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## APRIL

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

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19	KofC & St. Pius X Parish Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	2 to 6 pm
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

As some of you may have noticed we did not have our drive buy Fish Fry as scheduled. There really was not enough time to properly advertise the event. A new time has been set please notice the attached ad. Although we are partnering with Jordan school, we still need to have our own volunteers. As the time approaches watch your e-mails for times, that we need help on the day of.

On the upcoming Holy Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> degree will be providing Sentinel's at St Pius and Sacred Heart. Please contact Dave Yordy for further information.

We will be resuming the light meal before the upcoming General Membership meeting. The meal will begin at 6:45. On April 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting is at 7. Officer meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30 pm. Both are held at Farrell Hall.

Upcoming events for February:

- Fish Fry April 10th
- Officers meeting Monday April 5th at 6:30
- General Membership meeting April 8th 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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St. Pius X Catholic Church  
Blood Drive

**4/19/21**  
FROM 2 TO 6 PM

Thank you to all that have scheduled an appointment for the 4/19/21 blood drive. Please remember to arrive at your appointment time, bring photo Id and to eat prior to donation.  
Face masks required.



For questions or to sign up for an appointment please call Louie Alongi at (309)-235-6796 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)



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### ANNIVERSARIES

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

**DR ROBERT & MARY MILAS** 04-09-1974  
**JOHN & JILL REYNOLDS** 04-25-1998  
**MARK & JOANN TEELE** 04-30-1977

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.



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

<b>JAMES DEDECKER</b>	<b>MICHAEL TARPEY</b>
<b>MATTHEW SMALLWOOD</b>	<b>RMR TIMOTHY GRANET</b>
<b>BENJAMIN HOUTEKIER</b>	<b>KEVIN RAFFERTY</b>
<b>REX SCRANTON</b>	<b>LEO PINTON</b>
<b>CHARLES BISHOP</b>	<b>PAUL EGAN</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER MANDLE</b>	<b>MATTHEW KLAUER</b>
<b>MICHAEL CROWDER</b>	<b>DAVID HUBBS</b>
<b>MICHAEL TERRY</b>	<b>TERRY SCHROEDER</b>
<b>JOHN (THOMAS) LAWRENCE</b>	<b>ALVIN MARTIN</b>
<b>ANDY SHRAKE</b>	<b>STEPHEN SCHAECHER</b>
<b>DENNIS PAULEY</b>	<b>EUGENE FOWLER</b>

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:

<b>BEV CASEY</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>JIM CECIL</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>GENE FOWLER</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>JERRY FOWLER</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>JIM FOBERT</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>LARRY HINZMAN</b>	<b>FRIENDSHIP MANOR</b>
<b>LANCE JOHNSON</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>JOSEPH LAZIO</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>MARGARET &amp; JESSIE LOPEZ</b>	
<b>NORMA MANNING</b>	
<b>DEACON FRANK RANDAZZO</b>	<b>AT ROSEWOOD</b>
<b>SUE SCHAECHER</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>JACK SHOWALTER</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>DEACON RUSS SWIM</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>RICHARD TIPTON</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>
<b>BETTY VANDEVOORDE</b>	<b>AT HOME</b>

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](mailto: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.](#)

*Is it wrong to believe my loved one is a saint?*

With over 500,000 deaths from the coronavirus this year, most every family has been directly affected. And some of those who have been called from this mortal life are remembered and loved for their good saintly life. So the question asked 'Is it wrong to believe my loved one is a saint?' We believe that those who have died in union with Christ have been taken to be with God forever and we call them saints. There are over 10,000 saints formally recognized by the Church through her Canonization process, we know there are many more in heaven that have never been officially recognized for their sanctity. One or several of them may be your deceased family, friends, or loved ones.

Understanding the thorough process that goes into the Catholic Church officially canonizing a saint is very detailed and is not obviously done for everyone, it is not wrong to believe that a deceased loved one could possibly be a saint despite not having a formal canonization. In fact, everyone who is in heaven is by virtue of that fact, a saint.

When The Church, identifies a person as being in heaven and as having performed miracles to verify that they are in heaven, Holy Mother Church will then encourage us to venerate them and ask them for prayers. Canonization by the Catholic Church doesn't do anything for a saint in heaven, but is rather a benefit for the Church here on earth.

If Grandma is in heaven, she is a saint. She isn't canonized, doesn't have a feast day on the liturgical calendar, and isn't known around the world for her piety, but she doesn't need that she is already as glorified as she can possibly be and nothing we could add would change that. But it's for us the Church canonizes saints and holds them out as examples for us of men and women, boys and girls of heroic virtue.

So if you believe that your loved one may be in heaven, can you ask for their intercession?

We realize that we can never be certain in this life that someone is truly in heaven. Even if their soul has been saved, it's possible that they could still be in Purgatory. It's always good to err on the side of caution, therefore; we never want to stop praying for a deceased loved one, even if we have a belief that they could be a saint.

There are some people in my life that I have really strong presumptions that they are in heaven, but I don't know for sure. So continue to pray for them and always add, 'If you are already in heaven, please pray for me and intercede for this need.'

All you angels and saints, pray for us!



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](mailto:rpswim@mchsi.com), phone 786-3097.



### PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Objectively speaking, there is only one appropriate response to the news that a new human life has come into existence: gratitude. Every human life is such a miracle that we ought to be awestruck



every time we learn that a child has been conceived. *Every* child, without exception, is a gift from God and is to be welcomed, loved, and protected.

Subjectively, however, the reality is much more complex. We live in a world scarred by the effects of sin, including uncertainty, suffering, and death. As a consequence, even when the news of the conception of a child is met with joy, that joy is often mixed with fear and anxiety. In many cases, fear and anxiety overwhelm joy, so that the new life, instead of being welcomed and celebrated, is looked upon as a burden and a threat.

“Will the child be healthy?” “Will the mother be healthy?” “Will my spouse/partner be there to help raise this child?” “Are we ready to be parents?” “Can we afford a child?” “Will our child live a happy life, or will he/she experience much suffering?” “What about *my* life and *my* freedoms; how will this child affect those?”

These are questions that quite naturally occur to parents. Often, there are no good or easy answers. To bring a child into the world is an endeavor that is fraught with uncertainty. It is possible the child will *not* be healthy. It is possible that the child will bring financial hardship, or will strain the relationship of the parents, or challenge them in ways for which they are ill-prepared. It is possible, too, that the child will misuse his or her gift of freedom, living a life that adds to the suffering of the world, rather than alleviating it.

And yet, for all of that, every wise and healthy society has affirmed the goodness of parenthood and new life. Yes, there are great risks involved in welcoming life; but they are risks worth taking. There are legitimate fears and anxieties; but they are fears and anxieties worth facing. Life is good. Life is a miracle. Parenthood is a gift.

Indeed, at the very heart of the Christian faith is the embodied affirmation of this great truth: that human life is worth living and that no matter how great the uncertainty, no matter how great the possible suffering, life must be welcomed with open arms, and with great faith and trust. God Himself took on the human form and lived on this earth, showing us once and for all that human beings possess a dignity and value that far surpasses what can be put into words.

Last month we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph. St. Joseph stands for us as the emblem of the courageous father. Faced with mysteries far beyond his comprehension – the conception of a child through the action of the Holy Spirit – St. Joseph responded with absolute trust in God, assuming a task for which he was unquestionably “unworthy” and “unprepared.”

Who, after all, was *he* to act as foster-father to the God-Man? Who was *he*, poor carpenter as he was, to outwit Herod, or to shoulder the enormous responsibilities of providing a suitable life for the Virgin Mary and Christ? What fear, what anxiety St. Joseph had every right to feel! And yet, he trusted and embraced his vocation; he welcomed life.

Then we celebrated another solemnity, and one with even greater lessons and encouragement for those of us working to create a Culture of Life – the Solemnity of the Annunciation. When the Angel

Gabriel appeared to Mary, she too was anxious (“But she was greatly troubled at the saying”) and met the news with questioning (“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”). Surely, in that moment Mary also had some inkling of the great suffering that awaited her and her Son – that her own heart would be pierced by a sword, and that her Son would be rejected by the world.

And yet, her response was one of absolute trust in God’s goodness: “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:29, 34, 38)

The great tragedy of our society’s acceptance of abortion is that it trains men and women not to *face* their fears and anxieties with courage, but rather to look for the escape route. But in providing an escape route, abortion not only robs the child of life, it also robs the parents of the opportunity to grow in love, and to open their hearts to the gifts their child might have brought them.

“By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems,” Mother Teresa famously said. “And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

If only every mother and father the world over would respond to new life with the same trust as the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, abortion would be eradicated overnight! What a gift, then, the Church gives us in placing these two solemnities within a week of each other at the heart of Lent, punctuating this period of penance with two great, life-affirming celebrations.

Pro-life activists have long recognized the close connection between the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25 and their mission to ensure that *every* human life is welcomed, loved, and protected. For that reason, the pro-life movement in many countries has celebrated The Day of the Unborn Child on March 25.

Tragically, today, the atrocities against human dignity remain vividly manifest in the evils of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. Many in society approach nascent life with complete disregard, intentionally ignoring and rejecting the developing child’s inalienable human dignity. Moreover, the human embryo, the most vulnerable of our race, is often treated as a commodity, regarded as a mere object for medical and scientific research and advancement (a multi-billion dollar industry). An unborn child, however, is not just a blob of tissues or a clump of cells or an “it” or a “thing”, but rather from the moment of conception, a human boy or girl of incomparable value, a unique human person to be loved, respected, and defended.

May you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



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**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
- 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
- 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
- 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**

- 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<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
- 22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

**OCTOBER 2021**

- 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<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
- 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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## Knights of Columbus & Jordan Catholic School Drive-Thru Fish Fry



### When:

Saturday April 10 from 4:00-7:00 PM

### Where:

Jordan Catholic School & Farrell Hall  
(Enter parking lot from 31st avenue)

### How Much:

Option #1 & Option #2 are \$10.00

### What Else:

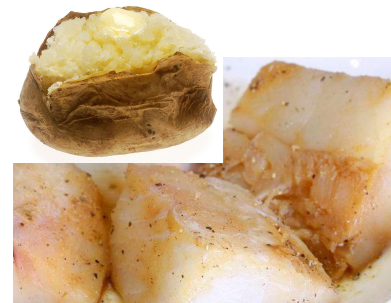
Both Meal Options come w/ green casserole, mac & cheese, cole slaw, & dessert



**Option #1**  
**Fried Fish & French Fries**

### Bonus:

- 6 packs of Bud Light & Miller Light cans on sale for \$5
- Separate purchase after picking up food
- Must be 21yrs. Old to purchase - valid ID needed



**Option #2**  
**Baked Fish & Baked Potato**