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MARCH Upcoming Events (Subject to Change; See Online Calendar) Arrive ½ Hour Earlier

Watch for information on Jordan Catholic School's Fish Fry; the Knights of Columbus has been asked to help.

1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

6:30 pm Arrive 9:30 am, Starts 10 am

4th Degree Exemplification, St. Ambrose, MilanMidwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]

9 to 11:30 am

11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

Meeting 7 pm

19 Honor Guard for Solemnity of St. Joseph, St. Pius X

Mass 7pm

23 Insurance Fraternal Benefit Night, Farrell Hall, St. Paul Mtg. Room, RSVP Yordy 563-529-6582 6:30 pm

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights, Good Day,

Due to April 1st being Holy Thursday, the next meeting date April 15th, 2021 at 6 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Center.

While we are well into one (1) year (give or take) with COVID and with the new Variants that is being talked about I am staying cautiously optimistic about moving forward with the Assembly meetings. With that said, the next meeting date is April 15. I am inviting the members to the St Ambrose Parish Center in Milan for an in Person to Person meeting. Not to discredit opinions on increased mobility by people and business's opening up that are easing restrictions on health and safety issues. We should respect one another with Social Distance and Mask wearing.

Jerry Fowler has forwarded this invite by email and regular mail with a summary of the last Executive Board meeting. If you know members without email access please let them know.

I must say that the Virtual Major Degree that Dave Yordy put together went real well. We hope to have more of them welcoming new members to our Councils.

We are having the second Virtual Exemplification this weekend March 6th. These are exciting times as we are growing our membership.

Thank you for the patience that we all need on moving forward and keep each others in our thoughts and prayers.

Just a quick note on St Patrick's Day Parade. It has been rescheduled in August. We will get back to you when we learn more?

Please RSVP as we might have limited seating available.

Have a pretty day,

Moose!!

Ken Maranda Faithful Navigator of Bader Assembly #1922

P.S. Msgr. Merdian has requested the Honor Guard on Friday, March 19, 2021 at St. Pius at 6.30pm for the 7.00pm Mass. The Solemnity of St. Joseph in the year of St. Joseph. Be in uniform and a black mask. P.P.S. See flyer in this abstract for more details on the 2021 Night of Knights.

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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Want to add/update your email address to receive the abstract? Have photos for the Council web site or articles (due 23rd) for the abstract? Are you an officer & want your name, phone, &/or email address listed? Contact:

<u>AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com</u> (563) 484-4AJO [4256]

myPARISH APP

We hope you are having a great Lent! The St. Pius X has great resources available through the myParish

App to help you on this journey to a greater conversion. Resources for Holy Week will be available in a few weeks. Download for iOS and Android https://myparishapp.com.



*Appointed



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

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

AUGUSTINE THANG
JOSEPH SCHAECHER
JOHN LEE
CALVIN ASKELAND
MICHAEL MUSICK
LAWRENCE HINZMAN
DONALD HENDRICKS
JAMES CORYN
CLARENCE DARROW
KENDALL SCHWARTZ
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JOHN SHOWALTER
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MICHAEL ROMAN
BRIAN CASEY
JAMES WELLS
DANNY MULLE
JOHN HUYTEN
LANCE JOHNSON
PATRICK LOOTENS

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



<u>PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY</u> 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
JIM CECIL
GENE FOWLER
JERRY FOWLER
JIM FOBERT
MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS
LARRY HINZMAN
AT HOME
AT HOME
AT HOME
AT HOME

LARRY HINZMAN
CHARLES HOOD
LANCE JOHNSON
DEAN LACKEY
JOSEPH LAZIO

FRIENDSHIP MANOR
AT HOME
AT HOME
AT HOME

MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ NORMA MANNING

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SUE SCHAECHER AT HOME
JACK SHOWALTER AT HOME
DEACON RUSS SWIM AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON AT HOME
BETTY VANDEVOORDE 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.

Please email AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com, call or text 563-484-4AJO [4256] to update.

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions. Where do we go from here?

The events of the last year or so should convince all of us that 'we aren't in Kansas anymore'. I will admit this line is getting a bit tired but it is a good reflection of life in our society today especially for those who take their faith in Christ seriously. This country was founded by Christians who believed the principles and virtues of their faith should be the foundation of society. Christianity itself has been increasingly denigrated since the later 60's and the last ten to fifteen years have seen rising levels of anti-Catholicism not seen since the Know Nothing movement of the mid1800's'.

Over the next few years we may expect to see considerable effort to get Holy Mother Church out of education, health care and social services. We are also seeing a parallel church emerging that is clearly intent on remaking the church in a fashion they believed to be more palatable, especially regarding the dignity and sanctity of life and the importance of the family.

So where do we go from here? First let me take you back to your Confirmation. You were gifted with the Holy Spirit to live the faith, evangelize those around you, and to defend your faith. That mean using 'Compassion always as we explain the beauty of what holds our hearts and never compromising' when it comes to the moral teachings regardless of the risks to our-selves

In order to do this we need to continue to deepen our love of the faith by deepening our knowledge of the faith, its traditions and history and we need to help our families and friends rediscover a sense of the Sacred regarding our holy Church. It is my objective through this question box column to help you in this endeavor.



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.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE 4/19

Hello Blood Donors......Yes, I am looking for a "donation" from you! NO! Not money.....just a Blood Donation.

Our Spring Blood Drive will take place on Monday, April 19th from 2:00 - 6:00 at Farrell Hall. The Blood Center is in charge, and of course, they will want everybody to wear masks and keep their distance accordingly. NOTE: The last Date to Donate Elsewhere is 02/22/21. Please eat before donating and bring a Photo ID. We are still trying to Honor our Friend Fred Luckenbill with 100 or more Blood Donations that count only at the Parish Drive. If you have never donated blood, or have not for a long time, please call me. Let's do this for FRED!!! Thank you. CIAO!

Godfather Louie will be calling you.....never disappoint a "Godfather!" Amen Brother!

Godfather Louie

309-786-9625 or alongilouiev@gmail.com

AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER 10/16/21

Hello: Knights of Columbus Members,..... With agreements from Officers of both the Society and the R.I. Knights of Columbus we will now have our "Authentic Italian Dinner" rescheduled for Saturday, October 16th, at Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Parish. Members from both organizations felt that the previous date in April was too soon for safely having the dinner without Covid interference. The Officers felt that a later Fall date would be safer for all those attending. I am asking you to mark your calendars accordingly for October 16th. Our Dinner will be expanding a bit into the GYM for "after dinner visiting" with Italian Music, Italian Sweets & Cookies, a bar with wine, Italian & American Beer, Pop & Bottled Water. The music, dancing & visiting is Free and encouraged, the other items will be available to be purchased to eat or take home. As always, the Italians will be in the 'Kitchen" and the Knights & their families will be serving the Authentic Italian Dinners! As we always say, IF you enjoy Italian food, this is the real thing with the "smells" of oregano and other spices of Italian kitchens!

As every year, the Society & Knights split the profits and donate their share to the Charities they support in our community. Members of both organizations will be contacted to help once again have a successful and fun event! On behalf of the Society, and the Knights, we thank you for your past support, and hope you, and your family & friends, will be able to join us on Saturday, October 16th for some great Italian food, music and fun!!!

We will get tickets and more information about the Dinner out as we get closer to October. Thank you.

Godfather Louie, General Chairperson for the Society and Knights of Columbus.



THANK YOU BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Due to the amazing generosity of our Brother Knights and our fellow parishioners at St Pius X, St Mary's and Sacred Heart, we raised \$6,000 for distribution to the four pro-life agencies we support in the Quad Cities:

- Quad City Right to Life (bottom left)
- Women's Choice Center (top center)
- Pregnancy Resources (bottom right)
- Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities



Each of the agencies expressed their sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Allouez Council 658 for this year's donation as well as our ongoing support over the years.

Dean Lackey, Rick Cervantes, and I would like to express our appreciation for the support of all the Knights that helped us in anyway during our after-Mass collection efforts.

Thank you,

Dick Hunt, Financial Secretary, Allouez Council 658



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

It is a difficult time for pro-life Catholics in America and worldwide, who are scrambling to figure out how to respond to the fact that the world's most powerful politician –the President of the USA – routinely touts his "devout Catholic Faith" while simultaneously promoting such intrinsic evils as abortion and a radical form of the LGBT agenda.

In the United States, fortunately, there have been several bishops—including the current president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—who have issued clear statements affirming Catholic moral teaching, and pointing out areas where the President is failing to live up to Catholic teaching.

As the sainted pope wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, it is diabolical even to suggest that the "right to abortion" amounts to anything like authentic freedom. "To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin' (Jn 8:34)." (*EV*, no. 20)

In light of the gravity of the violent attack on human life in abortion, there is simply no space for Catholics to defend laws that permit abortion, or the existence of a "right" to kill unborn children. Drawing a specious distinction between supporting "the right to abortion" and "defending abortion" makes as much sense as arguing that supporting "the right to engage in armed robbery" isn't the same as "defending" armed robbery.

"I repeat once more that a law which violates an innocent person's natural right to life is unjust and, as such, is not valid as a law," wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*. "For this reason I urgently appeal once more to all political leaders not to pass laws which, by disregarding the dignity of the person, undermine the very fabric of society." (*EV*, no. 90)

In the days since our new president took office, he has pursued what can only be described as an extremist pro-abortion and anti-family position. He has repealed the Mexico City Policy, which bans American taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortion overseas. He issued a statement celebrating *Roe v. Wade* and pledging to try to codify legal abortion in federal law. He also issued an executive order promoting transgenderism that pro-family activists warn will have dire consequences for privacy rights, conscience rights, and the future of women's sports. Furthermore, he has appointed an array of anti-life and anti-family activists in key administrative positions.

We have every reason to expect that this is only the beginning of the administration's four-year assault on life, marriage, family, and religious freedom. In light of this, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, recently stated that Catholic bishops have an "obligation" to speak out.

"The fact that the President identifies himself as a devout Catholic, while working to preserve and expand legalized abortion, even using tax dollars to fund abortion, presents a unique challenge to the Bishops of the United States," he said. "We must continue to speak to President Biden, as well as all Catholics, and even all Americans, about the truth of what abortion is. Abortion is not something to be celebrated, and it is not healthcare. It is the intentional killing of a child. To participate in abortion or to promote abortion is a grave evil."

None of this should even be controversial. As the Catholic writer Mary Eberstadt put it in a recent interview, "If we believe our Catholic faith, then the divides over abortion and related issues of Christian anthropology aren't just about politics. They are not mere exercises in Philosophy 101. There are souls on the line." She continued: These include the souls of the President, the Speaker of the House and every other leader who simultaneously invokes the Catholic label even as they spurn what it stands for. Meanwhile, their extraordinary public platforms raise the risks of misleading other Catholics and potential converts, all around the world. Those other people, too, have souls — and they, too, are jeopardized by false representations of the faith.

The ultimate test is this: Which pastoral approach makes the salvation of those souls more likely? The one that tells Catholic leaders their departures from foundational Church teaching are inconsequential, a matter of indifference? Or one that clarifies those teachings, including in public — thus applying the pressure that could lead to penitence, redemption and conversion?

We all need to regularly pray both for our political leaders – that they will repent and return to the Gospel – and for our bishops and other spiritual leaders – that they will have the courage to defend the truth, and to act as true shepherds of souls, adhering to St. Paul's appeal to Timothy, "[to] proclaim the word; be persistent whether it

is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:2)

I want to end this month's message in congratulating our membership, the parishioners at St. Pius X Church and especially to Brother Knights Dean Lackey and Dick Hunt for conducting a very successful Pro-Life Fund Drive in place of the normal Sir Knight Larry Quane Memorial Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast that we have held annually for decades. We are Knights and we support the Right to Life as our Church teaches. Thank you all for being Knights of Columbus and for all that you do!!!

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



INSURANCE FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT

I have made arrangements for us to have a KofC Insurance Fraternal Benefit Night virtual meeting presentation at St. Paul meeting room in Farrell Hal on Tuesday March 23 at 6:30 pm. I have attached the information flyer regarding the invited speaker, Tom Hegna, a "retirement income specialist". We are making this an open invitation for Knights and potential Knights and spouses. This meeting is part of the requirements for Allouez to be a Star Council

Space is limited so I need to know if you are planning to attend. Please reply if you are attending and how many.

Dave Yordy david.yordy@arconic.com



ID DRIVE CHECK PRESENTATIONS

Pictures from March 1st check presentations to the Children's Therapy Center and Skip-A-Long for the extraordinary ID Drive contributions from the Council. Each received a check for \$1,000.



Thanks
Greg Schneider





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.



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NIGHT OF KNIGHTS ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET





You are invited to join us in honoring these Brother Knights:

* Posthumously ** Local 2020 Honorees

Msgr. Mark Merdian Council #658 ** **David Yordy** Council #658 ** Deacon John Murphy Council #8321 **Bakhos Alwan** Council #427 **Daniel DePorter Council #12576 Edward Garrett Council #427** Carl Powell **Council #3507** William Miller* Council #427 **Paul Schmitt Council #10938** Robert Strupp **Council #12576** Scott Wiesbrook **Council #13103**

> Mass: 4:00 PM St. Pius X Church 2502 29th Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Social: 5:00 PM The Stern Center 1713 3rd Ave Rock Island, IL 61201

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00 each (Only the Honoree's dinner is paid for by the Chapter)

Menu: Roast Beef in Demi-Glace, Broasted Chicken, Sour Cream & Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Grandma's Green Beans (with Bacon & Onions), Fresh Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad with French & Ranch Dressings, Dinner Rolls, Cookies N Cream Fluff, Bottled Water, Cash Bar

(Children 10 & under Cost: \$20 each)

Please consolidate reservations for your council on one form. Include the names of ALL attendees on a separate sheet. Where possible, seating will be grouped by Council.

4th Degree Sir Knights, there will be an Honor guard at the Church. Please join us in uniform.

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1 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm		
6 4 th Degree Exemplification, St. Ambrose, Milan	Arrive 9:30 am, Starts 10 am		
10 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
11 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Meeting 7 pm		
19 Honor Guard for Solemnity of St. Joseph, St. Pius X	Honor Guard Arrive 6:30 pm, Mass 7pm		
23 Insurance Fraternal Benefit Night, Farrell Hall, St. Paul Mtg. Ro	om, RSVP Yordy 563-529-6582 6:30 pm		
APRIL 2021			
1 4 th Degree Meeting, TBA	TBA		
1 & 2 Help Clean after Holy Thursday & Good Friday Masses, St. Pi			
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		
15 4 th Degree Father Bader Assembly Meeting, St. Ambrose Parish	<u>-</u>		
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 Night of Knights Mass, St. Pius X & Banquet, The Stern Center, 1713 3rd Ave, RI Mass (St. Pius X) 4 pm, Social 5 pm, & Dinner 6 pm			
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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 5 th 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		
23 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
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		
21 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
AUGUST 2021	< 20		
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		
18 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
29 5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X SEPTEMBER 2021	10 am		
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		
22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
OCTOBER 2021	7 to 11.50 am		
4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm		
11 Columbus Day Dinner, TBA	TBA		
14 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm		
16 Italian Dinner, St. Pius X, Farrell Hall	4 to 7 pm		
20 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
31 5 th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am		
NOVEMBER 2021	- 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2		
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		
17 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		
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		
22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am		



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