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## OCTOBER

### Upcoming Events

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

2	Great River Challenge, Modern Woodmen Park	11:30 am to 7 pm (games every 90 minutes)
4	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
7	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting, The Cellar, 137 S State St #111, Geneseo	Gather at 5 pm Order/Eat & Meeting 6 pm
10	Columbus Day Dinner, TBA	TBA
11	KofC, St. Pius X & Jordan Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	2 to 6 pm
14	Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
20	Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [ <a href="#">Sign Up</a> ]	9 to 11:30 am
24	Civic Awards Dinner for 2020 & 2021 Award Winners, Holiday Inn, Rock Island	TBA
31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X	10 am

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Fall is here, which is my favorite time of the year, as the leaves turn colors and the days grow shorter, we start to make changes in our daily routines. Our council also needed to make a few changes by moving events to next spring due to unknown virus and mask situations.

On the positive side it was great to see lots of Knights at the last meeting. We need your ideas as we move into the upcoming months. The Honor Guard continues to be busy and we could always use more Knights. The upcoming Holy Hour October 14 at 5pm is another great time to gather as Catholic men to honor and ask the Lord for guidance in the coming months. I hope to see you all there.

Let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

Vivat Jesus,

*Rick Cervantes*

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

We also 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.

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

GREGORY & CHARLENE VOGELE	10/1/2000
JOHN & THERESA WRIGHT	10/3/1981
ROSS & NANCY HANNA	10/5/1996
MARCUS & LAURA CORTEZ	10/6/2001
DAVID & CONNIE CRAY	10/6/1951
CHARLES & DOROTHY GERLEMAN	10/8/1955
JOHN & SUSAN DEBLOCK	10/10/1964
DAVID & LORRAINE EMERICK	10/10/1992
KENDALL & SUSAN SCHWARTZ	10/10/1998
MATTHEW & SARA KLAUER	10/11/2003
DAVID & DEBRA VALIQUETTE	10/13/1973
JOHN & PAM WALSH	10/18/1969
JOHN & TRACY FARRELL	10/21/1983
JEFFREY & RENAE HOSKINS	10/24/1992
THOMAS & JULIE LAWRENCE	10/25/1986
MICHAEL & DEBRA ROMAN	10/27/1984
ROBERT & KRISTA GRAFF	10/28/1995

**PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY  
SICK OR IN DISTRESS**

We pray for our Brother Knights & family 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:

ELIZABETH BRUEGGEN	
BEV CASEY	AT AMBER RIDGE NURSING HOME
JIM CECIL	AT HOME
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
JOSEPH LAZIO	AT HOME
NORMA MANNING	
TINA OLSON	AT HOME
SUE SCHAECHER	AT ALURE
JACK SHOWALTER	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](mailto:AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com), call or text 563-484-4AJ0 [4256] to update.

**OCTOBER HOLY HOUR**

My brothers in the faith,

Our semi-annual Holy Hour is scheduled for the 14th of October at 5:00 PM. Holy Hour will be held in the church at St. Pius. As practical Catholic men, participating in prayer both private and public is as second nature to us as talking and sharing with those we love. God loves us and we love Him. So we should find it necessary to spend time talking and listening to our beloved God. Public prayer times, like our Holy Hours, offer us opportunities to spend time adoring God with our brother Knights. A light dinner will be available between the Holy Hour and the Council meeting.

God Bless You,  
Deacon Russ

**CANCELLED AUTHENTIC ITALIAN DINNER**

Hello Members of the R.I. Knights of Columbus and Society of Italian-Americans,

We have decided that it is in the best interest of both organizations that the Authentic Italian Dinner, scheduled for October 16th, be cancelled due to COVID concerns and restrictions. We discussed and considered some sort of "Drive-thru Italian Dinner," but without the wine, music, and fellowship, it really was NOT what we are about. As you know, ALL profits from the Italian Dinner is donated to the charities of the Knights and the Society. Delaying the Dinner will not change this year's donations.

As the Cubs say, or use to say, "wait till next year!" Those "great Italian smells" from the Farrell Hall kitchen will be back!!! Thank you for all your support over the years. Stay safe! CIAO!

Rick Cervantes, Grand Knight,  
Allouez Council #658, Knights of Columbus  
Louie Alongi, President,  
Q.C. Society of Italian-Americans & KofC member



**DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

**Why is it OK for Catholics to have statues of Saints?**

This question was called in by phone and during the conversation the term 'graven images' occurred several times so I presume what is driving this question is the second part of the first commandment as listed in Exodus chapter 20 (verse 3-5) "You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything you shall not bow down before them or serve them."

There was considerable controversy in the first 1000 years of the church as she attempted to define what was to be believed and why. One of those controversies centered on the use of images specifically statues and paintings in churches and by extension homes and public places as well. This was the Iconoclasm Controversy. The question was 'did the use of these images constitute worship thus violating the commandment to worship God and God alone?' The question was resolved during the second council of Nicaea in 787. It remained more or less resolved until the rise of Protestantism along with the concept of sola scriptura in the 1500's. This is why you will find the inside of many Protestant churches devoid of paintings and statues. To settle this question the council differentiated between worship and veneration. Worship is the supreme adoration that may be given only to God. The council used the term latria for this. The council also recognized another form of adoration which is not worship which they would call veneration or dulia. This is similar to the feeling that we have as we view the picture of someone that we have great respect for and on whom we may wish to model some aspect of our lives. The council recognized that as often as people look at these images their thoughts and hearts are gently lifted up to the memory and love of the originals and they are induced to give them respect but not worship reserved to the Divine. An example would be a picture of a respected and loved uncle or grandparent or perhaps a picture of Archbishop Fulton Sheen or Father McGivney. Since these can trigger thoughts of how our spiritual life should improve. Catholics are encouraged to use holy images as a support for their spiritual growth.



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**

Something truly extraordinary happened in Texas last month, something that I pray heralds a new phase in the battle to create a Culture of Life in the United States, and around the world.

For the first time ever, a law that bans abortions after a baby's heartbeat is detected went into effect. Although many (around a dozen) states have passed so-called "Heartbeat Laws" in recent years, up until now none of those laws have been able to go into effect. Every single time, the courts have struck the

law down, saying that it violates *Roe v. Wade*, which requires states to allow abortion up until the point of viability. Some States, such as our own, have tried to pass laws to allow the destruction of the baby even up to the moment of birth!!!

As in previous cases, pro-abortion activists filed an injunction for “emergency relief” from the Texas law. That request went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. It became clear that something was different this time, however, when the Supreme Court had not yet responded to the emergency request before the law actually went into effect at midnight, Sept. 1.

Then came the very good – and, for many, entirely unexpected – news. On the evening of Sept. 1, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 ruling, *rejecting* all emergency appeals, and allowing the law to stay in effect. All three of President Trump’s judicial appointees joined Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito in deciding to allow the law to stand, *for now*.

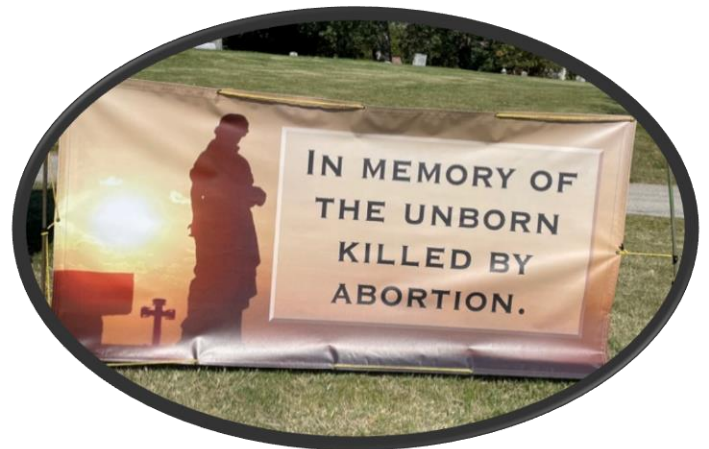
In other words, right now, in Texas, it is *illegal* to abort a baby after the point when the heartbeat is detected – i.e. around six weeks’ gestation. As many pro-abortion activists are noting, this amounts to a *near* total abortion ban in the state, since in many cases **the unborn baby has a heartbeat even before the baby’s mother knows she’s pregnant**. In other words, many babies are being saved from abortion, *right now*, because this law has gone into effect.

**Granted, this is only a temporary situation.** Challenges are being brought against the law, and it may well be the case that a future challenge will be successful, striking it down. However, there are two important things to note about this decision by the Supreme Court:

- 1) It goes without saying that the **Catholic Church** and the **Knights of Columbus** do not support any abortions whatsoever. Just because a baby’s heartbeat is detectable, does not mean that the child *suddenly* becomes human, or gains human rights. Science is clear that a **unique human being comes into existence at the moment of conception**. However, these Heartbeat Laws were designed by some pro-life legislators and legal organizations as a tool to push back against *Roe*, preparing the groundwork for a legal challenge that could finally topple the court case that has ensured that the **United States has one of the most permissive abortion regimes in the world**. A Heartbeat Law will undoubtedly save many, many lives; but we cannot stop until all human lives are treated equally under the law.
- 2) Many people were surprised that the High Court allowed the law to go into effect. In previous cases, the Court, and lower courts, were very swift in granting emergency injunctions against similar laws. The fact that this time around, five justices were willing to allow the law to go into effect *may* suggest that just as many justices are at least willing to consider the possibility that *Roe* is bad precedent and should be struck down. It is and it should be struck down! If so, that bodes extremely well for cases that are currently before the court, in which the Supreme Court will be given the opportunity to reconsider *Roe*. The most high profile of these cases is a challenge

against a Mississippi law that bans abortion after fifteen weeks. Many pro-life activists were heartened when the Supreme Court agreed to hear the challenge against that law. At face value, it would seem that the only reason to hear that case is to consider arguments that *Roe* should be reversed, or at least modified. This latest case in Texas adds further weight to those hopes.

One thing pro-abortion activists love to charge pro-lifers with is only caring about children before they are born. In the weird fantasy world in which pro-abortion activists live, pro-lifers never lift a finger to help children once they are actually born. **To perpetuate this fantasy, they have to ignore the vast network of around 2,700 pro-life pregnancy centers all around the country, which are almost entirely funded with private dollars from pro-life donors.** Without any of the vast government funding



## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children



enjoyed by abortion-promoting organizations like Planned Parenthood, these pregnancy centers provide all manner of free services, including pregnancy tests, ultrasound screening, job training, and the provision of necessities like diapers and clothes. **Meanwhile, Christians are far more likely to adopt “unwanted” children than their secular counterparts.**

However, conspicuously missing from the backlash against the Texas law in the media is any mention of the fact that the Texas State government has been proactively preparing to ensure that the children that are saved from abortion by these pro-life laws, as well as their mothers, are well taken care of. Sixteen years ago, the state created the “Alternatives to Abortion” program, which is designed to provide meaningful support to parents who “choose life in difficult circumstances.”

According to an article in the Texas Tribune, **the state is poised to spend some \$100 million on the program over a two-year period – a stark difference from other states, which spend similar or even much larger amounts of money funding abortion clinics and other radically leftist, abortion-promoting activist organizations.**

The Tribune reports: “Modeled after a similar initiative in Pennsylvania, Alternatives to Abortion

channels money to a far-flung network of nonprofits — many of them ardently anti-abortion — to pay for counseling, classes and baby items. Its contractors cover topics like prenatal nutrition and newborn care, and also help parents land jobs. It caters to pregnant women and mothers of young children but also to fathers, adoptive parents and those who have lost a child.”

According to the Tribune, “Alternatives to Abortion contractors gave out more than 1 million material goods last year, led 331,000 counseling sessions and taught 314,000 classes. **“What an amazing program! In so many Western countries, the norm is for governments to spend vast sums of money preventing the birth of children, steering parents towards abortion, and otherwise attacking the integrity of the family.** How refreshing to see a U.S. state proactively building up the family and creating the conditions to give mothers and fathers *hope* that they can face the challenge of bringing their child into the world.

In recent years, a number of states, including Ohio, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, and South Carolina have passed heartbeat bills similar to the one in Texas. With indications coming from the Supreme Court that they may be willing to revisit *Roe*, the time has never been better for concerted pro-life efforts, and intense prayer and fasting for the pro-life cause. **With God’s grace, it may well be that we will yet live to see a time when almost all, if not *all*, unborn children in our great country are protected from the violence of abortion.**

**What a great example to the world that would be! And how many untold lives would be saved, and how many mothers and fathers spared from the pain and regret of abortion.**

In closing, I want to thank GK Rick Cervantes, Chaplain Msgr. Merdian and DD Dave Yordy for facilitating the presentation of the Silver Rose at the 8:00AM Mass on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the five Knights that led the Rosary after Mass, as well as the (14) Knights that celebrated the commemorative Mass for the 65 Million Aborted Unborn Babies lost to abortion since 1973 just in our nation alone on September 18<sup>th</sup>. *We can do better though.....*with 360+ Knights in our Council’s Membership, we can do better, and I encourage each of you to take a stand for life and be bold about your stand.

Jack Swan, Pro-life Director



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<b>17</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>Marilyn Oliver</b>	<b>\$25</b>
18	649	*	\$25
19	395	*	\$25
20	239	*	\$25
21	138	*	\$50
22	475	*	\$50
23	341	*	\$25
<b>24</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>Tom Lawrence</b>	<b>\$25</b>
25	641	*	\$25
26	762	*	\$25
27	987	*	\$25
28	833	*	\$50
29	311	*	\$50
30	836	*	\$25
31	208	*	\$100
Sept.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
1	041	*	\$25
2	734	*	\$25
3	813	*	\$25
4	593	*	\$50
5	724	*	\$100
6	079	*	\$25
7	171	*	\$25
<b>8</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>Terry Pearson</b>	<b>\$25</b>
9	155	*	\$25
10	292	*	\$25
11	407	*	\$50
12	356	*	\$50
<b>13</b>	<b>037</b>	<b>Mary Wells</b>	<b>\$25</b>
14	696	*	\$25

\*You could have had this 3 digit number...



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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**

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**MARCH 2022**

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**APRIL 2022**

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**SEPTEMBER 2022**

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