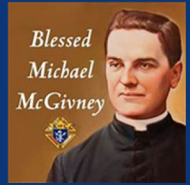




Knights Page



Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

August 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Dan Kimble

Brother Knights, thank you for your continuing efforts in our various programs. A massive thank you to SK John McCarthy and his family for their dedication and service over the years. Our prayers are always with you. Special thanks to SK Bill Whelan for stepping up as our Treasurer.

I want to express my thanks and recognize the accomplishments of the Council under the leadership of immediate Past Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott. His personal commitment and perseverance kept us on track throughout a successful Fraternal Year. An award was presented to SK Michael Abbott by Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst at our July Council Meeting. I look forward to his continued support of our Council and me as a Trustee and advisor.

Photo at right: Past Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott receives an award from Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst for his leadership of Prince of Peace Council 8791 during the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year at the Council Meeting on July 22.

Our focus this year will be on recruitment, communication, faith formation, and charity. While our efforts in these areas and in related programs are doing very well, they certainly can be enhanced. This includes the establishment of the Knights of Columbus *Cor* ministry in our Parish. Please see the article below, and think about our programs and how we can do more or better. Let me know. All ideas are welcome.

I also want to thank our District Deputy, SK Chuck Armstrong, for guiding our Council Officers at the annual Organizational Meeting of Officers for the three area Districts on July 19. It was a great opportunity for collaboration. A lot of good information was shared and obtained for the benefit of our Council.



I will be returning for our next Council Meeting on August 26. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Thank you for all you do. God bless.

Photo at left: Officers of Prince of Peace Council 8791 at the annual Officers Organizational Meeting on Saturday, July 19. (L-R) Trustee SK Russell Bennett, Recorder SK Dan Medved, Trustee SK Gene Nelson, District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong, Fourth Degree Representative and Color Corps Commander SK Mike Worley, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, Warden SK Jeff Delgado, and Treasurer and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2901 SK Bill Whelan.



Deputy Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Ernst

Thank you for your continued faith, service, and fraternity. Our mission as Knights is a daily call to live our Catholic faith through prayer, action, and unity.

This August, we have two powerful ways to live that mission together:

Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day Mass; Wednesday, August 13; 12:10 pm in the Church Chapel. Join us in honoring our founder. This Mass is a moment to renew our commitment to protecting families, strengthening the Church, and forming men in faith and service. Let's show up in strength and unity.

Fifth Saturday Rosary; Saturday, August 30; 5:00 pm in the Church Chapel. This Rosary is offered for families, marriages, and students returning to school. All are welcome. Knights are especially encouraged to attend with their families as we entrust our intentions to Our Lady and ask her intercession for the domestic Church.

Let us lead with faith, serve with love, and stand united in Christ.



District Deputy Message – SK Chuck Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and our new State Deputy, Michael Gizewski. My thanks to all of my Brother Knights for your prayers and words of support during my treatment these many months. I am glad to be back and reengaged with your Council.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification has been redone. Please consider revisiting it, if interested. The Regional Organizational Meeting held for Council Officers of Districts 18, 19, and 20 was held at Our Lady of Hope on Saturday, July 19. There were 50 Officers present from many Councils across three Districts. Your Council was well represented. The new Regional Administrator, Bob Rasch, was also present. He reflected on his time as the State Advocate and the issues he sees as paramount to the Councils. We had a review of changes for the Fraternal year, discussion of Council programs, and updates on other initiatives. This year, we want to focus on our programs and our membership. We want both to grow. Please assist as you can.

Many thanks for all you do for your Parish and your community as Knights of Columbus.



Lecturer Message – SK Gary Konopka

The Most Precious Blood of Jesus

In the Catholic Church, July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

This dedication is a recognition of Christ's sacrifice and the importance of his blood for humanity's salvation, particularly through the Eucharist. The devotion to the Precious Blood is one of the oldest pious practices in the Church. It is believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary, upon collecting the first relics of Jesus' blood on the day of his circumcision, united her tears with His, not only due to the physical pain but also because of His sorrow for the hardness of men's hearts.



Looking for more Knights reflections? Every month, our Council provides weekly spiritual reflections that tie directly into the themes of our faith, service, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. We call these "Knights Reflections." Please see kofc8791.org/knights-reflections.



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

Pope Leo Meets with Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain

July 4 audience was the first of the Knights of Columbus with our new Pontiff
(Courtesy kofc.org, July 7, 2025)



Photo at left: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori discuss the Order's priorities and top initiatives with Pope Leo XIV during a private audience on July 4, 2025.

As the United States celebrated Independence Day, Pope Leo XIV received Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican. The July 4 audience was the first meeting of the U.S.-born Pope with the leader of the Knights of Columbus and the chief shepherd of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which in 1789 became the first diocese in the United States.

During their visit, the Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain pledged the Order's loyalty to Pope Leo and promised ongoing prayers and

support for his pontificate. They also provided the Holy Father with an overview of the Knights of Columbus, highlighting the Order's charitable activity and men's faith formation programs.

Archbishop Lori, speaking afterward with the *Catholic Review* in Baltimore, described the meeting as "an opportunity to present kind of a comprehensive picture of who the Knights are and what the Knights do and what some of its current initiatives are." "He asked some good questions about aspects of the work of the Knights," the supreme chaplain continued, "particularly the *Cor* program."

Photo at right: Supreme Knight Patrick presents Pope Leo XIV with a photo of a tank-landing ship that the Pope's father served on in World War II.

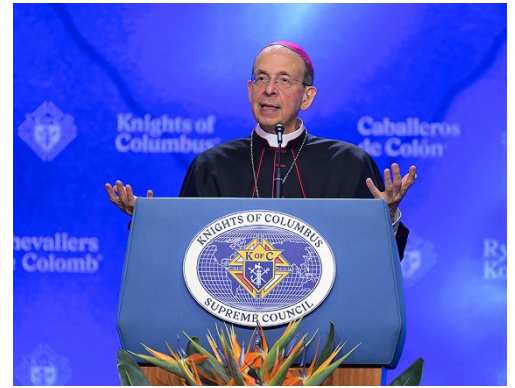
Supreme Knight Kelly and Archbishop Lori presented the Holy Father with special gifts on behalf of the Order related to the patriotic occasion of the visit and Pope Leo's Augustinian background. One of the gifts was a framed archival photo of the launching of LST-286, the tank-landing ship on which the Pope's father, Louis Prevost, served during the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. The gift held special significance, given the Supreme Knight's own service in the Navy and that Archbishop Lori's father, Francis, served on a similar tank-landing ship during World War II. They also gave the Pope two early English editions of works by St. Augustine of Hippo — his famous autobiographical *Confessions* (printed in 1660) and *Meditations* (printed in 1728), the latter comprising selections from three Augustinian works of piety: *De meditatione*, *Soliloquies* and *Enchiridion*.



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for August

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus *kofc.org*)

Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, each month selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses. Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month. The next month, men undertaking the challenge can gather as a group and share their experiences living the challenge. The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is suited for *Cor* or may also be done individually. By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well. Are you ready for the challenge this month?



Archbishop William E. Lori
Supreme Chaplain

This month's Bible Verse:

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Gospel for Aug. 31, Lk 14:11)

One lesson of this parable in Luke's Gospel is that when you exalt yourself, there's nowhere to go but down. In the life of a disciple of Christ, we are called to develop the virtue of humility. We are called to self-giving service to others, not self-serving advancement of ourselves. Let us strive not to seek worldly honors in an egotistical spirit, but rather to live as servants to others so that God may exalt us to eternal life.

Challenge by the Supreme Chaplain:

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney on August 13, I challenge you to pray each day the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney or the prayer for his canonization — and take time to reflect on his humility in serving the people of God.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes struggle with the sin of pride? How can you be at once humble of heart and yet bold in living and proclaiming your faith? What living examples of humble service have you found in your own life?



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

(Courtesy *USCCB News*, July 25, 2025)

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. The prayer will invoke the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, and begin July 25 and continue until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month.



Recently, Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Invoking the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, Archbishop Broglio and Bishop Thomas are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. The invitation and prayer may be found at usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope – August Celebrations



Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers. The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church.

In August 2025, there are Jubilee celebrations on the dates below. Please click on the links for more information.

July 28 to August 3 - [Jubilee of Young Adults and Young People](#)

The Jubilee Year offers faithful Catholics the opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. Additional information about Jubilee events and materials, including the Calendar of Events. Please see the main Jubilee 2025 website at uscgb.org/jubilee2025. [St. James Cathedral](#), [Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe](#), and [Basilica of Saint Paul](#) have been designated as a Jubilee pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Orlando. Information about events in our diocese is available at orlandodiocese.org/events/jubilee-year-of-hope/



Vatican Update

Pope condemns Israel's attack on a Catholic Church, calls for end to 'barbarity of war'

(Courtesy *Catholic News Service*, July 20, 2025)

"The world can't take it anymore," Pope Leo XIV said, calling for an end to conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza. He condemned Israel's deadly military attack on the only Catholic Church in Gaza, and he told reporters that he spoke with the Israeli Prime Minister on July 18 about the need to protect all places of worship and fully respect all people.

Photo at right: The cross on top of the damaged roof of the Holy Family Church in Gaza City can be seen in this photo taken on July 18, 2025. The church was hit in an Israeli strike the day before.



The "barbarity of war" and forced displacement of people have to end, and civilians and places of worship have to be protected, Pope Leo XIV implored. "Tragic news continues to arrive these days from the Middle East, especially from Gaza," he said after reciting the Angelus with those gathered outside the papal palace in Castel Gandolfo July 20. "I again call for an immediate end to the barbarity of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict," he said. "I renew my appeal to the international community to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population," he said.

Pope Leo XIV expressed his "profound sorrow for the Israeli army's attack on the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza City" on July 17, which killed three Christians and seriously wounded others. "I pray for the victims

Saad Issa Kostandi Salameh, Foumia Issa Latif Ayyad and Najwa Ibrahim Latif Abu Daoud, and I am particularly close to their families and to all the parishioners," the Pope said. "Sadly, this act adds to the continuous military attacks against the civilian population and places of worship in Gaza," the Pope added.



Before praying the Angelus, the pope spoke to reporters waiting near the entrance to the papal villa after he celebrated Mass in nearby Albano Laziale. They asked him about the Middle East conflicts, particularly in Gaza, and he said there is a need for parties to "go to the table to dialogue and to put down their weapons because the world can't take it anymore."

Photo at left: Pope Leo XIV greets those gathered for the Angelus in Castel Gandolfo, Italy on July 20, 2025.

"There are so many conflicts, so many wars; there is a need to really work for peace, to pray with trust in God, but to also work" toward those efforts, he said. When asked about his telephone call with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on July 18, the day after the raid, the Pope said, "We insisted on the need to protect the

holy places of all religions," and to work together in this regard. But he added, there is a need for "true respect for people, for sacred places and to try to leave behind so much violence, so much hatred, so many wars."

After praying the Angelus, the Pope addressed all of "our beloved Middle Eastern Christians." "I deeply sympathize with your feeling that you can do little in the face of this serious situation," he said. "You are in the heart of the Pope and of the whole Church. Thank you for your witness of faith." He prayed Our Lady intercede to "protect you always and accompany the world towards the dawn of peace."



Cor - A Ministry of Prayer and Fraternity

First Cor meeting is September 13

Led by SK John Malafronte, Council 8791 will soon begin a new ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Church called "*Cor*." Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. *Cor* (Latin for "heart") continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other. Everything flows from the heart. If you get the heart right, you get the man right — a man of faith who will courageously live out the mission God calls him to. Christ is the heart of *Cor*. We invite all Knights of our Council and all men of the Parish to join us in uniting our hearts with his.



Cor is designed to help men intentionally and regularly come together to live out our brotherhood. It provides structured opportunities for prayer and fraternity. These gatherings are not just about deepening our knowledge of faith — they are about strengthening our bond as brothers and encouraging each other to live the life God has called us to.

The first meeting of *Cor* will be on Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 am in the Administration Building. More information will be coming. Please consider joining us in this new ministry of prayer, formation, and fraternity.



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Knight of the Month

SK Maurice Laffin

The Knight of the Month award recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.

At our July Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst announced that the Knight of the Month is SK Maurice Laffin. A Knight since 2023, SK Maurice Laffin is a mainstay of hospitality for our Council. He serves at the coffee bar at Coffee & Donuts every Sunday, helps with setup and serving at our Breakfasts, and is always willing to assist with other events as needed. He is also usually found near the entrance of the Church before Masses welcoming parishioners and visitors. All Knights expressed their appreciation and congratulations.

Photo at right: SK Maurice Laffin receives the Knight of the Month award for July from Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst on July 22.





Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus recognizes a family each month that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace. They are representative of the many families and individuals that support our Parish with their time and talents. After a Summer hiatus, our next Family of the Month will be announced in September.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights

Welcome Frank DeTommaso



At our July Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie reported that we have one new applicant for approval: Frank DeTommaso. He said Frank lives in Daytona Beach, is a parishioner in good standing, and has completed his Exemplification. Frank DeTommaso was unanimously voted into membership with the Knights of Columbus and our Council. The Knights conveyed their congratulations and welcomed our new Brother Knight.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join Prince of Peace Council 8791, but we need your help. Please look around you at Mass. A personal invitation to join is always best. We also have a table filled with Council information available in the Parish Hall and more on our Council Website at kofc8791.org. We recently added a Council page to the Church videoboard that are displayed on both sides of the vestibule when you enter the Church. It includes photos of our Council and a QR Code that will take the viewer to our Council page on the Parish website.

We are in the process of forming a new Membership Committee. If you would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst. We have also begun a new membership campaign through our weekly church Bulletin. Please see a recent promotion at right.

Any questions? Please contact Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie, who provides leadership for our recruitment of Knights, at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com.



We are the Knights of Columbus of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, a Council of more than 200 Catholic men dedicated to the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are men of faith, with a shared desire to be the men that God created and called us to be. We invite you to join us. Visit kofc8791.org for more information.



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***“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” Matt 28:19
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!***





Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

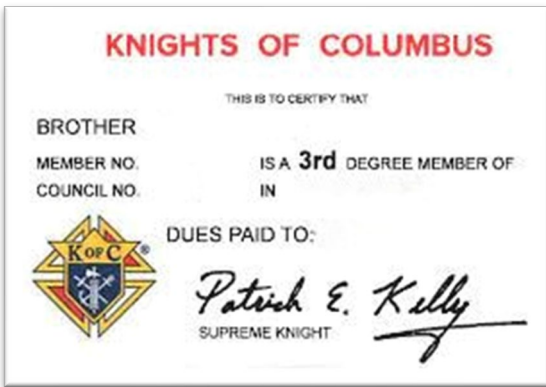
At the Assembly Meeting on July 7, SK William Whelan, Faithful Navigator, discussed his vision for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. It will include more patriotic activities of service and reflection for our community. The Assembly meets on the first Monday of every month, alternating between Prince of Peace and St. Brendan. The Council of St. Paul is also part of the Assembly. If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a Fourth Degree Knight. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is Patriotism, to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The Fourth Degree is the highest and Honorary Degree of our Order.

SK Mike Worley is our Assembly Representative and Color Corps Commander. Please contact SK Mike Worley at worley0101@aol.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.



Membership Dues

You can pay online with a credit card



Please remember that membership dues for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year were due on July 1. Prompt payment of your dues is extremely important. It ensures you remain eligible for all of the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and it supports our Council budget for our programs, services, and activities.

Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett has emailed or mailed notices to all Knights, except those who are exempt (Clergy and Honorary Life Members). Dues are \$35.00. They may be paid by check and mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 8791, 600 S.

Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174, or hand-delivered to the Parish Office in an envelope.

Dues may also be paid by credit card this year. On our Council website, kofc8791.org, click on the "More" tab, then click on the "Pay Membership Dues" tab. There is a \$1.50 fee, which is a fee charged to us, so the total is \$36.50. Considering the cost of a stamp and an envelope, it's pretty much the same to pay online. If you have any questions about your dues or did not receive a notice by email or mail, please contact Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett at hlbenn@yahoo.com. He will be following up with those who still need to pay their dues.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council supports the Fifth Saturday Rosary, held when a month has a fifth Saturday, in the Church Chapel at 5:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is on August 30. We will offer this Rosary for families, marriages, and children starting the school year.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour with Adoration is available every Friday at 6:00 pm in the Church, following the 5:30 pm Mass, and every day in our Adoration Chapel. We ask our Knights to consider spending one hour each month in Adoration. You are encouraged to use the Adoration Chapel, or participate in the Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month or any Friday of the month, or participate in other Adorations as available. Please be sure to report your Adoration time on the Council tally sheet.

Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP).

RSVP is the program that supports a Seminarian in our Diocese in their vocation studies. We will have more information in November.

Pilgrim Icon Program.

Our Council has learned that we will host the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Prince of Peace Catholic Church from September 30 through October 6. We will begin the planning for our responsibilities and activities in earnest. More information will follow soon.

Please speak with SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a Parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. We will recognize our next Family of the Month in September.

Food for Families.

The Knights are committed to ending hunger in our community. We will again participate in encouraging food donations for our Parish Food Pantry and make a financial donation to support its needs.

Consecration to the Holy Family.

This prayer program invites each family of the Parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. It is held during the Christmas Season.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

We started the new Fraternal Year off a little slow on July 13, netting only 11 pints of blood. It was not, however, a result of a lack of response, as we actually had 18 persons attempt to give, but 7 were unable to contribute. This is the largest number of deferrals that we have had over the last 5 years in any single blood drive. Our next Blood Drive, the second of the new Fraternal Year, will be Sunday, September 7. Please give if you can and if you are unable, please ask a family member or friend to donate. Our goal for the New Fraternal Year in the Blood Drive Program is once again 90 pints. The Council expresses its thanks and gratitude to all Knights, your families, friends, and our fellow parishioners who made donations. Please contact our Blood Drive Chairman, SK Mark Leary, with any questions at learymm4@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday for August is Wednesday August 20 (the third Wednesday of the month). We contributed 21.7 hours in July, for a good start in this program. Our goal for this Fraternal Year is again 200 hours and 2 program credits in the Community Category. If you are interested in joining the Habitat Team and maybe learning a few more home building or maintenance skills, please contact our Habitat Chairman, SK Mark Leary, at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

The Summer schedule is in place, but demand remains significantly up at both the Food Pantry and Like New Shop. We still can use a lot more volunteers. Please contact SK Jay Young to help or for more information at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com.

Veterans Nursing Home.

Our Council had nine Knights who attended the monthly visit with our veterans at the Emory L. Bennett Nursing Home on July 3. This is the second month in a row we had excellent representation. Thanks to SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Jim Nunn, SK Gary Konopka, SK Chuck Armstrong, SK Michael Orris, SK Jay Young, SK Jim McCormick, and SK Bob Simcoe. The veterans really appreciate our Council and Assembly members for taking the time to make themselves available. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 7 at 10:00 am. Please join us if you can.

Respite Care Program.

We are volunteering as respite care providers for the Council of Aging (COA). COA has a program to provide respite for caregivers. Every Thursday, clients are brought to the Parish Administration Building, and are joined with volunteers to keep them company at various times between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. There are games, art supplies, and other activities. A COA nurse remains on the premises. A background screening and orientation are required. If you are interested in the Respite Care Program, please contact SK Bill Whelan at chicagobmw2006@yahoo.com.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

Our first Breakfast of the new Fraternal Year is Sunday, September 21. Coffee & Donuts continues throughout the Summer, and we are grateful to the Knights who support us every week. We always welcome more Knights to assist with our Breakfasts and Coffee & Donuts. Please contact BK Ron Nowviskie at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com with any questions. Thank you for your support.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

Our Council supports Special Olympics Florida. There are no more local activities at this time. There is an Area 4 event on August 2 at 8:00 am in Jacksonville. We did participate in the Summer Games back in April, and our support was most appreciated. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Pro-Life Activities.

The Council received a "thank you" note from the Pregnancy Crisis Center for our annual donation last month. The Pregnancy Crisis Center always welcomes volunteers to pray for or with women who are considering ending a pregnancy. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Family activities.



Event Highlight of the Month: July 4 Ceremony & Parade



The Knights of Columbus participated in the annual Fourth of July Veterans Parade on Friday, July 4 on Main Street in Daytona Beach. The parade paid tribute to veterans and first responders. The lineup featured nearly 40 local military organizations, as well as combat veterans, and the City of Daytona Beach Police and Fire Departments.

The parade began on Main Street at Atlantic Avenue and traveled west on Main Street to the base of the Main Street Bridge. In addition to the parade, there was a special Veterans

Ceremony by the Clock Tower between the Boardwalk and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. It was a wonderful event. We pray for God to bless our nation.

SK Skip Keating, SK Jay Young, and SK Mike Worley attended from our Council. SK Skip Keating shared the photos below.



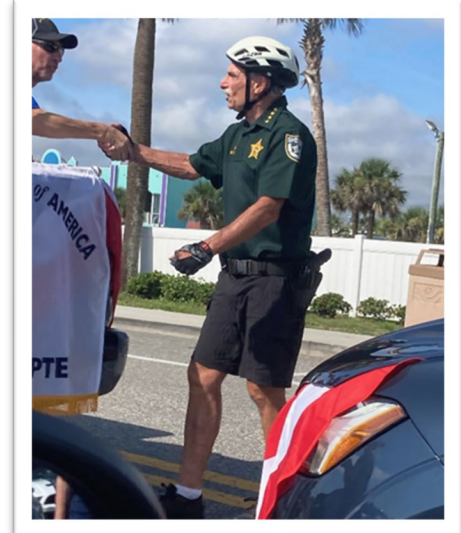
The wreath laying Ceremony at the Bandshell.



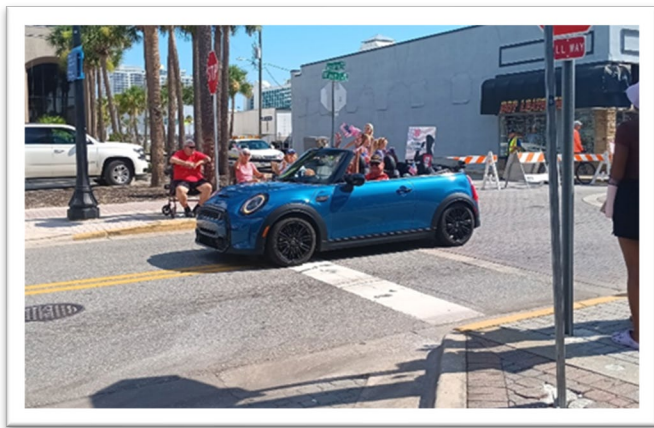
Derrick Henry, Mayor of Daytona Beach, shares his remarks.



Daytona Beach Fire Rescue readies for the Parade.



Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood.



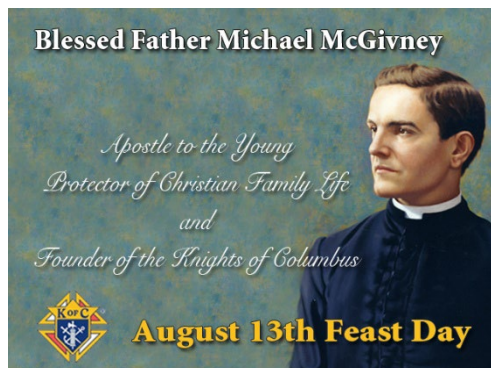
Dignitaries show their patriotism.



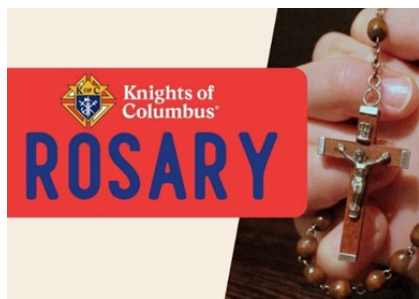
A bagpiper at the wreath laying Ceremony.



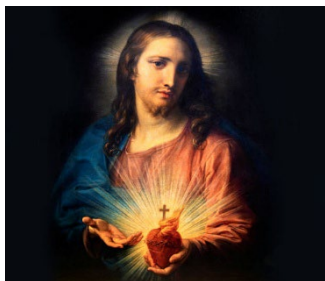
Upcoming Events: Blessed Father McGivney Feast Day; Fifth Saturday Rosary; Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



With the beatification of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, a feast day in the Church's liturgical calendar was assigned to him – August 13. Officially, his feast day is reserved to the liturgical calendar of the Archdiocese of Hartford, where he served as a diocesan priest and where he was beatified. Nonetheless, the entire family of the Knights of Columbus can and should observe this day of joy and grace. Please join us to honor Blessed Father Michael McGivney on his Feast Day at a special Daily Mass on Wednesday, August 13 at 12:10 pm. The Mass was truly the source and summit of Father McGivney's life, and there is no better way to honor our founder than by entering into the mystery of faith in which his entire life and ministry was rooted.



The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule regular Rosary prayer services. Our Council hosts the Fifth Saturday Rosary, a Faith activity for our Knights and parishioners. This month, we offer the Rosary for families, marriages, and children starting the school year. We will gather in the Church Chapel to pray the Rosary on Saturday, August 30 at 5:00 pm. Please consider joining us.



Our Council will host the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Prince of Peace Catholic Church from Tuesday, September 30 through Monday, October 6. The icon depicts the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767, and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. We will begin the planning in earnest for our responsibilities in hosting the Icon. More information will be coming soon. Please plan to join us for this special Faith activity.

 **Looking for the most current information on upcoming events and activities?** Please visit the Calendar on our Council website at kofc8791.org/calendar.



Calendar of Council Activities

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August 1– First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 5:30 pm (Church)
 August 3 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 August 7 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
 August 10 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 August 12 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Fireplace Room)
 August 13 – Feast Day of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, 12:10 pm Mass (Chapel)
 August 17 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 August 20 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 August 24 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 August 26 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Parish Hall)
 August 30 – Fifth Saturday Rosary, 5:00 pm (Church Chapel)
 August 31 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 1 – Labor Day
 September 4 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
 September 5 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 5:30 pm (Church)
 September 7 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 7 – Blood Drive, 8:00 am to 1:30 pm (Big Red Bus, Parish Parking Lot)
 September 9 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Fireplace Room)
 September 13 – *Cor* Meeting, 10:00 am (Fireplace Room)
 September 14 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 17 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 September 21 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 23 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 28 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
 September 30 through October 6 – Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (TBD)



Birthdays for August

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights who celebrate their birthday in the month of August:

Raymond Okon – August 1
 Thomas Kruse– August 4
 Gregory Scull – August 4
 John Lingo – August 6
 Robert Littleton, Jr. – August 7
 Lanny Van Lancker – August 9
 Paul Clare – August 12
 Jeffrey Delgado – August 12
 Rev. Thomas McMackin – August 14
 Victor Dean – August 18
 Robert Simcoe – August 20



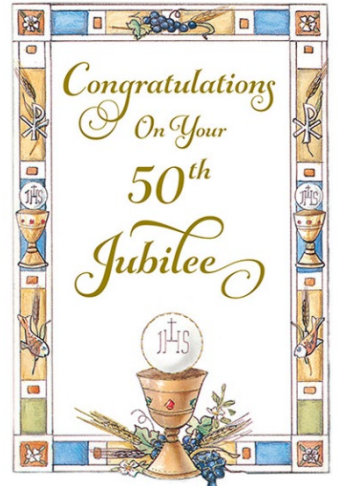
Charles Mayer– August 21
 Anthony Frederick – August 22
 Jerry Mackey– August 23
 Thomas Sizensky – August 23
 Edward Limmer – August 25
 Brian Rademacher – August 26
 Andres Tafur– August 26
 George Gibison – August 27
 Robert Kindergan – August 28
 Edwin Baden – August 31



Anniversaries for August

Happy Anniversary to Rev. Father David Komatz, O. Praem., on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on August 16.

Father David is a member of the Norbertine Community of St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere, Wisconsin. A native of Ormond Beach and Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Father David's parents, Matthew and Kathleen Komatz, were founding members of our Parish. His sisters, Connie and Kristine, are both active members of our Parish. Connie Komatz is a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and long-serving member and Officer of the Council of Catholic Women. Kristine Komatz Ernst is a long-time member of the Music Ministry and sings with the Praise Band. Kristine Komatz Ernst is the wife of Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst. Father David has celebrated Masses at Prince of Peace through the years when visiting his family.



A special Anniversary Mass was held for Father David on June 7 at St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere, Wisconsin. Many relatives and friends were in attendance, including his sisters, Connie and Kristine. The Knights of Columbus extends its gratitude, congratulations, and blessings to Father David Komatz for his 50 years of service to our God, his Brother Norbertines, and the many Catholics who have been blessed by his ministry.



Father David Komatz, O. Praem., with his sisters (L-R) Kristine Komatz Ernst and Connie Komatz.



Father David Komatz surrounded by family and friends following a special Anniversary Mass held at the St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere, Wisconsin on June 7.

Happy Anniversary to our Brother Knights celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of August. We know of and give our best wishes to the following Knights and their spouses:

BK Victor and Calvie Dean – married on August 4, 2012 (13 years)
 SK Harold and Carol Bennett – married on August 5, 1972 (53 years)
 SK Leon and Maggie Consolatore – married on August 18, 2001 (24 years)
 BK Edwin and Marie Baden – married on August 27, 1970 (55 years)



Congratulations to our Brother Knights celebrating their annual anniversary as a Knight of Columbus in the month of August:

Albert Perry (41 years)

Rev. John Fradet (40 years)

Edward Bodigheimer (24 years)

Christopher Munson (20 years)

Eddy Ho (19 years)

Deacon Bruce Gesinski (16 years)

Joseph Mikulan (16 years)

Anthony Frederick (14 years)

Roy Rearden (14 years)

Jerry Maroor (10 years)

William McCarthy (10 years)

Alphonse Savarese (9 years)

Jack Erthal (3 years)

Scott Waddell (1 year)

Ronald Laino (1 year)

Thank you



Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

+Joseph LaBruno, stepson of BK Ed Bodigheimer

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

SK James Morris

SK Jack Toia

SK Tom Welter

SK Michael Abbott

SK Chuck Armstrong

SK Bob Simcoe

SK Jack Erthal

SK Paul Clare

BK Bob Falkenberg

BK Scott Waddell

BK J.C. Phillips

Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe

Paula Leary, wife of SK Mark Leary

Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber

Carol Bennett, wife of SK Harold Bennett

Jim Toia, brother of SK Jack Toia

SK John McCarthy

SK Ken Crews

SK Daniel Eppelheimer

SK Gene Nelson

BK Eugene Allen

SK Bob Guidotti

SK Marty Librizzi

BK Joe Fulweber

SK Joseph Taibi

BK Frank Guillena

BK Sebastian Nocita



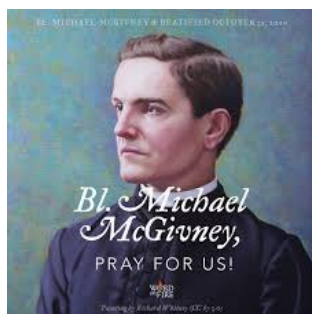
Calvie Dean, wife of SK Victor Dean

Patti Ann Welter, wife of SK Tom Welter

Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski

Valerie Kruse, wife of SK Tom Kruse

✚ **If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers,** please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members and friends who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, 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, may Your bountiful goodness 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 Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.



Council Shirts Ordering



Council 8791's blue shirts reflect our fraternity and unity, and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. New members are asked to complete the shirt ordering form so we have your name as you want it to appear on the shirt and the correct size. There is no cost to you. The Council also facilitates orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. You need to complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe with your payment (either \$35.00 or \$37.00 depending on size). He will provide you with the form, take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received. Please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe.dd18@gmail.com.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Our Council website kofc8791.org is a great source of information on the Knights of Columbus and Prince of Peace Council 8791. From the homepage, use the index at the top to click through to the other sections and links. The website is focused on both internal and external communication, serving as a resource for us and for anyone to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council. It includes information and updates about Council programs, activities, members, and supports our recruitment of new Knights. Please visit our website and invite others to do so. For any questions or recommendations, please contact SK Dan Medved at danielmedved@gmail.com.



Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

His vision, Your Mission

You can play a key role in advancing Blessed Father Michael McGivney's cause for sainthood by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization. May Father McGivney intercede for you! You will receive a free quarterly newsletter on the sainthood cause and your intentions will be remembered in a weekly Mass offered for Guild members. Please visit fathermccgivney.org/join-the-guild/



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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.

Please report all favors received:

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