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**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel  
Osprey , FL  
Council #15821**



**Advent 2025  
Special Edition Newsletter**





# Chaplain's Minute



## **Advent: A Season of Hope, Preparation, and Brotherhood**

**By Fr. Anthony Armstrong**

**Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas—it is a sacred time of expectation and preparation. The Church calls us to ready our hearts for the coming of Christ: in the celebration of His birth and in anticipation of His return in glory. The purple candles of the Advent wreath remind us of penance and preparation, while the rose candle speaks of joy amidst waiting. This season is rich with meaning: hope, peace, joy, and love—virtues that resonate deeply with our Catholic faith and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.**

**Advent is a season of hope. In a world often clouded by uncertainty, hope anchors us in the promise of Emmanuel—"God with us." As Knights, we are called to be bearers of that hope, living out our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Charity during Advent means more than giving gifts; it means giving of ourselves—our time, attention, and compassion—to those who need it most. Unity reminds us that we are stronger together, especially when we gather as a parish family to pray, serve, and celebrate. Fraternity calls us to support one another in faith, encouraging each other to grow closer to Christ during this holy season.**

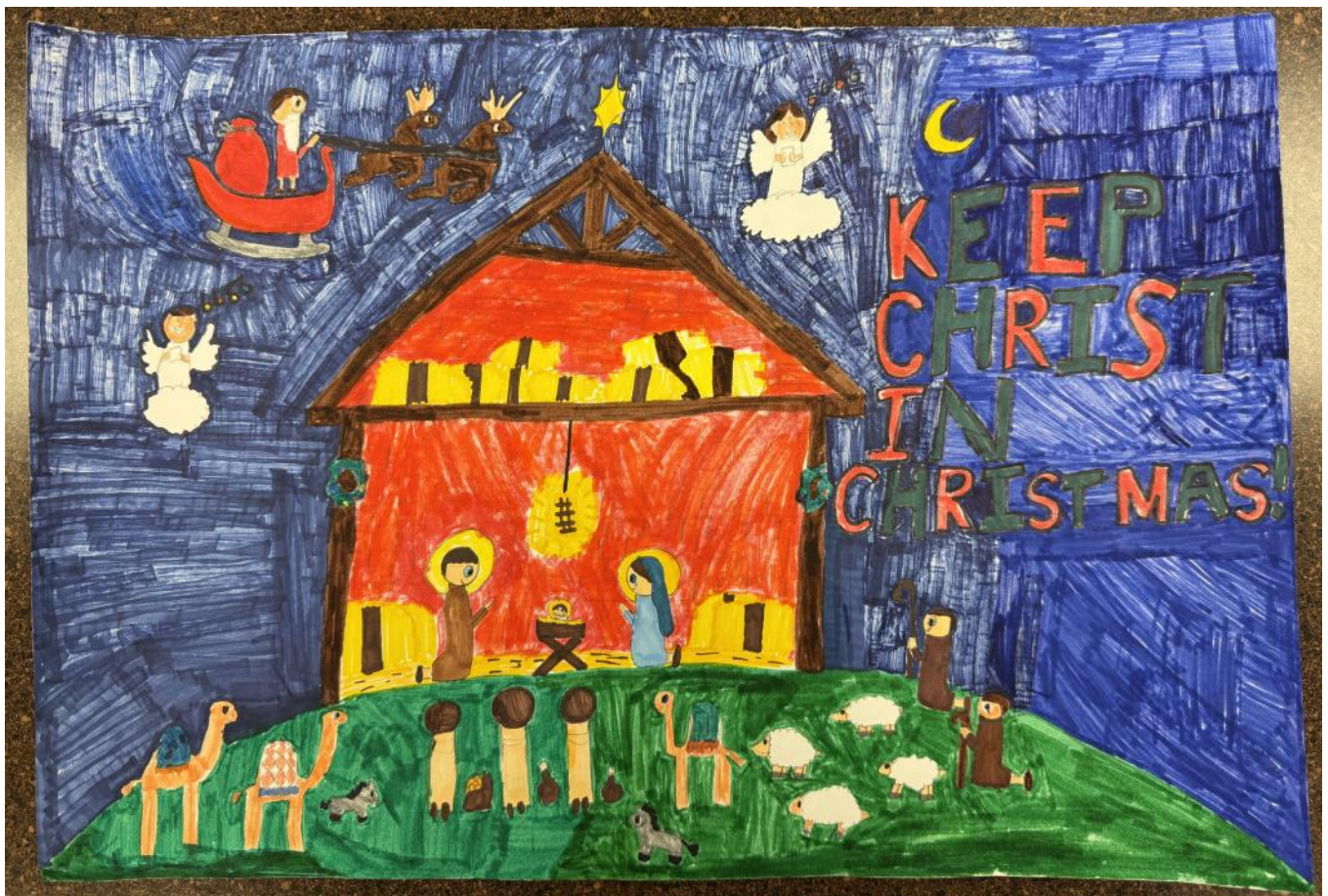
**Advent often competes with the busyness of the world. Shopping lists, parties, and endless tasks can easily overshadow the spiritual preparation we are called to embrace. How do we keep Advent holy amid the noise? The answer lies in intentionality. Advent is not about doing more; it's about doing what matters most—creating space for Christ in our hearts and homes.**

**Here is a challenge for every Knight this Advent: Choose one concrete way to slow down and prepare spiritually in one of these many ways. Firstly, commit to daily prayer—even just five minutes of quiet reflection with Scripture or the Advent readings. Secondly, attend an extra Mass during the week or participate in the parish Advent mission or penance service. Or, thirdly, light the Advent wreath at home and pray with your family.**

I also invite and challenge you to live out charity in a tangible way. Support the parish Giving Tree, help sort the toys/gifts and/or help pack the truck as we take those much needed gifts to Immokalee. Or maybe you could visit someone who is lonely, or volunteer at a local food pantry, or get some shopping for a shut-in neighbor. These acts of service reflect the heart of Advent and the values of the Knights of Columbus. When we serve others, we prepare a manger in our hearts for Christ to dwell.

Advent is a season of joy—not the fleeting joy of material things, but the deep joy that comes from knowing Christ is near. As Knights, let us be witnesses of that joy in our families, parish, and community. Let our words and actions proclaim the hope of the Gospel, even in the simplest ways.

Brothers, Advent is short—just four weeks—but its impact can be eternal if we embrace it fully. If we get in to the routine of coming to mass an extra time a week, or if we spend at least five minutes in prayer, or visit that shut-in neighbor during Advent that can become a good habit that we keep year round! Let us journey together, as men of faith and action, preparing the way of the Lord. May this Advent be a time of renewal for each of us, and may we enter Christmas with hearts ready to receive the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ.







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**Please Plan on Joining Us**

**Thursday Dec 18th**

**Following the 8:00 am mass**

## ***Sacred Heart Holy Hour***

Pope Francis blessed more than 300 Sacred Heart of Jesus icons as part of the Knights of Columbus' Pilgrim Icon Program. These icons, reproductions of the image painted by Pompeo Batoni, are traveling to different parishes worldwide for veneration and prayer services.

## Discover “The ONE” – A Parish Mission with Greg Wasinski



Father Anthony Armstrong  
O. Carm. Pastor  
aarmstrong@olmc-osprey.org

What if one evening could change everything—for you, your family, and our parish community? Join us for The ONE Experience, a powerful mission led by nationally recognized Catholic speaker and author Greg Wasinski and with musical guest Carrie Ford. This is not just another parish event—it’s an invitation to rediscover your faith in a personal, relatable, and hope-filled way.

Greg blends authentic storytelling with music and Church teaching to help us answer life’s most pressing question: Why does our faith matter? Through real-life experiences and practical insights, he will guide us to see how a deeper relationship with Jesus transforms our everyday lives.

Catholic outcomes from “the one” experience: 1) A renewed personal relationship with Christ: Attendees will encounter the living God through Scripture and prayer, deepening their sense of being personally known and loved. 2) A reconnection with the sacramental life: By recognizing the need for healing and return, participants are encouraged to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. 3) A call to evangelize: Inspired by Christ’s love, attendees will be encouraged to go out and share hope with their own “one” who is lost.

Whether you’ve been away from the Church, feel disconnected, or simply want to grow closer to God, this mission is for YOU. As we begin our Advent journey, step away from the noise and busyness of the pre-Christmas season. Find strength, purpose, and peace in our 2-day parish mission taking place in the Church at 6pm on December 1st and 2nd. For more details, visit <http://www.faithandrealife.com>.



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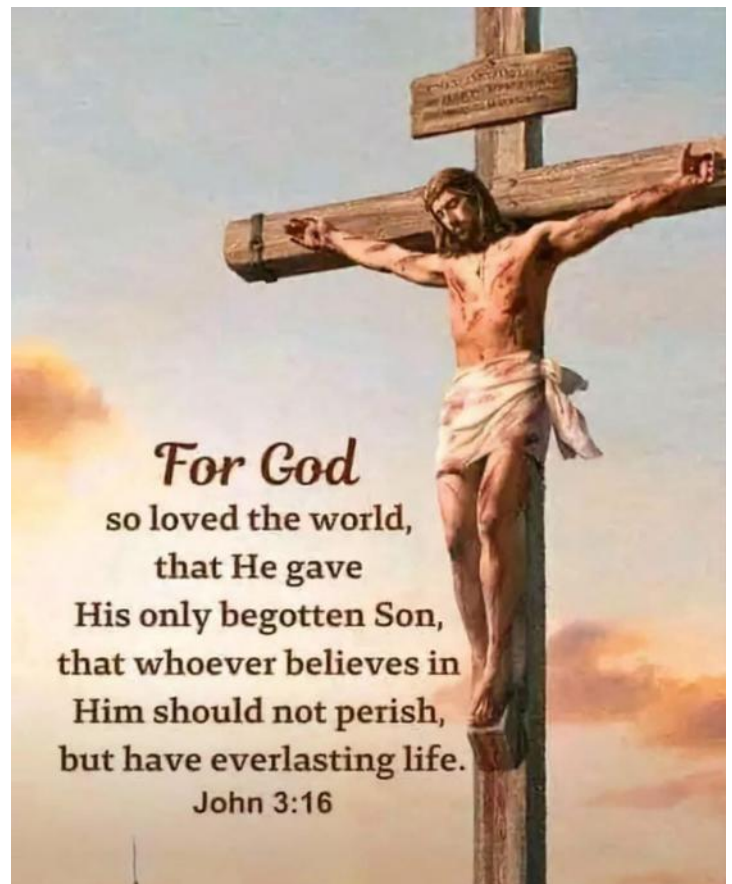
**6:00 PM**  
**DECEMBER 1 & 2**  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
OSPREY, FL

**THE ONE**  
LIVE EVENT EXPERIENCE

MUSICAL GUEST:  
CARRIE FORD

PRESENTED BY:  
GREG WASINSKI

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*For God*  
so loved the world,  
that He gave  
His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in  
Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16



## Prayers Needed

A Grand Knight from Fredericksburg, Texas sent this relic to Joshua's family in Chicago. We pray for the intercession of Blessed Michael on behalf of Joshua for a healing of his bone cancer. The relic will be placed in Joshua's presence. BTW: The KCs are waiting for another miracle in the case of sainthood for our founder.



## Update

Fellow Knights of Council 15821:

In our last newsletter we asked you to pray for a high school student named Josh. He had bone cancer and was scheduled for surgery. Today I bring you a quotation from his surgeon after doing the surgery.

A Grand Knight from a council in Fredericksburg, Texas, heard about Josh and sent him a first class relic of Fr. Michael McGivney. Josh's family launched a Novena to Fr. McGivney with that relic prior to Josh's surgery.

After the surgery Dr. Wagner sent this message to Josh's family. This is what his mother reported from Dr. Wagner:

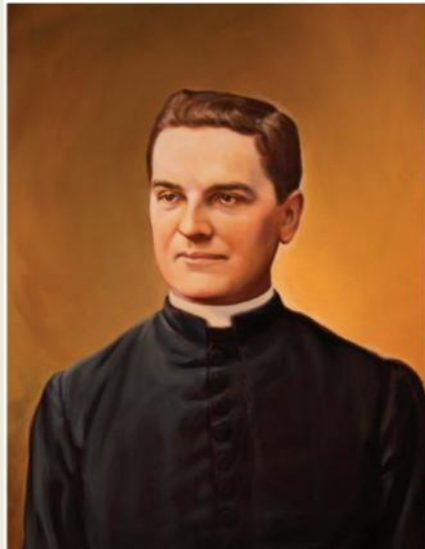
"Dr. Wagner called us this evening..."negative margins all around the excised tumor and no evidence of spread to the lymph nodes that were biopsied. Pathology report isn't final yet but confident that after surgical recovery and physical therapy we will be moving to just surveillance scans at UK (University of Kentucky) every 3 months. Praise God!"

We are all very grateful for Josh's recovery and particularly wish to thank all of you who prayed on Josh's behalf.

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney has been proposed for Sainthood. Usually, the Catholic Church requires a saintly candidate receive two miracles attributed to the candidate. Fr. McGivney already has one prior to this surgery. We continue to pray for Blessed Fr. McGivney in hopes for his canonization.

Thank you again for all your prayers.

A. J. Magliolo PGK



### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:  
The Father McGivney Guild  
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New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA  
[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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# TOOTSIE ROLLS ARE COMING!!!

## 2026 CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES DRIVE

Brothers, our Citizens with Disabilities Drive will be here before we know it. We will be donning our bright yellow aprons and passing out Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops and of course asking for donations after all the Masses at **O.L.M.C on Saturday January 31 and Sunday February 1, 2026** Our PUBLIX drive will be held on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 6th, 7th and 8th, 2026**. On Friday and Saturday there will be 5 - 2-hour shifts from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. On Sunday we will have 3 - 2 hour shifts from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please sign up to work a mass and a shift at Publix at our January 2026 officers and council meetings.



The “Citizens with Disabilities Drive” was started in the early 1970s and has grown to include the majority of councils in the country. It has collected and distributed more than 390 million dollars since then. Various councils hold the drive at different times throughout the year. Our council participates the weekend before and the weekend of the Superbowl.

Council 15821 has taken part in the “Tootsie Roll Drive” since our beginning. We had a rocky start not having a suitable location in “our parish” and we inadvertently infringed on the locations of councils in other parishes. Publix helped us out greatly by building the store in the plaza at the corner of U.S. 41 and Blackburn Point (Old Venice Rd.) We have used that location since then.

For many years we had to send the total collection, less the cost of the candy, to the State Council. State would take 10 % to distribute to charities at the State level and then cut checks to our selected charities and mail them to our council for distribution. Then the rules changed, and State Council cut the checks and mailed them directly to our selected charities. Then the rules changed again and now we keep all our collection. We cut the checks and distribute them to our charities. Our charities this year are Venice Special Olympics, Venice Challenger Baseball and the Autism program at St. Marthas School in Sarasota.

REMEMBER – please sign up at our meetings in January 2026 so I don’t have to make a bunch of phone calls to fill the roster. Feel free to take a shift with your spouse or significant other, especially if she is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

“Citizens With Disabilities – Tootsie Roll Drive” Chair SK DON CRANDELL, 989-274-6476 – [dcrandell46@gmail.com](mailto:dcrandell46@gmail.com).





**Save the Date**




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**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Saturday**  
**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**


**Tillotson Hall** **\$20**



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# Tootsie Roll Drive

Jan 31 & Feb 1st at OLMC  
Feb 6th, 7th & 8th at Publix



Look for the Knights Wearing Yellow Vests!

Your contribution benefits programs for our brothers and sisters with developmental disabilities

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**Bags Distributed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> After Mass**  
**Food Collected Dec 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Before Mass**

**Immokalee Food Drive**  
**Help Donate to Those in Hunger !!!**



**Thank you for your support !**

**What We Need**  
**Food Items Most In Need :**  
Pinto Beans - Dry  
Canned Goods (meat, soup, veggies, fruit)  
Rice - Dry  
Cereal (store brand OK)  
Pasta (any kind)  
Maseca (flour tortilla mix)

**Other Needed Food Items**  
Saltines (or similar crackers)  
Peanut Butter, Jam, Jelly  
Cans of Juice (46 oz)  
Canned Tomatoes  
Jars of Baby Food  
Cooking Oil (48 oz)

**Biggest Non-Food Item Need**  
**Diapers (sizes 5 & 6)**

**Please Ensure ALL Food Donations Have Current Dating !!!**

Cash or Checks are also accepted,  
Make Checks Payable to "Guadalupe Social Services"

**Food for Families**  
Council #15821



## Immokalee Food Drive

Bag Hand Out After Mass      Dec 6th & 7th  
Food Collection Before Mass      Dec 13th & 14th

**We could use your help !!!**

Please contact Knight Horatio Hoggard  
hchoggard@gmail.com or 941-720-3472

**Thanks For Your Support**







## THE GIVING TREE

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been supporting the migrant worker families in Immokalee through donations of food and money to Guadalupe Social Services since the church's beginnings in 2001.

Guadalupe Social Services, a division of Catholic Charities, provides important support to the migrant families in Immokalee. Founded in 1982, the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee works to break the cycle of poverty through education, social, and other support programs and resources. They provide financial aid, hot lunches, food pantry service, and a pantry on wheels program to homebound families who cannot directly access their services.

**THE GIVING TREE** Ministry provides OLMC parishioners an opportunity to share their good fortune with the children of the migrant workers at Christmas time. Please open your hearts to these families and share your blessings this holiday season. The Christmas Giving Tree will be placed in the narthex beginning Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please stop by & select a gift tag to fulfill. Please return the gift unwrapped by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. **Thank You for your support !!!**



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# Save The Date



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## #15821 Charity Golf Outting Sat April 18th



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<b>Dec</b>	1st & 2nd	the Mission THE ONE !	OLMC	7:00 pm
	4th	<b>Praying of the Holy Rosary</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
		<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	5th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am
	6th & 7th	Immokalee Food Drive—Bags Handout	OLMC	Before All Masses
	12th	Mass for the Departed Brothers	OLMC	8:00 am
	13th & 14th	Immokalee Food Drive—Food Collection	OLMC	Before All Masses
	15th	Giving Tree Truck Load	OLMC	8:30 am
	16th	Set Up Creche	OLMC	8:30 am
		Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon starts	OLMC	
	<b>18th</b>	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Program	OLMC	TBD
	19th	Set Up Knights Breakfast	Hall	8:30 am
	21st	Knights <b>FREE</b> Breakfast	Hall	After All Sun Masses
	29th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm

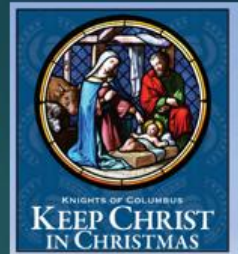
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# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday - Dec 21st, 2025

After All Sunday Masses

**Merry Christmas**

Thank You for your support !!!

***FREE !!!***



Pancakes

Eggs

Fruit Cup

Sausage Patty

Coffee

Orange Juice





**Tear Off & Give to a Friend !!!**

# **FIND YOUR MISSION.**

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to become faith-filled leaders in their families and communities.

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**JOIN NOW.**



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or see any Knight**