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St. Mary's Council 11961
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May 2025

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



"Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Matthew 13:54-55

Although most of us think of May as the month of Mary because of her "May crowning," May begins with a feast day for St. Joseph on **May 1st**.

Joseph the worker, Joseph the carpenter, Joseph the foster-father of Jesus who taught him his trade. St. Joseph is a role model for all fathers and for all workers and so is a perfect role model for all Knights of Columbus. May we always keep St. Joseph in our hearts as we serve our families, our Church, and our community.

Thank you again to our **Fish Fry Team** that finished their work for 2025 on **Friday, April 11th**. It was an incredibly successful Lenten endeavor that brought our brother Knights closer together and honored the Monastery with an \$1,200.00 contribution. Mission accomplished, brothers, and many thanks! Our next **Knights of Columbus Mass** will be on **Sunday, May 4th at 10 am**. Please join us, along with your wife and family members, for this special Mass.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the **Liturgy Team** (music, lector, altar server, usher, etc.) for these monthly first Sunday Masses. We can always use more helping hands.

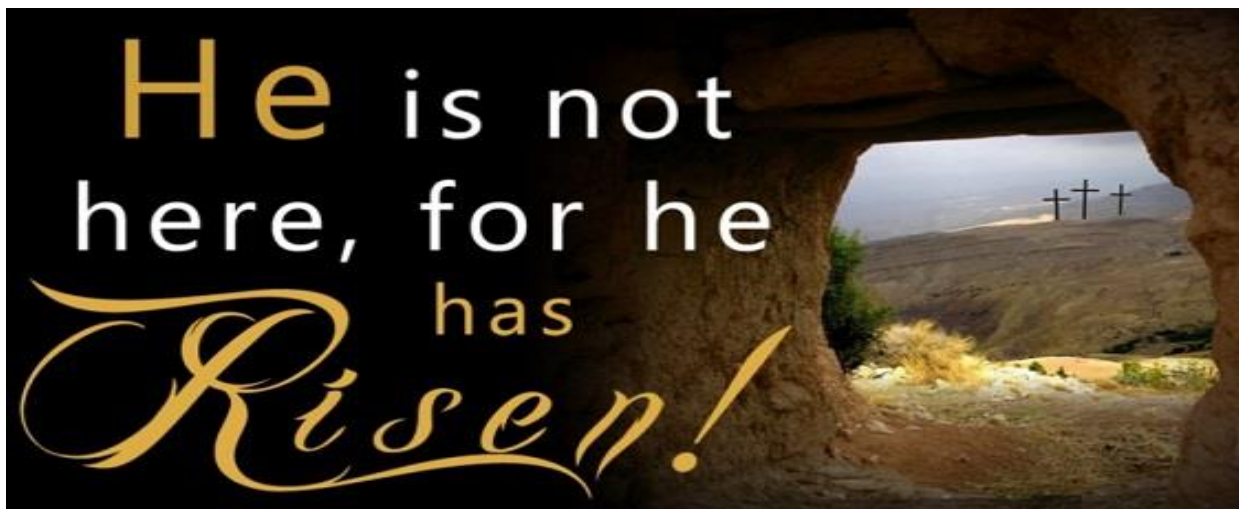
Our **pizza party** is **Thursday, May 8th** at the **Monastery** from **5 pm to 8 pm**. You and your wife are invited to come and socialize and get to know your brother Knights and their ladies a bit better. The council will pick up the tab for the pizza, water, and soda. BYOB for those interested.

This month we have the **Daytona Beach Tortugas** baseball game on **Friday, May 16th**. A number of you have voiced your interest in going and I thank you. Please let me know ASAP if you are thinking about joining us. It is a great time to get together and watch baseball!

On Memorial Day weekend, DGK John P. and I will be off to the **Knights of Columbus State Convention** in Jacksonville. We are both very proud to represent St. Mary's of Korona council at the convention and will report to you all of the goings-on at the June council meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

*Grand Knight
Darren Molony*



District Deputy Message



Brothers,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and admiration for the incredible work that St. Mary Council 11961 has been doing. Your dedication and unwavering support to the church and the community are truly commendable.

The impact of your efforts is evident in the numerous initiatives and projects that you have undertaken. Your commitment to faith and service is not only inspiring but also a beacon of hope for many. The council's steadfast devotion to upholding the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus is something that we should all be proud of.

Please know that your hard work and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. The church and the community deeply appreciate everything that you do. Your faithfulness and generosity are a testament to the strength and integrity of the council.

Once again, thank you for your outstanding service and support. May you continue to be blessed in all your endeavors!

In Christ
Vivat Jesus
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Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation

Field Agent– Larry Kennedy “How do you plan the best route?”



Springtime is slowly passing by and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already

thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse

we start with a financial needs analysis. We “drop a pin” on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look “under the hood,” and make sure the strategy is still “running on all cylinders.” There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!
Larry Kennedy

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Upcoming Events

May 2025 Calendar

Thurs May 1, 2025	5:30pm – 6:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officer's Meeting (Monastery) Business Meeting (Monastery)
Sun May 4, 2025	10:00am-11:00am	Mass at St Joseph Monastery
Mon May 5, 2025	All Day	Cinco de Mayo
Thur May 8, 2025	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Pizza
Sun May 11, 2025	All Day	Mother's Day
Fri May 16,	6:00pm - end	Ball Game – the Jack
Sat May 17, 2025	All Day	Armed Forces Day
Tues May 20, 2025	4:30pm -6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Fri May 23, 2025	All Day	State Convention – Jacksonville
Mon May 26, 2025	All Day	Memorial Day



June 2025 Calendar

Sun June 1, 2025	10:00am – 11:00am	Mass at St Joseph Monastery
Thurs June 5, 2025	5:30pm – 6:00pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officer's Meeting (Monastery) Business Meeting (Monastery)
Sun June 15, 2025	All Day	Father's Day
Tues June 17, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)



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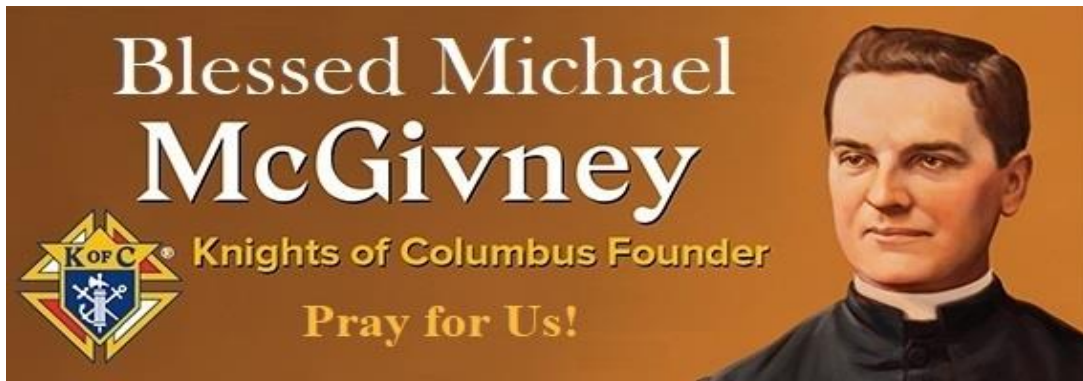
So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

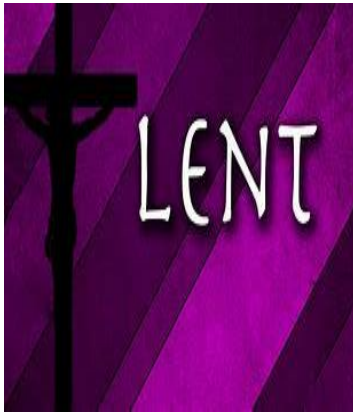
Knight of the Month – Mike Gossman

This month we thank Brother Mike Gossman for his dedication to his Faith as well as our Council.

Mike is a Eucharistic Minister, altar server as well as our Financial Secretary and Life Director.

Mike also has volunteered with the shed foundation construction, and all Fish Frys. Mike is always willing to jump in when needed.





Our Lenten Fish Fries this Friday extended a **FREE** Fish Fry for all. The dedicated team served up 60+ meals to anyone who attended the Stations of the Cross. Those who partook of the meal contributed very generously. All contributions plus something extra will be presented to Father Robert at our May meeting. This and all past fries were under to direction of Brother Joe Marotti. He was supported by 18 Brothers



April 4th Fish Fry



Our Fish Frys have been deliciously successful. Father Rober And Brother Patrick enjoyed their dinner as did all who tasted the flavorful meal. Our team Chairman Joe Marotti, Fish prep - of Tom Kozak, Nestor Ramos, John Thomas and Don Worthing, Fish Frying - Fred Harting, Joe Marotti, Paul Vicario, French Fries - Chris Grecek and Kevin Ryan, Servers - Mike Gossman, John Picucci, Mike Gossman, Tom Flemming, and Joe Galetta. Ticket table - Nigel Powell, Paul Przybysz, Joe Jure. General Help -Tony Flynn and Mark Sulczinski. Site Prep – Rich Friese.




The Continuing Saga of The Shed

The Home Stretch

After months of hiccups, delays, stumbling blocks, and setbacks, Joe Marotti and his team of hard workers finally got the “slab” built.



The Independent Concrete Workers, (AIA - IFCW Union), consisted of Darren Molony, Don Worthington, Nestor Ramos, Rich Friese, Chris Gereck and Tom Kozak.



This Shed is needed to house files, memorabilia, photos, banners, equipment such as pots, pans, propane tanks, cooking utensils, and of course our smoker plus other “stuff”. Much is in the shed present location but many of us have Council paraphernalia in our garages. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, the move will be underway and soon we will be DONE with the move to our new home, at the Monastery. Our thanks and appreciation go to Father Robert, Father Gregory and Brother Patrick. This is a symbiotic relationship. Without Father’s welcome we would have disbanded. Instead, we were warmly welcomed and we have contributed financially to the Monastery, rejuvenated its pavilions wiring and structure and added to the Monastery’s faithful. We look forward to a long relationship.



Hot Smokin Knights



Our Council has had a good relationship with the Flagler Education Foundation since our first cook on October 29, 2021. We all remember the second event in the pouring rain on November 5, 2021. We have been invited to Scholarship events, Teacher events and Donor Appreciation events. Below is the recent Foundations golf outing where we prepared wings and sausage to the golfers.

Our Council has been a donor every year, presenting Scholarship funds to two students each year right up to 2025.

The only Constant is Change... Flagler Education Foundation has a new director who is seeking to cut cost. Our menu will be replaced with hamburgers and franks.

We need to look for new prospective customers for our Hot Smokin Knights...bring your ideas forward. Let's put the Smoker to work.



FLAGLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (May)

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



He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (Gospel for May 4, Jn 21:17a)

When, following the Resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, why did he ask Peter three times whether he loved him? It has often been seen as a penance for Peter's earlier threefold denial of Christ. But perhaps there's something more — perhaps Jesus was pushing Peter to reflect more deeply on what it means to love him. Sometimes, we speak the words "I love you" by rote, without grasping their true meaning. May we always be mindful of what it means to truly love someone and to love as Christ taught us.

This month, I challenge you to identify one way you can demonstrate true love of God and neighbor. Then pray about how to concretely undertake that sacrificial act of love — and put it into action.

Questions for Reflection:

- What does it mean for you to truly love Jesus?
- Do you know anyone — or is there a particular saint — who has shown you what true love looks like?
- What are some specific ways you can grow in your ability to truly love?



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



On April 15th at the 4th Degree Meeting, our PGK, 1 Year Trustee and Past Faithful Navigator, Rich Fries was honored.

Rich Friese has done so much for assembly 2018 as Faithful Navigator and Grand Knight for council 11961. He has worked tirelessly on St Mary Cemetery for the past 5 years, he is our Smokin Hot Knights chef, and will help anywhere a strong back is needed.



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





The March 30 Blood Drive, arranged by Community Director Chris Grecek was successful as usual. We met our goal. On the left is Father Robert who has donated on all drives. He sets a good example for us to follow. On the right is Brother Joe Galetta.

The next drive is June 1, Sunday, let's see if we can surpass expectations



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May Birthdays

PEYTON PHILLIPS III 5/3
 ERIC BONILLA 5/18
 MELVIN YOUNG 5/3



JOSEPH BECK 5/27
 SEAN HALL 5/27



300 CLUB WINNERS

March \$50 Winners

#149 Dil Marotti, #35 Amy Gossman
#159 Liz Kempnich, #70 P. Maiorana

1st Quarter Winner

\$100 Winner

#207 Bob Dumbaugh



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.**



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:

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Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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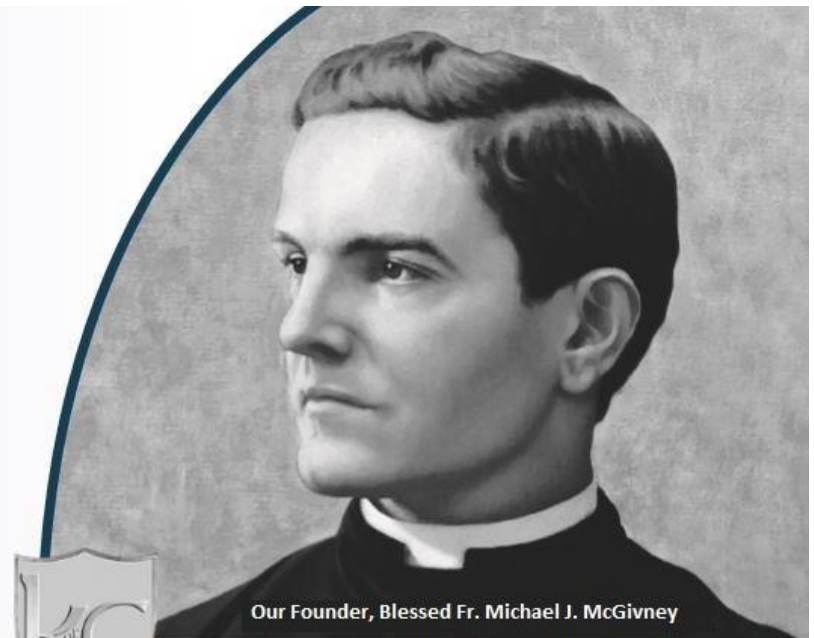


FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey 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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