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## MARCH

## Upcoming Events

4<sup>th</sup> Degree ½ Earlier

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 <a href="#">[Sign Up]</a>	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 St. Patrick's Day Parade, St. Mary's, RI	Mass 10 am Parade Following
17	Happy St. Patrick's Day	
21	4th Degree Exemplification, Double Tree Hotel, Mount Vernon, IL	
25	Knight of Knights	Mass 4:30 pm, Social 6 pm & Dinner 6:30 pm
27	Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	TBA
29	Care Link Collection	After All St. Pius Masses
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, Families & Friends:

February was a slow month for the Knights concerning our own projects. Although it was lacking in projects we run, it was still busy. We were tasked with set-up and tear down for Art of Faith and Set-up and tear down for WATCH weekend and the request keep rolling in. I started the year with certain goals one being to raise the visibility of the Knights and their willingness to support other projects in the parish. If the request I'm receiving is any indication, we are succeeding.

Next back to what we do best, raising money for charity. We have the fish fry coming up, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Using some old military slang, we need every swinging arms on deck. (I did clean that up a little). This project is heavy on manpower so let Lance or me know you can chip in.

Next up is Knight of Knights on March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't herd yet two of our own will be recognized. Dave Yordy and MSGR Meridian will be recognized for both their leadership and dedication to the Knights. Let's have a great turnout for these two exceptional Knights. To make reservations please come to the G.M. meeting or contact me directly. The last one to address is April 4<sup>th</sup> Trivia night. Not a lot of manpower needed for this one but can be one of our biggest fund raisers. So, if you can't work please consider putting a team together, donating a basket for raffles or a 30-dollar donation for sponsoring a question block. This year we are offering a \$250 first place, \$125 second place and \$80 third place. Get this out to all your friends.

Upcoming events for 2020:

- March 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Fish fry
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Knight of Knights
- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Trivia night
- Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> Blood drive
- Apr. 23rd Dinner with our Clergy
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Italian Dinner and Social

Brother Knights, our next **Officers' Meeting** will be at **6:30 pm on March 2nd at Farrell Hall**. Our next **Council Meeting is March 12th also at Farrell Hall**. As usual, on the 12th 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 Sir Knights,**

At our **February** Assembly meeting we heard from our **Uniform Committee** in regards to how do we get the Honor Guard to the New Uniform and what we can use in the interim until we get there. The following is a summary of the committee proposal. There is no going back to the use of the Cape & Chapeaux for it is officially retired, but we can facilitate our Senior Sir Knights and still provide an Honor Guard for our official duties at Funerals, Rosaries, Chalice Presentations, Masses, and other duties by allowing the use of the Tux or Black Suite, with Service Baldric & Sword and White Gloves without the Cape & Chapeaux. While I certainly encourage all Honor Guard members to consider buying the new uniform, we will in the interim utilize this alternate as we will still provide this important part of our Assembly Duties.

We have determined that the reduced price (**\$449.00**) source for the new uniform which is **The Supply Room (TSR)** located in Oxford, Alabama, is the **only** legitimate and authorized source for the new uniform. It is a domestic provider and you must deal directly with them in ordering the uniform and the color beret patch. **The Supreme Master's Office will not accept any more order requests.** I have included the web site of **TSR** for your convenience: [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com); their toll-free telephone number is **833-562-4327**. But remember you will need to have it altered and you will need an official shirt that's not included in that price. TSR is submitting a white shirt and a black overcoat for approval by the Supreme Master, and will have these items available upon approval, probably sometime this month.

To facilitate the purchase of the new uniform for those willing to do so, but may not have the immediate resources, the Assembly will make a two year loan up to \$480.00 with a payback within two years and a monthly payment amount determined by the amount of the loan divided by 24 monthly payments. Our Comptroller and Purser will work together on this effort. Make you request to Comptroller Bud Phillis and he will make a voucher to Purser Mike Daly to write a loan check to you and set up the repayment schedule with you. **My thanks to the Uniform Committee; Louie Alongi, Mike Daly, Bud Phillis and John Wuerzburger for their work on this process.**

We have the **Rock Island Saint Patrick's Mass & Parade** coming up this month on **Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Honor Guard will be serving at the Mass at **St. Mary Church in RI** as previously stated, Tux or Black Suit with Service Baldric, Sword, and White Gloves only, (no Cape or Chapeaux). **Mass will be at 10:00 AM**, so be there early **at 9:30 AM to dress** and get instruction from our Commander. Dress warm for the Parade which will start after Mass at 11:30 AM. We typically have the Float set-up behind (south) the church on the one way going east. Please try to help SK Lowell Gramling set up the trailer float immediately after Mass, (and again for tear down afterwards). The St. Patrick's Society will be providing donuts, pastries, coffee, and juice in Schroeder Hall prior to Mass starting at 8:00 AM,

(*remember your fasting*) and after Mass until 11:30 AM. Please be generous in your free will offering.

You may have heard of the changes made to our Council Knight Exemplification reducing 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. (None to date though)

I'm writing this message prior to the date, but we have (4) Candidates that made the Exemplification in Lisle, IL. on Sat. February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**We congratulate and welcome these new Sir Knights to our Assembly; (pictured left to right) SK James Britton, SK Dave Sullivan, SK Dean Lackey, & SK Dick Hunt, all from Allouez Council. It's great to have you among our ranks as achieving full Knighthood.**

It is my hope that we will see additional candidates from ALL District 57 Councils in the near future. Talk to your Brother Knights in your Councils to encourage consideration in becoming a Sir Knight soon.

***The next scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in the Southern District (which we are part of): March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Double Tree Hotel, Mount Vernon, IL.*** It is my understanding that a Southern District Exemplification is tentatively scheduled in Springfield for March 14<sup>th</sup> as well and in Peoria on Nov.14<sup>th</sup> at the Spalding Renewal Center. ***The next scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in the Northern District: May 9 2020, St. Edna's, Arlington Heights, IL.*** There is also a possible Exemplification in the Northern District in Savanna, IL. next fall. *Remember, we must comply with submittal requirements and deadlines, and all funds will be forfeited if the candidate cancels.*

Our next Assembly meeting will be on **April 2nd (first Thursday, even months)** and will be at **Riverfront Grille**, 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street, off of Blackhawk Road in Rock Island. 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. They will provide a (3) meat buffet, with mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, and rolls. Cost will be \$17.00 including gratuity, collected at the door. ***I will be taking RSVP's via email or phone call up until March 29<sup>th</sup> to facilitate meal count guarantee.*** We will be discussing a change in the Chalice presentation ceremony to incorporate a Pyx or Alleman donation....hope to see you all there!!!

Vivat Jesus!!! Jack Swan

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

STANLY & MARIA TORRES            03-01-2004  
VINCENT & GAYLE SANTUCCIO    03-05-1984

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.

CLARENCE DARROW  
RANDALL JACOBS  
RICHARD FRIEDEL  
JAMES POSSIN  
JEFFREY BANZ

JOHN HUYTEN  
KENDALL SCHWARTZ  
LANCE JOHNSON  
PATRICK LOOTENS

Please call F.S. Tarre Kroft if our records need updated.



**ST. PIUS BLOOD DRIVE**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Pius X Catholic Church/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

**Monday, April 13th**  
**(2:00 pm to 6:00 pm)**  
2901 24<sup>th</sup> St. Rock Island

**Please contact Louie Alongi at 309-235-6796 to sign up to donate.**

**Last date to donate elsewhere: 2/17/20**

Please eat & drink before donating and bring a photo ID.

St. Pius X Parish and the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Spring Blood Drive on 4/13/20, the Monday after Easter. I am asking ALL "Blood Donor Knights" from all our area parishes to participate. We are still trying to honor the memory of Fred Luckenbill with "100 or more" blood donations. Our donation records for Fred:

♥ 4/2/18 = 96                      ♥ 10/29/18 = 76  
♥ 4/22/19 = 84                    ♥ 10/14/19 = 74  
♥ 4/13/20 = .....

**I ask you to help honor Fred with 100 or more!!!**

Fred put in about 40 years, on and off, heading up the St. Pius X parish Blood Drives. Please contact me SOON at 309-786-9625 or E-Mail [alongilouiev@gmail.com](mailto:alongilouiev@gmail.com) to set -up an appointment between 2:00 - 6:00, at Farrell Hall Gym on 4/13/20.

Thank you. Louie Alongi



**ID DRIVE CHECK PRESENTATIONS**



Greg Schneider with Director at Skip-A-Long  
Grand Knight & Chris VanSpeybroeck  
at Children's Therapy  
Principal and Admin Assistant at Horace Mann

**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:

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 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          |
| MARY GREEN              |                  |
| MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS    | AT HOME          |
| LARRY HINZMAN           | FRIENDSHIP MANOR |
| CHARLES HOOD            | AT HOME          |
| LEO KELLER              |                  |
| DEAN LACKEY             | AT HOME          |
| MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ |                  |
| 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.



27 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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| AUGUSTINE THANG  | MATTHEW PARKIN   |
| JOSEPH SCHAECHER | RICHARD EDWARDS  |
| JOHN LEE         | JOHN SHOWALTER   |
| CALVIN ASKELAND  | REV JOHN VANWIEL |
| MICHAEL MUSICK   | MICHAEL ROMAN    |
| LAWRENCE HINZMAN | ANDREW GUZZO     |
| JOSEPH BURNS     | BRIAN CASEY      |
| DONALD HENDRICKS | JAMES WELLS      |
| JAMES CORYN      | DANNY MULLE      |

## **RICHARD FRIEDEL**

**March 25, 1938- February 10, 2020**



ROCK ISLAND - Richard Norbert Friedel, 81, of Rock Island, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at Silver Cross Health Care Center, Rock Island following a long and courageous battle with a neuro-degenerative disease.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island.

Entombment was at Calvary Mausoleum, Rock Island. A rosary was recited at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Knox Chapel of Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 2106 7th Ave., Rock Island. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Chapel. Memorials may be made in care of St. Pius X Catholic Church, Alleman High School or Jordan Catholic School, all of Rock Island.

Dick was born in Fond du Lac, Wis. on March 25, 1938, the eldest son of Norbert and Leone (Wood) Friedel. Following graduation from St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac, he served active and reserve military duty in the U.S. Army. In 1961, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. A lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, he sold Pabst Blue Ribbon beer at Lambeau Field while in college.

He married Marlene J. Kordick on Oct. 16, 1965 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Des Moines, Iowa. After their wedding, they settled permanently in Rock Island, where they raised their two children, Jennifer and Thomas. Marlene died on Nov. 11, 2018.

Dick was employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative by Smith Kline & French Laboratories, which later became GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) through a series of corporate mergers. In 2003, he retired from GSK after 38 years of service. He then worked as a part-time driver for Hot Shots Nuclear Medicine in Davenport, Iowa.

He was an active member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, where he sang in the adult and funeral choirs and was a perpetual adoration volunteer. He was a member of the Allouez Council 658 Knights of Columbus, Edward J. Bader Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was recognized by his council as Knight of the Year (1967) and Senior Knight of the Year (2009).

Always ready with a smile and a funny story, Dick never forgot a name or detail about someone he met. He enjoyed hunting and watching sports -- especially football. He left behind a legacy of faith, hard work, determination and love of family.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Jennifer (James) Sautter of Blue Grass, Iowa and their sons, John and William; son, Thomas (Dana) Friedel of Dubuque, Iowa and their children Monica and Joseph. He is also survived by his siblings, Ronald (Sandy) Friedel of Brown Deer, Wis., John (Jennifer) Friedel of Green Bay, Wis. and Julie (Tom) Petrie of Fond du Lac.; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Marlene; parents; brother, William and infant sister, Mary Therese. Richard's family would like to extend

a special thank you to his caregivers from Silver Cross, Hospice Compassus and Home Instead Health Care.



### **DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

[See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions.](#)

***Do the Four Squares Surrounding the Cross on the Front of the Ambo Have a Meaning?***

St. Pius installed a new Ambo recently. It is beautiful and it appears to have been made specifically for that sanctuary. Shortly after it was installed, I got the question about the four squares that surround the cross. I suggested taking a closer look at them. They contain the figure of a winged man, a winged lion, an eagle, and a winged ox. My questioner was now even more confused.

The Ambo by liturgical tradition is reserved for the proclamation of Sacred Scripture and the homily which opens up scripture to our hearts. Within scripture, we find Ezekiel's vision of heaven (Ezekiel 1:1-21). There he

describes seeing four creatures (the winged man, winged lion, winged ox, and the eagle) sparkling 'with a gleam like burnished bronze'. In John's vision recorded in Revelation (4:6-8), we see the same creatures singing "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, He who was, and who is, and who is to come!"



When considering these images which occur in both Old and New Testament, St. Irenaeus likened them to the four Gospel writers because of their particular focus on Jesus.

St. Matthew is represented by the winged man because his gospel highlights Jesus entry into the world. It relates His family lineage, His Incarnation, and birth. "This then," according to St. Irenaeus, "is the Gospel of His humanity; for which reason it is, too, that the character of a humble and meek man is kept up through the whole Gospel."

St. Mark is represented by the winged lion because he begins by referencing Isaiah 'I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: a herald's voice in the desert, crying, "Make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path.'" To St. Irenaeus, the voice in the desert reminds us of a lion's roar. The lion is also a symbol of royalty which is appropriate for the Son of God.

St. Luke is represented by the winged ox. The ox was a sacrificial animal in the temple. St. Luke begins his Gospel with Zechariah, the priest. He includes the parable of the Prodigal Son where a calf was slaughtered in joy. This parable foreshadows the joy we experience when we are reconciled through Jesus' self-sacrifice. The winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord.

St. John is represented by the eagle. John begins his gospel with the theologically lofty prologue; "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning." John's gospel alone among

the four presents the reader with the most profound teachings of our Lord such as the Bread of Life discourse. Jesus describes Himself as “the way, the truth, and the life” and promises that those who embrace Him will rise to life everlasting.

According to the writings of St. Irenaeus, “*The first living creature was like a lion*” symbolizing His effectual working, His leadership, and royal power; “*the second was like a calf,*” signifying His sacrificial and sacerdotal order; but “*the third had, as it were, the face as of a man,*” — an evident description of His advent as a human being; “*the fourth was like a flying eagle,*” pointing out the gift of the Spirit hovering with His wings over the Church. And therefore, the Gospels are in accord with these things, among which Christ Jesus is seated.

Since St. Irenaeus, these four icons have become traditionally representative of the four Gospel writers. The depiction of the four living creatures reminding us of the Gospels truly is fitting for the front of the Ambo where the Good News is proclaimed.



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](mailto:rpswim@mchsi.com), phone 786-3097.



### **PRO-LIFE MESSAGE**

In my recent reports given on my attendance to the **2020 March for Life** to our Council Officers, our Assembly, and my Council membership, I mentioned that President Trump was the first President to attend the Rally on the Mall prior to the March for Life, in person and is actually the most Pro-Life President we have ever had. . . . much to the chagrin of some of my Brother Knights that may not care for him. I know that politics aren't proper for our Knights meetings and we're asked to leave our politics at the door, but I'm just stating facts, **(Abortion should not be a Political issue)** and hope to help all Knights understand why it is important to know these facts to better understand what lives are at stake when they are neglected. One thing I failed to mention was that during the March for Life, Attorney General William Barr and an Associate from the Dept. of Justice stood on his balcony of the Dept. of Justice Building in D.C. waving to attendees of the March and encouraging us on. **One doesn't understand how inspiring it is to know that we finally have such support amongst the highest offices of the land, and not just being ignored, or even despised. . . .**

**Pro-life leaders everywhere agree that the sheer amount of pro-life activity undertaken by the Trump administration has far exceeded all expectations.** However, what I find remarkable is that this activity includes initiatives that won't grab big headlines in the media, but that are having a dramatically positive impact on the ground. **These sorts of pro-life initiatives can't be ascribed to cynical politicking or electioneering, since in many cases even relatively well-informed pro-life**

**Americans won't even know about them or appreciate their importance.**

**Case in point:** Several weeks ago, the administration hosted an international strategy conference about **how to promote the pro-life case at the global level. Representatives of 34 different countries attended.** This included ambassadors, ministers, and other government officials. At the conference, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Alex Azar delivered a blockbuster pro-life speech.

Secretary Azar did not couch his words in the sterile and ambiguous diplomatic language that infects international politics, but rather laid out a crystal-clear agenda. ***"I stated this fact at the United Nations this past September, and I'll repeat it here: that there is no international human right to abortion,"*** he said. ***"On the other hand, there is an international human right to life".*** He added: ***"President Trump has been clear, at the U.N. and on the world stage: Health care exists to improve health and preserve human life—the universal goal we all share."*** **As Knights of Columbus we should all be willing to take this stand as well.**

**This conference comes months after the administration spearheaded a coalition of countries to oppose the anti-life and anti-family agenda at the UN summit marking the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo.** That summit took place in Nairobi in November. Pro-lifers were dismayed that the proceedings were ***rigged to exclude pro-life voices.*** **But the United States wasn't having any of it. In a statement with ten other countries, the U.S. affirmed that there is "no international right to abortion" and registered their protest against the use of "ambiguous" language such as "sexual and reproductive health and rights" in the summit's documents.**

**You probably didn't hear a whole lot about the heroic pro-life efforts at the UN summit, or the Trump administration's recent pro-life conference.** There's a simple reason for this: most people (including the media) don't pay very close attention to international politics. Up to a point, this is understandable. It's challenging enough to stay informed about the political goings-on in our own country, let alone the nuances of what's happening in the conference rooms of international bodies like the United Nations. And yet, the most-informed pro-life leaders (***including, it's worth mentioning, St. John Paul II***) know that the opaque and often-tedious bureaucratic maneuvering at the UN and other international political bodies has enormous (***and often enormously sinister***) practical consequences.

**Many anti-life and anti-family global elites have selected international bodies such as the UN as their vehicle of choice for pushing radical social change.** The reasons for this are myriad. In the first place, since so few ordinary citizens pay attention to what happens at the UN, it's often possible to push through a radical agenda with minimal grassroots pushback. In the second place, it's efficient. One single change made at the international level can potentially lead to numerous changes downstream, at the national level. For instance, push through a single

document at the UN declaring that there exists a global “right to abortion” and suddenly anti-life, pro-abortion, and pro-population control politicians everywhere have the tools they need to pressure their countries to liberalize abortion laws – to get “in conformity with international standards” (often, it should be noted, with the implicit threat of losing financial aid hanging over their heads if they don’t).

HHS Secretary Azar lucidly exposed the way leftists are using the UN to strong-arm sovereign nations into adopting pro-abortion laws. “If the other side’s goal of making abortion an international human right becomes a reality, it will mean all countries with laws protecting the unborn will be in violation of international human rights laws, with all the consequences that could carry,” he lamented.

“I am sure you are all familiar with the constant drumbeat in the halls of the United Nations and the WHO to normalize the terms ‘sexual and reproductive health’ and ‘reproductive rights.’ What reproductive rights are they talking about? In this context, it is increasingly becoming clear that some U.N. agencies and countries want this to mean unfettered access to abortion, and we cannot let this threat go unanswered.”

**These are astonishingly strong and encouraging words**, and yet we have several states in this country, including our own, that have passed laws that allow abortion up until the moment of birth and some wish to include even after birth, when a baby survives an abortion attempt. We have policies and laws in this nation that are the most liberal and tragic in the entire world. Only a few nations have unrestricted abortion laws than we do, China being one of the few!

I wonder just how many human babies this administration has saved, and will save given the chance, hundreds of thousands of lives, perhaps millions.....how does that compare to what we as individuals are doing as Catholic Christian men?

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director

Thank you Brother Knight Jack Swan for your messages on this issue. Andrew J. Olson



**AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER (MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>)**

The Italian-American Society and the R.I. Knights of Columbus are having their annual "Authentic Italian Dinner" on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at Farrell Hall (St. Pius X Parish). The Italians will be in the kitchen and the Knights will serve this Authentic Dinner from 4:00 - 7:00. This year for the first time, a DJ will provide "Italian Music" in the Gym area for listening, dancing, or just visiting. A Bar will be available to purchase wine, beer, or soda. Italian treats such as cookies and pastries, will be available to purchase.

If you enjoy "Authentic Italian food" then please "save the date" call your friends, and have a taste of Italy! There will be a letter mailed to all Knights of Columbus and their families about mid-March.

*Arrivederci!*

Godfather Louie, Dinner Chairperson



**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**Monday, April 13th**

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- 9 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Happy Easter!
- 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
- 23 Dinner with Our Clergy, Riverfront Grille Social 5 pm & Dinner 6 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
- 9 Italian Dinner with Music, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 4 to 7 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 Care Link Collection After All St. Pius Masses  
5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Civic Awards Dinner, Holiday Inn, Rock Island 5 pm social hour & 6 pm Dinner
- 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 Care Link Collection After All St. Pius Masses  
5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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