



St. James Cathedral Council 12402

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Bimonthly Newsletter
Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers,
As we come to the close of the Lenten season and prepare to enter into the joy of Easter, I encourage all of us to take a moment for reflection. Lent has been a time of sacrifice, prayer, and renewal, and now we look forward to the hope and celebration that Easter brings. During this time, let us also keep our service members and their families in our prayers, especially in light of the ongoing conflict with Iran. May we pray for their safety and for a swift and peaceful diplomatic resolution.

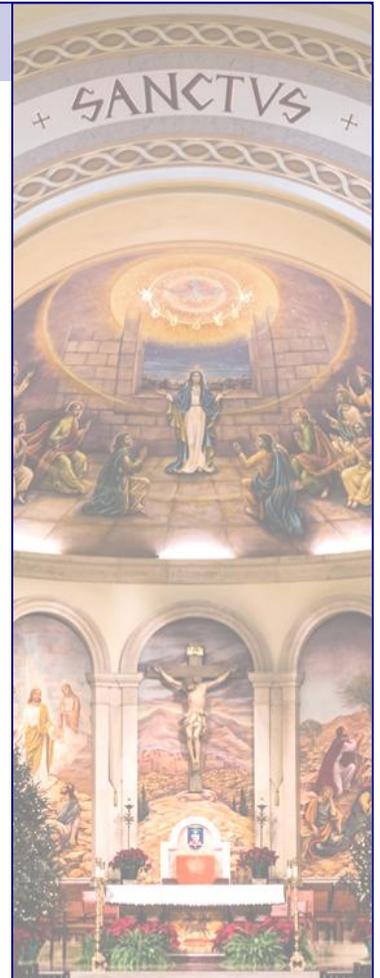
I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all who contributed their time and effort over these past weeks. Our fish fries, St. Patrick's dinner, and pancake breakfast were tremendous successes, and that is a direct result of the dedication and teamwork of this council. These events do not happen without many hands working together, and your commitment is truly appreciated.

A very special thank you goes out to the wives and families who generously gave their time to bake and cook for our bake sales. Your contributions add so much to our events and are a vital part of our success. Please know how much your efforts mean to all of us.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of our newer members. It has been inspiring to see so many new Knights step forward, get involved, and already begin taking on responsibilities within the council. Your enthusiasm and willingness to serve strengthen our brotherhood and ensure a bright future for our council.

Thank you all for your continued dedication, and I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter season.

Phil Perfito
Grand Knight
Council 12402



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Social Center



OUR PARISH AND FAITH



*Our Chaplain:
Very Reverend
Miguel González*



*PGK Chris Ewing
Faith Director*

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM
Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM
Saturday:9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2026

Easter Sunday — April 5

Ascension of the Lord — May 17

Pentecost Sunday — May 24

Corpus Christi — June 7

Solemnity of All Saints — November 1

First Sunday of Advent — November 29

Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception — December 8

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ (Christmas) — December

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That Man Is You (TMIY)

Come join us at 6:30 AM on Fridays.



A Catholic digital platform that gives you access to audio content, movies, e-books, and more.

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2. Click “Register”, then enter your name, email address and a desired password.



FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers, these past few weeks have shown us very clearly how much light and darkness still collide in our world. On the national stage, the Justice Department released roughly three million pages of the Epstein files earlier this year, including videos, images, and investigative records, and the release has led to accusations of corruption, cover ups, and political protection at very high levels of government. Some officials have even resigned or been investigated as more information came out. Whether all of that proves true or not, it reminds us that power without virtue becomes dangerous very quickly. It also reminds us why the Church constantly talks about moral formation, integrity, and the protection of the innocent. We are watching in real time what happens when wealthy and powerful people live without moral boundaries.

At the same time, Catholics are watching major debates over abortion, religious liberty, and Catholic identity in education and health care. Bishops in the United States are continuing to push for conscience protections for Catholic doctors and hospitals so they are not forced to participate in abortion or procedures that violate Church teaching. These are not small policy debates anymore. They are really about whether Catholics will be allowed to live their faith publicly or only privately. Meanwhile, here in Florida there are still ongoing legal battles over abortion drugs and reproductive policy, so these issues are very much present in our own state and not just somewhere far away.

In the life of the Church over the past couple months, there has actually been both struggle and hope. The Archdiocese of New Orleans finalized a large abuse settlement and the archbishop resigned as part of that process, which shows that the Church is still dealing with the sins and failures of the past and trying to make things right. At the same time, something very encouraging is happening quietly across the country. Many dioceses are reporting large increases in people entering the Catholic Church this Easter, some places seeing record numbers of converts. So while the Church is being purified in some ways, she is also growing in others. God is still drawing people to the Church even in a very secular culture.

And globally, the Church continues to face challenges as well. Just today there was news that Catholic leaders were prevented from celebrating Palm Sunday Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem because of the ongoing war situation there. So even the places most sacred to our faith are affected by conflict and politics. At the same time, Pope Leo has been traveling and speaking about peace, the dignity of life, and the need for spiritual renewal in the world. The Church is still doing what she has always done, preaching the Gospel in a world that is often confused and divided.

So what does all of this mean for us as Knights? It means this is not a time for lukewarm Catholic men. This is a time for steady Catholic men. Husbands who lead their families in prayer. Fathers who protect their children from the culture. Parish men who actually show up and help. Men who go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and take their faith seriously. We cannot fix the government, and we cannot fix every problem in the Church, but we can become saints in our own homes and our own parish. And historically, that is exactly how the Church renews herself. Not primarily through politics or programs, but through holy men and women who live the Gospel in ordinary life.

I would encourage us to stay close to the sacraments, stay close to Our Lady, and take seriously the vocation God has given each of us as Catholic men. The world is loud right now, and it is often dark, but Christ is still on the throne, the Church is still standing, and our job is still the same. Be faithful, be charitable, be courageous, and help each other get to heaven.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Chris Ewing, PGK



MEMBERSHIP



*PGK George Olson
Membership Director*

Brothers,
I am pleased to report that over the past 9 months we have added 20 new members to our council which is 2x the goal set by Supreme. What is even more encouraging is the fact that the average age of our new members is 35.8 and several have already been actively involved in our fish fries, St Patrick's Day Dinner, pancake breakfasts, and membership meetings. Over the past 2 months Alejandro Alvarez, Dr. Gilbert Lanoue, Bradford Ledzian, Jamie Mella-do, Blake Powers and Jonathan Tumavitch have joined our council. Please join me in welcoming them.

As we move forward please feel free to ask fellow parishioners if they would like to join the Knights of Columbus. Many Catholic men often tell us that they are interested, but no one ever asked them to join the Knights of Columbus. Let them know that they can leverage the Knights of Columbus and get involved in community activities with fellow members and expand their involvement in church, pro-life, family and/or youth activities. If you have a fellow parishioner who might be interested feel free to send me their contact information and I will personally let them know what the Knights of Columbus can do for them.

Vivat Jesus!
Brother George Olson

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Membership Document

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1	NEW/RECEIVING COUNCIL NUMBER 12402	COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) ORLANDO, FL	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	DATE READ	DATE ELECTED	1ST. DEG. DATE
2	TRANSACTION <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE TO ADULT <input type="checkbox"/> REINSTATEMENT (up to 3 months) <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVATION (inactive insurance)		<input type="checkbox"/> READMISSION (up to 7 years) <input type="checkbox"/> REAPPLICATION (over 7 years) <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER IN <input type="checkbox"/> DATA CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	PROVIDE SURVIVOR INFORMATION BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH _____ NEXT OF KIN _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ TELEPHONE # _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____		
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3	DATE OF BIRTH MO _____ DAY _____ YR _____	MARITAL STATUS	HOME PHONE _____	BUSINESS PHONE _____	CELL PHONE _____	
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ARE YOU A PRACTICAL OR PRACTICING CATHOLIC IN UNION WITH THE HOLY SEE?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	PARISH NAME, LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV)		FORMER COLUMBIAN SQUIRE?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4	DID YOU APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	INITIATION DATES	1. FIRST _____	2. SECOND _____	3. THIRD _____
DATE OF TERMINATION _____		REASON _____		NUMBER OF LAST COUNCIL _____ COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) _____		
5	I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRINTED NAME OF PROPOSER _____			I HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE THAT (a) THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, (b) I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD MEMBERSHIP, (c) THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONTROL IN ALL MATTERS, (d) I ACCEPT THE PRIVACY POLICY WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT https://www.kofc.org/en/policies/index.html , and (e) THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.		
PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required) _____			X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____			
DATE _____			X SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____		X SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT _____	

READ IMPORTANT TERMS ON REVERSE. NEW MEMBERS CAN ALSO JOIN THROUGH www.kofc.org/join. *DOES NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

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“In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.”

Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



EVENTS

Apr

- Fri, Apr 3 - Good Friday
- Sun, Apr 5 - Easter
- Mon, Apr 6 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
- Thurs, Apr 9 – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm
- Fri, Apr 10, 17, 24 – That Man Is You – St. James Social Hall, 6:30 am
- Sun, Apr 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- Mon, Apr 13 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Sun, Apr 26 – Pancake Breakfast / Homemade Baked Goods, St. James Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM masses
- Sun, Apr 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday

May

- Thurs, May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
- Fri, May 1, 8, 15, 22 – That Man Is You – St. James Social Hall, 6:30 am
- Thurs, May 7 – Membership Meeting – Social Hall, 7:00 pm
- Mon, May 11 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Wed, May 13 – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
- Sun, May 17 – Pancake Breakfast / Homemade Baked Goods, St. James
- Fri, May 22 - Sun, May 24 – State Convention, Rosen Shingle Creek Social Hall after 9 & 11 AM masses
- Mon, May 25 - Memorial Day

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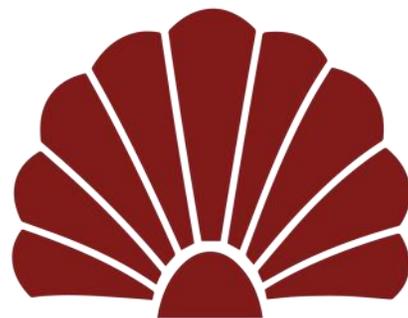
- Mon, Jun 1 – Feed the Homeless – Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
- Mon, Jun 8 – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Jun 11 – Officer Induction Ceremony & dinner – TBD

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

**Note: Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Monday of the month at the Assembly Hall at 5:30 or use this weblink to join online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?pwd=VFpjamRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09>

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



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a catholic community

<https://stjamesorlando.org/weekly-bulletin/>

DIOCESE EVENTS



<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/events-calendar/>



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



*SK Les Castro
Life Director*

Brothers,
The 12th annual Central Florida Laps 4 Life was held March 7th. The latest figures show donations continue to come in. As of March 24th the total reported donations is \$98,634 which is 79% of the \$125,000 goal. Our St. James Council teams raised \$3760

Our council will participate in the JMJ “Breakfast for Babies” campaign this month. Proceeds from our April monthly breakfast will be donated to JMJ.

The 40 Days for Life spring campaign ended on March 29th. On site prayer vigils in front of abortion clinics were held worldwide in 661 cities including 3 sites in the Orlando area. Each day many stories were reported of abortion-minded mothers changing their minds and keeping their babies after encountering the prayer groups.

The KOC sponsored Marist poll on abortion related questions was released a few weeks ago. Results show that 88% of adults favor common sense laws protecting babies and mothers.

New York has now become the 13th state to allow medical aid in dying. The scope of this law is narrow for now but it is expected to change. As reported in the National Right to Life newsletter:

“In every jurisdiction where assisted suicide is legalized, the practice inevitably expands. What begins as an "option" for the terminally ill gradually extends to those with chronic conditions, mental suffering, or even social challenges. What was once presented as a choice becomes an expectation-or even an obligation-especially for those who already feel like a burden because of illness, disability, age, or financial hardship.” Some countries are looking at allowing “mature minors” the choice to die, and even more drastic, to allow parents to euthanize infants.

The Florida legislature failed to pass a pro-life bill that would have identified the unborn as "a member of the species Homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb." This pro-life measure would allow parents of an unborn child to recover civil damages for the wrongful death of the child, which could occur, for example, during a car accident, due to an incident of medical malpractice, or by other careless, neglectful actions of another. Florida already allows someone to be criminally charged for the death of a fetus in vehicular homicides, DUI manslaughters, or by injury to the mother.



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HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Is the family tight knit?
- Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.





SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

MARCH 2026

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." (Gospel for March 22, Jn 11:16)

Look at the bravery of Thomas! Jesus had just announced his intention to travel to Judea, where he had narrowly escaped getting stoned to death. Given the potential danger ahead, Thomas seems prepared for martyrdom. Later, of course, he and the other disciples would flee as Jesus was arrested, and Thomas would doubt reports of Jesus' resurrection. As fallible humans, our strength and resolve sometimes collapse into weakness. May we always seek the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the going gets tough.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

This month, as we continue through Lent, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross each week — in your parish community, with your family or individually — with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ. A good resource is the Catholic Information Service booklet *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* (kofc.org/shopcis).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Are you a good disciple of Christ? How can being a Knight of Columbus help prepare you to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to suffer for your faith if called upon?



YEARS OF SERVICE

Member	Date	Years
David C Miller	4/15/1999	27
Michael T Leo	4/18/2007	19
Lynn J Hinson	4/11/2009	17
Paul M Mylod	4/2/2011	15
Michael R Schwartz	4/15/2013	13
Mark D Ashman	4/11/2018	8
Charles McNulty	4/17/2018	8
Stephen K Puckett	4/23/2018	8
Fernando Hurtado	4/25/2018	8
Steve Kerestes	4/8/2019	7
Patrick J Furino	4/16/2020	6
James V Hutcherson	4/16/2020	6
Joseph S Cimijotti	4/6/2022	4
Craig A Greene	4/27/2023	3
George del Campo	5/27/1997	29
Gary T Herring	5/21/2002	24
Leonard Romano Jr	5/21/2002	24
Patrick K McAvoy	5/19/2004	22
James R Fyffe	5/17/2014	12
Mark T Zeitler	5/5/2016	10
Bidionel Jacquet Jr	5/5/2022	4
Gilberto Martins	5/11/2022	4
Brian Schanen	5/27/2022	4



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Michael C Laughlin	1-Apr	Henry J Skowronski	20-Apr	Francesco T Terrizzi	7-May
Jonathan Tumavitch	2-Apr	Thomas J Jensen	24-Apr	Otniel Echagarruga Gayle	10-May
Stephen G Richardville	12-Apr	Denney Caberto	26-Apr	John B Forester	11-May
Daniel M Witucki	14-Apr	King Davis	28-Apr	Norman J Turner	13-May
Frank Bucco	16-Apr	David E Bessette	29-Apr	Lorenz Oberhauser	25-May
Paul M Mylod	16-Apr	Blake Powers	1-May	Fernando Pinhal	28-May
Troy D Collins	20-Apr	John D Rice	1-May	Timothy C Galvin	29-May
Frederick B Jonassen	20-Apr	Michael T Ciappetta	6-May		
Kenneth W Siders	20-Apr	Wesley C Powell	6-May		

The Story of the McGivney Miracle

[Watch an on-site report](#) about the missile that struck McGivney House, an apartment complex in Erbil, Iraq, built with help from the Knights of Columbus. Hit on March 4, the house had been evacuated amid the war on neighboring Iran.

Weekly Mass

Do you need prayers or know someone who can benefit from the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney? [Submit your petitions here](#). Your petitions will be remembered in a weekly Mass offered by the Father McGivney Guild.



UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Wife	Date
Raul Rodriguez	Katherine Rodriguez	2-Apr
Brian Rivera	Melinda Rivera	22-Apr
Albert J Yonfa	Carolyn Yonfa	25-Apr
Christopher M Glisson	Erica Glisson	26-Apr
Brian Schanen	Amanda Schanen	26-Apr
Mark T Zeitler	Elizabeth Zeitler	2-May
Leslie L Castro	Camille Castro	3-May
Denney Caberto	Mariko Caberto	4-May
Timothy A Norton	Marsha Norton	13-May
Daniel E Coombs	Angela McGhee Coombs	15-May
Michael T Ciappetta	Lei Lee Ciappetta	18-May
Lynn J Hinson	Evelyn Hinson	20-May
George R Olson	Joanne Olson	21-May
Martin J Cone	Margaret (Peg) Cone	23-May
Santos DeLeon	Elizabeth DeLeon	25-May
Leonard Romano Jr	Teresa Romano	26-May
Mark L Gumula II	Irene Gumula	27-May
Gilberto Martins	Elaine Martins	28-May
Christopher J Ewing	Melissa Ewing	29-May
V Edward Gold Jr	Rebecca F. (Becky) Gold	30-May
David I Larocque	Tamara (Lisa) Larocque	31-May



INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar>

Msgr. Bishop Assembly 0162

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Orlando, FL 32807-3548



*SK George del Campo
4th degree representative*

FREE THROW CONTEST





FREE THROW CONTEST CONTINUED





JMJ Pregnancy Center would like to cordially thank Father Miguel González, Janice Nuñez, Lorna Rolón, and Les Castro for the incredible opportunity to partner with St. James Cathedral over the holidays through the Christmas Giving Tree.

Because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of your parish, several carloads of urgently needed supplies were brought to our Lifting Lives Center, located on La Quinta Drive, and have truly blessed the moms and babies who rely on our care! Gift cards that were collected are also appreciated for families who sometimes need a little extra support.

The coordination and volunteer efforts through the parish stewardship and outreach offices, as well as the always steadfast Knights of Columbus, made it possible to extend the joy and hope of Christmas into the new year and beyond!

Thank you once again for helping us continue this important mission work right here in our community of Central Florida — “We pray, help moms, save babies, and REPEAT!”

Many Blessings!

Chloé Battle

Director of Operations
JMJ Pregnancy Center

Robert Perron

Executive Director
JMJ Pregnancy Center





URGENT NEEDS LIST (PG. 1)

Baby Bathing

- Bathtubs _____
- Towels (Unisex) _____

Baby Feeding

- Bottles (4 oz. & 8 oz.) _____
- Bibs / Burp Cloths _____
- Boppy Pillows (Breastfeeding) _____

Baby Toys

- Books (Cardboard or Crinkly) _____
- Interactive (0-12 mo.) _____
- Plush / Stuffed (0-12 mo.) _____
- Teething (Rings, Rattles, or Pacifiers) _____

Baby Formula

- Enfamil NeuroPro (Yellow) _____
- Enfamil Enspire Optimum (Blue) _____
- Enfamil A.R. (Pink) _____
- Similac Advance (Blue) _____
- Similac Alimentum (Purple) _____

Baby Food

- Stage 2 Cereal _____
- Stage 2 Vegetables _____
- Stage 3 Cereal _____
- Stage 3 Fruits _____
- Stage 3 Vegetables _____
- Stage 3 Meals _____
- Stage 3 Snacks _____

Baby Accessories

- Hair Bands / Bows / Ribbons _____
- Socks / Shoes (0-24 mo.) _____
- Crib / Pack 'n Play Sheets _____
- Diaper Genie Pails & Refills _____
- Activity Play Mats _____
- Bumbo Floor Seats _____

Baby Swaddling

- Booties / Hats / Mitts (Unisex) _____
- Receiving Blankets _____

Baby Hygiene

- Shampoo / Body Wash _____
- Body Lotion / Body Oil _____
- Diaper Rash Cream _____

Baby Diapers

- Preemie _____
- Size 4 _____
- Size 5 _____
- Fragrance Free Wipes _____

Baby Furniture

- Bassinets _____
- Cribs (NO Mattresses!) _____
- Pack 'n Plays _____
- Car Seats (5-point Harness) _____
- Strollers (5-point Harness) _____



www.JMJFRIENDS.ORG

URGENT NEEDS LIST (PG. 2)

Boys Summer Clothes

- Outfits (0-3 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms (3-6 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (6 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (9 mo.) _____
- Outfits (9-12 mo.) _____
- Outfits (12 mo.) _____
- Outfits (12-18 mo.) _____
- Outfits (18-24 mo.) _____

Boys Winter Clothes

- Outfits (Newborn) _____
- Outfits (0-3 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms (9 mo.) _____
- Outfits (9-12 mo.) _____
- Extra Tops (12 mo.) _____
- Extra Tops & Outfits (12-18 mo.) _____
- Extra Tops (18-24 mo.) _____

Boys Sleepers

- Lightweight (Newborn) _____
- Lightweight (9 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (9-12 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (12 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (18 mo.) _____

Girls Summer Clothes

- Outfits (Newborn) _____
- Outfits (0-3 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (9 mo.) _____
- Outfits (9-12 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms (12-18 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (18-24 mo.) _____

Girls Winter Clothes

- Outfits (Newborn) _____
- Outfits (0-3 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (9-12 mo.) _____
- Outfits (12-18 mo.) _____
- Extra Bottoms & Outfits (18-24 mo.) _____

Girls Sleepers

- Lightweight (Newborn) _____
- Lightweight (0-3 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (6-9 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (9 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (9-12 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (18-24 mo.) _____
- Lightweight (24 mo.) _____



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(Summer Tops = Short-sleeve Dresses, Shirts, or Tanks)

(Summer Bottoms = Lightweight Leggings, Pants, Shorts, or Skirts)

(Winter Tops = Long-sleeve Dresses, Shirts, or Sweaters)

(Winter Bottoms = Corduroy, Fleece, Jeans, or Tights)



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SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for **Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers** at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Deacons, men in formation, and their wives (if trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to serve.

This ministry offers compassionate presence, prayer, and sacramental coordination for patients and families in a 1,700-bed hospital. Deacons are especially suited to provide hope, calm, and witness to Christ in moments of suffering. Volunteers help arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, partnering with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly. Those called to this vital ministry are encouraged to contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** (bzornik@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.



Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the [inquiry form here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call **(407) 388-0245**.

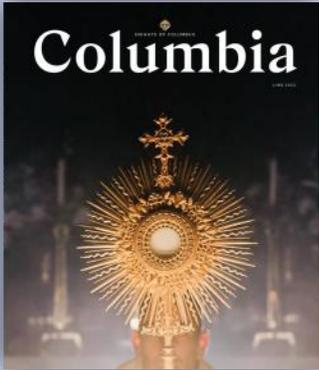
PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and [Relevant Radio](#) that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's [website](#) or on your favorite podcast app.



OPPORTUNITIES



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MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

“For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:36, 40).

St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries— great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at svdporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit cfcc.org/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

St. James continues to need volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at all the English Masses. Hospitality Ministers function as ushers and greeters and will also staff the new Welcome Table. Right now, there are more open positions than there are available ushers at the English Masses. The goal is to reach a point where people need only serve two or three times a month. If you or your wife is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Billy Martinez, Liturgy Manager, at 407-563-8251 or Dan Wallace at 407-484-0550.

Ultrasound Initiative & Helping Life Fund: Building a Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are committed to defending life. Two key programs in Florida— the Ultrasound Initiative and the Helping Life Fund—are making a powerful difference for mothers and babies across our state.

Ultrasound Initiative

Since 2009, Knights have helped place over 1,900 ultrasound machines, valued at \$91 million, in pro-life clinics and pregnancy centers—135 of those here in Florida. Local councils fund half the cost; the Supreme Council covers the rest. For fully funded mobile units, Supreme may cover 100% of the ultrasound machine cost.

Ultrasound machines are life-saving tools. Up to 80% of abortion-minded women choose life after viewing an image of their unborn child.

Ask your local pregnancy center:

- Do they need a new, or replacement machine?
- Are they opening a new location?
- Would a mobile unit help serve more women?

To learn more, contact Jason O’Neill at jason.c.oneill@gmail.com or 302-530-7101.



2026-2027 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Officer Position	2026 - 2027
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3-Year Trustee	Ken Siders
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Community	Dr. Gilbert Lanoue
Life	Les Castro
Family	John Rice
Youth	Tim Regan
Membership	Chris Morales

Notes:

1. Committee leads, chaplain, lecturer, and FS are non-voting positions
2. Elections will be held at the May Membership/Business Meeting



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER

Tomorrow, February 13, is an anniversary of sorts for the Roman Catholic Church in Central Florida. One hundred forty-two years ago in 1884, the Diocese of St. Augustine purchased additional property to expand its first parish in Central Florida.

The late University of Florida historian Michael Gannon, once a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine wrote the following:

"From 1840 to 1860, Fort Maitland was the midpoint of a triangle of forts in Central Florida. It was also the half-way point for travelers from the northeast coast to Tampa. The central Florida triangle consisted of Fort Mellon in Sanford, Fort Gatlin in Orlando and Fort Christmas in Christmas. The forts had been constructed as havens against the attacks of the warring Seminole Indians.

"By 1880...Maitland was a tourist center for national dignitaries from Washington and wealthy citizens from the northeast. In 1880 the South Florida Railroad was completed from Jacksonville to Maitland, and it brought thousands of visitors (including President Grover Cleveland) to the Park House, a resort hotel between Lake Park and Lake Catherine [in Maitland]. Due to overcrowded conditions at the Park House, some people... would park their private railroad cars at the southern terminal of the South Florida Railroad in Maitland.... The number of Catholic tourists and retired people in Maitland became a concern to Bishop John Moore."

As a bustling tourist center, Maitland was considered more important at the time than Orlando. In May 1881 three days before Bishop Moore purchased the land where St. James Cathedral sits today, he purchased land on Lake Eulalia adjacent to the Park House and immediately began construction of a church with a seating capacity of 100 and a rectory. Father Michael McFaul from St. Louis, MO was named pastor of this first parish in the region, named Church of the Holy Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ministering to Catholics within an area that included most of Central Florida. His regular circuit covered Enterprise, Daytona Beach, New Smyrna, Oak Hill, Oakland, Sanford and Orlando.

The February 13, 1884, purchase of the additional parcel of land at Lake Eulalia allowed Father McFaul to expand the parish, but by 1885 the growth of the City of Orlando surpassed that of Maitland. St. James parish was established in 1885. With the construction of St. James Church in 1887, Holy Nativity Church and parish were abandoned, and its baptismal registry was transferred to St. James.

The Diocese of St. Augustine retained ownership of the abandoned church and rectory for twenty more years. In 1919, the property was sold, and the buyer turned around and sold the church and rectory buildings to someone who dismantled them and used the lumber to construct a new home in the area.

Today, Maitland is served by St. Mary Magdalen parish, established in 1959.



*SK Dan Wallace
Worthy Lecturer*



Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

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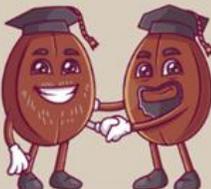





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The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

May is dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the Month of May, emphasizing the importance of honoring Mary during this time and seeking her intercession for the needs of the Church and the world.

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IS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION ACCURATE?

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida K of C website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly.

Review the brief YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information. To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser.

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and the State website at www.FloridaKofC.org.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

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