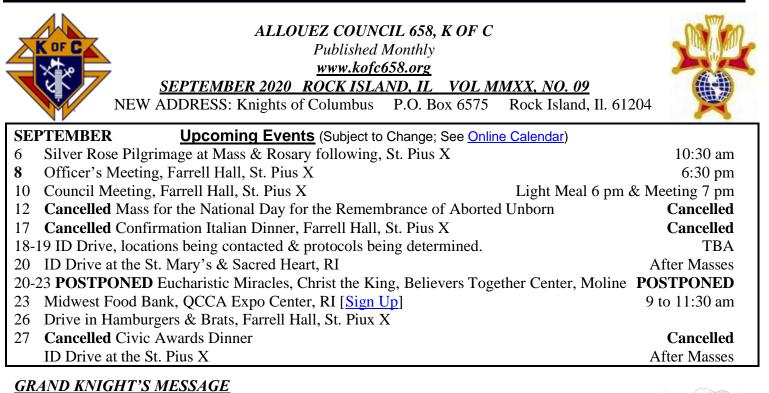
# ALLOUEZ ABSTRACTS



### Brother Knights, Families & Friends

August showed that when we put our minds to it, we can come up with some fantastic remedies to the new challenges we face. Thanks to the leadership of some great Knights, Lance J., Andy O., & Stanly T. They put a great team of Knights together to pull off the Great **Drive by Fish Fry.** We received many great compliments on the food & not too many complaints about the hour wait.15 minutes before we opened, we had a line that stretched all the way out to 24th Ave. Thanks to everyone who participated. Now that we had such a success with that project, can anyone say Burgers & Brats.



Yes, we can. After the financial success of the drive by we are going to follow up with the drive in. Do not know about you but the old drive in A&W Root Beer brings back some rather good memories. That is if you our old enough. So, stay tuned for a call for your help on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to attend the 10:30 mass on September 6<sup>th</sup>. St Pious will be receiving the Silver Rose as it continues its journey from Canada to Mexico. The Silver Rose is an annual event for the Knights, parishioners, & community members to pry for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of nations, & for the advancement of the message of our lady of Guadalupe. There will be a rosery following the mass.

Now for some tougher news. Mass for the unborn, Italian dinner for our confirmation candidates, awards banquet for the police officer & fireman of the year, & finally as if that is not enough our Columbus Day banquet are all postponed until further notice. All do to the restrictions we have because of the up tic in COVID 19.

## Upcoming events include:Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Silver Rose

• Sept.26<sup>th</sup> Drive in Hamburgers & Brats.

Brother Knights, our next Officers' Meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Tues., Sept. 8th at Farrell Hall. Our next Council Meeting is Sept 10th also at Farrell Hall. As usual, on the 10th 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 & 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

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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,

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paration. we ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



30 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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Please call F.S. Dick Hunt if our records need updated.



# Donald K. Beck, 92, of

Moline, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday, August 15,

2020 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline. Visitation was at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1st St A, Moline. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center or please donate in Don's name.

Don was born April 18, 1928 in Nashua, IA, the son of Lee C. & Helen T. (Bullen) Beck. Growing up, Don helped his father farm corn & beans with horses & also raised cows & hogs. He graduated in 1946 from Nashua High School where he missed almost half of his senior year due to helping on the family farm after his father fell ill.

Don married Betty Baldwin on June 21, 1952 in Charles City, IA. She preceded him in death on September 30, 2004.

Don helped on the family farm before working as a yard foreman at a Charles City, Iowa lumber yard. In 1957, Don & Betty moved to Moline so Don could work at J.I. Case, Bettendorf. He later worked at Priester's Construction retiring in 1990 after 30 years.

Don was a member for over 50 years of Knights of Columbus 4th Degree & Labor Union Local 309. He was also a member of the Moline American Legion Social Club where he & Betty devoted much of their time working the fish fries & bingo. Don enjoyed hunting, making & giving away bird houses & hundreds of collapsible wooden baskets decorated as fruit & animals. He enjoyed helping his children renovate their homes. He was always willing to help friends & family no matter what the job was.

Survivors include his children, Pam (Herb) Anderson, Moline, Don (Paula) Beck, Tulsa, OK, Tim (Denise) Beck, Leesburg, FL, Bill Beck, Moline, Roger (Michelle) Beck, Hampton, IL, Lori (Tim) Wilson, Moline & Debbie (Ron) Elliott, Davenport; grandchildren, Bria, Jennie, David, Paul, Justin, Keith, Kyle, Elise, Mitch, Emiley, Nick, Haley & Taylor; 18 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; sister, June Franzen, Nashua, IA & special friend, Esther Gibson, Moline. He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Beck & sisters, Beth Bahlman, Velma Oleson & Lois Eckenrod. Through the trials & tribulations of life, Don was very appreciative to have such supporting friends & family.

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#### **VOCATION RAFFLE REPORT**

A big thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets in support of Vocations already. Most of the funds collected are already in the capable hands of our Treasurer.

Last year we took in a total of \$2,047.00. So far this year we have collected \$1,490.00. So we have a ways to go. But I feel positive that we can get it done. If you did not get or have misplaced the raffle book I sent, I have some extra books. Please contact me & we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Again Thank You & continue to pray for all those who are considering a religious vocation.

Vocation Raffle Chairman

Jim Wieland 309-948-5534



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

Due to the unfortunate event of Deacon Swim's hospitalization, the September abstract is missing a large & wonderful section of content. Deacon Russ has been answering our questions for many, many years now. See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions just since I've been helping with the abstract.

Deacon has always been there for us to answer our questions, now it is our time to answer a question for him. Will you send a card and/or notes of encouragement to Deacon Russ as he recovers from a stroke? **Hopefully, he will be home by the September 11, so please mail accordingly.** 

#### Cards may be mailed to:

Deacon Russ Swim Room 532 Unity Point Health Trinity 2701 17th Street Rock Island, IL 61201 Deacon Russ Swim St. Pius X 2502 29TH AVE Rock Island, IL 61201



I'm sure Deacon would still love to have you drop a question. Questions (and or cards) may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or email to Deacon Russ Swim, Assistant Chaplain, <u>rpswim@mchsi.com</u>.

Thank you, Andrew Olson, Abstract Coordinator



#### PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Do you know why it can be so hard to learn the truth about human life issues? Because the culture of

death works from the top down. They take control of the Supreme Court, Political Parties, the media, medical organizations, & any other authority they can get their hands on. Their goal is to convince you that you are all alone in the fight for life. We are not alone!

Over the past decade one political party has been careening towards the radical left, occupied these days by an intolerant cabal of ideological extremists whose main concerns include the unrestricted right to choose an abortion, whether toddlers are being sufficiently affirmed in their "transgender" identity, & how to expunge every person with the slightest conservative leaning from any position of power or prominence. As if we needed any further proof of this party's extremism, we now have a woman nominated for Vice President who believes Catholics are, by definition, unfit to be judges. Expletively if you are a Knight of Columbus, you shouldn't be allowed to be in Government at all.

In one of the most troubling episodes in recent politics, in 2018 this Senator grilled a Catholic district judicial nominee in Nebraska on his membership in the Knights of Columbus. In written questions, she asked Brian Buescher whether he was aware that the Knights "opposed a women's right to choose" & "opposed marriage equality" when he joined the group. One of her same party colleagues went even further, asking Buescher whether he would quit the Knights – to which millions of Catholic men belong – "to avoid any appearance of bias."

This party has made it clear that this administration will not merely be an *ally* to the abortion industry, but will do everything possible to *promote* abortion & to hurt the pro-life cause, up to & including using law enforcement to harass & even jail pro-life activists. It's no surprise, then, that Planned Parenthood gushed about the choice as VP in a statement last week. "Throughout her career, she has been a steadfast champion for reproductive rights & health care," Planned Parenthood said. "With this selection, it has been made clear that he is deeply committed to not only protecting reproductive rights, but also *advancing & expanding them.*"

"Advancing & expanding." Perhaps Planned Parenthood was thinking of her plan to pass legislation that would require pro-life states to *ask permission* of the federal government before enforcing new pro-life laws. Or perhaps they were thinking of the California bill she sponsored that required pro-life pregnancy centers in the state to give their clients information about (in other words, to advertise) free or low-cost abortions. (The Supreme Court later struck down that law.)

Of course, abortion is hardly the only moral issue on which this ticket is worlds away from the truths taught by the Catholic Church. Both for instance, have officiated at same-sex "weddings." As California Attorney General, she simply refused to do her job & defend the law – Proposition 8 – that banned same-sex "marriage." Last year, during the Kavanaugh hearings at the Supreme Court, she called *Obergefell* – the activist decision legalizing samesex "marriage" – "one of the great moments in the history of the Supreme Court." Name a radical progressive position on just about any issue, & it's almost certain that they support it. This Debate needs Catholic voices.

This ticket & their allies would like to see conservatives of any stripe pushed to the margins of society. Precisely for this reason we need, more than ever, Catholics, believing Christians, & other people of good will who are willing to forcefully assert their right to live their beliefs, & to defend them in the public square. The battle lines are clearly established. The culture of death is "rewriting" the human story, successfully teaching a new vocabulary & grammar. A false idea of freedom as the capacity to do whatever one wants, rather than to do what is right, is being cemented into the public mind & is being imposed by coercive forces & ideologues. If unchallenged, this new worldview will inevitably undermine all structures of society.

If Catholics fail to enter the public debate, leaving these realities unchallenged, what happens? The upcoming national elections are a vital component in this story. Will this society "vote" for a platform that seeks to further advance nefarious anti-life & antifamily ideologies, or will it have the courage to stand against the extremely progressive political tide, defending truth about the inviolable dignity of human life, natural marriage, family life, human sexuality, & religious freedom?

This ticket appears to believe that a believing Catholic cannot be impartial in political matters, & is therefore disqualified from public office. Of course, no one is "impartial" in these matters. We all approach politics with certain *a priori* principles. The reason we have the political process, & protections for free speech & religious liberty, is in order to create the conditions in which we can evaluate whose principles are *true*, & whose

principles would better support the common good. In addressing the wider culture & society, Catholicism is a voice that makes genuinely public arguments, deploying a vocabulary of universal moral truths, truths that are rooted in reason. Through this vocabulary it forms the faithful in truth, calling every disciple to bear witness to this truth in their daily lives, households, workplaces, associations, cultural activities, &, yes, also in their political lives.

This party in question believes that the unborn child is not a person & does not possess the right to life. This is sheer bigotry, unsupported by science or reason. And yet, they believe a Catholic man should not become a judge, because he belongs to an organization, our Fraternal Order, the Knights of Columbus, which defends the right to life of all!

We have every right to vigorously oppose this bigotry, & to enshrine the truth in law. The culture of death is a cancer that if left to its own evil intent will consume not only itself, but us with it. I am very much concerned by what I am seeing & how our families & human life will suffer even more so if we do not defeat the culture of death & expose its nefarious vocabulary & grammar. It will not only be the baby in the womb, the sick & elderly, the poor, & the disabled that are endangered, but every person's life will be threatened by this insidious disease. As citizens, believing Catholics, & pro-life & pro-family activists, it is crucial that we educate ourselves & others on the details of the positions of the various candidates, recognize the high stakes, & vigorously & unapologetically expose & oppose the extremism of those politicians who oppose the truth on life, family, faith, & freedom.

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director

#### <u>PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION</u> <u>OF FATHER MICHAEL J.</u> <u>MCGIVENEY</u>

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 holy will. Through his vour intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

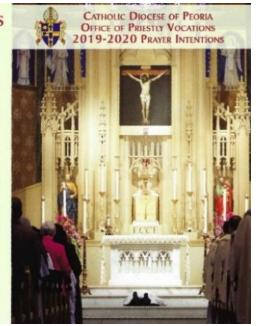
#### DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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. THERESE, PATRONESS OF VOCATIONS, PRAY FOR US.



SEPTEMBER 2020(Subject to Change; See Online Calendar)6Silver Rose Pilgrimage at Mass & Rosary following, St. Pius X10:30 am
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8 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
10Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius XLight Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
12 <b>Cancelled</b> Mass for the National Day for the Remembrance of Aborted Unborn <b>Cancelled</b>
17 Cancelled Confirmation Italian Dinner, Farrell Hall, St. Pius XCancelled
18-19 ID Drive, locations being contacted & protocols being determined. TBA
20 ID Drive at the St. Mary's & Sacred Heart, RI After Masses
20-23 POSTPONED Eucharistic Miracles, Christ the King, Believers Together Center, Moline POSTPONED
23 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up] 9 to 11:30 am
26 Drive in Hamburgers & Brats, Farrell Hall, St. Piux X
27 Cancelled Civic Awards Dinner Cancelled
ID Drive at the St. Pius X After Masses
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 arr
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, Spalding Center, Peoria, IL
18 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]9 to 11:30 ar
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
10Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius XLight 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 X4 to 7 pm



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