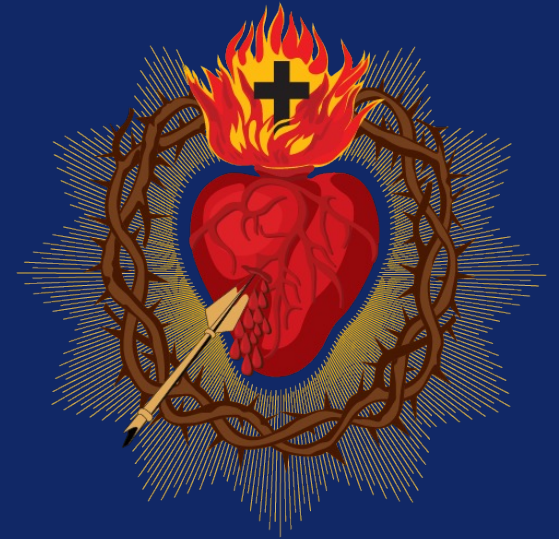




**Knights of
Columbus®**

What is Cor?

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Opening Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary
placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
turned it into
and defend us from every evil.

(Take a quiet moment)

Holy Spirit, we ask that you enter our conversation
and give us the grace to share openly and
authentically with one another. We ask this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pope Francis



Inspiration for Cor

KofC Founder Blessed Michael McGivney's vision:

- Form men in their faith
- Protect the family

The role of Catholic men in the 21st Century

- Catholics are drifting from the Faith
- Men feeling isolated and lonely



What Does This Mean for Catholic Men?

- The Church faces many challenges today
- Despite these challenges, there are signs of new opportunities for evangelization – new reasons for hope
- The Catholic Men, particularly Knights, must be at the forefront of these positive trends
- *Cor* offers parishes and councils the space and the tools to meet the needs – and increasingly the desires – of Catholic men
- Especially young men and fathers



Cor



What is Cor?

“Cor ad cor loquitor. (Heart speaks to heart.)”

- St. John Henry Newman



What is *Cor*?

Cor is a regular gathering of men that uses a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity to foster Christ-centered brotherhood and help men grow closer to Jesus.



Why Cor?



Why Cor at Saint Michael Parish

What does every Catholic man need?

- Catholic families need strong husbands and fathers
- The world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ

What do families and the world need?

- Families need strong, holy husbands and fathers
- The world needs courageous men who boldly witness Jesus Christ

Cor reminds us we were made for a relationship with God and one another

- Men who gather regularly to live out a brotherhood based on prayer, faith formation and fraternity



Cor Media and Resources

Cor Media Resources Website



Gathering Programs

“Men of the Word” bible studies

- Pray a Lectio Divina (sacred reading) on selected scripture passage



Patris Corde (“With a Father’s Heart”)

- Based on Pope Francis’s Apostolic Letter to aid men grow in their faith using Saint Joseph as our model of faith, courage and leadership



Various topics of faith formation

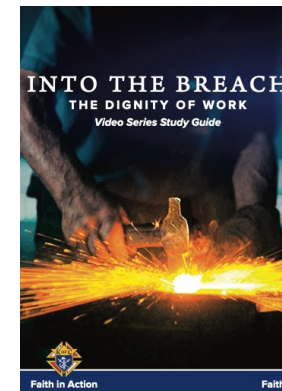
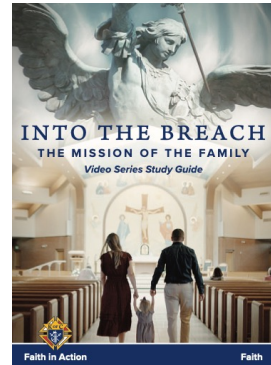
- Veterans Day prayers and discussions on “God and Country”
- The Divine Mercy
- Marian Devotion
- Mysteries of the Rosary



Into the Breach Series

- **Baseline Series**
 - Seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live in today's world
- **Mission of the Family**
 - Proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world
- **Dignity of Work**
 - Explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world.

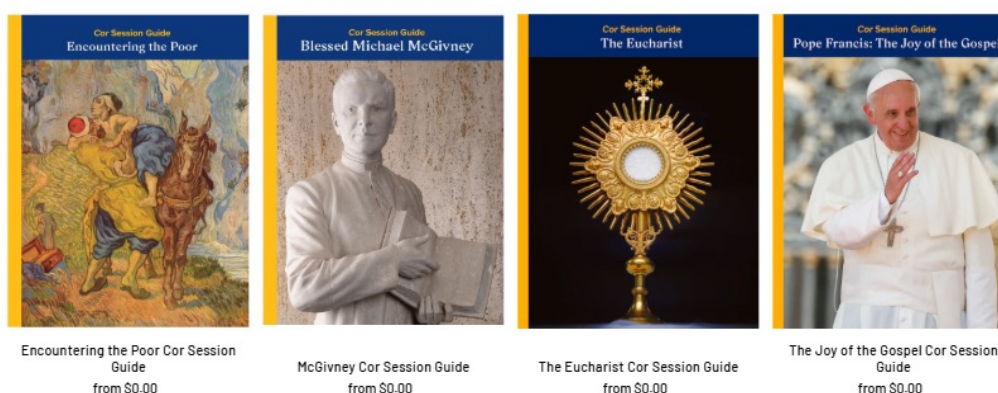
www.kofc.org/intothebreach



CIS Content for *Cor* – KofC.org/shopcis

***Cor* Session Guides**

Provides councils with faith formation guides made to seamlessly fit in *Cor*



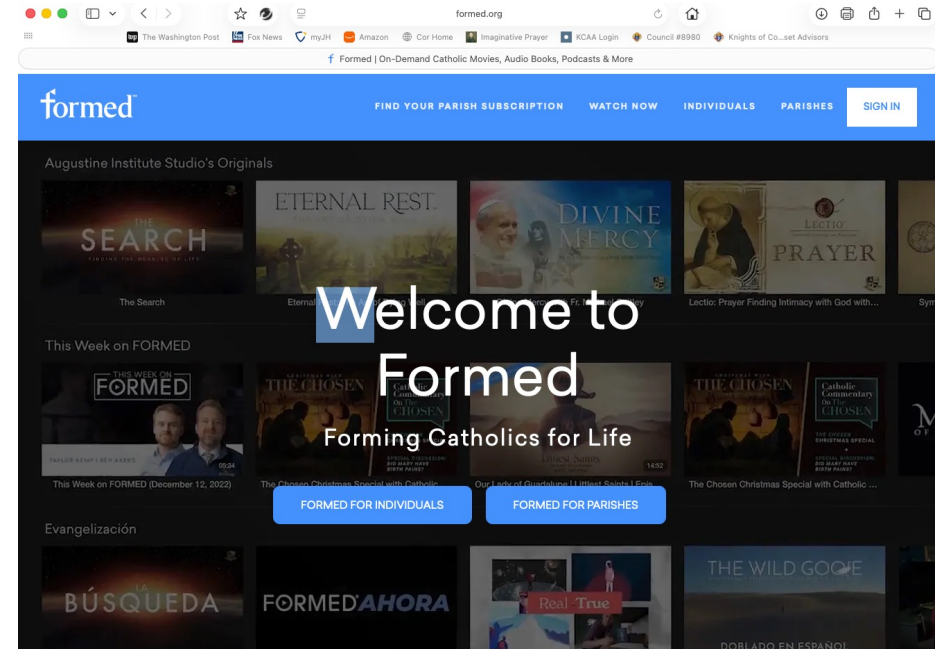
***Cor Ecclesiae* Series**

The *Cor Ecclesiae* Series provides study and discussion guides for Church documents so groups can grow closer to Jesus Christ in the heart of the Church (*Cor Ecclesiae*)



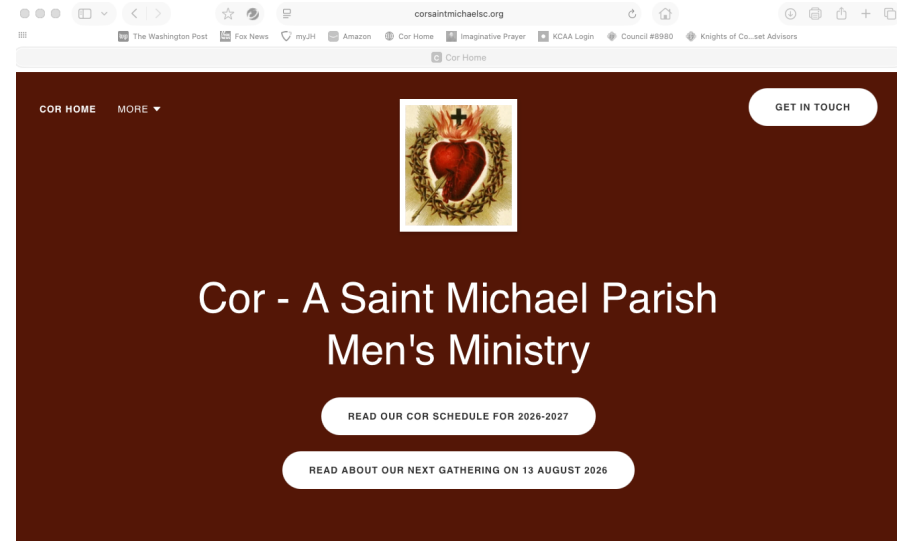
Augustine Institute's "Formed" Streaming Service

- Formed's award-winning content is available to support formation in *Cor*
- Saint Michael Parish has a Formed subscription
- <https://formed.org>



Saint Michael Cor Website

- <https://corsaintmichaelsc.org>
 - Linked to the [Parish web site](#) under “Community → Parish Groups/Organizations” tab
 - [Council 8980 website](#)
 - “What we do → Cor”
 - Schedule for 2026 – 2027 Gatherings
 - Archive of the programs for prior gatherings



**Welcome to Cor, the Saint Michael
Parish Men's Ministry**



Cor Creates Leaders

Cor will not only bring Catholic men closer to our Lord and Savior

- It will further develop the men of our parish to be spiritual leaders in our parish community

Jesus calls all his disciples to form a brotherhood to preach the gospel

- We can start by evangelizing ourselves!



Prayer for the Canonization of 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.

