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## FEBRUARY

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

1	Major Degree, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6 to 6:30 pm
	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
10	Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI <a href="#">[Sign Up]</a>	9 to 11:30 am
11	Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	7 pm

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

I have waited to write this month's journal entry in hopes of having final numbers for Right to Life project. As you all know January is the month for our Right to Life breakfast that supports one of our major fund raisers of the year. I am glad I waited, looks like we will be reaching the \$5,000.00 mark. To the best of my knowledge, we have never distributed this much to our agencies. I want to thank all the Knights who contributed to this project. I also want to thank Dick H., Rick C., and Dean L. for their hard work to make this such a success.

And the good news keeps on rolling. We will be having both the officer and general membership meetings live and in person. There will not be a meal before the February general membership meeting. No upcoming events for February.

- Officers meeting Monday Feb. 1st at 6:30
- General Membership meeting Feb. 11th at 7:00

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

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck

*Chuck Gibbs*

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### ANNIVERSARIES

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

GIUSEPPE & ANGIE CONICELLA	2/9/1952
MARTIN & SHEILA HERMAN	2/12/1983
JOHN & PAMELA VERONA	2/14/1970
JAMES & CHERYL RICHARDSON	2/17/1968
DARILLE & SUSAN STARRINE	2/17/1984
CALVIN & BEV ASKELAND	2/19/1977
DENNIS & PAMELA DEMAUGHT	2/23/1980
RMR RUSSELL & PAM SWIM	2/27/1971

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



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

RICHARD TIPTON	JOHN MALONE
GERARD HUISKAMP	ROBERT LAWRENCE
RAYMOND SAELENS	NICHOLAS ANDERSON
REV FRANCIS GALLAGHER	RICHARD SELLO
BRIAN YUSKA	ARNOLD GREEN
ANTHONY FORLINI	JEREMY GOFFRIER
JEROME O'LEARY	BRIAN WEGERER
SHWE KYIN	ROBERT ANDERSON
MICHAEL PORUBCIN	LUKE OLSON
PETER DI LULIO	LOUIS MACK
VINCENT SANTUCCIO	REV THOMAS GIBSON

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

**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:

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
LANCE JOHNSON	AT HOME
DEAN LACKEY	AT HOME
JOSEPH LAZIO	HOSPITAL
MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ	
NORMA MANNING	
DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO	AT ROSEWOOD
SUE SCHAECHER	AT HOME
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME
DEACON RUSS SWIM	AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON	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.

to our Brother Knights to send a donation to help support the Quad Cities pro-life agencies.

Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus Allouez Council 658 (note Pro-Life in the memo).

Please send to: Allouez Council 658  
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**PRO-LIFE MESSAGE**

In the chaos that characterized the end of 2020, many people missed one of the most important – and discouraging – stories of the year. In the waning hours of 2020, the Argentinean Senate voted 38-29 to legalize abortion-on-demand up to the 14th week of pregnancy. The Chamber of Deputies had passed the bill a few weeks earlier.

And so, one more nation falls to the culture of death.

The scenes from Argentina in the moments after the Senate vote was announced were reminiscent of the scenes from Ireland in 2018, after the vote to repeal the 8th Amendment, which had banned abortion in the “Catholic” country. As in Ireland, the pro-abortion crowds gathered in the streets of Argentina, screamed and shouted and wept, hugging one another in raptures of joy. Imagine, joy for the “legal” ability to now destroy innocent life created by God.

As someone who *knows* that the unborn child is a living human being, as deserving of the right to life as you or I, it is difficult to reconcile these scenes of happiness with the reality of what had just occurred. People were openly celebrating the “right” to kill other human beings. They were shedding tears of joy over this “progress.” Sound familiar?

If only those pro-abortion activists knew what they had just unleashed on their country! In one fell swoop they had just undermined the entire foundation of the edifice of human rights, and potentially paved the way for the further advancement of the culture of death in the region.

Argentina’s new law doesn’t just decriminalize abortion; it declares abortion-on-demand in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy an **international human right**. It refers to ‘gestating persons’ instead of pregnant women. Girls as young as 13 will be able to get an abortion without parental consent under the new law. Sound familiar?

In addition, the law erodes conscience rights, making it illegal for nurses or doctors to try to convince a woman not to get an abortion. All of these policies will once again be prominent in our country as well!

Argentina only legalized abortion after an intense pressure campaign from wealthy and powerful developed nations. Argentina was urged to legalize abortion by Germany, France, and Norway, and another half-dozen countries in the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2017, when it last reported on its human rights record. The United States did not pressure them, because we had Pro-life representatives in international positions. Since January 20<sup>th</sup>, that is no longer the case and the USA will now pressure additional countries to change their laws for legalization of abortion or risk not receiving your tax dollars as aid.

**2020-2021 VOCATION SUPPORT**

PROGRAM WINNERS JANUARY 16, 2021

AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1ST	\$10,000 LEONARD WALEJEWSKI	10151
2ND	\$2,500 VINCENT KLINGER	665
3RD	\$1,000 CHRISTINA MUNSON	6090
4TH	\$1,000 DAVID FLOOD	4977
5TH	\$1,000 BRYAN KENNEDY	1334
6TH	\$1,000 MELVIN ADALIN	1567
7TH	\$500 MR. & MRS. EDWIN J. ZUBER	1352
8TH	\$500 GREG & NANCY BOYSEN	4977
9TH	\$500 SULLIVAN	
10TH	\$500 K. W. DECKER	6710
11TH	\$200 MARK HALPER	11091
12TH	\$200 GERARD & EILEEN HEBLE	5918
13TH	\$200 KYLE HOLTGRAVE	16126
14TH	\$200 JIM KEENAN	460
15TH	\$200 JEANETTE A. MARKS	13476
16TH	\$100 WANDA PRITCHARD	9890
17TH	\$100 VUCKO	1599
18TH	\$100 RICH THOMAS	15175
19TH	\$100 FRANK & JEAN BIRNER	6090
20TH	\$100 MR. & MRS. GLENN MISSAGGIA	1599



**2021 PRO-LIFE PANCAKE BREAKFAST –  
CANCELLED**

January 22, 2021 marked the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court decision that establishes a woman's legal right to an abortion. Sadly, due to the restrictions related to COVID-19, we will not be holding our annual pro-life pancake breakfast. However, we believe it is still vitally important for the Knights to continue our support for the local pro-life agencies. We are making an appeal

In addition, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had made legalizing abortion a condition of repackaging Argentina's out of control national debt. In other words, powerful international forces had blackmailed Argentina into sacrificing its unborn children, in exchange for financial benefits. We will once again become the blackmailers too!

In general, Latin America remains strongly pro-life. Only a few nations allow abortion, and even then, abortion is typically only legal in a certain number of cases. However, international pro-abortion forces believe that once they can get a foothold on the region, then perhaps they might see a domino effect, with other nations soon following suit.

All human rights originate in the immutable and innate dignity of the human person. In our times, evil forces are working tirelessly to degrade the fundamental uniqueness and inviolable dignity of every human person, most especially the child in the womb.

Is killing a human right? If killing an innocent child in the womb is a "human right," then the same right gives us the permission, the right, to arbitrarily kill someone outside the womb. There is no distinction. Mother Teresa spoke of this issue: "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell people not to kill one another?"

A child in the womb is an independent life, separate from the life of the mother – just like a person walking alongside us on the street. By denying the right to life to an entire class of its most vulnerable citizens, Argentina has opened the door to all manner of human rights abuses, and to societal and family breakdown. They will be following the

lead of the United States under pro-abortion regimes as we have seen in the past and our witnessing again, yet 50% of US Catholics seem to be just fine with this.

"It was painful. Very painful," one pro-lifer said of the vote to legalize abortion. "I think the best we can do is to fight this battle till the end. The worst thing is to consider how many years this new battle is going to take, and how many babies are going to die because of this law, and how many women are going to be broken because of abortion."

Pro-life activists, like those in Argentina, are the true civil rights heroes of our time. Despite facing powerful and well-funded international pro-abortion forces, they retain a spirit of hope and determination. The same is true here in the United States, and in so many nations around the world.

Though the culture of death is dominant in so much of the world, we know that death will not have the final word. "O grave, where is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" wrote St. Paul to the Corinthians. The culture of death has claimed, and will claim, many lives. But it is not the final word. For, continues St. Paul, "thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



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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 2021**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

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

- 1 Major Degree, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6 to 6:30 pm
- Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 10 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 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
- 10 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 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
- 19 KofC & St. Pius X Parish Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm
- 21 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- 18 Day of Remembrance, Calvary Cemetery, R.I. 9 am

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

**NOVEMBER 2021**

- 1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 6 Deceased Members Mass, St. Pius X 4 pm
- 11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm

**DECEMBER 2021**

- 3 KofC Bell Ringing/Salvation Army, Hy-Vee, R.I. 10 to 8 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



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