



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



September 2025

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

The Council's August programs mainly celebrated our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, with a Novena, a Corporate Communion, a Membership Drive, and a morning Mass on his Feast Day. To kick off the celebrations, we displayed the Blessed McGivney Beatification banner outside the entrance of Ascension Church for everyone to see during our two-week series of events. We prayed the Blessed McGivney Novena after morning Masses from August 4th to August 12th, with a different prayer leader each day. We sincerely thank everyone who joined us in prayer and attended the morning masses. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our dedicated prayer leaders, Brothers: Jose Montes, Rich Passarella, John Pechar, Deacon Chris Meehan, Frank Conley, Rob Light, and Deacon Sergio Colon, and Lady Kathy AmRhein. Each day, about six to nine knights and some Ladies gathered to hear about the life of Father McGivney and the faith-filled events that led to the creation of the Knights of Columbus, creating a warm and faithful prayer service.

On Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day, August 13th, after the morning mass, Brother Deacon Ralph Turingan and those present prayed the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney and a Prayer for his Canonization. About nine knights and two Lady Auxiliary members attended.

We held the Council's quarterly Corporate Communion at 11:30 a.m. Mass at Ascension Church on Sunday, August 10. Thank you to the Assembly Honor Guard, led by SK Jim Chatman and HNJ CCC SK Jim Kieffer. About nineteen Knights and ten Ladies attended the Mass. At the end of the Mass, we presented our Chaplain and Pastor, SK Father John Bosco Maison, with the KOC chasuble and stole featuring the Emblem of the Order in gold on the vestments. It was well-received and praised by the parishioners. Father John Bosco was very pleased and wore it at the Monday morning Mass on August 11.

Our Blessed Michael McGivney Membership Drive took place over the weekend of August 9th and 10th at Ascension Church during all masses. It was widely promoted through a full-page bulletin announcement, a parish email, and pre-mass slides. Announcements were also made at the end of each mass to inform attendees that the Knights were conducting their membership drive outside. We had a membership table outside the church's main entrance, featuring the Council table banner and the KOC Join Us Banner. We distributed KOC membership pamphlets and used a sign-up sheet to collect names and phone numbers.

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on September 18 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



## **GK Rich Passarella (continued)**

I want to thank all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members who volunteered to work on the membership drive before and after the masses. We're very pleased with the great response! Thirteen men expressed interest in KofC, and five women showed interest in the Ladies Auxiliary. After reaching out to everyone, seven men attended the orientation meetings. I sincerely thank the wonderful members of our Admissions team—John Miller, Jose Montes, Dave AmRhein, and Lacy Beanblossom—for their leadership during the orientation sessions. The highlight of this dedicated effort was presenting an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on August 28th in the Knights' Room for our new members. Let's warmly welcome and congratulate our new Brother Knights: Edward Pulz, Pete Oliveri, Miguel Opacic, Joe Fringo, and Lennie Cloud, along with our two transfers, Pat Odea and Michael Arias. Additionally, SK Ronald 'Frank' Mac Donald transferred into our Council. Welcome to Monsignor Martin Power Council 14573! I look forward to introducing our new Knights at our September Council meeting.

With school starting in August, our Knights from the Council happily volunteered at Ascension Catholic School's Back-to-School BBQ, where they enjoyed helping to grill and serve hot dogs and other delicious BBQ foods to around 350 happy kids and parents. Big thanks to the Knights grilling team, Jack Duggan and Joe Ameigh, as well as Joe and Lady Kathy for buying hot dogs, buns, and condiments. We also appreciate our dedicated food servers, Jose Montes, Beth Engel, and me, for making the event a warm and welcoming experience.

At the Council meeting, I was pleased to present the July Knight of the Month award to Brother Ed Breznai for his dedicated service to the Council, including participating in Lenten Fish fries, making modifications to the Knights' House, and supporting many Flag For Heroes activities.

It was also my honor to recognize the July Family of the Month, an Ascension couple, Jason and Georgette Hoppenbrouwer, at the August Culture of Life ministry meeting. They have played key roles in revitalizing the parish's Culture of Life Ministry and are committed to protecting the unborn through their leadership in Right to Life activities, such as rosary rallies for Choose Life, Knights of Columbus Laps for Life, Life Chains, and the 'Vote No on Amendment 4' campaign, among others. Jason is a Knight, and Georgette is active in Ascension CCW, having formerly served as president and now serving on the board.

The Florida State Council has reintroduced the State Council Charity Raffle for FY25-26. It is a statewide raffle with proceeds supporting charitable programs of local councils and Florida KofC Charities, Inc. The donation for each raffle ticket is \$3, or \$10 for a book. I want to thank SK Brian Ellerhorst for volunteering to lead this effort. There are many incentives and awards for raffle sellers, along with the chance to win prizes. Raffle tickets will be available to Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members at the September meeting. The final drawing will award \$25,000 and will take place at the State Convention in May '26.

Membership dues for the new fraternal year 25-26 were due in July. Worthy Financial Secretary Richard Becker sent out the first and second billing notices on June 14th and July 15th. Brothers, if you've already paid your dues, thank you! Final billing notices will be mailed at the end of this month. **DUES ARE OVERDUE.** If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact Worthy Treasurer Randy Lascody or Worthy Financial Secretary.

I continue to receive numerous requests for prayers for our brother Knights and their family members. Let us, therefore, "pray unceasingly" to Our Savior Jesus for His healing and for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. See the prayer list in this newsletter. Please continue to send prayer requests to our council email: [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), call or text me with the details, or use the new form on our council website.



## GK Rich Passarella (continued)

Our upcoming Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th, at 7 PM in the **Buescher Center, Room 411**, with a Power Rosary at 6:15 PM. The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be held in Room 410 of the Buescher Center. We plan to enjoy an ice cream social afterward. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**SK Rich Passarella**  
**Grand Knight**  
**Council 14573**



We welcomed six new Knights into the Council at an Exemplification Ceremony held on August 28  
 Joe Fringo, Lennie Cloud, Pete Oliveri, Rich Miller, Ed Pulz,, Miguel Opacic, and GK Rich Passarella

### From Assistant to Regional Administration SK Gerry Grillo

Worthies All! Just heads up to all of u! Rough past month of my sons passing on July 12th! Thursday, July 24th, we had his funeral Mass at Ascension Catholic Church which we had over 300 attended with Worthy RA3 Robert RASCH and Youth Director Tony Constantino attending from the State along with 28 Color Guard! Holy Spirit and my Angel Jacob got me to do the speech on his life! Was the Best Speech I ever done in my whole life without breaking down! Then Celebration of his life on August 3rd at Ballard Park that had another 300 guest attending for over 5 hrs! What a beautiful Tribute to our JACOB! I want to Thank U all for the last 40 months of supporting myself and my Family throughout his Journey! U all were our Medicine! He fought the fight! A True Warrior! No more Suffering, No more Treatments, No more CANCER! He's at PEACE!!! Love U All! God Bless! ARA Grillo!





## **Council Notes**

**VIETNAMESE DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR  
DISABLED SOUTH VIETNAM (ARVN) VETERANS \***



**DINE IN or TAKE OUT**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2025**  
**at Ascension Catholic Church**  
**Parish (Donut) Hall**  
**4:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

- Vietnamese Grilled Pork Chop
- Steamed Jasmine Rice
- Cucumber & Tomato
- Green Salad w/Lan's Dressing
- Special Fish Sauce
- Bottle of Water

**\$15 per Combination**  
For Reservation or Order Please Text/Voicemail:  
**321-242-6458** by Monday 9/15

\* The entire proceeds from this Fundraiser will be sent directly to the Families of Disabled South Vietnam (ARVN) Veterans living in Vietnam.

### **Fundraiser for Disabled South Vietnamese Veterans**

SK Be and Lady Lan Duong are holding another Vietnamese Dinner Fundraiser for disabled South Vietnam (ARVN) veterans who fought alongside US service members. Dine in or take out — Thursday, September 18, 4:30 - 7 PM, Parish Hall. Vietnamese Grilled Pork Chop with Steamed Jasmine rice for \$15. Call or text 321.242.6458 by September 15.

This is the night of our September Council meeting so be sure to get your Vietnamese dinner before the meeting.

### **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 still looking for a chairperson to take the lead for the picnic. But we have started preparation for the picnic with an initial planning



**YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISHES, SALADS & DESSERTS WELCOME!**

**ASCENSION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**PARISH PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 21**  
**After 11:30 Mass**

**MAIN PAVILION WICKHAM PARK • FOLLOW SIGNS**  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Refreshments will be provided along with all the condiments. Enjoy music and games for the kids!

**Bring a canned food donation for the Social Concerns Food Pantry!**

For more information, please contact the parish office at [info@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:info@ascensioncatholic.net) or 321-254-1595

meeting held on August 27. So we have a plan in place to carry out the duties necessary to put this annual event together. We have the pavilion at Wickham Park reserved for Sunday, September 21. We also have a regular staff of volunteers who make this event happen with duties that include preparation, logistics, cooking, cleaning, servicing, setup and take down, insuring grills are delivered to the pavilion and purchasing all food, drink and supplies. We have a regular group of brother Knights and Ladies from the Auxiliary who help with this event every year, but we need the help of all who are available before, during and after the picnic. 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. The Parish Picnic is Sunday, September 21st 2025, After 11:30 AM Mass, at Wickham Park Main Pavilion.

- If you are interested in helping us this year, there is a Sign Up Genius [LINK](#) with all tasks related to the Picnic.



## Council Notes

The Florida State Council has reintroduced the State Council Charity Raffle for FY25-26. It is a statewide raffle where proceeds benefit local councils and Florida KofC Charities, Inc. Ticket sale proceeds are divided, with 60% going to the State and 40% to the council. The donation for each raffle ticket is \$3, or \$10 for a book. We are required to sell 112 raffle books based on the number of council members. The final drawing will award \$25,000, held at the State Convention in May '26.

- Details — [Here](#)
- Project Manager — Brother Brian Ellerhorst

### Get ready for Florida State Council Charity Raffle

- Ticket Sales proceeds - 60% to State and 40% to Council
- Donation is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10 per book (4 Tickets)
- Council 14573 required to sell 112 raffle books
- Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$250
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning ticket wins \$100



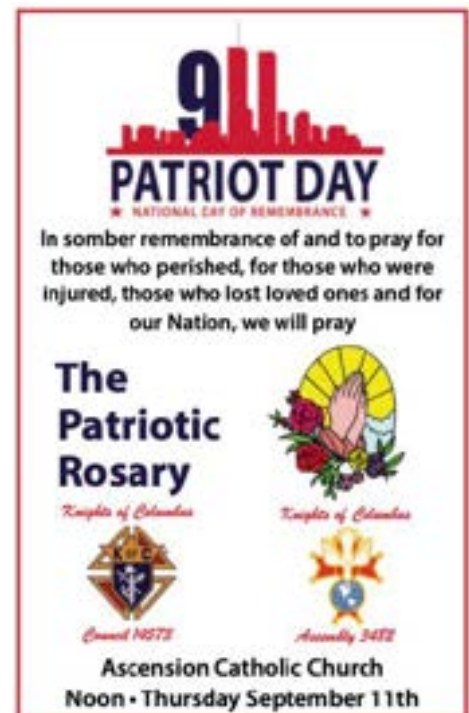
- One ticket solicitor wins:
  - \$250 in the **Quick Start**, drawing to be December 16
  - \$400 in the **Early Bird** drawing on March 13, 2026.
- All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- All tickets and donations in by May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **Final drawing** at the FSC-Annual Convention May 23<sup>rd</sup>, '26
- **Prizes:**
  - 1st Prize **\$25,000**
  - 2nd Prize **\$5,000**
  - 3rd Prizes (2) **\$1,000 each**

**Patriotic Rosary.** Join us Thursday, September 11th, 2025, 12:00 noon, Ascension Catholic Church. Praying for Our Country. The Patriotic Rosary dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional Catholic Rosary to each state of the United States and asks God's protection and guidance for our form of government and the nation. Contact SK John Pechar if you would like to lead a decade of the Rosary.

- Script for Mobile Viewing — [HERE](#)
- Script for Print — [HERE](#)

**Novena For Life.** JOIN US! in a 9 DAYS FOR LIFE novena for the protection of human life from September 27th to October 5th. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. We pray for God to give us the wisdom to choose life in every decision we make. POC: SK Jose Montes

- You can also join us after morning masses during the same days for about 10 minutes to go over the intentions, prayers, and reflections of each day. If you can volunteer to read the novena script one day, please click on the signup button. The script containing each day is available — [HERE](#)
- Sign up as a Daily Reader — [HERE](#)





## 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](mailto: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](#).

**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](mailto:info@AscensionThriftShop.com)





## **Council Notes**

- **Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) 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.

- **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?](#)
- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)



- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.
- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.

### **Bartman Enterprises**

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Cellphone : (321) 324-9212  
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**Email : [papanole@aol.com](mailto:papanole@aol.com)**

Business Hours :  
Monday through Thursdays : 8:30am - 5:30pm  
Friday : 8:30am - 3:00pm  
[Visit Bartman here](#)

- **Council Website.** We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)



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## BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



## From the Faithful Navigator

### Sir Knights

History of the Fourth Degree – Part II (excerpt from *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, pg. 41, by Andrew T. and Maureen H. Walther, SquareOne, 2020):

[Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree have the option of joining the Color Corps – the most visible arm of the Order. These members take part in a number of religious and civic gatherings, including liturgical processions, funerals, and parades, as well as events like wreath-laying ceremonies (such as the one performed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery).

Members of the Fourth Degree are visible reminders of community service, and easily recognized by their distinctive uniform, which has evolved over time. The early uniform, which included a top hat and white bow tie, was replaced in 1940 with a white-feathered chapeau and cape that was worn over a tuxedo. Later, the chapeaux took on a variety of colors and were worn with matching capes. In 2017, the uniform was updated once again. This modernized version includes a blue blazer and gray slacks worn with a military guard beret. The sword and baldric – the most timeless elements of the uniform – have remained.]

A big thank you to those who were able to participate in last month's Corporate Communion to include the illustrious Color Corps! Also, thank you to those who were able to help pray the Blessed McGivney Novena, whether at the church or at home, as well as the membership drive and Mass in support of Blessed Michael McGivney Week – it was a superb event led by Council 14573 and WGK Rich Passarella. There was a Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Center Gray Hall on August 10<sup>th</sup> ... we extend a special salute and thank you to our wounded veterans and their services rendered. As a reminder, the next Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 Sep, at 7pm in Rm 312 of the Ministry Center. Some other upcoming activities include:

- The annual Patriotic Rosary will be held on Thursday, 11 Sep, at 12 noon, in the parish church
- The 9/11 Memorial will be at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island at 6pm with Color Corps present
- The Vietnamese Dinner Fundraiser for ARVN veterans will take place on Thursday, 18 Sep, at 4:30pm-7pm in the Parish Hall

If you are not already a member of the Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact our Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, about joining. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

**SK Rob Light**  
**Faithful Navigator**

Next meeting is September 4 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.





## 2025-2026 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
August 10 TBD	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	FC Ralph Carestia CCC Eddie Merlet
August 10 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Mid-Oct 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 2 Sun Mass	All Souls' Day Mass	WGK Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 11 TBD	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	SK Bobby Sullivan SK John Autio
Nov ???	Vietnam Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov ??? TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Rob Light PFN John Pechar CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
Mid-Jan 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Jan 10? TBD	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House American Heritage Girls	SK Jim Voltaire SK John Autio
Jan ??? 1600	Deployed Family Dinner St. George Parish Chapel 84 Harrier Ave., Satellite Beach, FL	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia SK Frank Conley
Feb ???	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House Ascension Scout Troop 173 & Trail Life Boys	FN Rob Light SK John Autio
March 17 1000	Saint Patrick's Day Parade	CCC Eddie Merlet
March	Prepare Form TBP-1 "To Be A Patriot" Award	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
March	Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
April ???	Ascension School Flag Retirement Ceremony	SK Bob Richmond
Mid-April 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
May 4	Color Corps Marching of the Colors	FP Malachy MaGuinness
May 4 TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
May TBD	Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths (Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May TBD	May Crowning (ACCW) Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May 25 TBD	Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks	SK Bobby Sullivan
June 27 1800	Flags for Heroes Flag Display Knight's House Lawn Area	PFN John Pechar PGK Dave AmRhein
July 4 1000	Independence Day Parade Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan



## September 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.

Martin Ruzicka	September, 5
William Quinn	September, 6
Brian Mc Cann	September, 9
Enrique Wong	September, 9
Salvatore Grasso	September, 10
William Churchill	September, 11
Joseph Ciciulla	September, 11
William Terneus	September, 12
David Sullivan	September, 14
Thomas Horner	September, 15
Nicholas Inbornone	September, 15
Rogelio Cortes	September, 16
Robert Light	September, 16
Louis Hoffman	September, 17
Damian Madigan	September, 17
Charles Benevente	September, 21
Ashley Breaux	September, 24
Daniel Brinkmann	September, 27
Wayne Hosburgh	September, 28
Werner Schulz	September, 30

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

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



# September Activities

**Sept  
2025**

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573  
Council Email: [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com)



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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 4th	1830	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Knight's Room – 312)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN R. Light
Fri 5th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 6th	0715 to to 2100	Serve Meals for TECUM Ministries Young Adult Retreat. Breakfast, Lunch Dinner. At Parish Hall	WGK Rich Passarella
Sat 6th Sun 7th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK Jerry Kelly
Sun 7th	1345	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Wed 10th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK Rich Passarella
Thu 11th	Noon	Patriotic Rosary in Ascension Church	SK John Pechar
Thu 11th	1800	9/11 Memorial at Brevard Veterans Memorial Park, Merritt Island	SK B. Sullivan/ SK Eddie Merlet
Sat 13th	0715	Pray for Life (in Orlando; Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK Rey Sepulveda
Thu 18th	16:30 to 1900	Vietnamese Dinner Fundraiser for ARVN Vets Parish Hall	SK Be & Lady Lan Duong
Thu 18th	1815	Power Rosary (Buescher Center Room 411)	SK B. Sullivan

Sun 21st	1900	Council Meeting (Buescher Center Room 411)	WGK Rich Passarella
	1000	Parish Picnic Main Pavilion Wickham Park	WGK Rich Passarella
Thu 25th	1900	Exemplification of Charity Unity and Fraternity (Knights Room - 312) (If candidates are available)	WGK Rich Passarella
Sat 27th	0945	Day 1 - Novena for Life**	PGK Jose Montes

## LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Oct 5th	1400	Pro-Life Chain (on US1 in front of Ascension Church)	SK B. Sullivan
Oct 17th	1500 to 2000	Trunk or Treat	WGK Rich Passarella

\* Women's CRHP Retreat 9/13-14

\* Men's CRHP Retreat 9/27-28

\*\* Novena For Life, 9/27 to 10/5 After Daily Masses

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

• Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

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## **SAVE THE DATE — January 9-11 2026**

### **Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center Men's Weekend Retreat 2026**



Brothers, our annual retreat at OLFSC is scheduled earlier in January than in previous years; it begins on Friday evening, January 9th, and continues through Sunday, January 11th, 2026. The retreat theme is "Prayer Is The Answer! - Encounter The Divine." The Retreat Team includes Fr. Curtis Kiddy, Deanna Bartalin, and Deacon Jim Parrilli.

About 50 men attend the weekend retreat, where Ascension is one of roughly twelve parishes and other Councils, mainly from South Florida, that participate in this annual event. Car pools are arranged to travel to the retreat center; we arrived late Friday afternoon to check in, pick up our retreat packages, and receive our

room assignments. Afterwards, we enjoyed a light dinner in the dining room before the opening session of the retreat. The retreat is not a silent retreat; however, there is designated time for personal reflection and quiet on a beautifully landscaped campus on the western edge of the northern end of Lake Worth Lagoon. The program offers morning, afternoon, and evening theme presentations by Spiritual Center staff, along with an option to attend 2 of 4 workshops on Saturday afternoon. During free time, there are also several 20-minute slots to meet privately with Spiritual Center staff. The days begin with Morning Prayer in the chapel before breakfast and include evening prayers, adoration, and benediction on Saturday night. On Saturday, there is a mid-morning Reconciliation service and Mass Saturday evening before dinner, as well as on Sunday morning. There is no fasting unless you choose to fast, which may be difficult because they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner generously, along with fresh fruit and homemade cookies for snacks.

You can register at [Men's Events | The Passionist Spiritual Places](#)

When you register, select NEXT for 2026 Retreats, then choose Fri, January 09, 2026: View Details. Then click REGISTER and select Room.

Rooms are available in the St. Gabriel Building on the Lower and Upper Levels, as well as in the St. Paul Building on the Lower and Upper Levels and along the Back Wall. The Retreat Center is located at 1300 U.S. Highway 1, North, Palm Beach, Florida 33408.



## Feast Day of Blessed Father Michael McGiveny







## Chaplain and Lecturer's Corner

**“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”**

Deacon Chris recently spoke about the Gospel of Luke from the Sunday reading of August 17 and Pope Leo's Angelus address. Pope Leo wanted to emphasize that we are bringing division — which sounds odd — as Jesus is the prince of peace. We as Knights try to bring comfort and peace to those in need. But what he is referring to is that all of us by being Christians are creating division.

Deacon Chris concluded by adding a reminder to us that our work as Knights — as good as it is — may lead to some making fun of our works, we may be harassed or seen as creating problems in the community. But we are not to respond with violence or anger but with love as our Savior did. Those of you who pray with the Life Chain know what that is like. The way people respond to you as you profess life. So brothers, we are called to stand up for those in need. We are the voice of the widows and orphans, the unborn — those who can not help themselves. So let us not be deterred by those who would oppress us.



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***Pope Leo XIV — ANGELUS — Piazza della Libertà (Castel Gandolfo) — Sunday, 17 August 2025***

*Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!*

Today's Gospel presents us with a demanding text (cf. *Lk* 12:49-53), in which Jesus uses strong images and great frankness to teach his disciples that his mission, and even that of his followers, is not a “bed of roses”, but a “sign of contradiction” (cf. *Lk* 2:34).

In this way, the Lord anticipates what he will have to face in Jerusalem when he will be opposed, arrested, insulted, beaten, crucified; when his message of love and justice will be rejected; when the leaders of the people will react with viciousness at his preaching. Moreover, many of the communities to which the evangelist Luke was writing were also experiencing the same thing. As the Acts of the Apostles tells us, they were peaceful communities that, despite their own limitations, sought to live the best they could the Master's message of love (cf. *Acts* 4:32-33). Yet they were suffering persecutions.

All of this reminds us that being or doing good does not always receive a positive response. On the contrary, because its beauty at times annoys those who do not welcome it, one can end up encountering harsh opposition, even insolence and oppression. Acting in truth has its cost, because there are those in the world who choose lies, and the devil, who takes advantage of the situation, often seeks to block the actions of good people.

Jesus, however, invites us with his help not to give in and conform ourselves to this mentality, but to continue to act for our good and the good of all, even those who make us suffer. He invites us not to respond to insolence with vengeance, but to remain faithful to the truth in love. The martyrs witnessed to this by shedding their blood for their faith. We, too, can imitate their example even in different circumstances and ways.

Let us think, for example, of the price that good parents must pay if they want to educate their children according to sound principles. Eventually they will have to say “no” and correct their children; this will cause them pain. The same is true for a teacher who desires to form students properly, or for a professional, religious, or politician, who desires to carry out their mission honestly. It is true for anyone who strives to exercise his or her responsibilities consistently according to the teachings of the Gospel.





In this regard, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, while traveling toward Rome to undergo martyrdom, wrote to the Christians of that city: "I do not want you to please men, but to please God" (*Letter to the Romans* 2:1). He added, "It is better for me to die in Jesus Christ than reign over the ends of the earth" (*ibid.*, 6:1).

Brothers and sisters, let us together ask Mary, Queen of Martyrs, to help us be faithful and courageous witnesses of her Son in every circumstance, and to sustain our brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith today.

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## Luke 12:49-53

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!  
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!  
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather division.  
From now on a household of five will be divided,  
three against two and two against three;  
a father will be divided against his son  
and a son against his father,  
a mother against her daughter  
and a daughter against her mother,  
a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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## Speed Limits

At the August Council meeting — Deacon Chris gave his Lecturer Report on the standards that set speed limits. This is something that has been in the news a lot lately. Starting with the new school year and school zone speed limits. But there has been a lot of news stories of late about the new speed limit law:

Florida's new speed limit law, effective July 1, 2025, targets "super speeders" by imposing harsher penalties for excessive speeding. Specifically, driving 50 mph or more over the posted speed limit, or driving 100 mph or more anywhere, is now considered "dangerous excessive speeding". First-time offenders could face a \$500 fine and up to 30 days in jail, while subsequent offenses can lead to increased fines and jail time, potentially including license suspension.

In the last 30 days, Law Enforcement Officers have given out over 400 tickets for excessive speed — some as high as 150 MPH. Deacon Chris then gave his presentation on how speed limits are established.

Deacon Chris concluded his presentation by pointing out that we as Knights have a responsibility to set an example. So if any of you feel that a roadway is too fast, you have a right as a citizen to ask the Florida Department of Transportation to reduce the speed in the area that you feel has an unsafe speed limit. The other thing is that we as Knights also have a responsibility to set an example — an example of patience and composure as we drive and to point out to our friends and family that perhaps they should consider adjusting their driving habits so they can be a safer driver not only for themselves but for all those around them. So think about this as you are driving so you can set the right example for other drivers around you.



Below are the reference materials used for Deacon Chris's presentation.

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## **Speed Limits in Florida**

The Florida Department of Transportation is concerned about your safety. That is why we set speed limits on our state highways through the use of these familiar black and white signs.

A speed limit sign is a regulatory sign that informs you of the legal allowable speed. It communicates a basic element of safe driving to the motorist. Uniform vehicle speeds can only be achieved through consistent methods of speed zone establishment, uniform sign design and placement, effective speed zone enforcement, and driver compliance.

In order to explain our process for establishing speed limits, here are answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding speed limits:

### **What is the purpose of a speed limit?**

The primary purpose is to provide improved safety by reducing the probability and severity of crashes. A speed limit sign notifies drivers of the maximum speed that is considered acceptably safe for favorable weather and visibility. It is intended to establish the standard in which normally cautious drivers can react safely to driving problems encountered on the roadway. Properly set speed limits provide more uniform flow of traffic and appropriately balance risk and travel time, which results in the efficient use of the highway's capacity and less crashes.

### **Who sets speed limits on the state highways?**

The Florida Legislature authorized the Florida Department of Transportation to establish speed limits on state highways up to the following maximums: 70 mph on Interstates, 65 mph on a four-lane divided highway outside an urban area (with a population of 5,000 or more), and 60 mph on other state highways. Select the following links (These links open a new browser windows) for information concerning the establishment of state speed limits, residential speed limits, and school speed limits in the state of Florida. More information can be found at The Florida Legislature's Statutes website.

### **Why are speed limits different in each state?**

Federal legislation gives individual states the authority to establish their own maximum speed limits. The Florida Legislature, as mentioned above, establishes our maximum speed limits.

### **How are speed limits established?**

It is common traffic engineering knowledge that about 85 percent of all drivers travel at reasonably safe speeds for the various roadway conditions they encounter, regardless of speed limit signs. This leaves 15 percent of drivers who must be reminded of the maximum speed limit. This reminder must be coupled with meaningful enforcement. Based on this knowledge, a traffic engineering study is conducted to establish speed limits on the state highway. The Department uses the "85th percentile" method of determining appropriate and safe posted speed limits in conjunction with the maximum statute based speeds. This method is based on extensive nationally accepted studies and observations. By measuring the speed of hundreds of vehicles at various points along the roadway, traffic engineers are able to use data to determine a reasonable and safe maximum speed to post for all vehicles to travel.



## What influences a driver's selected speed?

A driver's choice of speed is a balance between expedience and safety, and is often a subconscious reaction to the environment. The vehicle speed chosen by a driver may be influenced by, the presence of other vehicles, weather, road conditions, road geometrics, and other factors such as:

- Time of Day Purpose of trip
- Ambient light
- Familiarity of driver with the road
- Condition of vehicle
- Urgency of trip
- Emotional condition of driver
- Driver skill
- Personality of driver
- Speed of other vehicles
- Drive late or on time
- Presence and/or history of enforcement
- Length of Trip
- Pavement wetness
- Weather
- Type of vehicle
- Vehicle parking
- Lane width
- Traffic volume
- Adjacent land use and development
- Pavement roughness
- Shoulder width and condition
- Pavement type and condition
- Speed traveled for previous 5 or 10 miles

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## How do I get a speed limit reviewed on a State Highway?

If you feel there is a need to change a speed limit on a state highway, or you have further questions regarding our determination of speed limits, please contact the District Traffic Operations Engineer at your local Florida Department of Transportation office.

Source: [Florida Department of Transportation](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS  
[City Limits Quick Guide](#)

Federal Highway Administration  
[Speed Limit Setting Handbook](#)

From the Associated Press  
[A decades-old rule lets drivers set speed limits on US roads.](#)





## Monthly Council Meeting



**Ed Breznai — July Knight of the Month**



**Josh and Candy Porche  
June Family of the Month**



**Jason, Georgette and Hoppenbrouwer  
July Family of the Month**



## Coats for Kids 2025

**Barnardsville Elementary School**  
**Barnardsville, North Carolina**



SK Bobby Sullivan, our lead for Coats for Kids, confirmed the delivery from North Carolina Barnardsville Elementary School of five boxes of coats this month, along with a thank-you email. Thanks to Financial Secretary Richard Becker for processing the orders with Supreme and to SK Bobby Sullivan for leading the program.

- We are still collecting funds in hopes of sending one more box — box 6 — to the school. So see Financial Secretary Richard Becker if you wish to donate to this outstanding program led by SK Bobby.



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## From the Ladies Auxiliary



As I sit and admire the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows in the trees across our gravel road in central West Virginia in the cool morning air of the fading summer, I am seeing my summer days fade away as fall makes its approach. The summer months seem to have swiftly passed by and soon I will be starting my trek back home to Florida. I love my time away, but I also love coming home. I have missed worshipping with you all and serving with you all, and seeing your beautiful faces. September is my last full month in WV, and I will be back in the Space Coast in October. I pray that you have all enjoyed a safe and happy summer, and are looking forward to the fall, as I am. Schools are back in session, and we begin to fall into a more regular routine once again.

Coming up in September, we have the TECUM Ministry Retreat where we will be serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Sept. 6. That weekend is also the Food for the Poor Collection (please wear red!), and the Parish Picnic is on Sept. 21, along with many "regular" Knights' events for which we lend our support by serving.

We will also have our first meeting after taking the summer off. We will gather on **Sept 18, in Room 410 of the Buescher Center at 7PM. (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION!)** We will join the Knights in Room 411 for a briefing, then begin our meeting, and after our meeting we will join the Knights again for a "Welcome Back" **Ice Cream Social**. As this is the beginning of a new fiscal year for our ministry, it is **time to pay dues for 2025-2026**. Dues are still **\$10**, and will be collected at this meeting. I hope that you will all stay active members again this year, and that those who have not been able to join us over the last year will consider coming back and participating once again. Please know that you have been missed! We will be cleaning up our files this fall, and anyone who is not up to date on dues will be removed from our Roster and no longer receive updates via email. We really don't want to see any of your names disappear, and hope to see you all in our midst, serving our parish and community together!

Happy Birthday to the following Ladies...

Sept 5	Teresa Romano	
Sept 11	Ginny Reader	
Sept 19	Sue Kuracz	
Sept 21	Carol Allebach	
Sept 22	Gerry Hemel	Your Sister in Christ,
Sept 24	Lyn Becker	Becky Richard
Sept 24	Joanne Voltaire	President, Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Anniversary to these awesome couples...

Sept 2	Eileen and Joseph Greco
Sept 6	Kathy Harris and Jack Dugger
Sept 14	Maria Liliana and Fernando Guerrero

Thank you all for a wonderful 2024-2025 year of Ladies Auxiliary! I look forward to 2025-2026 with you all. Please consider inviting your friends and family to join you in serving with us, too, Invite them to come and check us out at our September meeting!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Becky Richard  
President, Ladies Auxiliary





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Maybe you wonder about this every once in a while, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

According to the most recent Insurance Study performed by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association ("LIMRA"), 40 percent of American adults say they need life insurance or need to obtain more life insurance coverage.1

That's a lot of people wondering, "What if?" What if you need more? What if you're not prepared for the unexpected?

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone. Life insurance can help provide security for the unknown.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensuring your business would operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs.

Don't wait — ensuring you and your family are protected can be quicker and easier than you may imagine.

Set up time to meet with me and we will start the process together. Thank you!

1 2025 Insurance Barometer Study, LIMRA

**Vivat Jesus!**

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## Around the Ascension Community



Banner presentation to Kelly Ford — Flags for Heroes 2025



SK Jack Dutton, PGK Jose Montes, SK Wayne Hosburgh — New Garage Door Opener in Knights Hous



PGK Dave AmRhein Reaching out for New Talent



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*"Therefore my beloved brothers be steadfast immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." - 1 Corinthians 15:58*

#### **Message from the State Deputy**

Worthy Brothers,

I extend my deepest thanks to all my brothers in the Knights of Columbus of Florida for your incredible dedication and effort that made August a resounding success. Your commitment continues to inspire Lisa and me.

But Brothers, our mission is far from complete.

As we enter September, we face a crucial opportunity—to carry our momentum forward and reach those brothers who most need the fellowship, strength, and support that only the Knights can provide.

Let us not ease up but instead press on with renewed vigor and an unwavering commitment to touching the hearts and souls of our fellow men. The need is great, and the time is now.

Let us not forget to Wish each other a wonderful Labor Day to everyone who wakes up each morning ready to give their best effort and make a positive difference through their work.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9*

Vivat Jesus!

**Sir Knight Michael Gizewski**

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The Columbian Coat of Arms contains three symbolic elements: the sword, the anchor, and the battle axe, recalling the noble and illustrious deeds of the Order's founders.

The sword and the anchor, placed one over the other, form a sort of "X" or St. Andrew's cross. The sword symbolizes honor, distinction, bravery and courage.

The anchor, an instrument designed to hold a ship in place, represents that which attaches, stops, consolidates, and stabilizes.

The battle axe, placed on the shield, symbolizes action taken to overcome obstacles or ambushes on the road to accomplishing one's objectives.

The bundle represents the solid grouping of people who come together to realize a common ideal under the guidance of a recognized leader. It symbolizes teamwork, the strength inherent in unity and fraternity.





The 2025, Brevard County 9/11 24th Anniversary  
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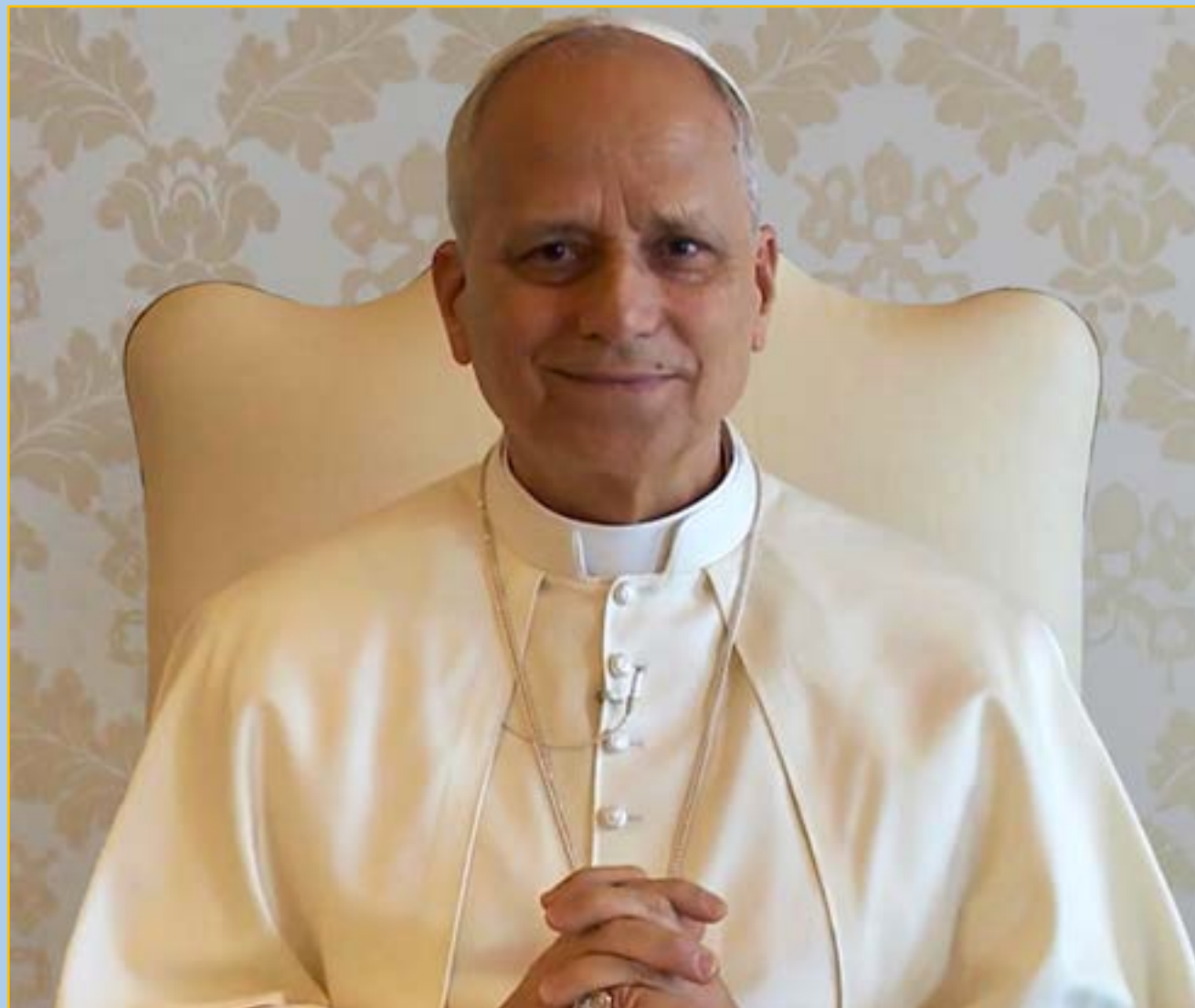
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Video Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV  
for the 143rd Supreme Convention  
of the Knights of Columbus  
August 5, 2025

## Pope Leo XIV Sends Video Greeting to Knights of Columbus

**WATCH**

Dear friends,

I am pleased to greet all of you gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. I also greet those who are participating virtually in these opening ceremonies.

You are meeting during the Jubilee Year of Hope, which encourages the Universal Church, and indeed the entire world, to reflect on this essential virtue, which Pope Francis described as "the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring" (*Speo Sani Cordis* 1). I'd like to reflect briefly with you on this important virtue.

As Catholics, we know that the source of our hope is Jesus Christ and he has sent his followers in every age to bring the good news of his saving Paschal Mystery to the entire world. The Church has always been called to be a sign of hope through the proclamation of the Gospel in words as well as in actions. In a particular way during this Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.

Your founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood this well. He saw the many needs of immigrant Catholics and sought to bring relief to the poor and suffering through his faithful celebration of the sacraments as well as through fraternal assistance, fraternal assistance which continues on to this day.

This year's Convention has the timely theme of "Heralds of Hope," reminding all Knights of Columbus of the invitation to be signs of hope in your local communities, parishes, and families. In this regard, I commend your efforts to bring together men in your communities for prayer, formation, and fraternity, as well as the many charitable efforts of your local Councils throughout the world. In particular, your generous service to vulnerable populations, including the unborn, pregnant mothers, children, those who are less fortunate, and those affected by the scourge of war, brings hope and healing to many and continues the noble legacy of your founder.

With these brief words, I offer my good wishes for the work of the Supreme Convention, which I entrust to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Leo XIV sent his "heartfelt condolences and the assurance of spiritual closeness" to all those affected by the "terrible tragedy" of a shooting at a Catholic church in Minneapolis that left two children dead and 17 people injured.

The pope's condolences went particularly to "the families now grieving the loss of a child," said a telegram to Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.

The shooting Aug. 27 took place while the children of Annunciation Catholic School were in the parish church for the first Mass of the school year.

Police said a gunman in his 20s, armed with a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol, shot through the church windows at the students in the pews and then killed himself.

The dead children were 8 and 10 years old. Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara told reporters 17 other people were injured, including 14 children.

Police did not release the gunman's name or speculate on a motive for the shooting.

The papal message to Archbishop Hebda said that "while commending the souls of the deceased children to the love of Almighty God, His Holiness prays for the wounded as well as the first responders, medical personnel and clergy who are caring for them and their loved ones."



Families and loved reunite following a shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis Aug. 27, 2025. The Richfield Police Department is reporting there are up to 20 victims and the shooter is dead. (OSV News photo/Ben Brewer, Reuters)

"At this extremely difficult time, the Holy Father imparts to the Annunciation Catholic School community, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the people of the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area his apostolic blessing as a pledge of peace, fortitude and consolation in the Lord Jesus," it said.



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## **Prayer Requests**

### **Recently Deceased**

SK Eddie Farrell  
Anthony Donald LaManna — Father of SK Tony LaManna  
Sandy — Mother of SK Paul Kuracz  
Maria Stubbolo — Sister of Lady Olga Kelly

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide  
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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 Pat Martin  
SK Dan Brinkmann  
SK John Kisiel  
SK John Autio  
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton  
Brother Lennie Cloud and his wife  
Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson  
Lady Sharon Hunton  
Roger, Son of SK Tony Cortes  
Member Prospect James MacDavitt  
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.





## Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

Holy God,  
Creator of all people and all nations,  
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events  
That occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died  
In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93  
In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care.  
Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss  
In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.  
May their painful memories of that day  
Be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance.  
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;  
We stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear:  
By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;  
By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner  
and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;  
By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions  
in response to acts of hostility;  
By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;  
That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope  
And creators of new dreams;  
That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,  
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001  
By resolving, with Your help Almighty God,  
To truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.

Amen.

- Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.



## The Father Leo Show Father Leo Patalinghug





## Bishop Robert Barron







## Ascension Catholic School — A New School Year







## 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.

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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 I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8:38-39*)

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