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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every Day.

Assisting the sick and disabled.. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. Our path.

We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and resources into our values: Charity. Unity. Fraternity. Patriotism.

We come from man places. And Backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and around the world.

It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it. To put your values into actions. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus.



Worthy Knights, this past weekend we co-sponsored a dinner honoring some of the seminarians in our diocese including some from SJDR. We had 291 participants including many families. It was so good to see kids playing games and families catching up with each other. We also cooked and served for Catholic Charities Camp I am Special, a wonderful community program.

We have several activities planned for our parish family week starting August 12 with a wonderful dinner celebrating Father McGivney's birthday followed by blessings of families at all masses that weekend. We continue with a family rosary on August 15, at 6:30pm. We conclude with a parish picnic the afternoon of August 19. We'll need help for these events-see the sign up genius at www.kofc12664.com and help serve as your time permits.

We received notice that our council achieved the Star Council Award for the past year. We'll hang the plaque when we receive it later this year. Let's continue to recruit - the family week activities are a wonderful way to meet and recruit new members and engage with our membership. Our next Exemplification is Tuesday August 22, at 6:00pm.

Your brother in Christ,

Jim Denkler
Grand Knight
Switzerland Council 12664

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Knights in Action, Faith in Action

Faith



Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ.

- Rosary First Friday every month followed by Adoration
- Patriotic Rosary—First Monday every month
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk. Booklets in the lobby

Family



Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

- Donated \$452 of valued groceries from month of July to Christ Cupboard Food Bank, St Francis House Shelter & Armstrong Farming Migrants
- Family of the Month - Ed & Faye Szczepanik
- Family week 8/12-8/19

Community



Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together they accomplish great things.

- Lunches prepared for the needy at St Francis House & Lady of Hope 8/19
- Adopt A Highway - Cleanup - 10/28

Life



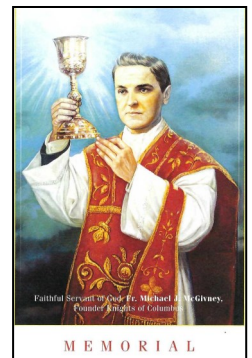
The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Program for Life Chain is planned on site
- Blood Drive 8/6
- Family Rosary 8/15



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Matt Fiorentino family, Nancy Perrone, Rich Baracz, Carmen Fernandez, Brenda Bridenbaugh, Steve Wright, Paul Bechnke, Tim Geinosky, Dan Mahoney, Laruzzn Behij. Paul Chiapiano, Addison Petry and Carlo Clementi.

In Loving Memory of our Brother Knight Matt Fiorentino who passed away. Grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knight of the Month



Jack Manilla excepting award from **GK Jim Denkler** for **Knight of the Month**



JULY 2023

Knight of the Month

Jack Manilla

Family of the Month

Ed & Faye Szczepanik

Altar Servers of the Month

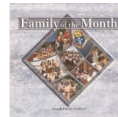
Madison & Ethan Woodall



Family of the Month



Ed & Faye Szczepanik



4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

Joe Bishop, Faithful Navigator
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July was a remarkably busy month for the Assembly with the Patriotic Rosary, Eucharist Congress, and Honor Guard for a couple of funerals. We ended the month on a good note, with an extraordinarily successful carry out chicken dinner thanks to Colm Murphy. One hundred twenty-eight dinners were served which included twenty dinners donated to Our Lady of Good Hope and four for the Clergy. A net profit of \$380 dollars was raised for The Gene Kivett Memorial Fund for Citizens with Disabilities. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success.



August will start off with a bang. Six members of the Assembly will go to Orlando on August 1 to participate in the opening Mass for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention. We will also provide an Honor Guard at the adoration chapel. Following the convention, we have Patriotic Rosary on Monday August 6. The Color Core will be assisting in the events during Family Week Celebration at the Parish. To close out the month we have the fourth-degree exemplification here in Jacksonville at Assumption Parish on Saturday August 26, followed by the installation of Assembly Officers on Sunday the 27th at our Church officiated by the Master of the Florida District after the 11am Mass.

HELP MY BROTHERS!

As Knights, we take on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and for those that go on to the 4th degree, patriotism. As our Council continues to grow we have increased our activities, in supporting our Church, Youth, Community and Family Life. We need your help. We ask that every member gave us some of his time and talent so that we can "Help My Brothers" at every event.

Please click on www.kofc12664.com and help serve as your time permits.

**Knights of Columbus
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, August 6th
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
San Juan Parking**



KNIGHTS IN ACTION**CELEBRATING FAMILIES
WEEK — AUG. 12-19**

141 years ago at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut Fr. McGivney, with a small group of parishioners, founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society for all families.

Join us this week as we honor the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary and the birthday of Fr. McGivney.

**AUG. 12-13 BLESSINGS FOR FAMILIES
AT ALL MASSES**

**AUG. 12 — Blessed Michael McGivney Birthday Dinner, 6:30pm**

Enjoy Pork Loin with herb dressing, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables and one adult beverage. Cash bar: \$3 beer or wine. Kids meal includes chicken fingers, french fries and soda

Adults: \$15 Kids: \$5, with a maximum of \$50 per family

Tickets sold after all masses - make check payable to Knights of Columbus

AUG. 15 — The Feast of the Assumption Family Rosary, Tues., 6:30pm

We ask all Parish families to gather in the Church to pray to Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our families. It is fitting that we do this as a celebration of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. The Holy Family gives us the ideal model of how we pray for our families to live lives with virtues of Holiness. If members of your family would like to participate in leading Rosary prayers contact Terence Mahoney, 904-687-6866.

AUG. 19 — Round out the week with our family picnic, Sat. at noon

Enjoy fellowship, hotdogs, hamburgers, fun and games!



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**Meetings 4th Tuesday of the Month
at 7:00PM Parish Hall**

Grand Knight Jim Denkler
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Officers -4th Degree

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| Faithful Navigator | Joe Bishop |
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**Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7.00pm Parish Hall**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 4- Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month.
- 5-Shred Event
- 6-Blood Drive
- 6- Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 7- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 8-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
- 12-Fr. McGivney's Birthday party in the gym—Dinner at 6:30pm
- 12-13—Blessing of marriages at al masses
- 15-Family Rosary night/The Feast of the Assumption 6:30pm
- 19- St. Francis House & Cena Cola Lunch Bags 9am
- 19- Family Picnic 12pm
- 20- Making lunch bags for St. Francis 8am
- 22- CUF Exemplification 6:15pm -3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 26-Fourth Degree Exemplification at Assumption Church.

September

- 1-- Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 2-Kiosk replenishment
- 3- Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 4- Labor Day
- 8-Spaghetti Dinner 6pm
- 9/10 Coats for Kids—Christmas Card sales
- 9- Rosary and fellowship 8:30am
- 10-CUF Exemplification 1pm
- 11- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 12-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 16-St. Francis House & Cena Cola Lunch Bags 9am
- 16/17-Christmas Card sales

Special points of interest:

Family Week August 12 -19

- August 12** - Dinner 6:30pm Family Center Gym
- August 12/13** - Blessing of all Families
- August 15** - The Feast of the Assumption Family Rosay Night at 6:30pm
- August 19** - Parish Family Picnic 12pm

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

"...one Nation, under God,
indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

