

Fr. McCormick Council 3880



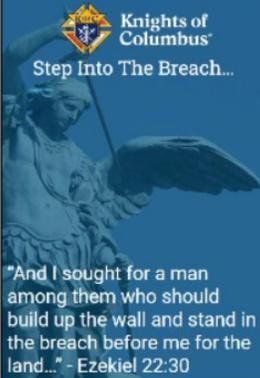
Welcome to Council 3880
Faith In Action 2023-2024

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

every minute. I'll miss it.

Also, let me take a moment to apologize to any of you I've offended and/or pushed away from the council over the last few years. I'm far from perfect, and I'm truly sorry. Don't let my imperfections distract you from the mission of the order and the good that we do.

Next be assured, I've worked REALLY hard for our council. Truly given it my all. My best effort. I've also prayed for the energy and wisdom to do all that we need to be done. Every single day. It worked for Solomon ;-)

But, after 3 years, I'm tired. The energy and enthusiasm is lacking. You've seen the show, you know my tricks, and the time for a change is due.

So now we are presented with a new Grand Knight, new officers, and men in new roles. It's a fresh start and time for revitalization of our council. It's great to see newer guys, like **Paul Tagatz** and **Sam Evans** stepping into the chairs.

You should be confident that our new officers will do fine. Why? Not just because of the experience and skills of the officers, but because;

"My Council is composed of members like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be a Council dedicated to Faith, Family, and Fraternity if I am.

It will stand in solidarity with the Church and the Clergy, if I do. Its meetings will be filled, if I attend and encourage others as well.

It will do great Programming, if I am involved."

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Grand Knight

Brothers,

There's a lot that needs to be said. As we roll through June, there are a lot of "last things". It creates a bit of nostalgia. The last council meeting as Grand Knight (that was fun btw), the last time working through the budget and program calendar, etc. etc.



There is a bit of sadness. Being a Grand Knight has been a great experience, bringing a huge amount of personal growth. It's helped me become a better man and a better leader. It's an opportunity I would encourage any of you to pursue. As any Past Grand Knight will tell you, it's a lot of work, but worth

Deputy Grand Knight

On May 25, 2024 we kicked off with the first food "pre - taste of Kermes" dinner event driven by the "Caballeros" our Hispanic brother Knights. Good food, Mariachis, and a dance group filled the night with fun and enjoyment. Thank you to the Caballeros and all who contributed to the cooking and maintained the bar.

I attended the Illinois KoC State Convention with our GK – Joe Scherb. What an exciting showing of GK and Delegate representatives from the 525 Illinois councils. I had the honor of being present when Council 3880 was nominated as Council of the year. What a testament to all of the Council 3880

membership for making this happen through your support of our efforts. Thank you.

Similar to our Kishwaukee event, we held the CLB (Crystal Lake Brewery) event in the rain. Regardless, we worked through the struggle of the rain mist in our faces and pressed forward to satisfy our customers.

For more details, feel free to come to the next Planning meeting on June 25th and / or the Membership meeting on July 2nd, 2024.

Vivat Jesus
Cesar Jimenez
Deputy Grand Knight



Special points of interest

- Please read the Grand Knight's Column

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Officers 2023-2024

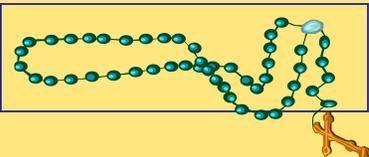
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Membership

I had a meeting with our GK and our GK Elect Cesar Jimenez about membership for the next fiscal (fraternal) year, and what is the plan. The new GK is going to meet with Fr. William and staff at Pierson Street, to ask to hold a membership drive and degree at Pierson Street in early fall.

We are planning a church drive for membership in October at Oak Street. Which will include prayer cards, prospect cards and pulpit talks. I will need your help! Tentative dates are October 7 & 8, 2024, mark your calendars. Through our hard work this year we achieved **"High Net Membership Gain 1st Place Division Double AA Father McCormick Council 3880 20 Net Members!"** How awesome is that!



This could not have been achieved without the help of the council, the degree teams and of course the new members! Congratulations 3880!!

We need to celebrate!! **Save this date, August 4, 2024 for our 70th anniversary as Fr. McCormick Council 3880, 1954 – 2024.** A picnic is in the plans for all fellow Knights and families of council 3880, more details will follow!

We have to keep the energy going into the next fiscal year, new officers' new challenges to make our membership goal.

Again, please inform your prospects of the 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 1st 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

Knight's Monthly Breakfast

June! Summer is only a few days away as I write this, and everything is looking great. The number of people served this Breakfast was down only a few, but still up there close to the 200 count! With this event being a week early so we can properly celebrate Father's Day with family, rather than in the kitchen cooking, as we have for many years, there was not a drastic drop in attendance... guess everyone is getting used too it being a week early!



It is interesting what people are buying to start the day with. After every breakfast all the menus are bound together by mass time and taken home by our lovely analyst, **Annette O'Connell.** The report I get back at the

end of the day shows me how many of EACH menu was turned in, and then broken down by the sub-number. For instance, this breakfast we sold 182 meals, 62 from the Yellow Special menu,,, of those, 43 were for Omelets, and of those, there were 12 Garbage, 9 Veggie, 5 Ham & Cheese, 3 Sausage & Cheese, 2 Mushroom & Cheese, 7 Bacon & Cheese and 5 Cheese. And the full list also shows we had 10 Heart Healthy Omelets, plus 6 Meat Lovers Omelets! AND, of all the menus, 84 had a side of Bacon, 56 had Sausage, 9 Ham, 10 Hash and 8 with no extra meat. All the 5 assorted color menus are broken down the same way. So, this shows I really do not do that much after all! This even helps me plan on purchas-

es!!! But it also shows the amount of work done by the guys in back. In last month's article I alluded to the task of the 'caller'.. **PGK Scott Pop** was back on station this month, so as he is trying to call the orders he not only has to look at which came in first, but which tables are together and what takes longer to make. A table with a Steak & Egg takes more time than an order of 3 pancakes, or just one egg. So, you must wait to call the egg order until that steak is just ready to come off **Bob Newport's** grill... oh, wait, did you remember to then tell **Jim Stefani** what egg goes with the steak, so it is freshly made when the meat is done? You walk in back and it looks so simple... but NOT!! Some of these guys have been with me for a long time... some are newer, but it truly does run like a fine watch. Thanks, guys! You shine!!

See all of you on July 21st!

See you then and keep on taking care of each other!

John



**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pack 127 & Troop 127

As we continue to work on the new name and what it means to Scouting, we are also exploring other aspects of the organization and how to keep it vital. One of the obstacles that Scouting America is having is to support female



troops across the country and in McHenry County as well. A troop must have at least 5 female scouts registered along with a Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster as well three additional adult members to form the Troop Committee. The first two positions require at least one of them to be female.

As we are sorely aware, getting adults to step up to volunteer has been difficult over the past few years for most organizations and it has been no exception in Scouting either. As a result, Blackhawk Area Council (BAC) is going to participate in a national pilot program for a Combined Troop. This pilot will be made available to Charter Organizations allowing them to choose a third option of

combining their boy and girl troops. In the case of Troop 127, it would be opening up our ranks to female scouts to join. It only makes sense since Pack 127 is already coed, and we have sisters of scouts in Troop 127 who are close to crossing over out of Cub Scouts.

We have made a proposal to participate in the pilot to the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County, our current Charter Organization, and they have taken it under advisement. They had agreed earlier to chartering a female troop if there was enough interest but that makes the point moot if the combined pilot program is successful. The pilot kicks off September 1st and runs through July of 2025. The existing leadership and committee of Troop 127 is already in place, and we would have to add a couple of female Assistant Scoutmasters to our roster to have a successful combined troop.

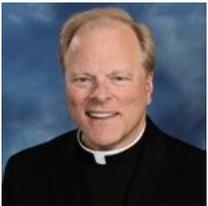
Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127 will continue to move forward to instill the great values of Scouting in our youth and appreciates your continued support of the program. As we work through these organizational changes, the tenets of the [Scout Oath and Scout Law](#) will continue to be the guiding principles of Scouting America. Happy 4th of July to you and your families and may God Bless your families and the United States of America.

Chaplains Message

One night shortly after his election, Pope St. John XXIII was having a restless night. The concerns of the Church and certain decisions to be made were bearing heavily upon him. Finally, turning fitfully from side to side, he verbalized these sentiments: "Listen, Lord, this Church is yours, not mine. I'm going to sleep." And as he said this, he fell quickly asleep.

Like St. John XXIII, we all have moments when we wonder if what we are doing is worth it. We all have met people who are deeply upset because they think the Church is veering either too much to the left or too much to the right. Perhaps we are one of them.

The Church belongs to Christ. Christ will see it through any of its storms. It is all following a plan the Lord has set in place. For our part, we must be faithful to the seed that the Sower scatters. Each and every day we must be open to the Lord's daily bread, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. We must be open to God's grace! We must be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives!



The parables of the scattered seed and the mustard see describe the kingdom of God and contain two powerful insights into the nature of that kingdom. There is a contrast between small beginnings (scattered seed and a tiny mustard seed) and their final form (fully grown grain and a large plant). Equally important in this passage is the fact that what at present appears imperceptible will grow in mysterious ways beyond human under-

standing. The unspoken conclusion is that God is at work.

On this Father's Day, I personally am grateful for the life and example of my own father, who died in 2006. Many might observe that my mother was the more religious of my two parents. She was a cradle Catholic who went to daily Mass, prayed the rosary and many other daily prayers for the intentions of the universal and local church. My father converted to the Catholic faith shortly before they got married. Although I did not hear him talk about our faith nearly as much as my mother, he certainly set a good example. He led us in prayers before our meals, took his family to Mass every Sunday, and faithfully tithed to our parish church. Mostly, I believe he silently and faithfully allowed God to work through him for the good of our family.

Speaking of fathers, this weekend we welcome a new Father to our parish, Fr. Aaron Downing. Fr. Downing is a classmate of Fr. James Linkenheld. A few years ago, I had the fortunate opportunity to work with Fr. Downing when he was a seminarian serving at my last parish, St. Katharine Drexel, in Sugar Grove, IL. It is possible that some of you may already know him, since he spent a fair amount of time serving at Holy Apostles, in McHenry, IL, also during his years as a seminarian for our diocese. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his assignment here, and, also Fr. James Linkenheld, as he begins his assignment at St. Brigid Parish, in Loves Park, IL.

Special blessings today to all our fathers, living and deceased!

Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight

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The officers do a lot of work, but it's been highlighted repeatedly, again and again and again, **you help make the council what it is.** Our success, our wins, and our failures, are a reflection on all of us. We achieve our results together, as a council, as a body, in **Unity.**

Every person we help at the food pantry, every time you wake up to help serve our monthly breakfast, every dollar we raise for charity. We support each other, we lift each other up, we achieve our results in Unity. This is what makes our council outstanding. Each of us.

As Grand Knight, I've seen it every day, and at every program, and at every meeting. I've seen and known you were "Council Of The Year" long before we were awarded by the State Deputy. It just took the rest of the state a bit longer to figure it out.

Brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do, as the best council in the state. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

And brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do, as the **best council in the state.**

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,**

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

Our next CL Food Pantry service day is Thursday, June 27th 4:30 to 7pm. As you can see from May stats, it's very busy and we need your help. Even if you can only work part of the shift, your help would be greatly appreciated.



The Exemplification taking place on June 22nd currently looks like it will have 60 new Sir Knights that will become a part of the 4th Degree. It is the final step in Knighthood that supports the fourth tenet of the Knights, Patriotism. A final tally will be in next month's article.

Bishop Boylan Assembly (our home Assembly) will be the host Assembly for the October 2024 Exemplification. This would be a great opportunity to have as many Council 3880 brother Knights take the degree locally. It will be held at The Church of the Holy Apostles in McHenry on October 19th. Check your calendars now as we are working on the details with more information to follow shortly. This will be the new Master's first Exemplification so we would like to start him off with a big class of new Sir Knights.

This is also an opportunity for the current Sir Knights of Council 3880 to recruit a brother Knight into joining the Patriotic Degree. Let's show the other Councils in the area how well we can recruit for and support the 4th Degree. Please see me for a paper Form 4 or you can use the online fillable version found [here](#). Our next Assembly meeting is on **July 10th** at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or

3880's 70th Anniversary

Come Celebrate Sunday August 4, 2024
The 70th Anniversary of the Father McCor-mick Council 1954 - 2024

[Veteran's Acres](#) 431 Walkup Rd. Crystal Lake IL

Jaycee Shelter near water park
www.crystallakeparks.org/veteran-acres
All Knights and Families are invited
Food and Non-alcohol beverages will be provided courtesy of the Council, no charge.

BYO Alcohol beverages

MENU:

- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- Brats
- Fried Chicken
- Potato Salad
- Fresh Fruit
- Cookies

Sunday Day Events:

- 12:00 Mass at Oak Street St. Thomas
- 2:00 - 4:00pm Come enjoy the Veteran's Acres Park
- 4:00pm Food is Served
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Enjoy music provided by DNA
- 7:00pm Over

Please RSVP Robert Wyman via e-mail rwyman72@yahoo.com By July 19, 2024 We need a head count for food and beverages for the caterer.

Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

Prolife and conscience

To be a Catholic in the United States is to know that official Roman Catholic Church teaching often causes frustration with church leadership. This is usually not about issues that are central to the faith like the various elements of the creed, but about stickier moral matters like Communion for the divorced and remarried, same-sex marriage, capital punishment, women's ordination — the list can go on. While official teaching on questions like these may be clear, for many Catholics that's not the end of the matter. Most Catholics are taught that we must always obey our conscience. In these moral matters, our conscience may disagree despite efforts to make peace with official church teaching. Here, I unpack some aspects of church tradition around conscience generally, then about one of the most contentious Catholic topics in our day: abortion.

Conscience

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes of conscience as reflecting a law written on our hearts, a theme that was picked up in the Vatican II pastoral constitution *Gaudium et Spes*:

"In the depths of [our] conscience, [we] detect a law which [we do] not impose upon [ourselves], but which holds [us] to obedience. ... For [we have in our] heart a law written by God; to obey it is [our] very dignity; according to it [we] will be judged. [Our] conscience is [our] most secret core and sanctuary. There [we are] alone with God, whose voice echoes in [our] depths. In a wonderful manner conscience reveals that law which is fulfilled by love of God and neighbor."

This is a rich passage: While decisions of conscience are intrinsically matters of reason, there is a profound spiritual resonance in Catholic teaching on conscience. In conscience, we strive to hear that echoing voice of God and respond to it in the moral questions of our lives. Our ongoing practice in discerning and acting is our work as disciples of Jesus.

Decisions of conscience are our best understanding of how God is calling us, here and now, in the particular situations of our lives. Further, conscience does not concern only acts that we do or fail to do but is about the kind of people we strive to be and to become in light of our most deeply held values. Conscience calls us to justice, to courage, to solidarity with the poor and outcast. We must never violate our conscience. Here's why: If after diligent prayer, thought, study, and consultation, our conscience tells us one thing, then acting otherwise is to go against what we believe is our best interpretation of God's voice echoing in our depths. Going against our conscience is always a sin — it always disrupts our relationship with God to violate conscience. Likewise, it is always wrong to order or force someone else to violate their conscience.

Here's the catch: None of us has direct, unmediated access to the mind of God. And since conscience is a rational process of interpreting and applying the call we hear, we can also make mistakes in moral reasoning. Or we can make mistakes of fact about the situation at hand. So here we are obliged to obey conscience, even though we know we can be wrong.

The 13th century scholar and priest St. Thomas Aquinas wrote about the importance of conscience in Catholic life. Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons. This is where formation of conscience enters. A well-formed conscience is better at determining the morally right course of action and is eager to seek that >> 7

Pro-Life Organizations



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www.righttolife-mc.org

McHenry County Right to Life PAC:

www.prolife-victory.com

Fraternal Year 2024-2025 Elected Officers

Fraternal Year 2024 – 2025 Officer Slate

Grand Knight	Cesar Jimenez	(voted in)
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Kosin	(voted in)
Chancellor	William Bransley	(voted in)
Advocate	John Carzoli	(voted in)
Treasurer <i>Incumbent</i>	Ned Holland	(voted in)
Recorder	Stuart Liegel	(voted in)
Warden	Pat Slowey	(voted in)
Inside Guard	Sam Evans	(voted in)
Inside Guard	Tim DeLance	(voted in)
Outside Guard	Paul Tagatz	(voted in)
3 Year Trustee	PGK Joseph Scherb	(voted in)
Continuing on as:	(non-elected)	
2 Year Trustee	PGK Mike Bradley	
1 Year Trustee	PGK Timothy Hicklin	

Alternate to the Delegate for State Convention:

PGK Joseph Scherb **(voted in)**

All elected take affect July 1, 2024

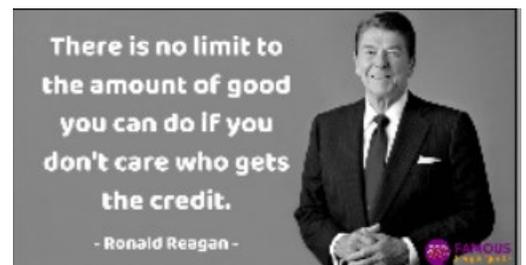
In accordance with rules and requirements by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, and at the direction of the Grand Knight of Fr. McCormick Council 3880.

Congratulations from the Nominating Committee:

Past Grand Knight Michael Bradely

Past Grand Knight Timothy Hicklin

Past Grand Knight Michael Kebr



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)

JUNE 2024 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Gospel for June 30, Mk 5:41)

Jesus restores the young girl to life by his word and touch. He restores us to life through the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of penance, with the words of absolution pronounced by his priest. We too can improve the lives of those in need around us, extending to them Christ's love through our own words and works of charity.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to find one way each day — even a small way — to con-

cretely share Christ's love with those you meet.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you recognize that your charitable works are an extension of Christ's mission of healing and compassion on earth? How does that awareness affect the work that you do? How might you recognize little opportunities to be a "Christ for others" to people you encounter each day?



Photos of 3880



Officers Installation 2024-2025

Picture credit ... Tricia Carzoli



Each Fifth Sunday as seen from the pew is the Council Banner posted behind the Celebrant. What is not clearly seen from the pews is that the image of Columbus on the banner is all embroidered. The image itself is a mirror depiction of the Landing of Columbus, one of only eight murals in the Capitol Rotunda, used as well as the Nation's first commemorative stamp in 1893 for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Why I became a Knight

After 35 years, one should have a set answer for as often as the question is asked. But with the new calendar adopted for the Fraternal year and new officers, there is always another reason for membership in Fr. McCormick Council 3880. With a 70-year history, the activities are surprisingly neither repetitive nor boring. Beginning in our second year when our Chaplain Fr. McCormick passed away suddenly, the Council took his name to guide us forward and gather each year in Rosary prayer at his grave. Or when the parish was gifted a flagpole along Terra Cotta, not in money only, but by brother Knights literally digging a hole and installing the pole we see today. The cabi-

nets passed on the way to the meeting room are filled with awards for noteworthy events and the most recent addition of being The One among many is now in its place. Why be a Knight ? Because there is so much to do along side fellow Catholic Gentleman in line with our clergy from Father McCormick to Father Jones, what else, one should ask, is there to do for our faith, family and community.

By, DGK Elect, SK Robert Kosin

Good of The Order

Knights Birthday July 2024

- Charles J. Feck
- Michael Fisher
- Thomas Foster
- Ralph W. Gebert
- Peter H. Harren
- Dennis Holm, Sr.
- Gregory J. Ives
- Cesar Jimenez
- Mike Kebr
- James J Kratochvil III
- John Ledermann
- Joseph C. Letizia
- John A. LoBosco
- James McManus
- Anthony Montanaro
- Dennis T. O'Neill
- John G. Reckamp
- Kenneth M. Repholz
- David Waggoner

- Gregory L. Waggoner
- Tad M. Walters
- Paul L. Weyna

Wives Birthday July 2024

- Jean Marie Brickey
- Joan Clark
- Joni Jasinski
- Angela Krambeer
- Ana McCoy
- Jeanne Mulville
- Patricia Zokal

Anniversaries July 2024

- Michael L. and JoEllen Gregus
- Robert L. and Mary Kay Kampman
- John G. and Ria Reckamp
- Ed and Meghan Riley
- David and Lisa Tambellini
- Matthew J. and Sheri Turk
- David and Lisa Waggoner
- Mathew S. and Becky Walker

Update Your Membership Info

[Click here](#) to update it.

Notice:

If you would or your wife would like to be mentioned in the Good



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



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

of the Order for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let PGK, Tim Hicklin know

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass. June 30, 2024— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday June 30 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.

Pro-Life Report

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truth. Forming conscience involves more than getting better at the nuts and bolts of moral reasoning. Formation of conscience is a matter of growing into our lives as disciples of Jesus.

How do we start? There are a host of resources for formation of conscience, but I can only offer here a brief list to consider: prayer; study of Scripture; study of science, history, and philosophy; imagination, including the arts; practices of social justice that reorient our moral vision in line with that of Jesus; pondering the witness of saints — official and unofficial — who show us the way of Christ. The church's official teaching claims a privileged place in the Catholic moral repertoire, too, since it represents our community's discernments across the centuries. Know what the church hierarchy teaches — but also know why and in what context those teachings arose, because often throughout history important teachings have changed.

The formation of conscience is not an individual or isolated process, but one undertaken in community. Our spiritual lives are communal: We gather to pray, to study, to encourage and persuade one another on the right course of action, especially on difficult questions. Conscience formation is a reciprocal process — we form and are formed in dialogue with others. In the chapter on conscience in Ronald Hamel's and Kenneth Himes' 1989 Introduction to Christian Ethics, Bernard Häring writes that.

"The uniqueness and creativity of conscience is not just for one's own sake; it is for co-humanity in and for the reciprocity of consciences. Hence, discernment concerns the common good in Church and society, and the good of each of our fellowmen. ... We have to listen to the prophets even if they shake us and unmask our errors" (270).

Summary: in the midst of the nonstop debate on abortion is treated in this country, varying considerably from state to state, we are called to examine our consciences deeply in revealing to ourselves on how we should "read" or acknowledge our conscience.

The pope has stated many times that abortion is murder but has not ordered the bishops to rule and administer in specific ways. He asks the bishops not to become "political", but to take prolife into the best of considerations in order to lead their diocesan areas.

Most definitely for us as individuals, we are called to think and decide for ourselves in the deepest part of our conscience.

Vivat Jesus
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Council Calendar—2023-2024



July 2024	August 2024	September 2024
7/2 Business Meeting 7/4 Independence Day 7/14 Breakfast 7/18 Food Pantry 7/25 Food Pantry 7/30 Officers' Meeting	8/4 70th Anniversary-Vets Acres 8/6 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption 8/17 Blood Drive 8/18 Breakfast 8/21 Caballeros de Colon 8/22 Food Pantry 8/24 Parish Picnic Rosary 8/27 Officers' Meeting	9/2 Labor Day 9/3 Business Meeting 9/7 All Day CLB Food Truck 9/15 1st Day Spanish Heritage Breakfast 9/18 Caballero de colon 9/20-21 IDDF Drive 9/21 Breakfast 9/24 Officers' Meeting 9/26 Food Pantry 9/28 Johnny Appleseed

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.

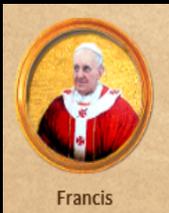


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