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FEBRUARY

Upcoming Events

2	Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X	After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
3	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
6	District Deputy Meeting, Pizza & Subs	Dinner 6 pm, 6:30 Video, 7 Meeting
	4th Degree Assembly, Luli's Restaurant, 1213 10th Ave. West, Milan	Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm
8/9	Membership Drive, St. Mary, RI	
13	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
14/16	Art of Faith, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Set Up Fri. 2pm & Clean Up Sun. 2 pm
19	Midwest Food Bank, TaxSlayer, Moline [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
22	4th Degree Exemplification, Sheraton Lisle Hotel, Lisle, IL	

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, Families & Friends:

January was the month of Right to Life. As one of pillars of our organization we have supported the agency's that work daily defending those without a voice. As we have done for many years prior years, we kicked off 2020 with the Right to Life breakfast. Again, this year the weather was not kind to us. But the Knights showed up as we always do and did our thing. The Knights had two of our finest take on and run the event. Dean Lackey and Dick Hunt did a superb job of organizing and running the event. A last-minute decision by these two put a flyer in the bulletin requesting a donation if you were unable to attend. As of this date we have collected about \$1000. Nice job guys! Also, a big thank you for all of the Knights who showed up to work the breakfast. It sure makes me proud to be a member of such a fine organization. One last thing I would like to mention about the event. I saw a lot of wives and kids there. I love the idea of families being involved.

With all the attention being directed at Right to Life we should not forget to recognize the Novena for Life. Dave Yordy worked his but off getting this off the ground. This was one of the best we have done to date. Dave has learned that we need to involve Msgr. earlier in the process to have the Novena said at a mass. Great job Dave and you have set a high standard for us to follow next year.

Upcoming events for 2020

- Feb. 2nd Coffee and Conversation
- Feb. 8th and 9th Membership Drive at Sacred Heart
- Feb. 6th 4th degree meeting check with Jack
- Mar. 1st District Meeting McCarthy Hall
- Mar. 13th 27th Fish fry
- Apr. 4th Trivia night
- Apr. 13th Blood drive
- Apr. 25th Italian Dinner and Dance

Brother Knights, our next **Officers' Meeting** will be at **6:30 pm on Feb.3rd at Farrell Hall**. Our next **Council Meeting is Feb. 13th also at Farrell Hall**. As usual, on the 8th we will have a **light meal at 6 pm** followed by our **council meeting at 7 pm**. Be sure to join us. These meetings are an opportunity for all to connect with your fellow Knights and to stay informed about everything Allouez Council is doing! I hope to see you there!

Remember, let Jesus be your model & let the Holy Spirit be your guide!

Vivat Jesus! *Chuck Gibbs* Chuck Gibbs, GK



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Sir Knights,

The changes made to our Council Knight Exemplification will reduce all three Degrees into one, celebrated hopefully in the church after Mass

and with families included at the event. My understanding is that the Fourth Degree Exemplification will now be considered full Knighthood with changes being proposed to that exemplification coming as well. So it is important

that we encourage our Third Degree Knights to seek full Knighthood by attending a 4th Degree Exemplification as soon as they can.

The next scheduled 4th Degree Exemplification in the Southern District (which we are part of): March 21st, 2020 Double Tree Hotel, Mount Vernon, IL. It is my understanding that a Southern District Exemplification is tentatively scheduled in Springfield for March 14th as well and in Peoria on Nov. 14th at the Spalding Renewal Center. **The next scheduled 4th Degree Exemplification in the Northern District: February 22, 2020, Sheraton Lisle Hotel, Lisle, IL.** We will have (4) candidates attending this exemplification all from Allouez Council.

There is also a possible Exemplification in the Northern District in Savanna, IL. next fall. It would be great to see as many Knights make this Exemplification from all of our District 57 Councils. *Remember, we must comply with submittal requirements and deadlines, at least three weeks prior to the event and all funds will be forfeited if the candidate cancels.*

Our next Assembly meeting will be on **February 6th (first Thursday)** and will be at **Luli's Restaurant** at 1213 10th Ave. West, Milan; off Andalusia Road going west out of town. The Restaurant sets back off the road on the north side just past Casey's Gas Station. This will be a new venue for us and we will be ordering off of the menu. They will be providing a room for our meeting so we'd like to see (25) or more attendees to facilitate free usage of said room. Please make note that they do charge a 4% processing fee to use your credit card, so you may want to consider paying with cash. I'm hoping to have a report from our Honor Guard uniform committee at this meeting, so please make sure that you attend to have your voice heard, hope to see you all there!!! Vivat Jesus!!!

Jack Swan

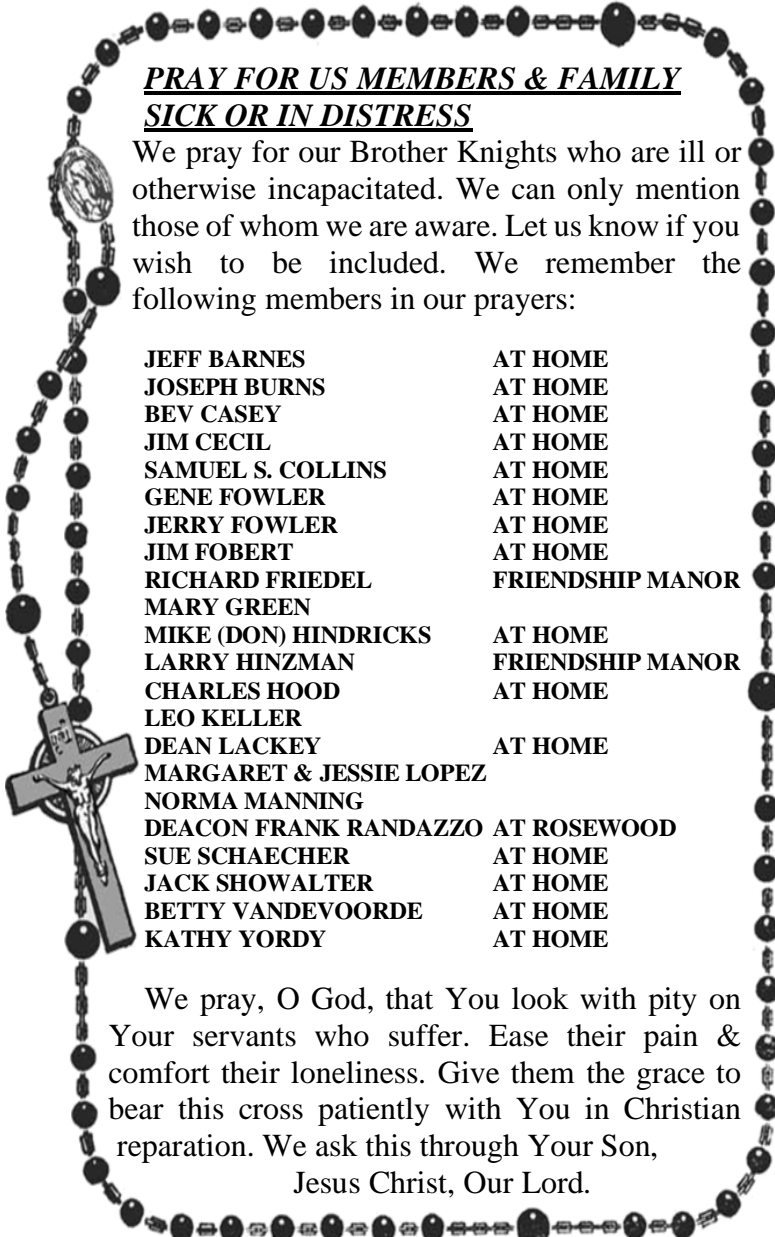
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ANNIVERSARIES
 Congratulations to the five couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

PETER & SHIRLEY FIEWEGER	02-02-1961
GIUSEPPE & ANGIE CONICELLA	02-09-1952
DARILLE & SUSAN STARRINE	02-17-1984
DENNIS & PAMELA DEMAUGHT	02-23-1980
RMR RUSSELL & PAM SWIM	02-27-1971

We want to recognize all of our married couples, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Call F.S. Tarre Kroft so he can put it in our records or correct our records.



PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS
 We pray for our Brother Knights who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. We can only mention those of whom we are aware. Let us know if you wish to be included. We remember the following members in our prayers:

JEFF BARNES	AT HOME
JOSEPH BURNS	AT HOME
BEV CASEY	AT HOME
JIM CECIL	AT HOME
SAMUEL S. COLLINS	AT HOME
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
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NORMA MANNING	
DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO	AT ROSEWOOD
SUE SCHAECHER	AT HOME
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME
BETTY VANDEVOORDE	AT HOME
KATHY YORDY	AT HOME

We pray, O God, that You look with pity on Your servants who suffer. Ease their pain & comfort their loneliness. Give them the grace to bear this cross patiently with You in Christian reparation. We ask this through Your Son,
 Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



24 brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want & never want as long as they live!

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| GERARD HUISKAMP | ROBERT LAWRENCE |
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DEACON'S QUESTION BOX
[See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions.](#)
When Is the Church Going to Catch Up to Modern Times?

My first response to this question is usually to ask for clarification. Is the question about the beliefs we hold as a Catholic Christian faith or is it about how we do things? The answer is different depending on the answer.

Some things about the Church have changed over the centuries. The best example would be the Rite of Mass. After the Council of Trent, there was a new Mass which we call today the Tridentine Mass. After Vatican Council II, another new Rite of Mass was promulgated for the Roman Church and it was even in vernacular language. Since then, we have seen some of the words of the Mass change again. We have also seen the restoration of the Diaconate and changes to the annulment process.

Note these are all changes in how we do things. Speaking again about the Mass, the rite has changed, the words have changed, but what happens at the Mass is exactly the same and cannot change. At the heart of the Mass is the Consecration of the Eucharist. Our understanding of it may grow deeper, but our belief in what is happening and that God is working through the priest remains the same.

Once, when our former bishop was asked about the Church becoming more right wing versus left wing, Archbishop Myers responded by saying that it is not about going to the right or the left, it is about going deeper. And that is precisely what happens in the realm of what we believe as Catholics.

St. John Henry Newman taught at length about the development of the faith. All of the faith was received in Divine Revelation which ended with the death of St. John the Apostle. Since then, we have endeavored to understand it more clearly and more deeply. St. Newman explained that the faith may develop more completely over time but new understandings of the faith cannot contradict what has already been taught over the centuries.

An example of that is the declaration of the Immaculate Conception. As the Church studied Mary and her relationship to Jesus, the understanding that she must have been singularly graced at her conception so that the stain of original sin was not present developed slowly to the point where Pope Pius IX declared it part of the deposit of the faith in 1854. Nothing in this dogma contradicts what we believe about Jesus, sinfulness, Grace, etc. and it follows logically from what has been taught since the beginning of the Church.

So, if catching up to modern times means we have to deny or change parts of the deposit of faith or the way the faith is applied in life, don't hold your breath. To make the changes some are demanding would mean changing Divine Revelation itself.



Feel free to drop me a question for this column. Questions may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or sent via email to Deacon Russ Swim, Assistant Chaplain, rpswim@mchsi.com, phone 786-3097.



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a 7-2 decision that struck down all state laws banning abortion. As we just commemorated the 47th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the deaths of over 65 million babies, and all the media stories mostly supporting abortion that accompanied it, let's look at five myths that defenders of legal abortion routinely peddle in order to legitimize this terrible decision.

1. *Roe v. Wade* only allows abortions during the first three months of pregnancy.

Roe v. Wade divided pregnancy into three twelve-week trimesters and ruled that in the first two trimesters states could not outlaw abortion, but they could regulate the procedure in the second trimester to ensure the safety of the mother. *Roe* allowed but did not require states to ban abortion in the third trimester. **Only a handful of countries** have federal laws that permit elective abortion into the third trimester of pregnancy, and ***Roe* makes sure that the United States is one of them.**

Furthermore, if states *did* ban abortion in the third trimester, they had to allow an exception for abortions deemed necessary to protect a woman's health. And *Roe*'s companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, ruled that "health" included any factor that was "physical, emotional, psychological, familial, [or related to] the woman's age." According to some abortionists even the mere existence of a child unwanted by his mother can be considered a health risk.

As a result, even though the decision nominally allows states to ban third-trimester abortions, the Court's definition of "health" made it practically impossible.

2. A majority of Americans support *Roe v. Wade* and don't want it overturned.

This one is a half-truth, while some polls found that 70 percent of Americans did not want *Roe v. Wade* overturned, however 41 percent of people in that same poll did not know enough about the decision to say if they disapproved of it. Shockingly, one poll found that 56 percent of adults under the age of thirty **did not know** *Roe v. Wade* was about abortion.

It's only true that "Americans don't want *Roe v. Wade* overturned" because most people are hesitant to hear that anything currently legal will become illegal. But once those same people learn that *Roe v. Wade* allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason, a majority of Americans disagree with what it has wrought. A 2017 poll shows that only about 25 percent of Americans agree with the precedent set by *Roe* that allows abortion to be "legal under any circumstance."

3. *Roe v. Wade* has kept hundreds of thousands of women from dying in unsafe back-alley abortions.

Pro-choice advocates like to use the well-worn and untrue statistic that, prior to *Roe v. Wade*, 5,000 to 10,000 women in the U.S. died every year from illegal abortions. Even some of those pro-abortionists that testified in Congress later agreed that they lied.

Abortion is no longer a dangerous procedure. This applies not just to therapeutic abortions as performed in hospitals but also to so-called illegal abortions as done by physicians. In 1957 there were only 260 deaths in the whole country attributed to abortions of any kind. . . . Second, and even more important, the conference estimated that 90 percent of all illegal abortions are presently being done by physicians (*American Journal of Public Health Nations Health*, vol. 50 no. 7, July 1960).

Any death from abortion is tragic, whether it's a woman or her child, regardless of whether the

procedure was legal. But the answer to these tragedies is not to make it legal to kill certain people. There is no reason to think that a developed country cannot protect the health of both unborn and born human beings by outlawing medical procedures that are designed to kill either.

4. **Roe v. Wade is a sound legal argument against abortion.**

Justice Harry Blackmun argued in the Court's majority opinion that abortion had usually been considered a misdemeanor in previous law codes. He claimed that anti-abortion laws were enacted to protect women from unsafe abortions but now that abortions were relatively safe, there was no compelling reason for the state to outlaw abortion.

But in fact, America's oldest anti-abortion laws referred to abortion as a form of homicide against the unborn, and not just as a threat to women's health. An 1871 "Report on Criminal Abortion" released by the American Medical Association explicitly makes this point:

[M]en who cling to a noble profession only to dishonor it; men who seek not to save, but to destroy; men known not only to the profession, but to the public as abortionists. . . . These modern Herods, like their prototype, have a summary mode of dealing with their victims. They perform the triple office of Legislative, Judiciary, and Executive, and, to crown the tragedy, they become the executioners. . . . The abortionists are more destructive to human life than ten [foreign] armies.

The Supreme Court also ruled that abortion fell under the scope of other private medical decisions that the state could regulate only in order to protect the health of the woman having the abortion. But even many pro-choice advocates see *Roe's* reliance on the so-called "right to privacy" as an example of poor judicial reasoning. Edward Lazarus, who supports legal abortion and was a former clerk of Justice Blackmun, considers the decision "indefensible" He writes:

What, exactly, is the problem with Roe? The problem, I believe, is that it has little connection to the constitutional right it purportedly interpreted. A constitutional right to privacy broad enough to include abortion has no meaningful foundation in constitutional text, history, or precedent—at least, it does not if those sources are fairly described and reasonably faithfully followed.

5. **Jane Roe was a vocal advocate for a woman's "right to choose."**

"Jane Roe" was the pseudonym that Norma McCorvey used during her lawsuit against the state of Texas. McCorvey originally wanted an abortion because she was unemployed and depressed, but she later admitted that the two attorneys she was referred to, Linda Coffee and Sarah Weddington, made her a "pawn" in their quest to change the nation's abortion laws. In fact, because the case took so long to decide, McCorvey never had the abortion but placed her child for adoption.

After *Roe* was decided, McCorvey did not become a permanent advocate for legal abortion. Although for a time she did work at an abortion facility, in 1994 she quit her job and became pro-life. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1998 and continued to fight against the legacy she left behind

in *Roe v. Wade* until her death on February 18, 2017. I met Norma McCorvey at a Pro-Life Rally in Galesburg where she decided to become actively Pro-life when she drove by a park with empty swings, she asked herself where all the children were???. **Think of it, over a third of every graduating class since 1973 have been aborted, 65 million babies, Americas holocaust, and we've done little to stop it.....**

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



BLOOD DRIVE 4/13/20

St. Pius X and Knights will be conducting their Spring Blood Drive on Monday, 4/13/20.

I am asking ALL Knights to participate! We are still trying to honor the memory of Fred Luckenbill with "100 or more" blood donations. We have been very close the past couple of years (94 donations once), so maybe our Drive on 4/13, with your support, will be the "Winner" for Fred and all those who are in need of life-saving Blood!



Note: In order to participate on 4/13 the last day to donate elsewhere is 2/17/20.....

SAVE THE DATE [AND SAVE A LIFE]!

Thank you.

Louie Alongi, Blood Drive Chairperson
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A HUGE THANK YOU...

...to all who come out to volunteer at our Pro-Life breakfast Feb. 19. You all braved some awful weather and gave us another great event. If your spouse or your children were with you, please let them know how much their efforts were appreciated.

Again, THANK YOU, Dick Hunt



ART OF FAITH SET UP & TEAR DOWN

If you are available on Friday, Feb. 14 at 2 PM to help set up for the Art of Faith & Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2pm to clean up, please call, text or email me: AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com 563-484-4AJO (4256).



FEBRUARY 2020**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2020****4th Degree ½ Earlier**

- 2 Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
- 3 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 6 District Deputy Meeting, Pizza & Subs Dinner 6 pm, 6:30 Video, 7 Meeting
- 4th Degree Assembly, Luli's Restaurant, 1213 10th Ave. West, Milan Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm
- 8/9 Membership Drive, St. Mary, RI
- 13 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 14/16 Art of Faith, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Set Up Fri. 2pm & Clean Up Sun. 2 pm
- 19 Midwest Food Bank, **TaxSlayer**, Moline [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 22 4th Degree Exemplification, Sheraton Lisle Hotel, Lisle, IL

MARCH

- 1 Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
- Host Chapter Meeting, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X AM Lunch Following
- 2 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 11 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 12 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X TBA
- 14 4th Degree Exemplification, Springfield **AND** Peoria, IL
- 21 4th Degree Exemplification, Double Tree Hotel, Mount Vernon, IL
- 27 Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X TBA
- 29 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

APRIL

- 4 Trivia Night
- 5 Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
- 6 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 9 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Spring Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm
- 18 Men's Reflection, presenter Msgr. Merdian, St. Pius X 9 am
- 22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 25 Italian Dinner & Dance, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 4 to 7 pm

MAY

- 3 Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
- 4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 14 Holy Hour led by Father Spannagel, St. Pius X Holy Hour 5:00 pm
- Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Meal 6:00 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 20 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 28 Confirmation Italian Dinner, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X TBA
- 31 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

JUNE

- 1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 7 Coffee & Conversation, St. Pius X After 8 am & 10:30 Masses
- 11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

JULY

- 6 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 9 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

AUGUST

- 3 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 13 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 10 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 23 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

OCTOBER

- 5 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 8 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 21 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

NOVEMBER

- 2 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 7 Deceased Member Mass, Sacred Heart, RI **5:15 pm**
- 12 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 18 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 29 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

DECEMBER

- 7 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 10 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 16 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am



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