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JUNE

Upcoming Events (Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, Families and Friends

Great news to start with. We will be getting back to somewhat normal in June. We will be having our officers meeting at Farrell hall on the 8th. We will follow up with a general meeting on the 18th of the month. The general meeting will be for the election of the 2020 to 2021 officers.

A couple of requests I have of the membership. First up is Bridies for Charites. As you may know the John Deere Classic has been cancelled. We are still collecting donations, so please send in a pledge card. Instead of putting an amount of birdies to be made, put in a donation amount like \$20, \$30 or \$50. Deere will still match the amount we collect by an additional 5%. This is one of our major fund raisers for Coats for Kids and the Toot-si-Roll drive.

Second up is the adoration chapel. Msgr has decided to get the chapel up and running on a limited basis. Andy and Mindy Olson are heading up this process so please call Andy to set up a time to be at the chapel; more details on page 3.

Upcoming events for 2020:

- Aug. 15th Fish fry
- Oct. 5th Blood Drive
- Oct. 11th Columbus Day Banquette
- Oct. 17th Trivia Night

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

Vivat Jesus! *Chuck Gibbs* Chuck Gibbs, GK



QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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*Appointed

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights,

Due to the extended *Governor's Lockdown policy and delayed reopening of our Churches for the State of Illinois*, our scheduled **June Summer Social** will not be able to be held. At this time I have asked to reschedule it for (the first Thursday) July 2nd. I am unable to get confirmation on scheduling the Believer's Together Center so we will play this on a day to day basis until we are able to reserve the facilities. If we cannot reschedule in July, the Summer Social will be canceled.

If we are able to reschedule our Celebrant will be our Faithful Friar, Father Duane Jack with Deacon Russ Swim assisting. A short meeting will be held to nominate and elect our new Officers afterwards and a Social will start at 6:00PM.

Dinner will be held at 6:30 PM, consisting of Stuffed Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, tossed salad with cottage cheese and fruit salads, white and wheat rolls, with Apple Crisp and Vanilla Ice Cream for Desert. Doesn't that all sound delicious!!! We need a count for this dinner, so please send me your RSVP as soon as possible at kofc658@gmail.com or call me at 309-593-2756, leave a voice mail if I'm not available. Cost will be \$18.00 per person. For the original June date, I only had (15) reservations, so hopefully this will improve.....for those that did reserve, please renew that reservation for the July date to affirm that you will attend.

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 the **Social Baldric** and White Gloves. **I learned at the semiannual Masters meeting (on Zoom) it is not acceptable to use any part of the new uniform with the old tux uniform, meaning no berets, or sword and service baldric.** 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: <https://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 a white 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.

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 your request to Comptroller Bud Phillis and he will make a voucher to our Purser to write a loan check to you and set up the repayment schedule with you.

The next scheduled 4th Degree Exemplification is in Peoria on Nov.14th at the Spalding Renewal Center. Remember, we must comply with submittal requirements and deadlines, and all funds will be forfeited if the candidate cancels.

Please know that I'm praying for each of you and your families during this very difficult time. , stay safe and healthy and we will see each other again soon. God Bless!!!

Faithful Navigator, Father Bader Assembly #1922
kofc658@gmail.com 309-593-2756

P.S. Important: May 27th it was announced that the founder of our Order, Father Michael McGivney, will be Beatified. Click the link below to learn more about this exciting news!!!

www.fathermcgivney.org/en/for-the-media/michael-mcgivney-closer-to-sainthood.html

ANNIVERSARIES

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

MICHAEL & MARLO DOYLE	6/1/1974
WILLIAM & BARBARA WALZEM	6/1/1946
JEFFREY & JUDITH SCARPINATO	6/3/1989
JAMES & JOANN MACK	6/13/1981
ROBERT & BETTY VANDEVOORDE	6/20/1959
TRENTON & LINDSAY KULIG	6/21/2008
ARNOLD & MARY GREEN	6/23/1951
FRED & MARY ORTH	6/23/1956
ALAN & JOLENE MASSIE	6/28/1986
LOUIS & LINDA ALONGI	6/29/1968

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
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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.



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

MATTHEW ALONGI
GARRY HIRD
MICHAEL MIHM
JOHN BOSSO
WILLIAM DEAN
JOHN MARSHO
ACHIEL DUPONT JR
CHRISTOPHER DASSO
DARILLE STARRINE
JOHN WALSH

PAUL SCHMITT
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CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
SAMUEL COLLINS
TIMOTHY STEINES
MICHAEL HEALEA
CHARLES BARBARO
DONALD SMITH
LUKE VANLANDEGEN

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



ITALIAN DINNER CANCELLED

After meeting with Society Officers and couple of Knights the past couple of weeks, it has been decided to cancel the 9/12 (tent. date) Italian Dinner and re-schedule for April 2021. Society members are looking forward again, in April, to join with the Knights, to raise funds to support the charities of both organizations. Thank you. ARRIVEDERCI !!! CIAO !!!

Louie Alongi, General Chairperson
Society President and proud Knight



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

[See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions.](#)
Must I Really Believe in Purgatory?

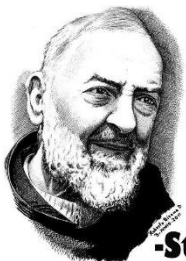
There is an underlying question here that is really disturbing. The under-lying question is ‘must I believe all that the Church teaches to be Catholic’? Tragically, the idea that it is valid to pick and choose what parts of the faith will be accepted or rejected has become more prevalent in the later part of the 20th century. For example, we see it in the public square demonstrated by politicians who claim to be faithful Catholics but do not accept the teachings of the Church on the dignity of life.

Faith is a decision of the will. The decision is to either believe or not to believe. Faith can also be described as belief seeking understanding. That is, we believe something is true but don't necessarily understand why. Our responsibility then becomes digging deeper into the teachings in an effort to understand. If we are to believe as Catholics, that means accepting the totality of what the Church teaches in her dogmas and doctrines. We believe those are divinely revealed.

When I entered the Church in 1970, I had problems with the dogma of purgatory. I spent a very long time studying and praying about it in order to deepen my understanding. But from the first, I had to take the position that if the Church says it is true, then it is true and I need to work on it.

Actually, Purgatory is a great relief to me now that I understand it better. We know that when we leave this life, we are going to one of two places; Heaven or Hell. Purgatory is not a third destination. It is a place of final preparation to enter Heaven and come

face to face with the Beatific Vision. Until my soul is perfected and is in the state of full holiness, I cannot enter the presence of Perfect Good and Perfect Love.



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.
-St. Padre Pio

Some reach that state in this life and we call them Saints. The rest of us have work to do. Some of that should be accomplished in this life but what remains will be accomplished in Purgatory. There are two things to deal with: our attachments to sin and to the things of this world that get in the way of loving God and atonement for the sins we have committed.

While we may not leave this life as Saints, we can enter Heaven as Saints thanks to Purgatory.



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.



CHARITY FOR ADORERS

The St. Pius X Adoration Chapel will open back up for limited hours starting Friday, June 5th. We need volunteers to help make this possible & the Knights of Columbus is a great resource of charity to help make this happen.

Volunteers would be in the Church lobby & open the outside door for **scheduled adorers** (limit 4 unless family), sign people in on the iPad with a tap, & wipe down surfaces between hours. A **mask is required**.

If you are able to help, please email AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com or call 563-484-4AJ0 (4256) if you have questions or comments.

[Click here for more information & to see the open volunteer slots](#); thank you to Dave Bileddo for volunteering for the Thursday 4 to 7 time slot; Dave also signed up as an adorer from 3 to 4 on Thursday.

[Click here to sign up as an adorer](#) or contact Mindy Olson: GreatAndini@sbcglobal.net or call/text 309-912-0339.

In Christ,
Andy Olson



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Most women understandably feel some degree of guilt about having an abortion. After all, abortion is a grossly unnatural act, and people who believe in God (as most aborting women do to varying degrees) have difficulty justifying the deliberate killing of a child that they know was willed into existence by Him. But not all people believe this way.

I have a Catholic friend (not a Knight) who for years has told me that Abortion is Okay, for the baby goes directly to heaven. So do aborted babies go to heaven? In short, there is no definitive way to know. Sacred Scripture and Revelation tell us nothing about the fate of unbaptized infants. Even if they spend eternity in a place like Limbo where they are perfectly happy, to deprive them of the Beatific Vision of God would be a horrible injustice. In other words, we cannot know the disposition of these children's souls, so we must not justify killing them in a misguided attempt to “send them to a better place.” Those who assert that abortion is a kindness to some children are also forgetting several other important points.

First, just because we are born into poverty or difficult family circumstances doesn't mean our

entire lives are going to be spent this way. Every one of us has the opportunity to better our circumstances — but that chance will cease to exist if we are aborted. The list of presidents, military leaders, sports heroes, multimillionaires, media personalities and movie stars who began their lives in poverty is endless. To abort a child because the mother’s circumstances are difficult is the ultimate statement of despair and is an offense against hope. It is also grossly materialistic, assuming that our personal welfare or status is our highest calling in life. Of course, for those who do not believe in God and Heaven, we can invert this question. If Heaven is a fantasy, and if this life is all we have, then abortion steals everything a child is going to have, whether it is good or bad. This makes abortion a horribly cruel act, even for those who do not believe.

Second, even if a child never escapes poverty, he or she has the opportunity to better the lives of all of those around them. All of us are called to care for others by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the afflicted, etc., truly the Knights principle of charity. The true measure of a person is not how much money or how many possessions they have, it is how much they care for those around them. Happiness is everyone’s goal, and it comes from giving, not possessing.

Third, many abortions are performed for actual or *perceived* birth defects sometimes as trivial as cleft lip or palate. Unfortunately many women simply believe that handicapped children are better off dead. But we have all heard many stories about how a handicapped child has brought unexpected blessings to those parents who choose to let her live. The most common such story involves children with Down syndrome, 90% of whom are aborted. A major 2011 study of the attitudes of people with Down syndrome and their families, published in the *American Journal*

of Medical Genetics, revealed that 99% of parents loved their DS son or daughter, 97% were proud of them, and 79% felt their outlook on life was more positive because of them. 99% of people with Down syndrome were happy with their lives, making them the happiest identifiable group of human beings in existence. 96% of their brothers and sisters said they loved their sibling with DS, and 94% said that they were proud of their brother or sister with Down syndrome. There are twenty-five willing couples waiting for every “unwanted” adoptable baby, including babies with Down syndrome.

Finally, the assertion that aborted unborn babies go straight to Heaven is an excellent argument for infanticide. In fact, we occasionally hear about incidents where parents have murdered their infants or toddlers and claimed that they were “sending them to a better place” so that they could escape difficult circumstances on Earth. If we can kill an unborn child to save them from a difficult life, why can’t we kill a small child for the same reason? A child with a birth defect is still a child — no matter how serious his or her disability. With our limited intelligence and vision, we cannot even *begin* to perceive the intricacies of God’s plans for our own lives, let alone His intentions for a child who has not even been born yet.

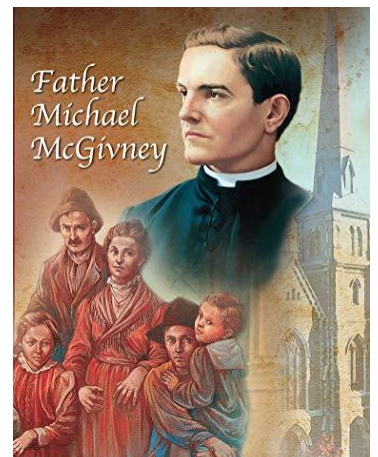
In summary, Christians believe that aborted children are happy after they die, whether or not they are in the presence of God. However, aborting them is not an acceptable way of getting them there faster. The Slippery Slope to Infanticide presents us with even more evil. If it is not right to “send them to a better place” when they are two or three years old, it is not right to send them there by killing them before they are born. Why is this so hard for so many to understand?

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVENEY

God, Our Father, protector of the poor & defender of the widow & orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life & to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life & virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of Charity & 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 & 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 FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

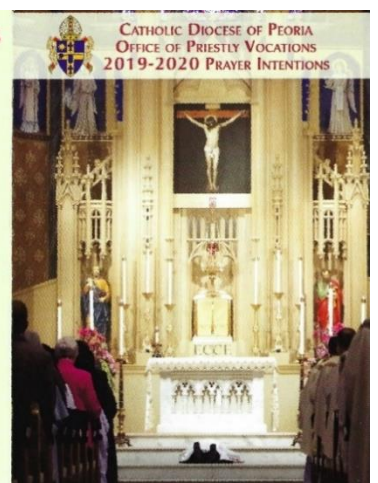
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“AS A SLEEPWALKER WILL NOT AWAKEN TO EVERY SOUND BUT WILL OFTEN RESPOND WHEN HIS NAME IS CALLED, SO THE SOUL IN SILENCE HEARS THE DIVINE VOCATION AND AWAKENS — FOR THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS SHEEP BY NAME.”
— VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Mary, St. Therese ever turned to you in love, telling you her desires in simplicity and trust, and begging you to speak of them to Jesus. With her, we ask you to offer our prayers to your Son for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. Place within the hearts of men and women a love which is strong enough to lead them to devote their lives to the service of the Church. Help them to respond to your Son’s call with a love that will spend itself in service to their brothers and sisters.

ST. THERESA, PATRONESS OF VOCATIONS, PRAY FOR US.



JUNE 2020**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2020****4th Degree ½ Earlier**(Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

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

JULY

- 2 (Tentative) 4th Degree Summer Social, Believers Together Center, Moline Mass 5 pm, Meeting, Social 6 pm & Dinner 6:30 pm
 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
 15 Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X TBA
 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
 30 Care Link Collection After All St. Pius Masses
 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
 17 Confirmation Italian Dinner, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X TBA
 23 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

OCTOBER

- 5 Fall Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm
 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
 11 Columbus Day Banquette TBA
 17 Trivia Night TBA
 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
 14 4th Degree Exemplification, Peoria, IL
 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

APRIL 2021

- TBD Italian Dinner with Music, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 4 to 7 pm



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GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)
2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)
2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE OR EMAIL

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive every single penny of the donations from this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Your pledge is based on actual number of birdies scored.

I pledge \$ _____ one-time donation
OR \$ _____ per birdie

If 2,000 birdies are made, my total pledge would be:

1¢ = \$20	3¢ = \$60	5¢ = \$100
2¢ = \$40	4¢ = \$80	10¢ = \$200

I guessed _____ birdies would be made



GRAND PRIZE:

2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX



One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2020 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by July 10, 2020.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.