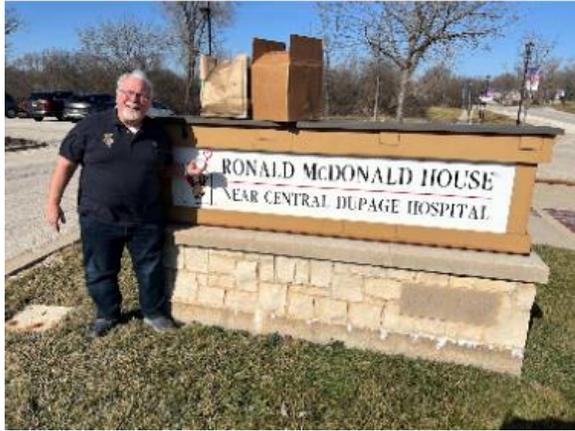
So, to say joining a fraternal organization in 2026 can transform your life and strengthen your community bonds. As St. Francis of Assisi said, *"For it is in giving that we receive."*

There is more to giving than a monetary contribution. St. Vincent de Paul, a patron of charitable works, said, *"Charity is not just about giving; it's about sharing our hearts and lives with others."* No special talent or skill is needed. Similarly, St. Teresa of Calcutta might add, *"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

By participating, you'll engage in service projects that uplift those around you, creating a sense of purpose. St. Teresa of Avila reminds us, *"Prayer is an act of love."*

In the Knights of Columbus, you'll find friendship, spiritual growth, and a supportive network to help you thrive in your Catholic faith. By adopting the mindset of the Saints who viewed every moment as gift and a responsibility, this Council has moved men from being a passive observer to an active architect of their future. Embrace the opportunity, tell others, join us.

## Pop Tabs



### Every Little Bit in 2026

The new calendar is on the wall and for Council 3880, it is another year of collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Council ended 2025 with donating 21 pounds of pop tabs for the month of December. But not just soda pop tabs! Those little bits of aluminum come from energy drinks, vegetables, soup or any aluminum can which weigh about 0.65 pounds per thousand (0.0104 ounces each) or 32,000 tabs. [CONGRATULATIONS]

Because that is the real beneficiary, the programs of the Ronald McDonald House Charities which provide a bridge to quality health care and give children and families the time they need together to heal faster and cope better. In some ways that's what Knights of Columbus will do too in 2026, next year and the years to come.

## 3880 Council Store

An advertisement for the 3880 Council Store. The background is dark blue with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "Fr. McCormick Council 3880" in white, followed by "Knights of Columbus Apparel Store" in large white letters, and "SHOP ONLINE FOR COUNCIL POLOS &amp; SHIRTS" in yellow. Below the text, there are six mannequins wearing different styles of blue apparel: two hoodies, a t-shirt, and three polo shirts, all featuring the council's logo. At the bottom, there is a yellow button that says "SCAN THE QR CODE TO SHOP" and a QR code to the right.

## FOURTH DEGREE REPORT



We are looking forward to the February 7<sup>th</sup> Exemplification. Unfortunately, the Assembly does not have any candidates, which is a first for us in a long time. Therefore, let's get a jump on the next Exemplification on June 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Norberts Catholic Church in Northbrook. More information will follow on this event after the February 7<sup>th</sup> Exemplification but if you are interested please reach out to me and I will make sure you have the information as soon as it is available.

The Assembly is planning a fundraiser to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our great nation. We are designing a custom T-shirt and a polo shirt with graphics celebrating this auspicious occasion and referencing the Knights and our patriotic tenet. You do not need to be a Sir Knight to order one. More information on this will be coming out shortly.

The Assembly will be busy with Honor Guards the next couple of months with Confirmation season upon us. Watch for callout announcements on these if you are a Sir Knight with a uniform. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know so I can add you to that list.

The Assembly has two (2) uniform allowances of \$200 left for this fraternal year. It is on a first-come, first-reimbursed basis. You must submit a **paid receipt** along with the reimbursement form to receive payment. You can order the uniform [here](#). The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#). Our Council has a \$100 allowance uniform allowance as well (maximum of 5) so you could get up to \$300 back on a uniform purchase. Hurry before the Assembly runs out their allotment.

If you haven't been out to the Assembly website in a while, you can find it [here](#). We are updating it with Council events going on with those Councils who make up our Assembly so check it often.

Our next Assembly meeting is on **February 11, 2026**, at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation.

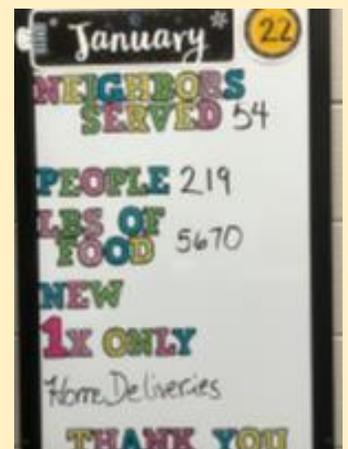
All the best to you and yours in 2026. God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.

## 3880 Memories

2026 Winter Blood Drive



Food Pantry



## BLOOD DRIVE RECAP

### Thank you for Supporting a Lifesaving Blood Drive!

Our Council first blood drive of 2026 was a great success. Each donation helps people with maladies such as traumatic injuries, cancer, blood disorders like sickle cell disease, severe burns, and those undergoing surgery or organ transplants. It can also be separated into components like red blood cells, platelets, and plasma to help in other situations. Thank you, brother Knights, family members, parishioners and the surrounding community for your support.

The message below is from our terrific coordinator with Versiti, Carrie Futcho:

**Congratulations on an outstanding blood drive!** After reviewing your past drives, I determined that this was your strongest collection since January 2016, when you collected 72 products. This truly was an iconic drive. In addition, having only three first-time donors speaks volumes about the loyalty of your donor base—your dedicated supporters truly came out in droves to make a significant difference. I am incredibly proud of your efforts and beyond excited about the impact your drive has had on our community. Thank you for your outstanding commitment and support, especially during this critical time for patients in need of blood transfusions.

My sincere appreciation goes out to everyone who helped make this blood drive possible. Hosting blood drives at your location has become a meaningful focal point for donors who are eager to make a difference in our communities. In addition, your combined dedication not only saves lives, but also strengthens community awareness around the ongoing need for blood donations. The collections from your blood drives support more patients in the Chicagoland area than any other blood center in the region, allowing your involvement to reach far and wide and make a truly powerful impact.

While collections have been especially challenging over the past year, your continued support allows us to make an even greater difference. Thank you for your commitment, generosity, and partnership—I truly couldn't do this work without you. Your support also helps me achieve my personal goal of ensuring my territory continues to collect lifesaving blood products and, most importantly, gives local families more time together.

### Sharing some key highlights from your recent blood drive:

- Collection Goal: **39**
- Total Registered Donors: **51**
- Total Blood Donations: **47**, helping to save up to 141 lives!
- Products Collected: **59**, reaching 151% of your collection goal
- Donors Deferred or Unable to Donate: **4**
- First Time Donors: **3**

Mark your calendars for August 15<sup>th</sup> which is the next 3880 blood drive. We are looking to break our record from 2016 and need your help to do it. Hope to see you there.



## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

### This Month's Challenge

January 2026

**[T]he people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.** (Gospel for Jan. 25, Mt 4:16)

Why would anyone sit in darkness? When it is dark, we ordinarily seek a source of light so that we may see — and be seen. Unless asleep, one who remains in the dark typically wishes not to be noticed. When we immerse ourselves in unrepented sin, we effectively enter into darkness. Like Adam and Eve after the fall, we hide from God. But Jesus calls us forth into the light, inviting us to repent of our sins, so that we might embrace Christ, the light of the world, who leads us to everlasting life.

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

This month, I challenge you to make an examination of conscience every day — perhaps using *A Guide to Confession*, published by the Order's Catholic Information Service ([kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis)) — and to make a good confession at least once.

### Questions for Reflection:

How does the daily practice of examining your conscience affect your outlook or behavior? How is a good confession akin to moving out of the darkness and into the light? In what ways can you be a better witness to the light of truth?

## FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY



**Worthy Brothers...** As you are reading this message, it is very late January or early February. Our Council operates on a Fiscal Calendar of July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> with Supreme. However, we also operate on the calendar for our dues. In December I printed and mailed out the dues Invoices for the 2026 calendar year. These are then due by January 1<sup>st</sup>. To date, 96 of the 203 paying members are fully paid, or Members in Good Standing. You see, In Good Standing includes being current on your dues. Unfortunately, we also have almost 40 members who have not paid any dues in the past 2 and even 3 years! This is a hardship for the Council as we also pay an assessment to Supreme, the State Council and even the Rockford Chapter each year based on the number of members on the official roster. The amount varies but comes to around \$10.00 each combined. So easily \$400.00 per year we pay for those who don't want to. That wording may be a bit harsh... but it isn't. EVERY time I send out an initial Invoice AND the Second Invoice or even a THIRD Invoice it ALWAYS contains the clause that "...if these dues are a financial hardship on you currently,

PLEASE contact me directly, since as the Financial Secretary I have the authority to waive your dues and only YOU AND I will be aware of it!!! NO ONE will know your name"! Yet over the past 4 years only 1 person has done this. All the others simply ignore their obligation to the Council. Again, harsh words, but they can't pick up a phone and talk to me... in this day and age, money is very tight and goes to family first.. we all know that... it's why I make this available to everyone! On top of that, every year, several Brothers send in their check for their dues and include extra money to help cover those who can't afford it. As it says in our charter and our ceremonies, "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME!" Amen, Vivat Jesus!

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## PRO-LIFE REPORT

Protecting prolife in midst of US political strife and conflict.

Protecting pro-life initiatives in the midst of intense U.S. political strife and conflict involves a dual strategy of navigating federal and state legal battles while fostering local, community-based support for mothers and families. In 2025-2026, the movement is shifting from a focus on national bans to state-level restrictions, defending existing legal wins (like the *Dobbs* decision), and expanding support for women to combat the perception that the movement only focuses on prohibition.

### Key Strategies for Protecting Life Amid Political Conflict:

- **Shifting to Local and State Action:** With national abortion bans politically unfeasible, the focus has shifted to state-level legislative "blitzes". Pro-life advocates are focusing on local government, school boards, and zoning laws to limit abortion clinic access and promote, rather than just prohibit, life-affirming options.
- **Emphasizing "Pro-Grace" and Holistic Support:** To counter intense polarization, some advocates are adopting a "pro-grace" approach, focusing on compassion rather than judgment to bridge divides. This includes expanding support for working-class women, such as advocating for paid family leave, reducing the cost of raising children, and supporting crisis pregnancy centers.
- **Defending Legal and Financial Protections:** A key priority is maintaining the Hyde Amendment to block federal funding for abortions. Pro-life organizations are also working to block the Biden administration's policies that eased restrictions on abortion pills (mifepristone) and are pushing to reinstate pro-life policies under the Trump administration.
- **Utilizing Alternative Messaging:** Some advocates are broadening the definition of "pro-life" to "whole life" or "womb to tomb," which includes opposition to the death penalty, euthanasia, and support for social programs.
- **Countering Political Volatility:** Pro-life organizations, such as SBA Pro-Life America, are investing tens of millions of dollars to turn out voters and persuade undecided Americans, arguing that the GOP cannot take the pro-life base for granted.

### Challenges in the Current Climate:

- **Rising Abortion Rates:** Despite *Dobbs* and state-level bans, the overall abortion rate in the U.S. has increased, driven in part by mail-order abortion pills.
- **Ballot Measure Failures:** Pro-life initiatives have faced setbacks at the ballot box, prompting a need for a more strategic, less "absolutist" approach in some areas.
- **Political Polarization:** The intense partisan divide makes it difficult to find common ground, with many viewing the issue solely through a partisan lens.

### Actionable Steps for Pro-Life Advocates:

- **Support Crisis Pregnancy Centers:** Volunteer and donate to local centers that provide resources to women in need.
- **Engage in Local Politics:** Participate in town, county, and school board meetings to ensure that local policies protect the unborn and their families.
- **Sidewalk Counseling:** Provide support and alternatives to women near abortion clinics.
- **Foster Civil Dialogue:** Engage with neighbors and community members in a calm manner, focusing on the dignity of life.

Respectfully submitted

Pete Harren, Prolife Director 1-20-2026



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# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

## FEBRUARY 2026

Knights Birthdates		Knights Continued		Wives Birthdates	Anniversaries
Richard B Mensik	02/03	Dennis J Faulds	02/18	Julie Antongiovanni	According to our Official Records... Nobody got Married in January! True or False?? Let the FS know!! <a href="mailto:jstefani44fs3880@aol.com">jstefani44fs3880@aol.com</a> Or text to 8156796596
Arturo M Munoz II	02/08	Jorie Gomez	02/22	February 12	
MAJ John B Scott	02/08	Edward James Skaja	02/22		
Matthew G Carzoli	02/09	Christopher P Kelly	02/24		
Anthony Jordan	02/10	Steven J Boho	02/26		
Robert Kosin	02/10	Patrick J Cleary	02/26		
Matthias J Martin	02/10	Cesar Larios	02/26		
Kevin S Dulaney	02/14	William E Bransley	02/28		
Thomas DeFrisco	02/15	Trevor D O'Donnell	02/28		
Keith M Fisher	02/15				

### FIFTH SUNDAY – MARCH 29, 2026 – 9:00AM

#### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY March 30, 2026

Sunday March 29, 2026 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. Please consider attending in your Black or Blue Council 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

### 3880 Memories



Program Directors leading the way for Star Council. DD presenting the State Action Award-Gold Level. GK, Cesar Jimenez presents Fr. Fitzpatrick-Knight of the Month (Dec.). GK, Cesar Jimenez presents PGK,FDD, John Orso-Knight of the Month. GK, Cesar Jimenez presents a Special Award to Santa's Representative!!!

Congratulations to all!!!

## COUNCIL NEXT THREE-MONTH CALENDAR



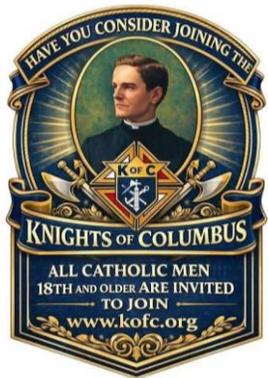
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1/27 Officers Meeting 1/31 Polish Dinner Free Throw Contest 2/3 Business Meeting 2/7,14,21,28 TMIY 2/15 Breakfast 2/18 Caballeros De Colon 2/18 Ash Wednesday 2/24 Officers Meeting 2/26 Food Pantry 2/26 Clergy Dinner (tentative)	3/3 Business Meeting 3/4 Ash Wednesday 3/7,14,21,28 TMIY 3/15 Breakfast 3/17 St Paddy's Day 3/18 Caballeros 3/21 St Paddy's Dinner 3/22 Christian Service Fair 3/26 Food Pantry 3/28 Blessing of Baskets 3/29 Palm Sunday 3/31 Officers Meeting	4/2-4/4 Triduum 4/5 Easter Sunday 4/4,11,18,25 TMIY 4/7 Business Meeting 4/12 Council Eucharistic Mass Divine Mercy Sunday 4/15 Caballeros De Colon 4/19 Breakfast 4/23 Food Pantry 4/28 Officers 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.



Pope Leo XIV



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 not Your Choice.  
 It's Your Responsibility!

Illinois Primary is 3/17/2026!

