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St. Mary's Council 11961
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Charity
Unity
Fraternity



March 2025

Grand Knight Message *In service to one. In service to all*



At that point the Spirit sent him out toward the desert. He stayed in the wasteland forty days, put to the test there by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and angels waited on him.

Mark 1: 12-13

Our Lenten season begins this month as we journey with Jesus and the entire Church to our Easter destination in April. Remember the three pillars of the season – prayer, fasting, and good works (almsgiving). As Knights, we strive to keep all three at the heart of our daily lives.

Ash Wednesday is **March 5th** this year. On **Friday, March 7th**, we will cook our first Fish Fry meal at St. Joseph's Monastery. We will continue the tradition of **six** successive Fish Fries culminating on **Friday, April 11th**. Please contact Brother Joe Marotti if you would like to join the Fish Fry team. This activity always brings us all closer together as we work hard and get to know one another better! The team looks forward to providing good food and good fellowship to our new community!

On **Monday, March 17th** our council will host the **Silver Rose** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

(monastery) chapel. This life-size rose commemorates Our Lady of Guadalupe and the dignity of all human life. The Silver Rose program will begin with the 8:30 Mass and a prayer service immediately after Mass.

Our next **blood drive** is on **Sunday, March 30th** at the **Monastery**. The Big Red Bus, along with Brother Chris and Brother Joe Jurec, will be there near the pavilion from **8 am until 1 pm**. Please sign up for an appointment if possible.

Brothers, I thank you for your commitment to your families, our Church and our council. As Knights, we uphold the example of strong Catholic men in today's world. Always remember that others are watching and how we act may be the most poignant picture of Christ that others may see this day. Let us continue to be the "strong right arm of the Church" and protective presence for all human life with faith in our hearts and our brothers at our side.

DON'T FORGET TO SELL YOUR 300 CLUB TICKETS !!!

*Grand Knight
Darren Molony*



District Deputy Message



We are on the back nine of our fraternal year. Thanks to all of you, District 17 is a SP7 away from being ALL STAR DISTRICT once again. This does not mean we let up on the gas pedal. We still have goals we set back in July to attain.

As I stated in February our primary focus will be on membership and helping your council to achieve their goals. Double Star Council is the goal for your council. Brother Knights please help your Grand Knight. You do NOT need to wait for a membership drive to offer a Catholic gentleman the gift of membership. That Catholic gentleman you see in church every week is a prime candidate for the invitation to join our brotherhood. In unity and fraternity, we can accomplish this.

Every faith in action program is a membership opportunity. Your next fraternal benefits event needs to be open to entire parish. Even if they are not KofC brothers. I have asked the Grand Knight to plan this event and our phenomenal Worthy

Field Agent, Larry Kennedy, will show nonmembers the blessing of being a Brother Knight. Brother Larry is one of our best recruitment tools. Second only to the wife of a Catholic gentleman that is not a KofC brother!! If the wife wants the husband to become a Brother Knight, then we all know that answer.

Supreme commissioned CARA, of Georgetown University, to perform a survey. Of the ten million Catholic men surveyed they found that seven million would become a KofC if they were asked!! We have 2.1 million men in our order internationally. Why aren't we asking men to join us?.

2025 State convention is May 23-26th in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Regency. You have already elected your delegates and alternates. This is an important convention as we are electing new State officers. We thank those who have served and pray for those that will be taking new positions.

Vivat Jesus

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy Ethics is Important!



March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as “moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity” In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we’ve boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, “First, do no harm.” Attorneys have the American Bar Association’s “Model Rules of Professional Conduct.” In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and for research.

The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By “represent the Knights” we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like

me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values. From our Code of Ethics and Conduct handbook the Core Values are these:

- ✓ Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.
- ✓ Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.
- ✓ Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.
- ✓ Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.

I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal.

I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus!

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March 2025 Calendar

Wed Mar 5, 2025 All Day
 Thurs Mar 6, 2025 5:00pm – 6:00pm
 7:00pm – 8:15pm
 Fri Mar 7, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 Fri Mar 7, 2025 4:00pm – 5:30pm
 Sun Mar 8, 2025 8:30am - 4:00pm
 Fri Mar 14, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 4:00pm – 5:30pm
 Mon Mar 17, 2025 All Day
 Tues Mar 18, 2025 4:30pm – 6:30pm
 Fri Mar 21, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 4:00pm – 5:30pm
 Tues Mar 25, 2025 All Day
 Fri Mar 28, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday
 Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
 Business Meeting (Monastery)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)
 Special Olympics (Jacksonville)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)
 Silver Rose (Monastery)
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)
 Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

April 2025 Calendar

Thurs Apr 3, 2025 5:00pm – 6:00pm
 7:00pm – 8:15pm
 Fri Apr 4, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 Fri Apr 4, 2025 4:00pm – 5:30pm
 Fri Apr 11, 2025 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 Fri Apr 11, 2025 4:00pm – 5:30pm
 Sun Apr 13, 2025 All Day
 Tues Apr 15, 2025 4:30pm – 6:30pm
 3:00pm – 4:00pm
 Fri Apr 18, 2025 All Day
 Sun Apr 20, 2025 All Day

Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
 Business Meeting (Monastery)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)
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 Fish Fry (Monastery)
 Palm Sunday
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Good Friday
 Easter Sunday



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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

**Council 11961 Officers
2024-2025**



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So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**



Special Olympics will be held in Jacksonville on March 8th from 8:30 to 4:00. See Brother Mike Gossman for details 317-250-7628



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Hawaiian Dinner Jan 26, '25



Hawaiian Dinner Night

After 5pm Mass

Sunday, January 26th
6pm - 7:30pm

Dinner Includes:

Kalua Pork with Mango BBQ Sauce
Teriyaki Chicken
Macadamia Nut Rice Pilaf
Hawaiian Style Coleslaw
Roll
Tea & Water

Adult Dinner \$13
Children Under 12 - \$9
(Child's plate one meat only)



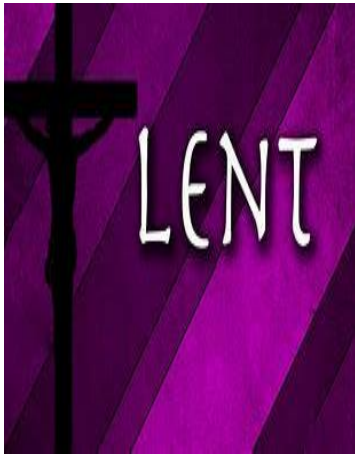
This January Brother Ken Fehner, with his team of volunteers staged a very successful dinner. While Ken cooked the pork and chicken, Bro. Chris Grecek prepared the coleslaw and Bro. Paul Vicario cooked the rice. The remaining seven volunteers sold tickets, set up and took down the tent, and cleaned up. Brothers, that's 10 who came to help, more than 10% of our members.

We expected 50 guests but ticket sales rose to over 90 and Ken, thanks to his planning had a meal for all. Events such as this enable our council to support St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery as well as our other charities. KUDOS to Ken and his crew.

Valentine's Day at SEAS

Our Council was invited to SEAS Valentines Dinner Dance on April 15th. We attended to reciprocate for their generosity in aiding our council and to enjoy their hospitality. GK Ralph Esposito made sure everyone was served and DGK Joe Lupo prepared the menu. Music was provided by Martin Lane.





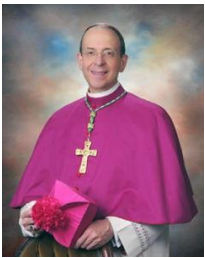
Lent is almost here, and that means it's time for one of our most beloved traditions—our **Lenten Fish Fries!** The first fish fry kicks off on **Friday, March 7th**, and we'll be serving up delicious meals for six weeks straight. But we can't do it without **YOU!**

We need volunteers for a **variety of positions each week**—cooking, serving, setup, cleanup, and more. Whether you can help for one week, multiple weeks, or **all six**, your time and effort will make a big impact. Contact Brother Joe Marotti.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (March)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

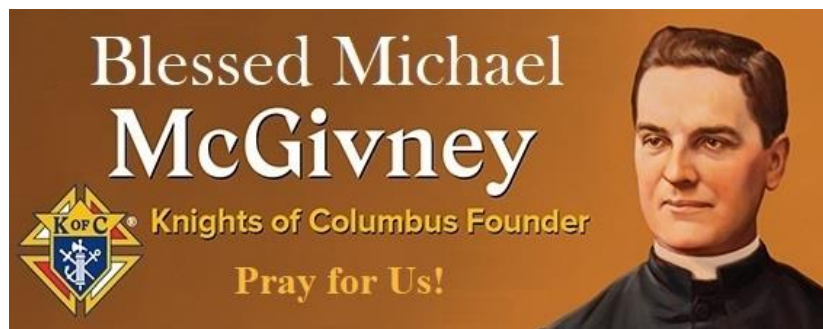
Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection:

- To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you?
- Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action?
- What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

God's On the Line, Don't Hang Up!
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!





Join our Brothers on March 30th from 8:00AM to 1:00PM at St Joseph Carmelite Monastery.

Donate Blood and save a life. There's no end to the benefits of donating blood for those who need it. According to the American Red Cross, one donation can save as many as three lives, and someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds.



A SILVER ROSE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT ST JOSEPH CARMELITE MONASTERY ON MARCH 17TH AT 8:30. IT WILL BEGIN WITH MASS IN OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHAPEL. IT WILL BE A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY.



Faith In Action

Ask a Catholic Gentlemen to Join the Knights of Columbus Today!

Joining the Knights of Columbus Online is Simple. The next step to membership in our council is easy!!



Agent Referral Code:
LKENNEDY
 Preferred Local Council:
11961
 Member Referral #:

 Church Parish Name:
St. Joseph's Monastery
 Church Parish City:
Bunnell

Join Online for Free!
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www.kofc.org/joinus

March Birthdays

MARCUS A DODD-O 3/14



FRANK M DELUCA 3/16



300 CLUB WINNERS
 January/February \$50 Winners

#194 Christine Bittaker #253 Mary Laperriere
#128 Jim Daly #74 Ben Jurec

#239 Rick Stevens #84 John Hall
#18 Terry Allen # 56 Glen Shaw



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Gregg Wilson 651-470-5781

Please Pray for those on our Sick List

Joe Jurec wife Karen , Nacci Family, Eric Bonilla, Mel Young, Nestor Ramos
Joe and Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Payton Phillips wife Jane, Peter Capozzi
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Friese,
PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane, Phil Lajeunesse's mom and Family.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Pray for our Deceased Brothers

Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May our Lord welcome them home.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our loved ones who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

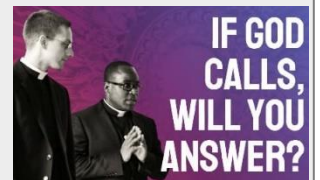
Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these departed souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen

**If you know of any Brother or family member
in distress please notify one of the council officers.**

Pray for Vocations

**"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain.
Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons."
*St. John Paul II***





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Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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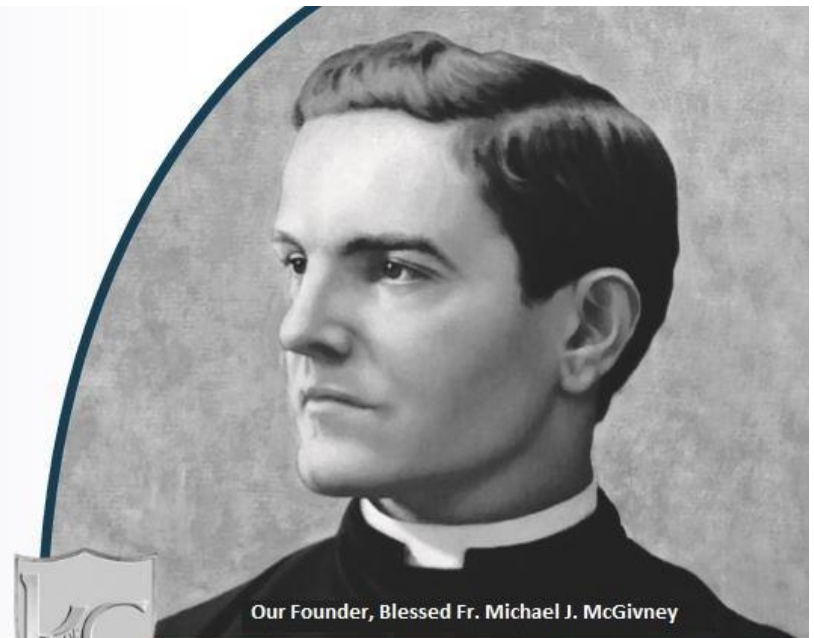


FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

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