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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



Field of Dreams is a specially designed baseball field that will allow children with intellectual or physical disabilities the opportunity to play baseball, to wear a uniform and play as a member of a team. FOD is a place where all our areas exceptional kids can meet on the field and play baseball. What child does not want to hear the cheering of the crowd? What child does not want to receive a trophy? And what child does not want the opportunity to play America's favorite sport? At Field of Dreams, they will, and they can.

Games start Saturday February 3rd.. Located at Aberdeen Park 1401 Shetland Drive St Johns, fl 32259

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Brother Knights:

Our COR initiative has been well attended and transforming the lives of our attendees. Bishop Pohlmeir spoke to us last week. He stated that Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* that those who accept the joy of the gospel will be freed from sin, sorrow, internal emptiness, and loneliness. What a wonderful gift from our Lord. We will continue to meet in February and March. Please invite a friend to join you. Please mark March 2 on your calendars. We are having an all day Lenten retreat for all men of the parish.

We have many opportunities to serve our parish and community this spring. The Field of Dreams begins February 3. Our fish fries will start February 16 for six weeks. We will cook breakfast to start catholic schools week this coming Monday and lunch for our confirmation retreat on February 24. Please check our service opportunities on our website at www.kofc12664.com and sign up for those that interest you. We can always use more help and share the time commitment amongst a larger group of knights.

Our prayer list is getting long. Many of our knights and their families are sick, have been hospitalized, and in some cases facing serious cancer diagnosis. Please pray for them. One of our knights has a serious financial need and we have established a Brothers in Need fund. Please consider making a donation to the fund to support our brothers in need.

Thanks for all you do to support our parish.
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 - 2/5
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
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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 \$983 of valued groceries from month of January to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month The Pirrung Family

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.

- Fresh food donation drive for Lady of Hope 2/17
- Fish Fry 2/16, 23 & 3/1
- Field of Dreams 2/3, 10, 17, & 24

Life



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

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Cor Meeting 7am - 8:00am 2/3, 10 & 17
- Blood Drive 2/18
- Confirmation Retreat 2/24 (lunch)



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Jim O'Meara, Nancy Perrone, Chuck Perrone, Ed Szczpanik, Kevin Mason, Steve Wright, Karen White, Ralph Le Carire, Jack Aiken, John Lunt, Pete Carroll, Joe Carentz, Marilyn Sussan, Gene Koloinske, Matt Mouzon, Paul Boehanke, Pete Fallone, Katy Amos, George Van Core, Kathryn

Wright & anonymous knight & family. In Loving Memory of Leonard Schultz who passed away. Grant unto them, 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.

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 IN ACTION

Knight of the Month



L/r GK Jim Denkler presenting award to DGK Terence Mahoney

January

Knight

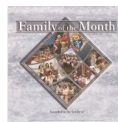
Terence Mahoney

Family

The Pirrung Family

Altar Server

Trinity Strang



Family of the Month



Jeffery, Denise Pirrung & Family



4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

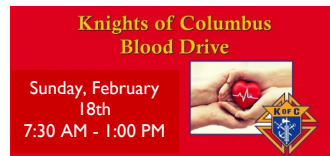
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BRICK FOR HERO'S WALK

There is also an opportunity to purchase a brick for the Hero's Walk, (the walk near the statue of ST John the Evangelist) at a reduced price of \$100 through the Knights for a limited time only. If you are interested contact Joe Bishop at mozzs@comcast.net for details.

- Blood Drive 2/18 at 7:30am



St Mark's RoundTable Advent Food Drive

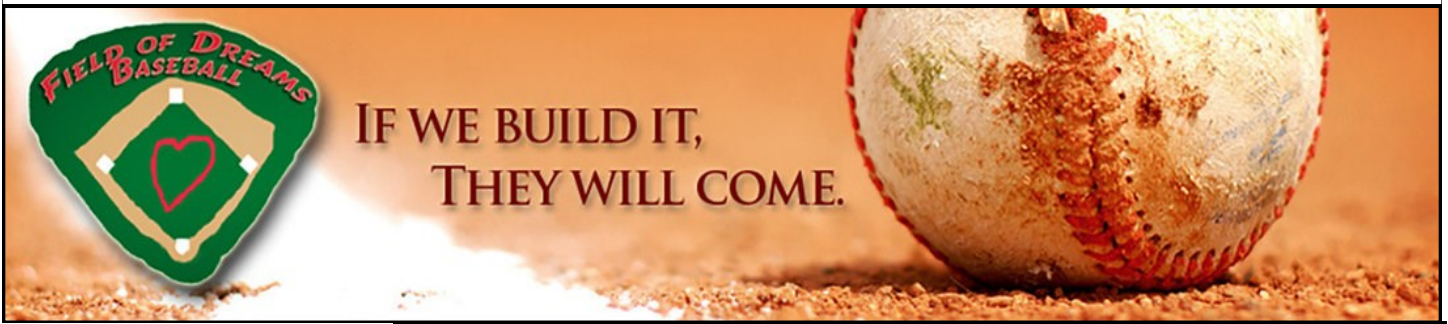
By Sr Knight Mike Aiken

The St. Mark's Round Table wrapped up its 2023 Advent Food Drive on December 10, 2023. As a result of the generosity of the members and friends of St. Mark's Mission Church, we were able to deliver 6,000 pounds of food.

Pictured, left to right, are Scott Reneau, Danny Sauter, Jim O'Brien, John Veino, Julius Ibasco and Tom Cherry. Not pictured is Rob Silberman.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Opening Day Saturday February 3

Baseball is back between the white lines. There are no work stoppages or lockouts at the Field of Dreams. They play for the love of the game. Come out and help us support the boys & girls of summer. We are in need of volunteers to present the flags, cook, package and give out hot dogs.



Come out and join your brother Knights at the ballpark.

We have provided sign ups for the whole season.

Click on the link [Knights of Columbus: Field of Dreams Baseball \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Contact: Warren Cook wcook720@gmail.com 904-334-3598

A Fund Raiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held on Saturday January 20,2024

A special thank you to Warren Cook and all the volunteers that helped. There were approximately 150 parishioners and friends in attendance which help raise funds for the Field of Dreams.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



**COR THREE PILLARS
PRAYER * FORMATION * FRATERNITY
The First Three Saturdays of the Month
6:45: Coffee & Donuts - 7:00: Program -800:
Fellowship & Refreshments**

There was an excellent attendance on Saturday, January 20th at 7am at the Parish Family Center to hear the incredible exhortations of Bishop Erik Pohlmeier. In his remarks he referenced the four "afflictions" Sin, Sorrow, Inner Emptiness and Loneliness. Encouraging all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through scripture and prayer and to join us.

The next three meetings -

Feb. 3 Episode 2: "Marriage: The Foundation of the Family"

Feb. 10 Episode 3: "The Gift of Children"

Feb. 17 Episode 4: "Healing in the Family" (Meeting location TBD)



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

San Juan del Rio Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday beginning February 16, through March 22, 2024

Six Fridays

**Join us for Dinner in the Parish Family Center /Gym
6:00pm - 7:30pm**

Donations:

\$10 - Adults

\$ 5 - Children under 12

Dinner includes:

- **Choice of Dinner**
 - **One Soft Drink/Ice Tea**
 - **One Dessert (Value \$1.00)**



Desserts are available for sale by the CCW



Choice of Dinners

Carry out or Eat In

- **Fried Fish, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy**
- **Combo-Fried Fish with Shrimp, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy**
- **Baked Fish, mixed vegetables & hushpuppy**

Extra

Soft Drinks - Coke, Sprite & Bottle Water \$1.00

Serving assistance provided by San Juan del Rio Youth Group

**Fish Fry is Sponsored by
*Knights of Columbus***

Proceeds will be used to help support the many charitable causes and the Youth Steubenville Retreat





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

Grand Knight Jim Denkler
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Faithful Navigator	Joe Bishop
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Trustee 3 Years	Terence Mahoney

**Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7.00pm Parish Hall**

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February 2024

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 2-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 3-Cor Meeting 7 am
- 3-Field of Dreams 9am
- 3/4-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 5- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 10-Cor Meeting 7am
- 10 - Field of Dreams 9am
- 13-Assembly meetings 7pm
- 14-Ash Wednesday
- 16-Fish Fry 6pm
- 17-Cor Meeting 7sm
- 17- Lady of Hope Fresh Fruit 9am
- 17-Field of Dreams 9am
- 18-Blood Drive 7:30am
- 23-Fish Fry 6pm
- 24-Field of Dreams 9am
- 27- CUF Exemplification 6:00pm followed by Council meeting
- 27-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm

March

- 1-Fish Fry 6pm
- 1-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 2 -Cor Meeting 7am
- 2-Field of Dreams 9am
- 2/3 - Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 4- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 8-Fish Fry 6pm
- 9-Cor Meeting 7am
- 10-CUF Exemplification 1pm
- 12-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 15-Fish Fry 6pm
- 16-Lady of Hope—Fresh Fruit 9am
- 16-Cor Meeting 7am
- 22-Fish Fry 6pm
- 23-Field of Dreams 9am
- 24-Palm Sunday Breakfast 8am
- 26- 3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

Special points of interest:

- February 3, 10 & 17 Cor Meeting 7am
- February 3,10,17 & 24 Field of Dreams 9am
- February 16, 23 & 3/1 Fish Fry 6pm
- February 18 7:30am Blood Drive

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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

