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## NOVEMBER

### Upcoming Events

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

1	Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X	6:30 pm
6	Deceased Members Mass, St. Pius X	Honor Guard Arrive 3:30 & Mass 4 pm
	Columbus Day Social, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X	Following 4 pm Mass
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
20	Vocation Raffle Tickets Due to Jim Wieland	

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Well October is gone and it was a busy time with a couple events, blood drive was held with a nice turnout and another great job by Louie. Civic awards honoring Firefighter and Police officers had great turnout thanks to Kevin Howser who put this together. Holy Hour is another event where we as catholic men spend time in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Sacrament, we always need more Knights to participate here.

And now we have the holiday cash raffle going on, if you did not receive tickets to sell call me and I will get you some. As I often mention, this council is strong because of all the good works fellow Knights do. So please pick out an event coming up and let's continue to support the church and community. It's a little early but I want to wish all of my brother Knights Happy Thanksgiving, may your Families be blessed with good health. Let the holy spirit be your guide.

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Vivat Jesus,

*Rick Cervantes*

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### ANNIVERSARIES

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

<b>BRIAN &amp; JENNIFER CASEY</b>	11/2/1996
<b>DANIEL &amp; SHARON VERSCHOORE</b>	11/12/1960
<b>LAWRENCE &amp; LYNNE BRANDENBURG</b>	11/20/1965
<b>DAVID &amp; MALIA SULLIVAN</b>	11/20/1976
<b>DCN. JOE &amp; MARY ANNE DOCKERY-JACKSON</b>	11/23/1974
<b>PHILLIP &amp; CARRIE ROE</b>	11/24/1979
<b>PAUL &amp; CINDY SCHMITT</b>	11/27/1993
<b>CLARENCE &amp; LILI DARROW</b>	11/30/1963
<b>JULIUS &amp; TERESA PEARSON</b>	11/30/1963

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.



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

<b>JEFFREY BARNES</b>	<b>JOHN PEREZ I</b>
<b>DAVID VALIQUETTE</b>	<b>TREVOR LOES</b>
<b>JOHN BROSIUS</b>	<b>JAMES RICHARDSON</b>
<b>MSGR. MARK MERDIAN</b>	<b>JAMES BRITTON</b>
<b>EUGENIO CAMPOS JR</b>	<b>DCN. JOE DOCKERY-JACKSON</b>
<b>THOMAS KRONE</b>	<b>GARY SNYDER</b>
<b>ALAN KNACK</b>	<b>JAMES MACK</b>
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<b>JOHN VERONA</b>	<b>JOHN REYNOLDS</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER PICKENS</b>	
<b>ROBERT BRAUN</b>	<b>DONALD VERHILLE</b>
<b>JOHN SHOWALTER</b>	<b>WAYNE VALENTINE</b>
<b>DONALD HAUER</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 & 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
- SUSAN DEBLOCK
- GENE FOWLER AT HOME
- JERRY FOWLER AT HOME
- JIM FOBERT AT HOME
- KAREN HUGHES
- JOSEPH LAZIO AT HOME
- NORMA MANNING
- TINA OLSON AT HOME
- BUD PHILLIS
- RED PEARSON
- 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 563-484-4AJO [4256] to update.

Since McCarthy Hall will be in use on this Saturday, we will meet in the Brides room at the main entrance to St Pius. Please plan to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

Please let me know if you WILL or will not be able to attend and participate in the Deceased Members Mass. Also please let me know if you would like to be one of the escorts for taking the gifts up to the Altar.

Thank you, Dick Hunt, Honor Guard Captain  
Fr Bader Assembly #1922



**RED KETTLE RINGING 12/03**

Ten Rock Island Knights have volunteered to do Bell Ringing for one hour each on Friday, Dec. 3rd, 10 - 8pm, at the Hy-Vee R.I. Store. The Bell Ringing will be to encourage people to donate \$\$\$ to fill up the "Hanging Red Kettle" that will make a better and happier Christmas for many in our local communities! The R.I. Knights have a long track record for supporting the Salvation Army during the Holidays. Please plan on visiting and giving some Christmas cheer to some warmly dressed Knights on 12/03 at Hy-Vee.



Note: ALL \$ in our Kettle go to the community. Thank you & Merry Christmas!!!

Louie Alongi, Red Kettle Chairperson  
Allouez Council, KofC



**VOCATION RAFFLE REPORT**

Raffle ticket booklets were mailed out Early October to most of our Knight's or Ladies. Because of a shortage of Booklets some of you folks

reading this report did not receive any tickets in the mail. I do have a limited amount a possible access to more. So contact me if you want some and we can help you out.

The returns are coming in great over seventy Booklets at last count. Thank you for your generous response. We are supporting Three seminarians at a level of \$400.00 each this fraternal year. And we may be adding at least one more to the list next years from this local area



that will need support. I will be sending our tickets into the State Office around the 20th of November so do not delay to long.

Please keep Nicholas Conner, Ben Schoonmaker, Luke Olson, & Peter Schoonmaker in your prayers. James Wieland 948-5534 Vocation Raffle Chair



**DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

**Where did the Saint Michael prayer come from?**

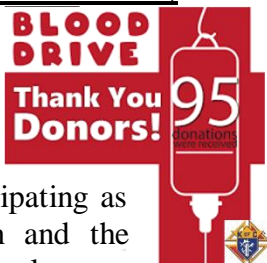
The question: We used to recite the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel frequently. Then we stopped saying it all together and now we say it at the end of every mass why?

As I begin let me say that the question box was empty this month and I was really struggling with

**THANK YOU ST. PIUS X PARISH, JORDAN SCHOOL, & THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,**

for donating **95** Blood Donations to our community on 10/11/21. Also, thanks to a special Grant thru the Blood Center, that gave Jordan School \$250 for participating as an active partner with the parish and the Knights hosting the Drive. Jordan also was given \$1.00 per blood donation. Again, thanks to all who were able to participate to help our community and Jordan! Thanks to ALL who helped in many ways with calling donors, set-up/tear-down, Jordan staff moving things around, keep classes on schedule. We hope with prayer and calls, the **Spring Blood Drive on 4/18/22**, will increase donations for the Community and Jordan!!! Thank you all for your continued support.

Louie Alongi, Drive Coordinator and Blood Buddy!



**DECEASED MEMBERS MASS**



The Honor Guard has been asked to participate in this year's Deceased Members Mass on Saturday, November 6th, at St Pius X. This will be the regular 4:00 PM Mass at St Pius X on that Saturday. We will be honoring those Knights that have passed away in the past year. The Honor Guard will lead the procession prior to Mass and will also lead the recession at the end of Mass. We would also like to have two, or four, Honor Guard members to escort the gifts up to the Altar.





what I was going to address. Then two things occurred simultaneously that prompted me to the question I pose at the top of this column. September 29<sup>th</sup> on the church's calendar is the feast day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. On that day Michael Pakaluk published a short essay on the Saint Michael prayer on the [Catholic thing website](#) his essay is very good and I strongly recommend taking a few minutes to read it. The title of the essay is "Who is like God" which is appropriate considering that is what the name Michael means in its Hebrew origin." Devotion to Saint Michael goes back to the earliest years of the church under the emperor Constantine. Who credited the Archangel with giving aid in the winning of a battle

Pope Leo the 13<sup>th</sup> is considered the author of the Saint Michael prayer. It is said to have been created after he received a vision of demons gathering over the city of Rome preparing to enter the church. This vision probably occurred between 1884 and 1886 and took place while he was celebrating mass. In 1886 he instituted what would later be known as the 'Leonine Prayers which included this prayer. These prayers were recited after Low Mass from 1886 to 1964 although they were not incorporated into the mass text or in the rubrics of the Mass. Their use at Mass were suppressed in 1964. Like many other traditional prayers its use was not encouraged and it was generally lost from routine recitation in the church. Partly as a response to the abuse crisis Pope St. John Paul II asked the universal church to recite it regularly to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world. On January 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 Bishop Jenky called for the parishes of our diocese to add the recitation of this prayer for the freedom and purification of the church as the last intercession in the prayers of the faithful at Sunday Mass.

As Michael Pakaluk writes in his [essay](#) "The battle against the devil which characterizes the Archangel Michael remains relevant today, because the devil is still alive and at work in the world. In fact, the evil that is in it, the disorder we see in society, the incoherence of man, the interior fragmentation of which he is a victim, are not merely the consequences of original sin, but also the effect of the dark and infesting activity of Satan, of this saboteur of man's moral equilibrium." St Paul does not hesitate to call Satan 'the god of this world' (2 Cor 4:4), inasmuch as he shows himself to be a cunning enchanter, who knows how to insinuate himself into our actions so as to introduce deviations which are as destructive as they are apparently conformed to our instinctive aspirations." This means it is urgent that we employ all effective tools we have in the battle against the devil. Historically, this prayer is very effective. Paganism has disappeared where altars dedicated to Saint Michael have been placed and evil has been defeated where this prayer has been said faithfully.

### PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

What Percent of Abortions Are Medically Necessary? The short answer to this question is "zero." **Medical science has progressed to the point where an abortion is *never* necessary to preserve the life or the health of the mother. This has been true for more than half a century.**

Abortions performed to preserve the life or the health of the mother are so rare that they do not register statistically, according to Alan Guttmacher of Planned Parenthood, who did more to promote and spread abortion on demand throughout the world than any other individual. In 1967 he commented, "Today it is possible for almost any patient to be brought through pregnancy alive, unless she suffers from a fatal disease such as cancer or leukemia, and if so, abortion would be unlikely to prolong, much less save the life." In any case where both the mother and child are ill, both should be treated, and every effort should be made to save both mother and child. **The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) states that the term "abortion to save the life of the mother" is deliberately misleading terminology and that no abortion saves the life of the mother; rather, one treats both patients.** For instance, prematurely delivering the baby may be an option if the mother is gravely ill and AAPLOG acknowledges that, in some cases, the baby may be too premature to survive.

But How Common Are Such Conditions? Naturally, the percentage of abortions allegedly performed to save the life or health of the mother will vary somewhat based on country, but we can see from the testimony of doctors and researchers that these cases are exceedingly rare. Even abortionists testify that if there is a medical emergency, the course of action is to deliver the baby prematurely, because to go through the stages required by a surgical abortion (laminaria, stretching cervix, etc.) would cause more, not less danger to the mother.

As far back as 1981, former Surgeon General of the United States Dr. C. Everett Koop said **"The fact of the matter is that abortion as a necessity to save the life of the mother is so rare as to be nonexistent."** He was backed up by reformed abortionist Bernard Nathanson, who said not long after, **"The situation where the mother's life is at stake were she to continue a pregnancy is no longer a clinical reality. Given the state of modern medicine, we can now manage any pregnant woman with any medical affliction successfully, to the natural conclusion of the pregnancy: The birth of a healthy child."**

The term "medically necessary" is nothing more than a ruse used by the abortion industry to justify abortions of convenience. As we explained above, AAPLOG has said that the term "medically necessary" is deliberately misleading. In fact, pro-abortion legislators use this vague term to enact laws that allow abortion on demand. Studies by the Guttmacher Institute (AGI), the world's leading pro-abortion research organization, show that only from one percent to three percent of all abortions are performed for medical reasons, while a whopping 96.5% are performed for economic and



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.

social (“convenience”) reasons. One point that this study by the AGI demonstrates is that “medical necessity” is not even considered by the vast majority of mothers who intend to abort.

Although not the primary goal of the study, it is clear from the data presented that more developed countries have far fewer claims that abortion is medically necessary (Kenya with 20% claiming this as the main reason and Finland with only 0.6%). **In fact, in the United States, abortions are performed most often for reasons of convenience such as finances or relationship status. Using “medical necessity” as legislative terminology allows lawmakers to craft bills that have large loopholes defining what such risk means. By tugging at our heartstrings with a purely emotional appeal, pro-abortionists argue that we cannot possibly refuse to “help” mothers. All over the world, pro-abortion organizations vastly inflate the numbers of abortions, create statistics on maternal mortality out of thin air, and basically use this as a means towards abortion on demand.**

We should expect that this percentage of life-threatening pregnancies will only decrease as modern medicine continues to make progress in saving mothers from these tragic complications. We should, therefore, be progressing towards policies that treat both mother and child, as has always been the ideal. Namely, **we must provide all ordinary means of keeping both the mother and the child alive, and the scope of these ordinary means expands as medicine progresses. The key to handling these situations is simply to acknowledge the humanity of both the mother and of the child.**

**Again, abortion to save the mother should never happen.** Therefore, in the increasingly rare cases where continuing the pregnancy causes real and immediate danger to the mother, the baby ought to be removed in such a way that every effort is made to preserve its life outside of the womb. In such a case, both mother and baby are treated because their lives are of equal value. If the baby should die after a premature delivery, the physicians have done all they could to save his or her life. They have not deliberately killed the baby.

“Premie” survival rates are improving constantly. Even if a delivery occurred at a time when the baby was likely not viable, **the fundamental difference is still the intent behind the act. It is never morally permissible to intend an evil outcome, and the death of an unborn child is most certainly an evil outcome.**

The percentage of abortions that are performed out of “medical necessity” is a dynamic statistic, but in the United States, cases of true medical necessity are exceedingly rare or nonexistent. **They are in no way a justification for abortion.**

**The rare cases when the mother and child cannot both be saved should not be called medically necessary abortions, because effort is made to preserve both the lives of child and mother. In these instances, the only way to save the mother is by delivering, not killing, the baby.**

Jack Swan, Pro-life Director

### 3 DIGIT DAILY RAFFLE GAME

Below is a list of the numbers drawn in the Illinois Pick-3 Evening Lottery for the last & first half of the previous two months. If you would like to buy an available number(s) please contact David Sullivan: (309) 737-5569 or [david.sullivan1@mchsi.com](mailto:david.sullivan1@mchsi.com).

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15	735	*	\$25
16	783	*	\$25
17	635	*	\$25
18	119	*	\$50
19	733	*	\$50
<b>20</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>Jim Wells</b>	<b>\$25</b>
21	137	*	\$25
22	361	*	\$25
23	276	*	\$25
24	015	*	\$25
25	635	*	\$50
<b>26</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>Kevin Rafferty</b>	<b>\$50</b>
27	480	*	\$25
<b>28</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>Richard Phillis</b>	<b>\$25</b>
29	018	*	\$25
30	958	*	\$25
Oct.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
1	725	*	\$25
2	984	*	\$50
<b>3</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>Elayne Hogan</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Andy Luckenbill</b>	<b>\$25</b>
5	930	*	\$25
6	034	*	\$25
7	582	*	\$25
8	735	*	\$25
9	940	*	\$50
10	909	*	\$50
11	155	*	\$25
12	201	*	\$25
13	222	*	\$25
14	651	*	\$25

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- 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
- 20 Vocation Raffle Tickets Due to Jim Wieland

**DECEMBER 2021**

- 1 Night of Knights TBA
- 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
- 15 Vocation Raffle Drawing
- 22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [[Sign Up](#)] 9 to 11:30 am

**JANUARY 2022**

- 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

**FEBRUARY 2022**

- 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

**MARCH 2022**

- 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

**APRIL 2022**

- 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
- 18 KofC, St. Pius X & Jordan Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm

**MAY 2022**

- 2 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 12 Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

**JUNE 2022**

- 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

**JULY 2022**

- 11 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

**AUGUST 2022**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

- 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

**OCTOBER 2022**

- 3 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 13 Holy Hour & Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Holy Hour 5pm, Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- 30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

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