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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Hello, Brother Knights,

October is traditionally the month of our church drive. Thus, in November we held an Exemplification at the Oak street church. I am pleased to welcome our new brother Knights: Ron Jordan, Eli Liegel, Jose Villaseñor, Don Shaw.

Equally important, the Knights of Columbus "Caballeros" assisted with handing out pizza to the kids and family members who attended a special Vespers mass on October 31st at the St. Thomas church on Oak Street. How fun to see the children dressed up a Mary, Joseph, another saintly figures.

We also had a crew of Knights work together to build the tree stand for our Christmas tree delivery. Thank you to all that assisted here.

Let's not forget the Advent wreath sales and the Christmas wreaths. We had a separate crew putting bows on the Christmas wreaths enhancing their appearance.

If you have some spare time, please join us at the tree lot. This is one of the biggest fundraisings >> 2

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events we have. We can use your help. Just sign up at the trailer for better planning purposes.

In November, we also recognize our Brother Knights who have passed by remembering them with a Memorial Mass. This is an annual event where we read their name aloud in a mass ceremony.

Please enjoy time with your respective families this Thanksgiving. As always, if you know of someone who feels left out, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727.

Thank you for all that you do to support this council. Your contributions make us who we are.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

Cesar Jimenez
Grand Knight

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



It is the month of November and the popular slogan around town is "Vote Early; Vote Often".

But I say as a brother knight – Pray early, Pray often.

Do you remember when you first starting to say your prayers? Do you recall who taught you the prayers? At my age, I do not remember any specific details, but since I went to a Catholic grade school it was probably in kindergarten or first grade. I learned the basics like everyone else. You were taught the Our Father, the Hail Mary and of course the old standby bedtime prayer of Now I lay me down to sleep...

But I do know that it was my maternal grandmother who was always stressing us to pray the rosary and ask Mary for help. She was a firm believer in pray early, pray often. Her faith and family were her daily prayers.

Prayers are more important today than ever due to the state of the world around us. There are more people on welfare without benefits; cost of living has increased drastically; severe weather has caused cause fires, floods and other natural disasters. Wars are still going on in many places and many more things that are causing worry, stress and anxiety.

My grandmother encouraged each of us to not only continually ask God for help; but to remember to thank Him for all the good things in our lives. She showed the depths of her faith as the prayers at the numerous family gatherings often asked God to help accept and embrace his will. Each of us seeks God's grace but we need to see that God's will is what should be done, not our will.

With these thoughts in mind and all brother knights praying early and often; I hope the future of the world improves.

Until then; may God bless each of you during this Thanksgiving holiday.

Monthly Awards



**SK, Bob Wyman
Family of the month of Sept.**

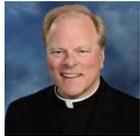


**SK, Mike Bradley
Family of the month of Oct.**



**Jesus Garibay
Knight of the Month of Oct.**

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



In just a few weeks a new Liturgical Year will begin with the season of Advent. This is also the time we traditionally have a Rite of Welcome for individuals taking instructions (through OCIA) to come into full Communion with the Catholic Faith and embrace Sacramental Living. The process is a public one since it is also meant to remind all of us "Cradle Catholics" of the importance of embracing Sacramental Living.

At the center of what it means to be Catholic is a life lived in and through the Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. But Sacraments are more than a "to-do" list in the life of a Catholic. They are meant to be how we put our faith into action.

Born out of love and desire for God, faith consists of orienting oneself wholly toward God, not only one's heart, but also one's concrete actions in life. Sacramental life, then, refers to all of human life: its patterns, limitations, its complications and mysteriousness. All of sacramental life is oriented toward our end purpose and destiny, which is total union with God.

A common misunderstanding of Sacraments is they are somehow "containers of magic". A common misunderstanding of Liturgy is that it is a human ritual to help us acquire grace with our own efforts. This represents a misunderstanding of God's "grace" and how God works in and through us. We must understand that it is God's work and open ourselves up to that reality. Then we are more likely to be living the Sacramental Life.

The Dogmatic Constitution of Liturgy, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*," states that the roots of the Liturgy are founded in God's loving will for humanity as revealed in Christ: "God who 'wills that all men be saved and come to knowledge of the truth' (1 Timothy 2:4) ... sent His Son, the Word made flesh, anointed by the Holy Spirit, to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart, to be a 'bodily and spiritual medicine', the Mediator between God and man" (SC 5).

How might we understand this life given to us through Christ's Paschal Mystery? Let us be reminded that God's gift, that is, life lived in grace and communion with God, is an invitation. They are not disjointed moments in our daily lives when we "receive grace", but the foundation and orientation according to which we live. Sacramental Life rooted in the Paschal Mystery, through which God achieves His plan for our salvation, is continuous, repetitive and unceasing. In this sense, Sacraments are not merely something we do as Catholics, but **how** we live as Catholics.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones



CHANCELLOR'S THOUGHTS

A Triduum in the Fall?

We all know about the shortest liturgical season of the Church, Triduum, right? The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday where we wait for our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. It's a time of anticipation while we remember when Jesus dies from our world, the Church Militant, descends to hell, or Shaol, to free those righteous souls, the Church Suffering, and opens the gates to Heaven, the Church Triumphant. But did you know there's another "triduum" that we've all celebrated recently? This is something that I wasn't aware of until recently, at least not the use of the term "triduum" to describe these three days, so I wanted to share this with you and how I think the Knights play a very important role.

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MONTHLY BREAKFAST REPORT

FOR NOVEMBER



Greetings! These things just keep getting more and more interesting... and different!?!

This last Breakfast was bit of a downer as only 170 people showed up to eat. At the end of one of the masses, the **DGK, Bill Bransley** (in case you are reading this and don't really know who your Officers are!) was standing in the Narthex as people walked by going out the door, and asked about coming in to eat... one response was "No, we're going to McDonalds!" to which **Bill** replied "...but our breakfast is so much better and cheaper than anywhere else!" he said to their backs as they just kept walking... So first thought, since our Pastor, *our great Chaplin*, is so much on our side and for us, maybe I should ask him if the next time a couple of us can just walk through Church before mass carrying plates of the different menu items and let the smell be our salesman! Then, one of our newest members, **Don Shaw**, showed up as he said he would at the Exemplification. He proudly informed me both times that he was a 'busboy' of some distinction and would love to help out and earn his way up to dishwasher... WE EXPLAINED to him the issues of being a dishwasher... but it was great to see him here and helping out less than a week from becoming a Brother Knight! Then going over the paperwork, I found out that I missed seeing new Brother Knight **Ron Jordan** was there! Sorry I missed you **Ron**, but we can blame the **Worthy Membership Director, SK Robert Kosin**, for not alerting me! And if the rest of you don't know who Ron is, or realize it, he is one of the newest ushers at the 9 AM Mass... let him know who you are next time you walk into church. Then came the one we were waiting for... young **Eli Liegel** came into breakfast all dressed up as usual in suit and tie to eat with his family. So, we grabbed almost 2 dozen of us Brother Knights... well, **HIS BROTHER KNIGHTS** as of last Monday night, FINALLY, and surrounded him to sing Happy Birthday on his 18th!!! And thanks to **Past Grand Knight, Worthy Trustee Joe Scherb**, he was presented with the gift from him of a **Council Polo Shirt!** We are proud to call you Brother, as we have been waiting for over 3 years for you to be old enough to join, as that is how long you have been volunteering alongside your dad! AND OF COURSE, being me, I must add what a laugh we got later when you went home after breakfast and came back to help with the cleanup **WEARING THAT NEW BLUE SHIRT!!!** It turned out to be a wonderful week for the Council after all.

See you next **December 21st ...** When the **Jolly Old Guy** from way up North comes to visit us during Breakfast to bring all those wonderful smiles to the kids from 1 to 99! Hope to see you there... one side of the counter or the other... John



MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

The Real Thing

Nostalgia sells and this time of the year, it's a gold mine. A big box hardware store is advertising its Christmas greenery as a trip to a magical forest to find that perfect tree. But a mythical travel is not necessary for Council 3880 has its tree lot up and ready for visitors. This is no commercial pop up like seen in once empty storefronts rather a program decade in operation.

Among the records of the Council are photos of the tree lot from thirty years ago as still at the southwest corner of Oak and Terra Cotta. What manner of Catholic men have endeavored to host this act of Charity? How have they and the others after them, stayed on message? Truth be told they're a talkative group ready to extend an invitation to join the order of the Knights of Columbus while showing the trees that have captured the season for generations.

Whatever the search is on for this season, among the places advertised as having it all, stop by the Council 3880's tree lot. If a Knight, greet another brother among the holiday finery of the season and extend a hearty "Merry Christmas". Better yet, if there is someone who needs an introduction to the largest Catholic Fraternal organization, tell them about Blessed Father Michael McGivney and they are likely to receive a great Christmas gift for a lifetime.





FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

The Exemplification of Patriotism was held at Saint Margaret Mary Church in Algonquin on October 25th and was a great success. Thirty-two new Sir Knights are now members of the Fourth Degree. Bishop Boylan Assembly three candidates including our own Lecturer Vito Defrisco and his son, Tom Defrisco who are now proud members of the Assembly. Congratulations to them and all of our other ne Sir Knights.



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.

The Assembly placed flags at the graves of veterans-on-Veterans Day November 11th at McHenry County Memorial Park Cemetery in Woodstock. Several members in uniform and Deacon Ken Giacone of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton held a ceremony honoring the veterans and then placed American flags at teach of the graves of these valiant heroes that defended our freedom. More photos can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in joining the Patriotic Degree, we have two Exemplifications scheduled so far in 2026. The first is at St. Dennis church in Lockport on February 7, 2026. You can find registration information [here](#) if you would like to attend as an observer. If you would like to take your next step in Knighthood and become a Sir Knight, please ask one of the many Sir Knights of our Council or myself to be your Proposer.

If that date doesn't work for you, we will be having another Exemplification on June 27th at St. Norberts Catholic Church in Northbrook. More information to follow on this event after the February 7th Exemplification.

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 **December 10th, 2025**, 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. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4th Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know as well so I can add you to that list.

God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.

CHRISTMAS TREES 2025

I can't believe it's that time again!! I thought I would list some important dates for you to help with Christmas Trees 2025.

Good news we are able to get 7'-8' Fraser Firs trees this year!!! Also, will be selling Advent Wreaths and candles at Pierson and Oak Street churches again.

Some Important Dates for you to mark on your Calendar

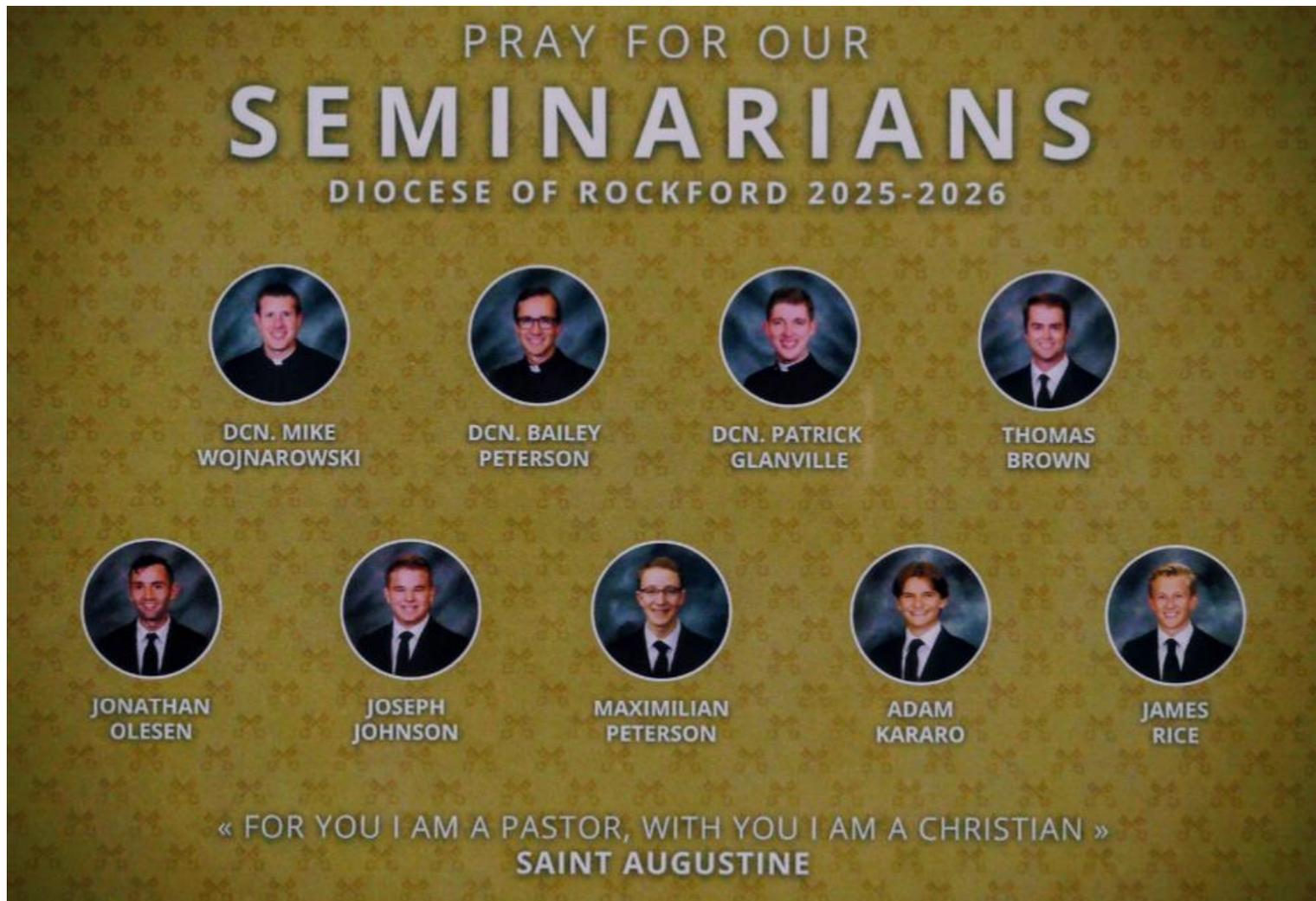
Advent Wreath sales start November 9, 2025 on weekends till November 30th or sold out

- **Need Help!!! At Pierson Street Church for salesTree Delivery: Saturday 11-22-24 mid AM. Please come and help off-load trees!!**
 - **Tree Sales Start November 23, 2025 9:00AM Sign up at the tree stand in the parking lot to help**
 - **Tree Hours – Help Needed Two Hour Shifts**
 - **Monday – Friday Hours 4:30pm – 7:00pm**
 - **Saturday & Sunday Hours 9:00am – 7:00pm**
- **Sign up sheets will be at the business meeting for Tree set-up, Tree off-loading and working the tree stand. And going forward sign-up sheets will be at the tree stand trailer for you to sign up.**

Thanks for All You Do !!

The Christmas Tree Committee 2025

Who are these Seminarians We Support



Blood Drive

Start the New Year Off Right...Save Three Lives

Council 3880 will be having a blood drive on January 10th from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Oak Street Community Center. Come and give a pint and save three lives. Each donation helps three 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.

Our Council, in conjunction with Versiti Blood Centers of Illinois, has a goal of 39 units that would affect 117 lives. All it takes is for you to roll up your sleeve and give a pint to make that happen. The holiday season is a time of need and blood banks are already at a dangerously low level and need to be replenish their supply. Help us make our goal and help our neighbors. The blood you give stays local to help the Chicagoland area.

You can make an appointment to donate by clicking [here](#) and pick a time that is convenient for you on January 10th. If you would rather talk to someone to make an appointment, please feel free to call Dan O'Connell at 224-456-5098 and I will set you up. You can also walk in but an appointment is preferred.

As an added incentive, if you sign up and put the word "SPARK" in the notes section, you will be eligible to receive a \$25 ecard when you donate. Savings lives and a free gift...such a deal!! Hope to see you there.



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

December 2025 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

“Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Gospel for Dec. 7, Mt 3:10)

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

Questions for Reflection:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?

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The three days, also referred to as Hallowtide, are Halloween (All Hallows Eve), All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. Halloween is the vigil for All Saints Day where we honor saints and martyrs, while All Souls' Day is focused on praying for the departed souls in purgatory. All Saints Day was first celebrated as a feast day in A.D. 609, on May 13th after Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Roman Pantheon to the saints, especially martyrs, of the Church. In the next century Pope Gregory III transferred the feast day to November 1st. And since feast days are so important, it is right to start celebrating the night before, thus All Hallows Eve with the word *hallows* meaning *saints* in Old English.

Like the Easter Triduum, this fall triduum can help us focus on our role as children of God. Halloween, with its increased secularization and paganization reminds us to continuously defend the Church here on Earth, the Church Militant. All Saints Day reminds us of the glory to come and how to attain it by modeling our lives after the saints and martyrs in the Church Triumphant. And All Souls Day reminds us of our duty to pray for the souls in purgatory, the Church Suffering, so that they may be purified and enter into heaven.

What does this have to do with the Knights? Well, as Knights we are called to be defenders of the faith here in the Church Militant and it seems that now more than ever (although people probably said this many times throughout history) the Church is in need of defending. We can defend the Church by being firm and visible in our support for the right to life by not only opposing abortion, but also assisted suicide, especially here in Illinois where a recent bill was passed (SB 1950) that legalizes assisted suicide. See <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/chicagoland/-/article/2025/11/05/illinois-state-legislature-passes-assisted-suicide-bill>

We can defend the Church by promoting religious liberty, the sanctity of marriage, opposing atheistic ideologies such as communism and socialism, and correcting misconceptions of church teaching when we encounter them. All these things require knowledge and understanding of church teaching and how society has dealt with these issues in the past. Maybe we can start by at least understanding some of what the Knights have previously accomplished and then see if there are windows of opportunity for similar engagement.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/week-of-june-29/8-ways-kofc-defended-religious-freedom.html>

So, stay vigilant for opportunities to defend your faith and do not be afraid because, “I am with you always” Mt 28:20

Memento Mori,

John Carzoli – Chancellor

PRO-LIFE REPORT

Pope: Justice must be animated by wisdom, love, and mercy

Pope Leo XIV reflects on justice and its function in society at the Jubilee of Justice, inviting participants “to always express to the fullest the exercise of justice in the service of the people, with eyes fixed on God”.

By Christopher Wells

Pope Leo XIV today delivered a profound reflection on the concept of justice and its function, in an address to Church and civil legal professionals taking part in the Jubilee for Justice.

Speaking to a large crowd of pilgrims in St Peter’s Square, Pope Leo insisted that justice is “indispensable, both for the orderly development of society and as a cardinal virtue that inspires and guides the conscience of every man and woman.”

Recalling the biblical exhortation to “love justice and avoid evil,” and the traditional definition of justice as “rendering to each one his due,” Pope Leo went on to say that even this form of justice “does not exhaust the profound longing” that is present in every person.

Human dignity and the common good

Justice, Pope Leo explained, unites “the dignity of the person, his or her relationship with others, and the communal dimension of coexistence, with its structures and shared rules”.

Pope Leo recalled, too, that justice is “above all, a virtue; that is, a firm and stable disposition that orders our conduct according to reason and faith,” consisting in “the constant and firm will to render to God and our neighbor what is their due.”

Called to ‘a higher justice’

Yet, while justice disposes us “to respect the rights of each person” and promote the harmony that preserves the common good, Pope Leo said, the Gospel speaks of “a higher justice ... that makes mercy the key of interpretation in relationships”, moving one to forgiveness.

“It is the power of forgiveness,” he said, which is “intrinsic to the commandment of love, that emerges as a constitutive element of a justice capable of uniting the supernatural with the human.”

Evangelical justice, the Pope continued, “does not turn away from human justice but questions and reshapes it, challenging it to always go further, because it impels it toward reconciliation.”

The task of not only punishing evil but repairing it, Pope Leo said, is “a demanding task, but not impossible for those ... who commit themselves to an irreproachable way of life.”

Then, acknowledging that “growing discriminations” tend toward “the denial of access to justice,” he explained that “true equality is not merely formal equality before the law,” but instead “the possibility granted to all to fulfil their aspirations and see the rights inherent to their dignity guaranteed by a system of shared values”.

The demands of justice in the international order

Significantly, Pope Leo noted that the Jubilee “also invites us to reflect on an aspect of justice not always sufficiently emphasized: namely, the reality of so many countries and peoples who ‘hunger and thirst for justice’ because the condition of their lives are so inequitable and inhuman as to be unacceptable.”

He applied to the present state of the world the words of Saint Augustine, “without justice, the State cannot be governed; it is impossible for there to be law in a State where there is no true justice.”

And he emphasized that justice is the virtue that gives to each his due – not only man, but God. Still quoting Augustine, Pope Leo said, “Therefore, that which takes human beings away from God is not true human justice.”

And he concluded, “May the demanding words of Saint Augustine inspire each of us to always express to the fullest the exercise of justice in the service of the people, with eyes fixed on God, so as fully to express justice, right, and the dignity of persons.”

Respectfully submitted

Pete Harren, Pro-life Director

3880 Memories

Christmas Trees 2025



Vespers Mass supporting the Hispanic community



Exemplification in November



And Much Much More!!!



Advent Wreaths are on Sale and going quickly.



And WE did it again...STAR Council!!!

Congratulations 3880!!!



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

DECEMBER 2025

Knights Birthdates		Knights Continued		Wives Birthdates		Anniversaries
Victor Aguilar	12-02	Justin M Hansen	12-17	Susan Stefani	12-01	Per Supreme records, there are no Brother Knights with wedding anniversaries in the month of December. If the information in your file is inaccurate, please contact the Financial Secretary, John Stefani, at jstefani44FS3880@aol.com , or (815) 679-6596 to have your file updated. Thanks!
Matthew C Walsh	12-03	Richard E Kendzior	12-18	Yvonne E Scott	12-13	
Michael J Baietto	12-04	James V O'Reilly	12-18			
Eugene Ziemba	12-05	Mark Polston	12-18			
Rev. John R Evans	12-08	Thomas M Fraser	12-19			
Stuart J Collar	12-10	Chris Jackson	12-25			
Robert L Cormier	12-11	PGK John M Orso	12-25			
Thomas J Bieschke	12-12	Mark S Steadman	12-26			
PGK Mark Daniel	12-12	Ryan Krambeer	12-27			
Richard F Wojcik	12-13	Paul J Cuchna II	12-30			
Thomas P Cieslewicz	12-15	Juan Lopez	12-30			
John R Sinski	12-15	Timothy J DeLance	12-31			
Brian Dasenbrock	12-17					

FIFTH SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – 9:00AM

5th SUNDAY November 30, 2025

Sunday November 30, 2025 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

Lecturer's Reflections

Brothers

This month, our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori challenges us to learn more about the lives of the saints by selecting one or more martyrs to read about and then reflecting on how we can imitate his or her perseverance and hope.

Questions for Reflection:

Have you ever struggled with hope when life has brought challenges? Have you ever experienced bigotry, rejection, hostility or hatred on account of your Catholic faith? What are some concrete ways you can seek to grow in perseverance to face life's difficulties?

Here is a short list of Saints we might consider for reflection

This list of saints can serve as a source of inspiration and intercession for us as members of the Knights of Columbus. Each saint represents a particular virtue or area of need, offering guidance and strength in times of struggle or discernment.

ST. JOSEPH

Patron of fathers, workers, and the universal Church. Knights can pray for strength as husbands, fathers, and protectors of the family.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Patron of soldiers, police officers, and defenders of the faith. Knights can pray for courage in spiritual battles and protection against evil.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Patron of lost things and seekers of truth. Knights can pray for help finding faith, direction, or peace when something feels lost.

ST. THOMAS MORE

Patron of lawyers, politicians, and those in public service. Knights can pray for integrity and moral courage when facing difficult ethical choices.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Patron of peacemakers and the environment. Knights can pray for simplicity, humility, and a heart for service to others.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Patron of charitable societies and service to the poor. Knights can pray for renewed zeal in works of charity and compassion for those in need.

ST. SEBASTIAN

Patron of athletes and soldiers. Knights can pray for strength and perseverance in times of physical, moral, or spiritual struggle.

ST. PADRE PIO

Patron of suffering souls and those seeking healing. Knights can pray for endurance in suffering and trust in God's mercy.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Patron of youth, families, and the new evangelization. Knights can pray for inspiration to stand firm in faith and lead families toward holiness.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Patron of prisoners and families; advocate of Marian devotion. Knights can pray for courage and self-sacrifice for the sake of others.

ST. AUGUSTINE

Patron of seekers of conversion and deeper faith. Knights can pray for renewal of faith and overcoming personal struggles.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

Patron of soldiers and those ridiculed for their faith. Knights can pray for bravery and perseverance in defending truth.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Patron of missionaries. Knights can pray for boldness in spreading the Gospel through words and deeds

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Patron of laborers and all who work with their hands. Knights can pray for dignity in work and success in providing for their families.

AND OF COURSE, BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Knights can pray for guidance in living out charity, unity, and fraternity, and for the needs of their council and parish.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of these holy men and women, grant that we, your Knights, may live out our mission with courage, compassion, and faith. Strengthen our brotherhood and guide our works so that all we do brings glory to Your name.

Amen

And before we end tonight, here's a little something to make us smile — because the saints remind us that joy is part of holiness too!

Q: Why did St. Joseph makes such a good carpenter?

A: Because he always nailed it!

May we, like St. Joseph, “nail it” in our daily lives — not through perfection, but through faithfulness, hard work, and trust in God’s plan.

SK, Vito C. DeFrisco
Knights of Columbus Council 3880
Lecturer

Ukraine Support



Support fellow Knights in war torn Ukraine. On December 2nd Meeting, we're selling raffle tickets to win this charming . candle The scent of Door County Candle's Ukraine a blend of vanilla. Raffle tickets are \$1, 8 for \$5. All proceeds will go to Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

John Walsh

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers, greetings! **A New Year is just ahead!!** It is also the signal for the start of another Calendar Year for your Council... and the payment of Dues! Time to pay once more! The Invoices for the Calander Year of 2026 will be printed and available at the December Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd. These dues are a major source of funds as we go forward on our mission of Charity. Also, we do have to pay a fee to both the Supreme Council and to the State Council each year... whether you pay us or not... so for every Brother who wishes to not pay, we must use Council funds for their share of the payment with no return. If you can attend the meeting and pick up your Invoice, better yet, pick it up and pay it, it would be beneficial to the Council, rather than having to mail them to everyone... twice actually, pay to send the Invoice then another stamp and envelope to return your new Membership Card! With postage going up all the time, plus the cost of envelopes, this can be a savings to the Council of over \$150.00. The dues for the new year are the same as last year, \$30.00 for the privilege of being a member of the greatest *Catholic Men's Organization in the World!* Unless of course you are among the privileged of being an **Honorary Member**, meaning you have been a Brother Knight for 25 consecutive years as of your 65th birthday, then your dues are only \$15.00... or better yet, you have been a Brother Knight for 25 Consecutive years as of your birthday and are 70 years old, the you are an **Honorary Life Member** and you do NOT pay dues!!

But again, as always, if the dues are a financial hardship, please seek me out and talk to me... the FS has the authority to waive the dues for cause... and that is only between you and me. Just us... call may be reached by phone / text at (815) 679-6596 or jstefani44fs3880@aol.com John

COUNCIL NEXT THREE-MONTH CALENDAR



NOV/DEC 2025	JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026
11/25 Officers Meeting 11/28-11/31 12/1-12/20 Christmas Tree Sales 12/2 Business Meeting 12/6 TMIY 12/16 Christmas Party 12/17 Caballeros De Colon 12/20 Christmas Tree Sales End 12/21 Breakfast with Santa 12/24 Christmas Eve 12/25 Christmas Day 12/30 Officers Meeting 12/31 New Year's Eve	1/1 New Years Day 1/6 Business Meeting 1/10 Blood Drive 1/17 Confirmation 1/17/24/31 TMIY 1/18 Breakfast 1/21 Caballeros De Colon 1/22 Food Pantry 1/27 Officers Meeting 1/31 Polish Dinner	2/3 Business Meeting 2/7 Free Throw Contest 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)

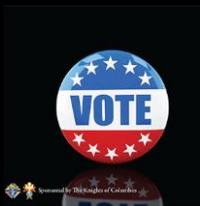
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Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

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



Make the Right Choice. Life is not Your Choice.
It's Your Responsibility!

