



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



May 2024

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to SK Frank and Lady Penny Conley for being selected the Family of the Year! And congratulations to SK Rich Passarella for being selected Knight of the Year! All three have made extensive contributions to our parish, community, and the Knights of Columbus. Our Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary are better due to their dedicated participation.

Please join me in welcoming the following new brothers to our Council: Joe Ciciulla, Ravi Raj, Bill Rich, David Errico, Daniel Dang and James Guin. Brother Joe has already volunteered for two Council Daily Bread shifts. The others just became Knights on April 25th and are looking forward to getting involved.

The next big upcoming event is the annual Baby Bottle Campaign from May 18th to June 16th. The Council Officers voted that all proceeds from the campaign will be split 50/50 with the same local organizations as supported last year – New Life Mission and Genesis House. We will be requesting help to stuff the baby bottles with instruction sheets, distribute bottles after the May 18th/19th Masses then collect them before the June 15th/16th Masses. Thank you to SK John and Lady Janet Autio for chairing the program again this year.

Our May 16th Council Meeting will include annual officer elections and a pizza social with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please join us!

Vivat Jesus,
SK Dave AmRhein
Grand Knight

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on May 16 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6PM in Our Lady's Chapel.



Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Laps for Life.** We had an excellent turnout this year. We fell a bit short of our goal of \$20,000 with total donations of \$15,420. We still have \$20,000 from last year so we now have enough to purchase another Ultrasound machine. Not definite but it looks like the machine will go to Agape Women's Center in Merritt Island.
- Bahamas Cruise Retreat Info (flyer on right)
- **Baby Bottle Campaign** — This year, the campaign will be held on the weekend after Mothers Day weekend — May 18 and 19. The baby bottles will be given out to Parishioners on that weekend — they will be collected on the weekend of Fathers Day — June 15 and 16, As in years past, we will need volunteers on both weekends to pass out and retrieve the bottles. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#). POC: SK John Autio
 - This year, SK John Autio has purchased 600 new bottles for the campaign. He also plans to acquire signs that will definitively outline the program so there is no confusion as to what the bottles are for. The campaign will also be included in the slide presentation shown before Mass. Also exploring other advertising avenues such as Catholic Radio and Hometown News.
 - To volunteer to hand out or collect baby bottles, use [Sign Up Genius](#).
 - You can [Donate Online](#) here.
- **Council Website.** DGK Jose Montes continues to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest activities we are participating in.
 - **Payment Portal.** Using PayPal and Venmo to pay for Council and Assembly [annual dues](#). These payment options for Council and Assembly functions will be added in the future.
 - **SignUp Genius.** This was added to our website for events where volunteers are needed so you can easily sign up for the many activities we support.
 - **Website Volunteers.** Now that DGK Jose has this excellent site up and running, he is looking for volunteers that would like to help him in maintaining and updating the site. He will provide any and all instructions necessary for you to help with this project. See Worthy Jose if you are interesting in volunteering for this — you do not need to be an officer (or an IT genius) to volunteer to help.
 - [Visit Council Website](#)



Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

• **Words from Worthy Regional Administrator SK Gerry Grillo:**

- **Worthies All!** Worthy GK, please share some positive news of my son Jacob that he be going in hospital Monday for 7-9 days to get treatments and getting ready for Car-T therapy procedure and waiting to do his Stem Cell Transplant from his older brother, 100 percent sibling match next few weeks and resting for 100 days going twice a week to Orlando hospital and resting at home care with us instead of the hospital! He had the I spot in his groin area and back of his knee but all perfect scans throughout his Body, Brain, and Bone marrow! So good news and optimistic for the whole process! Continue Prayers for my Family and let everyone know GOD IS GREAT! I Have full report next meeting and do our elections for the council before the convention! As of me, I will be with Joe and Kathy Ameigh on State Bowling trip and even though I've been down 6 weeks, give Joe the kicking butt he deserves! Lol! Our love to all! RA3 Gorgeous Grillo and Family!

- **Google Group Notifications.** We rely on our Council Google Group to disperse information to the Council membership. We also have a Council email address (ascension14573@gmail.com). Unfortunately, the emails sent to the Council email inbox don't always get read immediately. So if you have something urgent that needs to get out to the Council — especially Prayer Requests — send your email to either Worthy Dave (damrhein@cfl.rr.com) or Worthy Jose (JOSE.MONTES@cfl.rr.com).

- **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. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.

- **Bartman.** Since no reliable source has been found for the Star Assembly shirts online, we are going back to using a reliable local source — Bartman. 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.

[Visit Bartman here](#)

- **Ascension Catholic School.** Some remaining events planned to support the students this current school year:

- **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. The school administration selects the students. For the past few years we offered two scholarships. This year we added a third Fr. Tobin Memorial Scholarship.



- Through these programs we can look forward to supporting the ACS students and to further strengthen our partnership with the school throughout year.



Birthdays for May

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.

Giannis De Leon	1
Steve Huniu	1
Mark Kavanaugh	3
Luis Vazquez	3
Joseph MCGovern	4
Steven Soto	7
Luis Roman	9
Mark Dremak	10
Derris Marlin	10
George Schak	11
George Hinerth	14
Philip Mathey	19
Michael Donahue	21
William Walker	21
Shawn Dorsey	25
Alvaro Garcia	28
Robert Groppe	28
Brian Shurtleff	31

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[here on the Ascension Knights Council & Assembly Website](#)



May Activity Calendar

May 2024

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 2 nd	1900	Assembly Meeting and Election of Officers (Knight's Room)	WFN J. Pechar
Fri 3 rd	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 4 th	1100	Flags for Heroes Committee Formation Meeting (Knight's Room)	WFN J. Pechar
Sat 4 th / Sun 5 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 5 th	1345-1500	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineda Cswy)	SK B. Sullivan
Mon 6 th	1800	Laying of the Wreaths at Vietnam Traveling Memorial	WGK D. AmRhein WFN J. Pechar Mdm Pres J. O'Bryan-Wilson
Thu 9 th	0945	Flag Retirement Ceremony w/ ACS students (Knight's House)	WFN J. Pechar SK J. Autio
Sat 11 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Tue 14 th	1830	May Crowning – Color Corps (Church)	CCC E. Merlet
Thu 16 th	1830	Power Rosary (Our Lady's Chapel) – Note time change	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 16 th	1900	Council Meeting, Election of Officers and End of Year Social (Knight's Room)	WGK D. AmRhein
Sat 18 th / Sun 19 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Distribution	SK J. Autio
Wed 22 nd	1830	District 30 Meeting (Buescher Center Rm 410)	WDD P. Farrelly

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 23 rd	1830	Council Officers Meeting (Knight's Room)	WGK D. AmRhein
Fri 24 th – Sun 26 th	N/A	Florida State Convention (Orlando)	N/A
Sun 26 th	1030	Daily Bread (Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Jun 8 th	1630	Assembly 10th Anniversary Corporate Communion and Celebration	SK Rich Passarella
Jun 15 th / 16 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Collection	SK J. Autio
Jun 29 th	1730	Officer Installation	WGK D. AmRhein

***Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose Cardet at: fso123788@cfl.rr.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
May 9th - Ascension Thursday

Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

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SK Randy Lascody	321-626-0804
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SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK John Autio	321-600-0096

[Click here](#) to view the latest Activity List.

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar. **Calendar.**



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+ PATRIOTISM +

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BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



From the Faithful Navigator



I would like to thank our Color Corp Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, and the members of the Color Corp for their dedication by their presence at all the ceremonies, parades, mass functions as well as participants in state and local functions of the 4th degree.

The month of April has been very busy for CCC SK Eddy Merlet and the Color Corp detail participating in the following events:

- April 8 Funeral for SK Dan Krebs at HNJ and following SK participated:
 - Eddy Merlet, John Miller, Rick Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Ric Robinson and Edward Barry
- April 10 funeral for BK Wendell Koontz at HNJ and the following SK participated:
 - SK Eddy Merlet
- April 14 Mass honoring Fr Page's 65th Anniversary as a priest with Bishop John Noonan in attendance at HNJ with the following SK participated:
 - Eddy Merlet, John Miller & Edward Barry
- Apr 16 funeral for Deacon John Farrell with Bishop John Noonan in attendance at HNJ and the following SK participated:
 - Eddy Merlet, Ric Passarella, John Miller, Joe Ameigh & Ralph Carestia

Thanks to CCC SK Eddy Merlet and members of Assembly 3482 Color Corp for attending these events as a visible reminder of our service to Church and Community.

Vivat Jesus

**SK John Pechar
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 3482**

**Next Monthly Assembly Meeting
Thursday, June 6, 7PM, Knights Room**



Flags for Heroes



On April 4th as part of our Assembly Meeting a motion was put forth to pursue developing the fundraiser “Flags for Heroes”. A vote followed with unanimous approval given.

On April 16 as part of our Round Table meeting with Pastor Rev John Bosco Maison the fundraiser “Flags for Heroes” was presented and received his approval to use the church facilities to hold the events. The first Patriotic Fundraising event will be on July 4th. We are currently looking for volunteers to be part of the committee to help develop the program. Flags for Heroes is about anyone who is or was a hero in someone’s life. One example could be a healthcare worker during COVID who responded to the need. During the early stages of working with this unknown fatal virus these heroes sometimes made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives providing care for their patients. Healthcare providers frequently connected with the families of the patients succumbing to the virus whose loved ones could only say goodbye remotely. Heroes can be Military, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMS, Doctors, Teachers, Coaches, Clergy, anyone who is a hero in your life.

There would be minimal upfront cost to the Assembly. Flags would only be purchased if sponsored — expected price to sponsor would be \$50. The person sponsoring the flag would receive a medallion with the name of the honoree — this would be given to the sponsor after the flags are taken down. The plan would be to plant the flags in the open area near the Knights house. They would remain there for a week before they are taken down and held for the next celebration. The first celebration would not be a big money maker as much of the donation would be used to cover the cost of the flags. But future celebrations would not require the purchase of new flags so the entire \$50 — expect for the minimal cost of the medallion — would be profit for the Assembly.

Program development is underway with the first meeting held on Saturday, May 4 in the Knight’s. Much more to come with this program.

[Watch a video from a successful program held in Spartanburg, SC](#)



Bishop Norbert Dorsey Assembly 3482 welcomed its newest member of the 4th degree on March 9th. Sir Knight. Dave Reeve was Knighted at the exemplification of the 4th degree held at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish Fl. Here is welcomed to his first Assembly meeting and received his Fourth Degree certification from FN John Pechar.



Color Corps Funeral Support





Chaplains Report — SK Father Zach Parker

Father Zach first wanted to let us know that (with Father John's approval) he is studying for another Master's Degree in Theological Studies from Pontifical John Paul II Institute. And he has already learned so much and is anxious to share some of what he has learned with us and the rest of the Parish. One of the coolest things learned, and something that Saint John Paul talked about was in Genesis when God created man and woman. We sometimes jump over the words that are used — one of those is the word in Hebrew for male — zakar and the word for female — neqebah. These words don't just mean male and female — they have a double meaning. Zakar also means the one who remembers and neqebah — the one who is open. An amazing thing. John Paul then explains exactly what man is supposed to remember. He puts it in the context of how God created Adam and Eve. And the order he created them. First God puts Adam in the Garden of Eden by himself and tells him to name all the animals and get everything in order. Then He crowns his creation by ripping out Adam's heart and creating woman. And she is the one who is open to him — God made him this way so that everything around him is a reminder that God is the giver. God is the one who has given us everything. The more Adam can remind Eve of this, the more she is open to him and the more he receives his heart back. There is something about this, that we are building the foundation, laying it all out — not in a sexist way but giving his whole heart and laying out everything for her — the bride of the Church. That is our calling — truly a beautiful gift — to dedicate our lives for what God has created.



Spiritual Advisor Report — SK Deacon Tom Stauffacher

Let's think about what we are called upon to do as Knights. A lot of people are looking for something — but are they looking to give or just to take? Some of us love to give — and they give without hesitation— but what about those who take but do not give? Do they only give if they receive something in return? Maybe — maybe not. There is something inherent to all of us — as Knights and Christians — to take — but what about what we give? After all to take is a reflection of our human condition. Taking what we need makes us comfortable. Sometimes we are guilty of using our friends — maybe some of us think we are the center of the universe — maybe we will use our friends to make us look good. We can use the Church for our own gain — to take but not give. Take marriage for example. We want to get married in the church. Or our parents want us to get married in the church. The church is such a nice place and would be such a great place to get married — so we want to take — take what the church offers in a marriage ceremony — but not give. The same with Baptism — Deacon Tom has done many Baptisms. So we do the Baptism and then maybe we won't see the baby again until it is time for First Communion. So parents may be asked, "Will you bring the child to Mass every Sunday?" "Yes of course" is the usual response. But will that indeed happen? Sometimes we use God to try and get us out of a certain situation. Freedom, protection, safety — help me! So we want to take this protection from God — but what do we give back to God? As Knights we too can get in this bind of others wanting our time, talents and other treasures. Time and talents to help in the Thrift Shop, Daily Bread, Social Concerns, Highway Cleanup, and many other things the Knights give their time and talents to — the list is very long. And sometimes we get in a bind because we just don't have the time or talents to devote to yet another task. Traditionally the Knights do give service to our community without hesitation. We as Knights want to give without any need for anything in return — give but not take. We do what we have in order to honor our Baptismal promise because that is just what we do as Knights.





Chuck Mitchell "Spousal Deployment Dinner"

This year's 14th annual Chuck Mitchell's "Spousal Deployment Dinner" was held on Tuesday April 30 at South Patrick Chapel Community Hall located at 55 Harrier Av. Satellite Beach, FL. To MSgt, Daniel L Howard and the staff of the Military Family Readiness Center at Patrick SFB, we thank you for providing all your help in coordinating this event. Forty-four members of the military and their families enjoyed SK Frank Conley's famous roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, with mixed vegetables, Salad, refreshments, and desserts. There were prizes for all the children participating in the game of "Musical Chairs". Facilitating the game was Lady Ginny Reeder with DJ SK Eddy Merlet providing the music. Ladies Auxiliary President Jan O'Brian-Wilson and members of the Ladies Auxiliary provided other games and activities for the children. Thanks to all the Assembly and Council members who helped with this patriotic activity we so enjoy providing for those service men and women that protect this great country we call home.







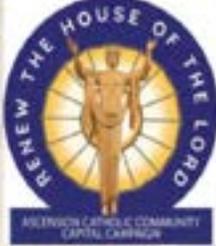
Renew the House of the Lord

OUR NEED

Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million to provide a safe and beautiful environment to offer the Lord the praise He is due.

Since our parish Church was constructed in 1967, 36 years have gone by, and our physical structure has begun to show its age. While its size is adequate for our needs, there are several areas in the sanctuary that are in a state of disrepair and not meeting safety standards.

The Ascension Church building, built for the Lord and His people, is in need of revitalization. That is why we have set out on a multifaceted campaign to renew this house of the Lord for many years to come. This will include renovating and reinvigorating the visual interior of the Church as well as some very important "behind the scenes" areas.

Thank You!

Over **\$1,875,000** has been pledged to date from **280** parish families!

It is not too late to make your commitment. Every gift, no matter the size, is vital and important to the success of our campaign.





Council Officer Elections

Fraternal Year 2024/2025

Nominations for the Fraternal Year 2024-25 Council 14573 Officers

Elections will be held at the May Membership Meeting on May 16. Below is the slate of officers we have so far -- nominations can be made at the meeting. We are still looking for someone to fill the Chancellor seat -- so don't hesitate to volunteer and contact GK Dave if you would like to fill this spot.

Elected Positions:

Grand Knight: SK Jose Montes

Deputy Grand Knight: SK Jose Cardet

Chancellor: **Vacant**

Recorder: SK Bob Richmond

Treasurer: SK Randy Lascody

Advocate: SK Frank Conley

Warden: SK Bobby Sullivan

Inside Guard: SK Joe Ameigh

Outside Guard: SK Ralph Carestia

Three-Year Trustee: SK Dave AmRhein

Two-Year Trustee: SK Bill Quinn

One-Year Trustee: SK Eddy Merlet

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain — SK Father John Bosco Maison

Lecturer — SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Financial Secretary — Brother Richard Becker

Membership Director – SK John Miller



Around the Ascension Community



We welcomed five new members to the Council during an Exemplification Ceremony in the Knights room on April 25. Our newest members: Ravi Raj, Bill Rich, David Errico, Daniel Dang and James Guin. Also present at the ceremony were Worthy District Deputy SK Pat Farelly, Worthy District Warden SK Eddy Merlet and Worthy Grand Knight SK Dave



Highway Cleanup – April 5



Daily Bread – April 28



Monthly Council Meeting



**Family of the Year
SK Frank & Lady Penny Conley**

**Knight of the Year
SK Rich Passarella**



Coats For Kids — 2024

SK Bobby Sullivan gave a talk on the Coats for Kids program for 2024 at the April Council Meeting.

- Council Members, for this years Coats for Kids Program, I am recommending that we select the children who attend York Elementary School, which is located in Jamestown Tennessee to be this years recipients. According to the U.S. Census Bureau of the 272 towns in the state with available data, Jamestown ranks as the poorest. The typical Jamestown household earns just \$18,000 a year, 69.2% less than the statewide median household income. Given the low incomes, it is not surprising that a larger than average share of residents live in poverty. The local poverty rate in the town stands at 46.7%, compared to the statewide poverty rate of 14.3%. In addition to its high poverty rate, Jamestown also has a high unemployment rate.
- Despite its challenges, Jamestown is a resilient community where people come together to help one another and participate in community events.. There are several organizations in the town that are working to address poverty and other social problems. Fentress County Community Foundation provides grants to local nonprofits that are working to improve the lives of residents. Also, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce is working to promote economic development in the town. Approximately 475 Children attend York Elementary School from grade PK3 (3 yo) to 8th grade (14 yo). The school is pretty much divided equally between girls and boys. The School's Vision: Providing innovation and encouragement and reaching the children's highest potential. The School's Mission: Insure that all students are college, career and life ready. Some of the School's Core Beliefs include: All children can: learn, succeed, be challenged, learn to be socially responsible, all people have worth and value, high expectations encourage high achievement, and all children learn best when parents and teachers work together for the mutual benefit of the child. Lastly, the average temperature in Jamestown during the winter months is approximately 40 degrees.
- SK Bobby asked that a motion be made to approve his plan for Coats for Kids this year. A motion was made and seconded. The measure was voted on and approved by all members present. We hope to be able to provide 3 cases of coats for the kids this year.

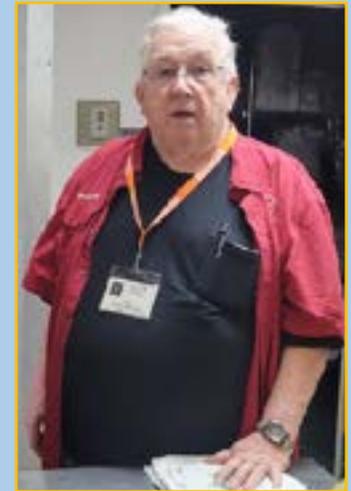


• [York Elementary School](#) 218 School Avenue - Jamestown, TN 38556 – 931-879-5832 Principal Gyla Young





Wonderful Wednesday, Friday Fish Frys, & Summer BBQ



- Our next big Wonderful Wednesday challenge will be to fill the very large shoes of SK Frank Conley as he moves out of the limelight of Wonderful Wednesday. More of this to come as we will need to make a decision on the Summer BBQ dinner that would start in July.

- We are in the process of discussing options to continue these programs. We had a meeting on Wednesday, April 24 to discuss bringing Wonderful Wednesday back for the BBQ season in July.

- During the meeting, we discussed continuing the weekly meals via committee by divvying up Frank's tasks to several volunteers. The attached document lists the many tasks Frank performed organized into three committee roles - Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator.

- We are requesting volunteers to serve in each of these roles. Ideally we would have two Administrators, two Inventory Managers and six Meal Coordinators. With this team, no one person has to make a commitment for weekly participation.

- **If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please send an e-mail to ascension14573@gmail.com or call/text me at 321-591-6697.** The goal is have the committee staffed to resume Wonderful Wednesdays with the summer barbecues starting on July 10th.



Council 14573 is planning to establish a committee to continue Wonderful Wednesday and Lenten Fish Dinners for the parish. A committee approach distributes responsibilities to several volunteers which reduces time commitments for each. Accordingly, three committee roles have been defined: Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator. The concept is to have two Administrators (co-leaders), two Inventory Managers (co-leaders) and several Meal Coordinators. Each Meal Coordinator will be responsible for one or two meals during each "dinner season". Dinner seasons are Fall, Winter, Lenten, Spring and Summer. The following provides a list of tasks for each of role within the committee:

You can see the list of Roles and Responsibilities [HERE](#)



From the Ladies Auxiliary President

Our Lady of the month Grace Belfiore

Grace has been very active as the Auxiliary Treasurer and the leading force of all the baskets we have put together this year. Grace, along with Ginny Reeder collected all the items including the baskets, put them together and made them beautiful for raffle at many events throughout the year! Grace also is at all Wonderful Wednesdays and Fish Frys and helps either collect ticket money or sale 50/50 tickets. Anytime I ask Grace to help or for advice she is always there for me. Grace Belfiore is a shining example of a Woman who makes the Auxiliary great!



OK let's talk about April 2024.

April 6th and 7th-food for Social Concerns

April 7th Life Chain-thanks to anyone who could go.

April 13th Prayer for life in Orlando-again, our thanks to all who went.

April 18th Power Rosary

April 18th Auxiliary and Council Meeting.

April 28th Daily bread-thanks to all who pitched in

April 30th Deployed Service Members Appreciation Dinner-many thanks to Grace Belfiore, hair beading; Lisa Rinaldi, tattoos; Joanne Voltaire coloring, card making; Ginny Reeder musical chairs; Lan Doung, Cathy Pechar, Kathy Harris-helping with the games, food prep, serving, and clean-up. It was a GREAT time. The families who attended seemed very appreciative. This was a much better space than last year.

As I submit this to Bob for publication, we are still seeking Ladies to fill Officer positions. If you have any interest, please reach out to our Trustees, Joanne Voltaire, Christina Light, and /or Ginny Reeder.

I wish you each a wonderful May and Happy Spring! God bless you all!

Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
President, Ladies Auxiliary
Save Lives!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Fr. McGivney & The Mission

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 142 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus!

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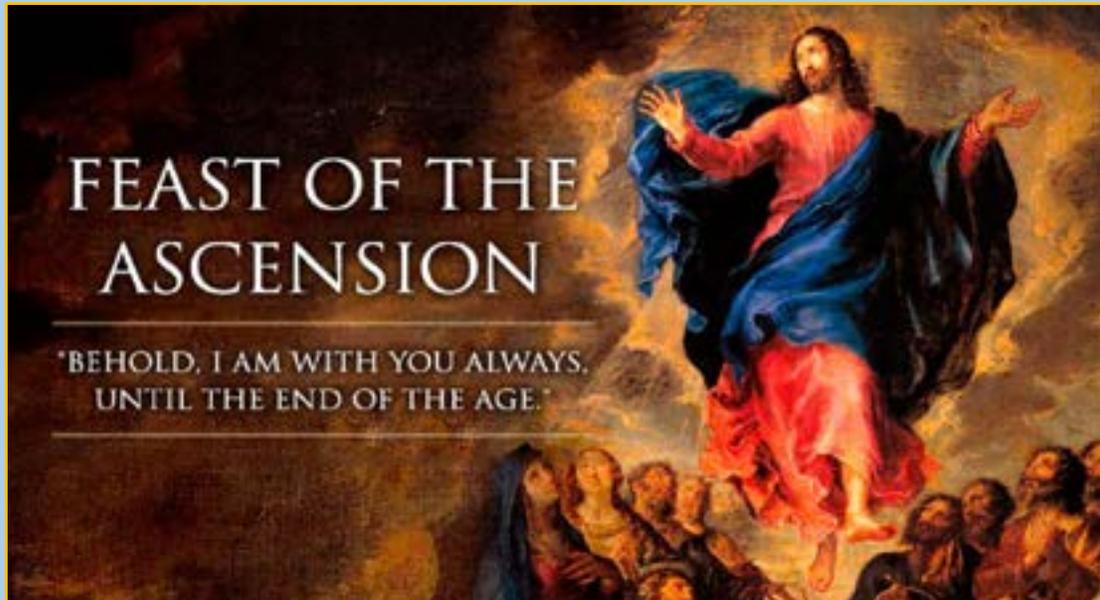
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The Ascension of Jesus

Acts 1:6-12



When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going* to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

Prayer of the Faithful Ascension of the Lord

"Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. All: Amen".



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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida’s November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor’s abortion.¹ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
Diocese of St. Petersburg

Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami

¹ Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor’s abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental *notice* of a minor’s abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



Bishop Robert Barron

Robert Emmet Barron is an American prelate of the Catholic Church who has served as bishop of the Diocese of Winona–Rochester since 2022. He is the founder of the Catholic ministerial organization Word on Fire, and was the host of *Catholicism*, a documentary TV series about Catholicism that aired on PBS

This month — two wonderful and enlightening sermons from Bishop Barron





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KofC AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN STORY

Introduction

The story of baseball cannot be told without a tip of the cap to the Knights of Columbus.

For the Knights of Columbus, the game served as an early avenue of assimilation for Catholic immigrants and first-generation Americans. Today, baseball continues to serve as a path of spiritual formation and charity for Knights and their families. These values stem from the Order's founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, who was an early fan of the game.

Join us in this four-part series about the unique, untold Catholic-American story of how the Knights of Columbus as an organization and individual Knights — including some of baseball's mightiest heroes — stepped up to the plate to produce many memorable moments and shape America's pastime for the better.



The Pere Marquette Council 271 baseball team of Boston, Mass., 1915 was considered the "fastest baseball team representing the Order in Greater Boston." This photograph is a gift of the family of Bernard J. McDonnell, member and manager of the 1915 Pere Marquette Council baseball team. (Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives)

You can view the entire series on baseball and the Knights here at the [Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center](#)



🙏 Prayer Requests 🙏

Recently Deceased

SK Peter Griffith

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

Refugees and others suffering from the Terrorist Attack in Israel, the invasion of Ukraine and loss of life in other war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

SK Doug Blair

SK Allen Allebach

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK John Harter

SK Ralph Carestia

SK Joe "Giuseppe" Tocco

SK Robert Parker

SK John DeStefon

SK David Humes

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Lady Doreen Boudreau

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

Eileen Sanford, sister-in-law of SK Ric Robinso

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

Michael Anctil

Greg Lambert

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.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco — immediately before the membership meeting in Our Ladies Chapel — 6PM. Contact Brothers Joe or SK Bobby Sullivan if you want to be a reader for one of the Power Rosaries.

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

We are the Knights of Columbus

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





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You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:14-16)

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