



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



July 2025

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From the Outgoing Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

In early June our council closed the Baby Bottle Campaign which once again had a fantastic year putting us in a position to be able to donate \$11,600 towards Aid and Support After Pregnancy organizations. At the council meeting in June, we presented donation checks for \$5,800 to Genesis House and New Life Mission, 2 local organization that help mothers and their children through difficult times. Ms. Mary Allen, founder of Genesis House, received the check on that organization's behalf and Ms. Staci Donovan received the check on behalf of New Life Mission.

We are closing the month of June with the installation of the flags and the opening ceremony for the [Flags for Heroes](#) program. This year the program has brought in additional funds that put us in a great position to support some of our charitable programs. Please consider visiting the flag display during the week of July 4th and encourage your friends to also take a look at this amazing display of patriotism and gratitude towards the heroes in our lives.

As we get ready to enter a new fraternal year, I am thankful for the support I received from so many of you while serving as Grand Knight and I am happy to have seen our council so actively engaged in about 32 programs that supported our Parish, our School, and our community. Please see the donations report in the next page. Benevolent fund donations are possible because of the support of fundraisers like the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnet sales, the Fish Frys, St. Patrick's Day Party, 50/50 raffles during the meetings, and generic donations from parishioners. Passthrough donations are from funds raised by a particular program usually via donations from parishioners for a specific cause.

I am looking forward to supporting our newly installed officers and our council under the direction of WGK Rich Passarella as they lead us forward during the upcoming year.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Jose Montes
Past Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on July 17 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



Words from PGK Jose Montes at the June Council Meeting

June was PGK Jose's last meeting as Grand Knight and he extended his sincere thanks for all the support given to him throughout the year.

- The support of clergy — Father John Bosco, Father Zach and all the Deacons — especially to Deacon Chris for his outstanding presentations.
- To Madam President Becky Richard and all of the Ladies Auxiliary.
- To all those who chaired or assisted in programs and events throughout the year — from sports competitions to essays and poster contests, and all of our fundraising programs — thank you to all involved! To name a few:
 - Coats for Kids
 - St Joseph's Icon
 - Parish Picnic
 - Novena for Life
 - Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Support of Seminarians
 - All Souls Mass
 - Election Poll Support
 - Meal packing for Children's Hunger Project
 - Soccer Challenge
 - Free Throw Challenge
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales
 - School Science Fair Judging
 - Ascension Manor Senior gift program during Christmas holidays
 - Global Wheelchair Mission
 - Special Olympics Polar Plunge
 - St Patrick's Day Party
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon and Holy Hour
 - Laps for Life
 - Four Lenten Fish Fry Dinners
 - 40 Cans for Lent
 - Assist Food Collection for Social Concerns
 - Deployed Spouse Appreciation Dinner
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Three \$500 scholarships to Ascension students attending MCC
 - Monthly Power Rosary
 - Daily Bread Meals
 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 - Highway Cleanup
 - Monthly Life Chain
- To our 'financial Secretary Richard Becker and Treasurer Randy Lascody for sharing their time and experience to support the many transactions needed to collect membership dues, donations, and fundraisers as well as the transactions to donate those funds back to the community.
- To those who helped GK Jose when he needed answers or who approached him with words of wisdom, advice, suggestions, and offers to help. To our Trustees for all the recommendations for awards, advice on how to proceed and for sharing all their experience — Thank You!
- This council has a lot to be proud of in the many ways we serve this Parish, school and community. Congratulations on another great year!



From the Incoming Grand Knight



Brother Knights and Ladies

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard and I are returning from our Mariam Pilgrimage to France, Spain and Portugal and unfortunately will not be able to participate in the officer installation ceremony. Although we are not physically present, our hearts and spirits stand with you in charity, unity and fraternity, the very virtues of our order as you received the medals of your office and make your vows to do your best to accomplish the duties and responsibilities you as a Knight of Columbus fraternal leader.

Becky and I, while visiting the Cathedral of St James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, prayed together for you; for health and healing, for the Holy Spirit to be with each of you, to bless you with the gifts of Holy Spirit and for us collectively to have a good and healthy fraternal year.

I thank Worthy Past Grand Knight Rob Light for standing in with his wife Christina in my absence and for the other stand-ins. Also, I thank our District Warden, District Deputy Elect, Eddy Merlet for conducting our Council's installation ceremony.

I have some big shoes to fill, literally, as your incoming Grand Knight. Our council is in excellent shape thanks to our active members, our Ladies Auxiliary, our Pastor, Fr. John Bosco Mason, all you officers who are staying on and under the excellent leadership of Grand Knight José Montes.

Thank you Worthy Grand Knight Jose Montes for an outstanding fraternal year and for the recognition and awards our council received at the Florida State Convention.

Our past Grand Knights have set the bar higher every year and with this foundation and strength that the council is in, we collectively and in unity with the grace of God can continue the successful path that has made our council and Ladies Auxiliary great.

Our first council meeting in the new fraternal year is Thursday July 17th with Officers Meeting on Thursday July 10th at 6:30pm.

I am looking forward to working with each of you, to set our goals for the new fraternal year, and to let our council shine, shine, shine in our Ascension Community and in our Order.

God bless each of you and your families and God Bless Msgr. Martin B. Powell Council 14573.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Rich Passarella
Grand Knight**



Council Notes

- **Membership.** With the Exemplification Ceremony held on May 22 for Rey Velazquez Sierra and Tom Horner, we reached our annual goal of bringing in 15 new members. We need to meet our recruitment goal in order to be eligible for the Star Award. Keep up the recruitment efforts as any new prospective members can be brought in for the next Fraternal Year which began on July 1. SK John Miller our Membership Director has asked that all Knights carry a form 100 with them to pass on to any Catholic gentleman interested in joining the Knights.
- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson
 - [Daily Bread Mobile Outreach](#)
 - [When is Daily Bread closing, and why?](#)
- **Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.





Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:
 1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"
 2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
 3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.
- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.
- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).



[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters on the our Council & Assembly Website](#)

**ASCENSION THRIFT STORE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.


WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER


SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.
Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: info@AscensionThriftShop.com



Council Notes

- **Parish Picnic.** This is an event that needs long-term planning. Last year we enjoyed an excellent picnic spearheaded by SK Ken Raynor. Ken won't be able to chair the event this year so we are looking for a chairperson to take the lead for the picnic. We have the pavilion at Wickham Park reserved for Sunday, September 21. The chairperson will need to organize all that is required to make the picnic happen. This includes all logistics planning and work assignments including cooking cleaning, servicing, setup and take down, insuring grills are delivered to the pavilion and purchasing all food, drink and supplies. Of course the chairperson will have lots of help from brother Knights and Ladies from the Auxiliary. This is a big event but it is one that showcases the many talents of the Knights and provides an excellent recruitment tool to bring in new Knights. If you would like to volunteer as chairperson, please contact WGK Jose. If you would like to learn more about what exactly this job entails, contact either Ken Raynor or John Pechar who was chairperson before Ken..
- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired.
 - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. We found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
 - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce.
 - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications.

- **Bartman Enterprises**

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American Wheelchair Mission

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April 9, 2025

To: Knights of Columbus #14573

The American Wheelchair Mission thanks you for your contribution of \$6575 toward our mission of delivering life changing wheelchairs to people and families in dire need of mobility.

Your gift will help us answer prayers and make dreams come true! There are millions of children, teens and adults in the world without mobility or the means to acquire a wheelchair and your gift will make a significant difference in our ability to touch and change more lives.

Thank you for making the decision to do something profound for the less fortunate people in our world, and we are grateful to have you as a part of our mission.

Sincerely,

Dan Moberg
Director of Public Education

Please keep this letter for your records. It is an important document necessary to claim any allowable income tax deduction for this contribution. This letter confirms, pursuant to Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the American Wheelchair Mission has not provided you with any tangible goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

The American Wheelchair Mission is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.
Our Tax ID is: 26-4571639

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June 3, 2025

Randy Lascody
Knights of Columbus - Martin B Power Council
2950 N Harbor City Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935-6227

Dear Mr. Lascody,

We are deeply grateful for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 on June 2, 2025, in support of Providence Place. Your commitment is not just a donation—it is an investment in a brighter future for our community, one where every individual has a place to call home.

Thanks to supporters like you, we are advancing an innovative, person-centered, housing-led approach to address the urgent and growing homelessness crisis. Your generosity strengthens our community by providing stability and hope to those who need it most.

We are actively preparing for a groundbreaking at our new Apollo Blvd. site later this year, marking a major step forward in our mission. At the same time, we are expanding our mobile outreach efforts to ensure that no one is left without support when our Daily Bread campus on Fee Ave. closes this summer. Keep an eye out for our mobile units, food truck, and shower truck—bringing essential services and compassionate care directly to those in need. Our case managers will be there, not just to provide necessities, but to guide each individual on their journey toward permanent housing.

Thank you for walking alongside us as we work toward real, lasting solutions. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and hope to see you at our groundbreaking celebration!

With gratitude,

Dr. Jeffrey Njus
Executive Director

321-723-1060

815 East Fee Ave., Melbourne, FL 32901

www.providence.place

Daily Bread, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Our Federal Tax ID number is 59-2846212.

This letter will serve as your receipt for tax purposes and as a certification that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your donation. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll free (800-435-7352) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state. State registration number: CH1772.



July Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adan Caraballo	July, 2
Nicholas Desimone	July, 3
Nicholas Cavano	July, 7
David Reeve	July, 8
Jeffrey Fleis	July, 10
Christopher Meehan	July, 11
Richard Wilson	July, 12
Ronald Sturm	July, 13
Steven Thomas	July, 16
Francis Reid	July, 17
John Maison	July, 18
David AmRhein	July, 20
Jereme Wyrick	July, 23
Brian Groppe	July, 24
George Kralicek	July, 25
Matthew Maurer	July, 25
Oscar Garcia	July, 26
Isaac Dominguez	July, 29
John Duggan	July, 29
Lacy Beanblossom	July, 30

****Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays****



July Calendar

**July
2025**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com



Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 3 rd	1830	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Knight's Room – 312)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN R. Light
Fri 4 th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Fri 4 th	1000	4 th of July Parade Starting Point: Liberty Bell Museum Arrive Time: 900 - 930	WDD SK Eddy Merlet
Sat 5 th Sun 6 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK Jerry Kelly
Sun 6 th	1345	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Mon 7 th	0800	Flags for Heroes Takedown and Storage	SK John Pechar
Thu 10 th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK Rich Passarella
Sat 12 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK Rey Sepulveda
Thu 17 th	1815	Power Rosary (LA Room – 313)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK Rich Passarella
Wed 23 rd	1830	Meeting with District Deputy and other Councils (Knights Room – 312)	WDD Eddy Merlet
Thu 24 th	1900	Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity (Knights Room - 312) (If candidates are available)	WGK Rich Passarella

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Aug 8 th	1700	Knights Grill at Back to School BBQ (Ascension School)	WGK R. Passarella
Aug 13 th		Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus	

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

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SK Jerry Kelly	321-258-7477
SK Randy Lascody	321-626-0804
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard	412-779-9970
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BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights

Greetings, fellow Sir Knights! My name is Rob Light, and as the newly elected Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3482, I figured that I ought to make a brief introduction as we move forward into the new fraternal year. I am a Past Grand Knight of Council 14573, served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, have attended two Christ Renew His Parish retreats (once as a Table Leader), and am currently beginning year number six of deacon formation with ordination, God willing, in June 2026. I am a firm believer in service and mission with eight years as a Knight of Columbus, following my Confirmation, and three mission trips to Uganda with plans to go on mission to Ghana in 2026.

I hope everyone had a safe and blessed Independence Day and weekend! A few interesting facts regarding our American forefathers in Catholicism involve three Catholic men of the Carroll family, Charles, Daniel, and John, who were "exemplars of patriotism and civic activity," according to *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, page 7. Charles was the only Catholic signatory to the Declaration of Independence. Daniel, Charles' cousin, participated in the Constitutional Convention and eventually was a signatory to the Constitution of the United States. John, Daniel's brother, was a priest and eventually a bishop and archbishop who played a pivotal role in the coalescence and stability of the Catholic Church in the United States. Now you can wow your friends at trivia night!

A big "thank you" goes out to the men and women involved in this year's Flags for Heroes. Led by Sir Knights John Pechar (PFN) and David Amrhein (PGK), and Phil Mathey, Flags for Heroes garnered 164 sponsors, a 55% increase from last year, with ~\$1,500 profit going to the Assembly – Awesome! Also, a big thanks to the Color Corps, led by Faithful Commander SK Eddy Merlet, and all those who participated in this year's Independence Day Parade in Melbourne ... great job sweating it out! One more huge thank you to PFN SK Bill Quinn (now our Faithful Admiral) for his year of leadership and dedication – Great job, SK Bill!

The Assembly Officers are planning to meet on Thursday, 24 July, at 6pm in the Knight's Room (Ministry Building Rm 312) to plan this year's budget and activities. The next big event will likely be the Patriotic Rosary for 11 September's Patriot Day – more details to follow. Thank you and God bless!

Vivat Jesus

SK Rob Light
Faithful Navigator

Next meeting is August 7 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



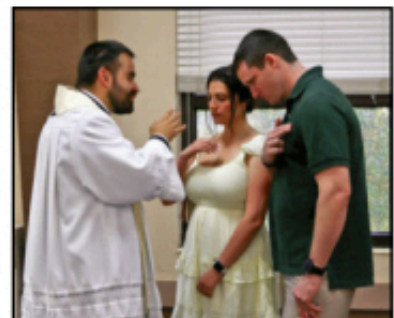
Welcome Father John Triolo

Thank You

Sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who helped with the reception for our new priest, Fr. John Triolo last Sunday.

Your gracious hospitality, time, and effort are truly appreciated by all.

Photos by Apolonia Davalos & Joy Turingan







Ascension Feast Day Celebration



Baby Bottle Campaign

From Past Grand Knight SK Jose Montes

One of our goals as Knights is to defend and protect life and foster a culture that does that by changing hearts. We have a unique opportunity to be involved in a great program that our council has been a part of in the past couple of years. It is the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (**ASAP**) program, which aims to support mothers who decided to choose life but who are in need of help. Our council implements the ASAP program by using the Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are distributed to parishioners who bring them back filled with change. This year due to the generosity of our parishioners and the work of our council members, we are able to donate a total of \$11,600 — split 50/50 between [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#).



From Campaign Leader SK John Autio

Brother Knights, I want to thank those of you that helped me this year in the 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign, your help made this year's donations of \$11,600. This money will be divided to the two Women's shelters we collected for. I am especially appreciative of SK's Dave AmRhein, Jose Montes, Joe Ameigh, and the Ladies Auxiliary for stepping up during my illness days. The others that helped, yes you, are to be acknowledged also. Any successful campaign needs good volunteers that are dependable and dedicated to ensuring success. Ideas are welcome to make any campaign run like a clock. Please consider joining any one of our endeavors scheduled events through the year. Believe me, I participated in many Patriotic events that is my niche, what is yours?

Special Award Presentation to [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#) by PGK Jose, SK John Autio and Lady Janet Autio at the June Council Meeting. GK Jose first introduced Mary Allen, founder of Genesis House and Staci Donovan, representing New Life Mission. Then a check for \$5,800 was presented to each representative. They were then given time to talk about their respective charities. We thank both organizations for their exceptional work with helping their clients and their children.





A Special Blessing from Newly Ordained Priests

Deacon Chris gave a very informative talk on the very special gift we have in our Parish — the special blessing that can be given by our newly ordained Father John Triolo. If you or your family have not done so already, Deacon Chris encouraged all of us to seek out Father John Triolo to receive this special blessing.

These are some specifics of this special blessing:

A newly ordained Catholic priest can impart a special blessing called a first blessing to the faithful, typically within the first year after ordination. This blessing is considered a special grace and is often sought after during the priest's first Mass and other occasions. Receiving this blessing is a pious tradition where the faithful kneel and may kiss the priest's hands in recognition of the sacredness of his newly consecrated hands.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

- **First Blessings:**
These are blessings given by a newly ordained priest as a way to share the graces of his ordination with the faithful.
- **Special Grace:**
The first blessing is considered a special grace, and some believe it can even be a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions of confession, communion, and detachment from sin).
- **Tradition of Kissing Hands:**
It's a common practice for those receiving the first blessing to kneel and then kiss the priest's hands as a sign of reverence for the sacredness of the priesthood and the hands that have been consecrated with chrism at ordination.
- **Beyond the First Mass:**
While the first blessing is often given after the priest's first Mass, it can be offered throughout the first year of ordination.
- **Sign of Faith:**
The act of seeking and receiving the first blessing is a powerful demonstration of faith, acknowledging the priest's role as a representative of Christ.
- **Symbolism of Consecrated Hands:**
The anointing of the priest's hands with chrism during ordination is a significant moment, symbolizing the setting apart of his hands to handle the sacred things of God.

The History of the Swastika

Deacon Chris gave a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the swastika during the June Assembly Meeting. It was a surprise to many that the swastika actually had some spiritual and good will meanings in earlier days.

- You can view his presentation — [HERE](#).
- More information on the Holocaust is found at [Holocaust Museum](#):
- [The History of the Swastika](#)





Flags for Heroes

The flags celebrate heroes that have impacted someone's life. Heroes can be anyone — veterans living or deceased, clergy, fire fighters, police or teachers to name a few examples. All proceeds from the event go into the Knights benevolent fund. We had 130 sponsored flags on display from June 29 until July 7. We also received sponsorship from 6 corporate sponsors.

- You can view the entire picture library for 2025 Flags for Heroes — [here](#).
- Visit the Diocese of Orlando website for their story on our Flags for Heroes display — [here](#).





Council and Ladies Auxiliary Exemplification Ceremony June 21 — Ascension Parish Hall





Sir Knights gathered after the June Assembly meeting to wish SK John Miller a Happy Birthday!



Knight of the Month — May

SK John Autio, SK Dave Amrhein, SK Joe Ameigh

The award was presented to all three Knights for their work with the very successful Baby Bottle Campaign and for their support of SK Autio as he recovered from health issues. A true team effort!



SK Jerry Kelly is presented a check for \$500. Money returned from Supreme for the Council's support to 40 Cans for Lent



PGK Jose Montes is presented the "Famous Time Award" by SK Joe Tocco



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Beyond the benefits of pursuing financial security and retirement planning, our members' purchase of Financial Service products from the Knights of Columbus has a direct, collective impact on how much we can give to others in need within our extended Catholic and human families. This is, in fact, at the core of Blessed Michael McGivney's legacy to us.

If you already have a financial plan, your coverage and planning needs may have changed. I invite you to call or email me so that we can review your coverages and determine how to meet your current needs.

Helping brother Knights align their finances with their faith is a concrete example of how we live out our purpose of empowering members to live their faith in all areas of their lives.

I am happy to be a brother Knight and to support the Knights of Columbus Catholic faith-based mission through its financial services program for members and their families. I am honored to make myself available to you to discuss your needs and interest in Knights of Columbus financial products. I am happy to schedule a complimentary financial needs analysis with you. You have the option of booking a session to take place in person at my office or your home, or by video call on Microsoft Teams. These usually take 60 minutes. I am scheduling meetings now for late June/early July and will follow up with a phone call. Feel free to call or email me back today – or simply go into my "[Booking Page](#)".

By purchasing a Knights of Columbus financial product, you will not only be making a decision for the benefit of your family – you, along with other members who have made the same decision to purchase a financial product with the Knights of Columbus, will be helping our Order to carry out its Catholic faith-based mission, which includes the preservation of life, the protection of the family, and the defense of the Catholic faith for the benefit of all.

Vivat Jesus!

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Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Novena

At closing of our council meetings, we pray for the canonization of our founder Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13th. In addition to that prayer, another way to honor him, or to seek his intercession, is to pray a novena.

What is a Novena?

“The word novena is taken from “*novem*,” the Latin word for nine. A novena is made up of nine days of prayer and meditation usually to ask God for special prayer requests or petitions. Novenas are often used to ask specific saints to pray for us.

Novenas are an ancient tradition that goes back to the days of the Apostles. Jesus told His disciples to pray together after His ascension into heaven, so they went to an upper room along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Acts 1:14) and joined constantly in prayer for nine days. These nine days of constant prayer by the Apostles at the direction of Jesus led up to Pentecost. This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as “tongues of fire” (Acts 2:1-4). This pattern of 9 days of prayer is the basis the novenas we pray today.”



Why pray a novena to Fr McGivney?

One reason to seek Blessed Michael J. McGivney’s intercession is if you are suffering emotionally and financially from the loss of a family member, since his family’s sufferings after his father’s death had a great impact on him.” However, keep in mind that you can pray the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Novena for any intention!

Where to find a novena

Pray More Novenas, a Catholic resource for praying novenas, offers a novena to Blessed Fr. McGivney -yes- there is a novena to Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. The website for the novena prayer and to sign-up for email reminders is located at [Pray More Novenas](#).

On their website, it says “you can ask Blessed Michael J. McGivney to pray for you if you are a Knight of Columbus, since he founded the Knights of Columbus. You can also ask him to pray for a Knight of Columbus whom you know, or for a particular council/assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

This new fraternal year brothers and sisters, let us come together in prayer by praying the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Novena starting Monday August 4th to August 12th and then on Tuesday, August 13th attend 7:30am morning mass at Ascension to celebrate his feast day.

For more information about [Pray More Novenas](#) and their other novenas visit — [HERE](#).

You can also visit [NOVENA TO BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY](#) from the Knights of Columbus.



🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

Recently Deceased

Monsignor David Page

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in the Middle East and all war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

SK Doug Blair

SK John Miller

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK Allen Allebach

SK Chris Kelly

SK Tony Cortes

SK Paul Kuracz

Kelly Ameigh, brother of SK Joe Ameigh

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

Lynne DeStefano, sister of brother Knight Tom Giblin

Mother of SK Philip Webster

Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

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.



POPE LEO XIV DELIVERS HIS FIRST REMARKS TO U.S. CITIZENS SINCE BECOMING POPE DURING CHICAGO VISIT



Pope Leo XIV offers prayers and condolences for victims of Texas floods





Prayers for Independence Day



[VISIT THE CATHOLIC DIGEST TO PRAY THESE FIVE PRAYERS FOR THE UNITED STATES](#)

A Prayer for the Nation

God, our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the blessings of this nation. We ask for your guidance and protection for our leaders, that they may govern with wisdom and justice. May we, as citizens, live up to the ideals of freedom and work for the common good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Religious Freedom

Lord, we thank you for the gift of religious freedom. We ask that you continue to protect this freedom, so that we may live out our faith openly and freely. May we also respect the religious freedom of others, and work together to build a society where all can live in peace and harmony.

A Prayer for Unity and Peace

Father of all nations, we pray for unity and peace in our country. May we learn to respect one another, regardless of our differences, and work together to build a more just and compassionate society. Help us to be instruments of your peace, so that all may experience the blessings of freedom and justice.

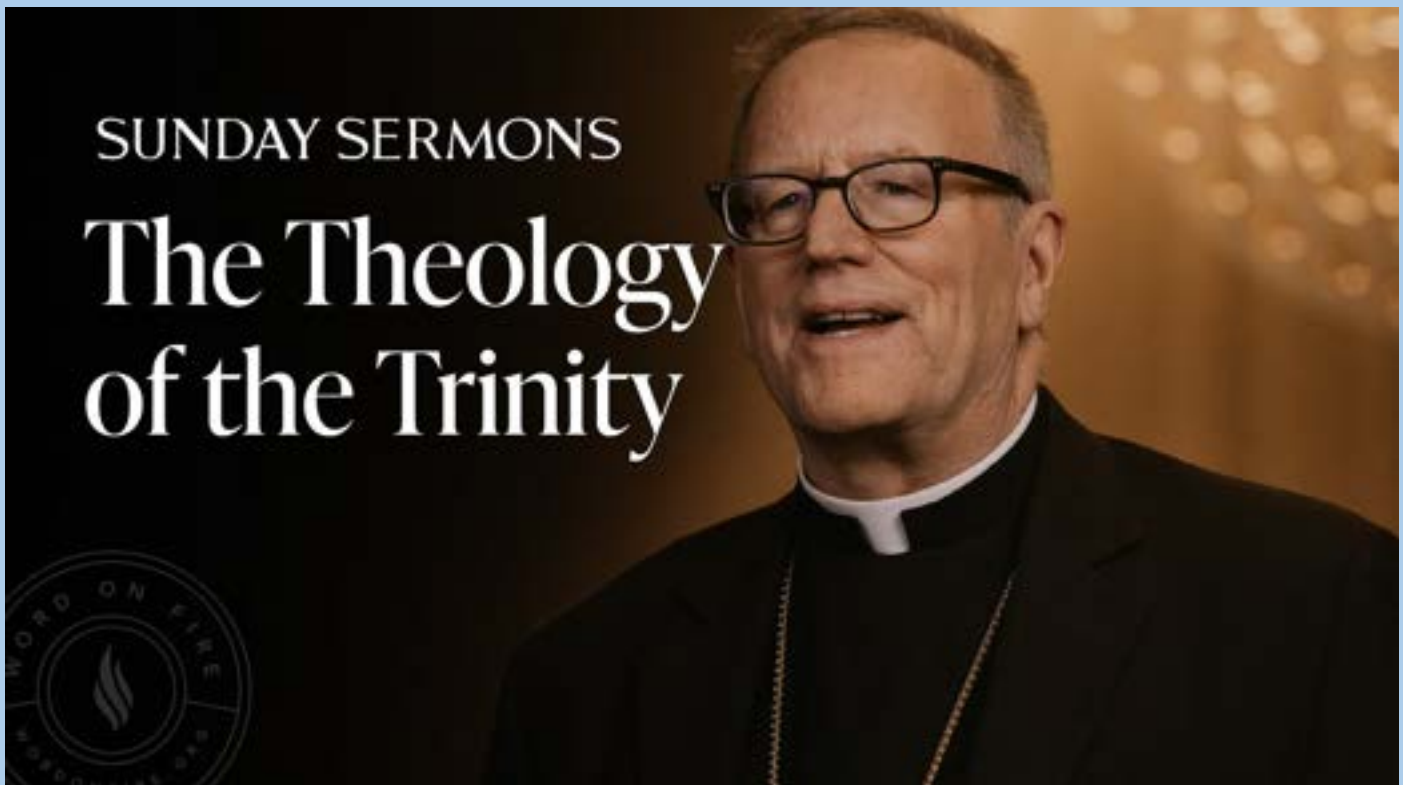


The Father Leo Show Father Leo Patalinghug





Bishop Robert Barron





Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)





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For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. (*Galatians 5:13*)

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