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MAY

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

3	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
6	Degrees	Contact Faithful Navigator Ken Maranda or District Deputy David Yordy
13	Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
19	Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
30	5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

The month of April was a lot better for activity. First, we had the Drive by Fish Fry. Thanks to all the wonderful people who braved the not-so-great weather to pull off another great event. Dave Yordy, Jim Wieland, Stanly T., Kevin Houser and James Britton and clan. I believe Jordan school will make over a \$1000 on this project.

Next up the Blood Drive. Due to Louie Alongi's hard work and persistence over the years. Louie hit the goal of 100 draws. Great work Louie.

We than finished off the month with the Night of Knights awards. I am not sure of the last time the dinner was held locally but it was great considering we honored two of our own. MSGR Meridian and Dave Yordy. Congrats to both of you.

Next month we will be having a Holy Hour on the 13th of May beginning at 5 PM as usual we will be having a meal and general membership meeting. See Upcoming Events for more May events and details.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck

Chuck Gibbs

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*Appointed



WE DID IT!!!

IN MEMORY OF FRED LUCKENBILL the St. Pius X Parish and the Knights of Columbus collected **107** Blood Donations!

Thanks to ALL those who were able to participate on April 19th at the parish hall. Seven persons deferred for health reasons.

Many have asked how many Drives did it take to reach "100+ to honor the Memory of Fred Luckenbill," since you asked:

PARISH DRIVES

04/02/18.....96	04/13/20.....84
10/29/18.....76	10/05/20.....90
04/22/19.....84	04/19/21.....107
10/14/19.....74	

A big Thank You to our "set-up and tear-down" crew: Rick Cervantes, Jim Wieland, Kevin Houser, Dave Yordy, and Tony Alongi.

The R.I. Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Parish, and Jordan School and proud to assist our community with the "Gift of Life" thru the efforts of the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and Donor Relations Consultant Rachel Saelens. Thank you.

Louie Alongi, Blood Drive Coordinator



ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the 21 couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

PAUL & PATRICIA EGAN	5/1/1959
JOHN & NANCY HARLOW	5/3/1980
MICHAEL & KAREN MIHM	5/8/1993
PAUL & ANNE CARTON	5/9/1980
DANA & CINDY KEIMIG	5/9/1981
PATRICK & LISA WEST	5/11/1990
DUNCAN & ELANA KRAMER	5/15/2004
JAMES & KAREN WIELAND	5/15/1965
MICHAEL & DEANN BELL	5/18/1991
RICHARD & PAMELA HUNT	5/19/1995
LARRY & CHERYL ADAMS	5/20/1972
JAMES & SUSAN O'DONNELL	5/20/2000
ROBERT & MARY JO PULFORD	5/21/1960
JAMES & GLORIA CORYN	5/22/1999
RICHARD & JUDI YEAGER	5/23/1964
ROBERT (KEVIN) & JULIE HOUSER	5/24/2013
KEVIN & MAGGIE SCHOONMAKER	5/25/1991
DAVID & KATHY JAKIELSKI	5/25/1985
GREG & KATHLEEN SCHNEIDER	5/26/1979
LOUIS & JOYCE MACK	5/27/1967
JESSE & MARGARET LOPEZ	5/28/1955

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.

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
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
MIKE (DON) HINDRICKS	AT HOME
LARRY HINZMAN	FRIENDSHIP MANOR
LANCE JOHNSON	AT HOME
JOSEPH LAZIO	AT HOME
MARGARET & JESSIE LOPEZ	
TOM LAWRENCE	TRANSITIONING TO HOME
NORMA MANNING	
TINA OLSON	AT HOME
SUE SCHAECHER	AT HOME
JACK SHOWALTER	AT HOME
DEACON RUSS SWIM	AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON	AT HOME
BETTY & BOB 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.



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

CRUZ ORTEGA	LAWRENCE BRANDENBURG
BEN LAYER	MARK VANNATTA
JOHN DEBLOCK	ROBERT LAMPERT
RYAN WOOD	ALBERT EVERHART
JEFFREY SCARPINATO	JOHN FARRELL
MONTE SCHWARTZ	BRENDAN SWIM
JAMES BAWI	RICHARD YEAGER JR.
ROBERT PULFORD	PHILLIP ROE
JEFFREY HOSKINS	ROBERT (KEVIN) HOUSER
ROBERT BROWN	JOHN DOAK
JOSEPH ALONGI	JOSEPH EDMONDSON
MIGUEL PUENTE	REV GREGORY JOZEFIAK
SHAWN MANNING	JERRY WINKELBAUER

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



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

[See the Abstract Archives for a list of past questions.](#)

What is the difference between heresy and schism?

In the past I have encouraged the members of the Council to ignore the secular media when they report about the Church and rely on faithful Catholic media like the National Catholic Register or EWTN. This is because the secular media typically has incorrect understandings of the Church and often feels it can dictate to the Church how she should exist and function in the world today. Unfortunately with what is happening in places like Germany we are now seeing the terms schism and heresy in both secular and Catholic media, these are terms which have not been seen since Humanae Vitae in 1968. So the question was asked of me recently what is the difference between heresy and schism because you often see both terms together and they are sometimes used interchangeably.

The terms are related in the sense that they are both attacks on the universal unity of the church they are distinct with fairly rigorous canon law definitions. We can make some general observations however. When I was in diaconal formation one speaker on Church history said we can get a general understanding by reducing the term schism to the phrase 'I will not obey' and heresy to 'I will not believe'.

Schism (from the Greek schisma, a cutting or division) is the cutting off of ecclesiastical union and unity. It is the breaking of the bond of subordination to Church authority often along with a persistent error directly opposed to a clear dogma.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined heresy as "a species of infidelity in men who, having professed the faith of Christ, later corrupt its dogmas" (II-II:11:1). Generally it is restricting belief to certain points of Church doctrine selected and fashioned at pleasure. Heresy must touch on the deposit of the Faith. As Catholics we are called to accept the whole deposit as proposed by the Church, but the heretic accepts only certain parts that meet with his own approval.

Thus heresy perverts dogma, while schism, through rebellion against the bishop or pope, separates one from the Church. Nevertheless there are few schisms which do not use heresy to justify

the departure from the Church. Practically and historically, heresy and schism nearly always go hand in hand, though they are distinct.



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.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Msgr. Merdian has asked our council & Honor Guard to assist with the June 6 Corpus Christi Procession at St. Pius X at 1 PM. We need four to help carry the canopy which is held over the monstrance with Jesus & two or three to assist with traffic around the streets.



VOCATIONS REPORT

Vocation RSVP checks and cards were sent out to Nick Conner, Ben Schoonmaker, and Luke Olson. We hope this financial support and your prayers will help them on their Journey to Priesthood.

Jim Wieland, Vocation Raffle Chairman



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Just a few days ago, a 23-year-old pro-abortion leader in Argentina died after a legal abortion. Argentina only legalized abortion at the end of last year, but abortion has already claimed the life of a young woman, not to mention thousands of unborn children. According to Live Action, María del Valle González López went to obtain the abortion on April 7 and was dead by April 11. Her abortion was performed using the abortion drug Mifepristone, also known as RU-486.

News of the young woman's death adds an even more tragic note to the recent decision by the present administration in our country to allow women to legally kill their unborn children in the privacy of their own homes, without ever having met with a physician, using RU-486. A woman now needs to meet only virtually with a doctor who can prescribe her the drug, which she can then obtain through the mail and self-administer at home.

Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock announced the change last week, claiming that the health agency had determined that allowing women to self-abort at home, with no medical supervision, posed no significant health risks. Immediately, an abortion group launched a new web site – Abortion on Demand – where women will be able to order abortion drugs in the U.S., to be delivered by mail. The “service” will mail drugs to women in 20 different states, at a cost of \$239.

Last year, abortion activists all over the world were cynically exploiting the COVID pandemic as an opportunity to expand abortion. As the world was being ravaged by the first wave of COVID, abortion activists began talking about the urgent “need” to make it legal for women to obtain abortion pills from home. Even the United Nation’s “Global Humanitarian Response Plan” (HRP) promoted at-

home “medical” abortions as a key part of responding to COVID.

At the time, fortunately, the Trump administration strongly pushed back. In a statement, John Barsa, the acting USAID administrator, urged the UN not to use the pandemic “as an opportunity to advance access to abortion as an ‘essential service.’”

“Unfortunately,” Barsa continued, “the Global HRP does just this, by cynically placing the provision of ‘sexual and reproductive health services’ on the same level of importance as food-insecurity, essential health care, malnutrition, shelter, and sanitation. Most egregious is that the Global HRP calls for the widespread distribution of abortion-inducing drugs and abortion supplies, and for the promotion of abortion in local country settings.”

Unfortunately, despite the Trump administration’s efforts to hold the line on safety regulations, abortion activists, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, kept pushing and pushing. In some states, women were permitted to obtain abortion drugs remotely, via “telemedicine.” Eventually the issue ended up before the United States Supreme Court. The court ruled, 6-3, that the Trump administration could reinstate the rules that required abortion drugs to be administered by a physician in-person.

In January, abortion activist began agitating for the new administration to loosen the regulations again. Not that they needed to push very hard. The new administration is nothing if not utterly committed to the pro-abortion cause. The administration’s new loosening of the rules is theoretically temporary, lasting as long as the COVID crisis lasts. However, there is little doubt that abortion activists will push to make the change permanent, using this in-between period as an opportunity to create the public acceptance and infrastructure for at-home abortions.

In addition to making it easier for women to obtain abortions during the pandemic, telemedicine abortions are also a handy way for abortion groups to bypass the growing number of pro-life laws at the state level. Already, the number of medical abortions is exploding, with over 40% of all abortions in the U.S. now being performed using pills. Some abortion activists have already said that if the U.S. were to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and if states then made abortion completely illegal, they would simply illegally mail abortion pills to women.

One website that mails abortion pills, Women on Web, explicitly exists just in order to mail abortion pills to women in countries where abortion is illegal!

It is incredible to witness abortion activists proactively pushing for women to be able to abort their children with *no medical oversight whatsoever* – the same activists who claim that making abortion illegal will lead to an explosion in shoddy “back alley” abortions.

While abortion activists claim that abortion drugs are “safe,” there have been many cases of women – like that young Argentinean woman – who have been seriously injured or even died after aborting with RU-486. In an open letter last year, pro-life leaders pointed out that the “abortion pill has resulted in over

4,000 reported adverse events since 2000, including 24 maternal deaths,” while also noting that such “events are notoriously underreported to the FDA,” and as of 2016, the FDA only requires abortion pill manufacturers to report maternal deaths.

Even if the abortion goes “well” (as if any act that ends a human life can go “well”!), the experience is still often deeply traumatizing. Extremely heavy bleeding, cramping and pain are common. Furthermore, women who abort at home will at some point expel the body of their child. Depending on how far along they are, or how the abortion progresses, there is always the chance that they will come face to face with the body of their child. With mail-obtained abortion drugs, many women will go through this experience completely alone.

It is insane that abortion organizations are pushing so-called “medical abortions” as a “pro-woman” initiative. This is not pro-woman. All it does is ensure that abortionists can continue to make a tidy profit in the middle of the pandemic with minimal effort, while exploiting women and exposing them to potential harm and traumatic experiences. This is the definition of a “back alley” abortion – and yet, this is being openly pushed for by the biggest abortion organizations.

Last spring, Planned Parenthood celebrated the increase in “telemed” abortions as a “silver lining” to the pandemic. One group of pro-life activists, however, was a first-hand witness to the dark side of this “silver lining.” Last April, the Abortion Pill

Rescue Network reported that they had seen a record number of phone calls to their service, which helps women begin the process to “reverse” their medical abortions.

An abortion pill reversal involves administering doses of progesterone to women who have already begun the abortion process. If this is begun soon enough after the woman takes the first drug, there is a chance that the woman’s child can be saved.

According to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, in March of 2020, 105 women who contacted them began the abortion reversal process! Unfortunately, the reversal process is not guaranteed to be successful. How tragic to realize that so many women are starting abortions, thinking they have no other option! We must pray for all such women, who may face a very heavy burden of guilt, if the reversal process does not work. **The annual total number of abortion deaths exceeds the total number of COVID deaths in this country every year.....48 years and counting.**

Jack Swan, Pro-Life Director



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DEACON FRANK G. RANDAZZO OBITUARY



Deacon Frank G. Randazzo, 83, of Rock Island, died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Centennial Rehab and Healthcare, Moline. A Mass of Christian of Burial was 10:30 am Friday, April 30, 2021 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Milan. A rosary was recited at 3 pm Thursday, April 29, 2021 followed by visitation from 3:30 – 6:00 pm at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 201 E. 4th Avenue, Milan. Entombment was at Calvary Mausoleum, Rock Island. Memorials may be made in care of St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Milan.

Frank was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 20, 1937, a son of Gasper and Providence Martino Randazzo. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 – 1961.

Frank spent about thirty years as a computer programmer at the Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in 1990.

Frank was ordained to permanent Deaconate in 1976. He served as a longtime deacon and member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Milan. He also served as the deacon for the East Moline Correctional Facility and Franciscan Hospital, currently UPH – Trinity, Rock Island for many years. Frank was currently a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island, Secular Order of Franciscans and the Knights of Columbus.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sister, Rosanna Damp, Rock Island; sister-in-law, Eva Randazzo, Rock Island; brother-in-law, Duane Owens, Moline; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Guy Randazzo, twin sister, Anna Marie Randazzo and sister, Frances Owens.

Online condolences, memories and expression of sympathy may be left for the family at www.wheelanpressly.com.

MAY 2021**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2021**(Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

- 3 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
 6 Degrees Contact Faithful Navigator Ken Maranda or District Deputy David Yordy
 13 Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am
 30 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

JUNE 2021

- 6 Corpus Christi Procession KofC & Honor Guard, St. Pius X 1 PM
 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
 19 Golf Outing
 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 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
 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
 10 Columbus Day Dinner, TBA TBA
 11 Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm
 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
 24 Civic Awards Dinner for 2020 & 2021 Award Winners, TBA TBA
 31 5th 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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