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DECEMBER

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

7 POSTPONED Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

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10 POSTPONED Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

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16 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)]

9 to 11:30 am

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

We will be postponing both our Officers mtg. and our General mtg. for December. Due to a lack of activity in both November and December and the increase in COVID-19 infections. The officers will continue to work on internal matters. If anyone has something they feel needs to be addressed, please contact me or any of the other officers and we will do our best to give you an answer.

As a side note and a sign of the times, last weekend I received 108 requests for financial assistance. Since about the middle of November those requests have totaled over 250. I do take the time to read and consider each one. I will be passing the ones that meet the 4 pillars of our organization on to the Grants and Donation committee.

Let me end with a prayer for all of us. (by Bob Hostetler)

Lord Jesus,
the day of your nativity approaches,
the day on which we commemorate
your birth,
your condescension,
your humble incarnation.

Please help me and mine
to approach that day
with reverence and awe,
mindful of your holiness and beauty,
and grateful for the privilege
of finding your love. Amen

Vivat Jesus!
Chuck

Chuck Gibbs

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

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4TH DEGREE MEETING NOTES

The Virtual Exemplification was the big focus of the month. Being the first one to be done state wide and having 94 move to the 4th degree in the Southern District. An email was sent by Master Mattix-Wand on how well it went even after a slow start on connections. There was an announcement by the Master of another 4th Degree Exemplification coming in February? That update will come as soon as it is sent out so we can prepare and sign up men for this event.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has got everyone asking questions about meetings. As of the present time with the cases on the rise and having no clue how it is being transmitted is any ones guess. Until there is a safe and effective way to meet there will be only the Executive Board that will be meeting with the smaller number to keep Social Distance and Mask Wearing requirements.

As we move forward on the response that the members were requested to fill out the communications will improve through their emails along with the 4th degree members that have requested the US Mail System.

Speaking of which the response that was sent back with the Bi-Laws amendment question that all members will be assessed the fee in order to keep the Memorial Fund solvent for years to come was overwhelming accepted.

Dues Notices will be mailed out shortly with the new data information and should be received the by the end of the month.

If any 4th degree member knows of any other 4th degree member that needs to be notified and has been overlooked please bring his contact information to the Assembly's attention.

The Assembly's Comptroller has stated we have quite a few 4th degree members that are delinquent one and some two years on paying their dues. If this

continues and the Assembly has not received payment within the 30 days requirement to remit the dues notice requirement the member will be notified that he has forfeited his membership to our Assembly.

Monsignor Merdian and Fr. Luke had a tip of the beret (no more Chapeaus) to the Honor Guard for their participation in the Allouez Council Memorial Mass held at Sacred Heart. Thanks to Ray Wells all the 4th degree members who attended.

Kenneth Maranda

**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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| 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 |
| MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS | AT HOME |
| LARRY HINZMAN | FRIENDSHIP MANOR |
| CHARLES HOOD | AT HOME |
| DEAN LACKEY | AT HOME |
| MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ | |
| LOUIE MACK | |
| NORMA MANNING | |
| DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO | AT ROSEWOOD |
| SUE SCHAECHER | AT HOME |
| JACK SHOWALTER | AT HOME |
| DEACON RUSS SWIM | 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.



28 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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| TIMOTHY SMITH | JOHN RODTS |
| PATRICK KERNAN | JAMES CECIL |
| MARCUS CORTEZ | TRENTON KULIG |
| WILLIAM TACEY | DR. GREG SCHNEIDER |
| MARK TEELE | RAYMOND MILLER |
| ROBERT KULIG | JOHN KUSTES |
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| ROBERT SPALDING | GREGORY VOGELE |
| FRED ORTH | DOUGLAS DUESMAN |
| DR. ROBERT MILAS | JOHN WRIGHT |
| SAMUEL DOAK | FRANK LUCAS |
| JOHN PHILLIPS | CRAIG BENISCH |
| RICHARD HUNT | REV. SCOTT POTTHOFF |

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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| ROBERT & CAROL SPALDING | 12/7/1996 |
| JAMES & SALLY CECIL | 12/14/1970 |
| WILLIAM & ANNA AXUP | 12/22/1955 |
| JEFFREY & LINDA BARNES | 12/27/1969 |

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. Dick Hunt so he can put it in our records or correct our records.

VOCATION RAFFLE REPORT

A big thank you to all who participated in Our 2020 Vocation Raffle. You bought 119 books this year and donated an extra \$144.00. Were down about 6 books from last year, but considering the strange year were having I am really grateful for your response. The drawing is coming soon and I hope I can publish one of your names next month. Money accumulated is used for support of the Knights RSVP program. During the last week I was able send a card and check to [Nick Conner](#), [Ben Schoonmaker](#), and [Luke Olson](#) three seminarians we support at this time. Again thank you for supporting this great cause. Jim Wieland Vocation Raffle Chairman



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING 12/04

Thank you to the following volunteers who will be ringing the bell at Hy-Vee, Rock Island. May God bless you as God works through you to bless others.

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| 10am Jerry Schroeder | 3pm Dick Hunt |
| 11am Rick Cervantes | 4pm Jim Wieland |
| 12pm Kevin Houser | 5pm Jeremy Goffrier |
| 1pm Dave Sullivan | 6pm Kevin Barton |
| 2pm Andy Olson | 7pm James Britton |

Godfather Louie, Bell Ringing Chairperson
(alongilouiev@gmail.com or 309-235-6796)



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Some exit polls have stated that **62% of Catholics voted pro-life** in the last presidential election. That would be an encouraging event but as of the date of this writing, we still do not know who will be our next President. Former VP Biden has vowed to overturn a Trump administration executive order protecting the Little Sisters of the Poor from having to pay for health insurance that covers contraception and abortifacient drugs. Forcing Catholic Consecrated Religious Women to fund abortion – this is the depth and quality of Biden's supposed tolerance! Certainly, a Biden administration's tolerance and compassion will not extend to unborn children either, whose lives they view as valueless. Biden and Harris have vowed to enshrine Roe v. Wade in federal law.

By voting for the Democrat platform, it seems that one out of two voting Americans believe that murdering unborn innocent children is acceptable, as is the most extreme version of the LGBT agenda, with its advocacy of such insanities as child transgenderism, and enforced transgender policies in grade schools. Sadly, should Biden ultimately prevail, these evils will not be contained within the boundaries of the U.S. but transmitted through state policies to a great majority of the developing world, as we saw under the Obama administration, devastating many international pro-life advancements achieved over the last three and a half years.

Biden and Harris are completely incapable of restoring unity to the country, simply because their extremist ideology is anything but unifying. With all that said, however, I believe that in the midst of the extraordinary confusion of this political moment we must take a deep breath, and put things in perspective...that is, in the *eternal perspective*.

The best thing about being a Christian is that our loyalty to a transcendent Power liberates us from slavery to temporal principalities and powers. **Whatever happens in the realm of politics, Christ is always and everywhere our king.** If our favored politician wins, Christ is king. If our political enemy wins, Christ is still our king.

The children of this world look to worldly princes to create a paradise on earth. Inevitably, they are disappointed. Scripture admonishes us to take a different view, a longer view, a transcendent view. **“Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save,”** says the psalmist.

Whatever the outcome of the U.S. election, the role of Christians will be exactly the same – to hope in Christ, and to work with the same determination to further the aims of His kingdom. However dismaying the outcome of this election may appear to us, we have no right to give in to our feelings of despair or hopelessness. Such feelings are temptations. Christians do not live according to the vicissitudes of history; we transcend them, living in the security of Christ’s victory.

There are two reasons for our hope: Firstly, as mentioned above, we know that Christ has already won the victory. In moments like this, when it seems that the enemies of Christ are advancing, our freedoms threatened, and the vulnerable at greater risk of grave injustices, we can lose sight of this truth. But *it is* the truth. **Our emotional responses to the transient events of the political world must be tempered by our eternal hope. We have no right to despair.** Indeed, saintly Christians have faced far worse, and yet done so in a spirit of extraordinary peace and hopefulness.

The **second reason** for our hope is less theological and more practical: that is, even if we do lose the presidency to the radical anti-life left, this does not mean that opportunities to advance the pro-life and pro-family cause are gone. Far from it.

In recent months, you may have seen many Democrats claiming that, in fact, abortion rates fall *faster* under Democratic presidents than Republican presidents. This simply isn’t true. It’s Democratic propaganda designed to lure disillusioned

Republicans into justifying casting their vote for Biden. However, there *is* a seed of truth in the claim. The fact is that abortion rates have been falling steadily for several decades now – during both Republican *and* Democrat presidencies. In fact, the abortion rate in the U.S. currently sits at *historic* lows.

However, rather than indicating that in some paradoxical fashion pro-abortion Democratic presidents are better for the pro-life cause than pro-life Republican presidents, what this fact does do is point to the incredible success of the pro-life movement in advancing the pro-life cause, even in hostile circumstances. During the Obama presidency, the legal arm of the pro-life movement passed literally *hundreds pro-life laws* at the state level. Meanwhile, the social arm of the movement continued expanding the number of crisis pregnancy centers, reaching out to women in crisis pregnancies, including arming them with ultra-sound machines from the **Knights of Columbus** and others and saving countless children in the process.

Of course, we never *want* a pro-abortion president. A president has vast executive powers that can be used in, for instance, exporting the pro-abortion cause globally, putting all the wealth and power of the U.S. government in service of this cause. Nevertheless, it remains within our power to view a pro-abortion presidency as a challenge, even as an *opportunity*: an opportunity to strengthen our resolve to fight for the unborn children using every means at our disposal, instead of simply putting our trust in, or relying on the efforts of those in positions of power.

That is precisely how we must respond to a Biden presidency, if it comes to that. We can count on the Biden administration doing everything it can to make life difficult for social conservatives and Christians. They will rescind all of Trump’s pro-life executive orders. They will push for additional funding for abortion overseas. Well, let them try. We’ll show them what we’re made of, fighting back in state legislatures, in pro-life pregnancy centers, in prayer vigils in front of abortion clinics, in the halls of the UN: “[W]e shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender...”

A Biden administration will re-inaugurate the Obama era, but we must take advantage of what has been accomplished, use it wherever possible, and be determined to fight the good fight. The Trump administration has done a lot of good, for which we must be grateful. But politics is fickle, and we should never depend solely upon a federal administration. It is up to each of us, in our own unique capacity, to defend and fight for a Culture of Life and for the family, and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Above all, we must pray for our country.

We are engaged in a spiritual battle. The wounds of this nation are rooted in sin and the rejection of God. As this election has proven, we are deeply divided. The only way for us to move forward and transform secular culture and its hedonistic values is for the Catholic Church, Judeo-Christians, and all peoples of religious belief to live in word and deed authentic faith as taught by the Word of God.

By being salt and light, we can restore the sanctity of human life, the sacredness of human sexuality within the covenant of marriage, family life, rights of conscience, and religious freedom. There are those right now who are giving in to despair and trying to make us afraid of the next four years. What will happen to our country, to our freedoms, the gains we have made under a Trump administration? And even if Trump does win, how can he make any progress in the face of the bias of the media, the extremism of progressives, the stonewalling and undermining of powerful global forces?

We must not listen to them. Instead, we must recall the constant cry of Pope St. John Paul II, and the scriptural authors: "Be not afraid!" Or, as Padre Pio frequently repeated, "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" That is true wisdom. Biblical wisdom.

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



ID DRIVE PHOTOS

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1NgdsWSnHm4EboZF8>

The first is Jim Wieland at the 7-11. Second is Brendan Swim at the RI Hy-Vee. The third through fifth photos is Greg Schneider presenting the checks to Black Hawk Area Special Education Center, Fr. Levitt for SPEC at Christ the King, and ARC of the QCA.



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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVENEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

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- 3 4th Degree Officers Meeting, St Ambrose Parish Center, Milan TBA
- 7 POSTPONED Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X POSTPONED
- 10 POSTPONED Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X POSTPONED
- 16 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

JANUARY 2021

- 4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 14 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 31 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

MARCH 2021

- 1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

APRIL 2021

- 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
- 17 Italian Dinner, St. Pius X, Farrell Hall 4 to 7 pm
- 24 Knight of Knight Banquet and Mass, Christ the King TBA

MAY 2021

- 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
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

JUNE 2021

- 6 Civic Awards Dinner, TBA TBA
- 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

JULY 2021

- 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

AUGUST 2021

- 2 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 12 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 29 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 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

OCTOBER 2021

- 4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 14 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 31 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

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