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MARCH

Upcoming Events

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

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
12	St Patrick's Day Mass & Parade, St. Mary's, Rock Island	Mass 10 am & Parade Following
19-20	Feast of St. Joseph & Presentation of St. Joseph Icon, St. Pius X	TBD if All Masses (Honor Guard)
23	Midwest Food Bank, Tax Slayer Center, Moline [Sign Up]	9 to 11:30 am
25	Fish Fry, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	4:30 to 8 pm (Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm)

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Soon it will be spring and flowers and green grass will be made new again. But first Ash Wednesday is a time for us to repent and to grow closer to God. So let us all do away with the things that separate us from God. And like the beauty of spring, we too will be made new.

I am so pleased to see the attendance at both the officers and council meetings, the conversation and energy is great.

In March and April, we have the St Patrick's Day Mass & Parade, Fish Fry, and Men's Mini Retreat. Let's all participate as much as we can and keep this council moving forward.

Let the holy spirit be your guide.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Cervantes

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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PRAY FOR US MEMBERS & FAMILY SICK OR IN DISTRESS

We pray for our Brother Knights & family who are ill or otherwise incapacitated. Please email AllouezCouncil@Gmail.com to update. We remember the following members in our prayers:

ELIZABETH BRUEGGEN	
BEV CASEY	AMBER RIDGE NURSING HOME
JIM CECIL	AT HOME
SUSAN DEBLOCK	
ACHIEL DUPONT	AT HOME
GENE FOWLER	AT HOME
JERRY FOWLER	AT HOME
JIM FOBERT	AT HOME
KAREN HUGHES	AT HOME
JOSEPH LAZIO	AT HOME
NORMA MANNING	
TINA OLSON	AT HOME
RED PEARSON	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.



22 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
 MATTHEW PARKIN
 RICHARD EDWARDS
 JOHN SHOWALTER
 REV JOHN VANWIEL
 MICHAEL ROMAN
 JAMES WELLS
 CLARENCE DARROW
 KENDALL SCHWARTZ
 JAMES POSSIN
 PATRICK LOOTENS

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 JOHN HUYTEN
 LANCE JOHNSON
 DAVID LACKEY
 JEFFREY BANZ

ANNIVERSARIES

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

STANLEY & MARIA TORRES	03-01-2004
VINCENT & GAYLE SANTUCCIO	03-05-1984

We want to recognize all our member's **birthdays & anniversaries**, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Please call or email F.S. Dick Hunt so he can add or correct our records.



ABSTRACT NEWS

My wife and I were invited to the Diocese of Peoria's Diaconate Program, which means, if God doesn't call us out of the program, we have six years of discernment, reading, assignments, and more ahead of us before I could be ordained a Deacon. We are blessed to have great Deacons & I just hope to be the deacon I believe God is calling me to be.

It really is a commitment for the entire family which requires a shift in priorities of time, while keeping God, Mindy, family, job, studies in that order. I've already taken on the communicator role for the future Diaconate Class XII.

With that said, I'm looking for someone to replace me as the Abstract Coordinator. Please consider it if you are you able to: Copy and paste, use MS Word tools, emails, update a web site, etc.; i.e. produce and email what you are reading?

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Please eMail AndrewJ.Olson@yahoo.com, call or text 563-484-4AJO [4526] me. Is God calling you? I will train you, just as Jim Casey trained me. Thank you Jim! Thank you Jerry Schroeder for getting the hardcopy out; that made this position 10 times easier.

To all Brother Knights, to start this transition, please email AllouezCouncil@gmail.com with your articles, photos, and email address changes with the word **Abstract in the subject line**, e.g. Abstract: Trivia Night . As always, please send emails by 11:59 pm of the 23rd of the month.



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

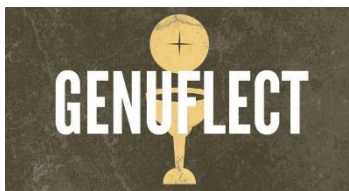
Where did the practice of genuflecting come from?

One of our brothers sent me an email mentioning that he had been involved in a conversation with two parish priests. During the conversation the subject of why we kneel on both knees before the monstrance during adoration came up. Please briefly talk about how this practice came about.

The act of genuflecting on the left knee developed in western culture during the Early Middle Ages as a sign of respect to a human dignitary like a king or a Bishop. The gesture represents a physical profession of dependence. It can also be a physical representation of supplication. It is interesting that about this same time the custom developed for a man to genuflect on the left knee before a woman as he proposed marriage. Genuflecting to the Blessed Sacrament on the right knee developed centuries later becoming obligatory around 1502. Gradually this developed into the custom of going down on

both the left and right knees before the exposed Sacrament. This double genuflection is an outward physical sign of adoration. While many

Catholics still practice the double genuflection in front of the exposed sacrament. The custom was ruled no longer in force in 1973 when the congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated, "Genuflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether reserved in the Tabernacle or exposed for public adoration, is



one knee." To answer the logical follow-up question it is still permissible to genuflect on two knees before the Blessed Sacrament if that is where your heart moves you. In my series on bodily worship at Mass a couple of years ago. I stated our physical actions inside the church before the Blessed Sacrament and the altar should always reflect what is in our heart.

I would like to close with some comments from that series. Genuflecting should not be done in a hurry or mechanically. Sometimes when people go to enter their Pew you see them make a little bob that vaguely resembles a genuflection. Rather put that knee all the way down to the floor and let it rest there for a moment. Keep your back straight, and for balance, you might want to place both hands on your other knee.

Many older people have a hard time genuflecting because of arthritis or a hip or knee injury or some other physical difficulty. When this is true one should substitute a profound bow for the genuflection. That should be done very deliberately to show absolute respect and adoration for the Blessed Sacrament. I might suggest not doing that without serious reason. We might take some guidance from the physical example of Pope St. John Paul in his later years it cost him something in terms of effort and pain to genuflect. But he would grip the altar bravely, and force his aching bones to bend all the way down to the floor. And then the Master of Ceremonies would help him back up. Why did he go to so much pain and trouble? Because of love; he loved the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament with every fiber of his being. If the Holy Father could make this gesture at such great personal cost, can we who are healthy do any less? For those that have physical limitations, allow your love of God to guide you in what you do.



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.



FRIDAY FISH FRY, MARCH 25TH

Calling all Knights., Will be needing help for the K of C Lenten Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, March 25th from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. That is a Friday. We need help on all aspects. From selling tickets at the door, half pot too. To set up and clean up. And we need dessert makers. Our menu includes Baked or Fried Cod, Cheese Pizza for the non-fish eaters, coleslaw, tater tots, mac and cheese, roll, dessert and drinks. The cost runs \$9 per adult, children 4 to 12 are \$4, 3 and unders are free. Whole families are \$25. Get the word out too and bring your people. And if that isn't enough the stations of the cross will be at 5:30 pm (which should build up an appetite)!



My wife Shelly and I are planning to be there around 2pm to start things up. So, if you have some space in your schedule please come early.

Thanks to all Knights.

Lance Johnson





PRO-LIFE CHECK PRESENTATION

Women's Choice Center's Executive Director Linda Rubey presented with check by (left to right) G.K.

Rick Cervantes, Pancake Breakfast Coordinator Jerry Schroeder & F.S. Dick Hunt.

[Check out more presentation photos.](#) [pun intended]



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Medical experts agree that fetal pain begins at 12 weeks gestation and may even be felt as early as eight weeks. But perhaps the best source for firsthand experience with fetal pain is an abortionist.

As early as 1976, those performing abortions realized that the procedure is painful for the dying fetus. Abortionist John Szenes describes a preborn baby fighting for his life during a saline injection, saying: "All of a sudden one noticed that at the time of the saline infusion there was a lot of activity in the uterus. That's not fluid currents. That's obviously the fetus being distressed by swallowing the concentrated salt solution and kicking violently and that's, to all intents and purposes, the death trauma."

Saline solution used in this type of abortion causes intense pain when injected under the skin. This solution is injected into the fetus' sac, burning her from the outside and poisoning her from the inside. During this slow death, which takes about two hours, she thrashes around inside the womb. In spite of the fact that her heart is not physically touched by the solution, her heart rate more than doubles as a response to it. She dies solely from the pain.

Saline abortions fell out of use in the 1990s because of the risk to mothers and the frequency of babies being born alive. At the time of *Roe v. Wade*, saline abortion was the most commonly used form of abortion after 16 weeks. But although the methods have changed, they are no less violent.

Former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino confirms this as he describes 1st trimester dilation and curettage abortions and 2nd trimester dilation and evacuation abortions—two common abortion procedures that tear babies limb from limb, finally crushing the skull so that it will fit through the cervix. According to Levatino: "You know you did it [the abortion] right if you crush down on the instrument and white material runs out of the cervix. That was the baby's brains."

Dr. Levatino also describes babies being deprived of shelter and nutrients inside the womb by abortion pills and being poisoned with a digoxin injection piercing the baby's head or chest. This causes the baby's death by cardiac arrest. In *Stenberg v. Carhat*, the Supreme Court provides a gruesome description of a D&E abortion: "The fetus, in many cases, dies just as a human adult or child would: it bleeds to death as it is torn apart limb by limb." The ugliness of abortion is not a foreign concept to anyone involved in it. **These inhumane death procedures would not be acceptable for any animal, yet they are used regularly to kill the most innocent and fragile human beings.**

The pro-abortion movement denies that the fetus feels pain, but anyone who performs an abortion knows this is not true. The uncaring attitude of many abortionists is summed up in the words of Anne Marie Keary, the head of Britain's National Abortion Campaign back in 1996: "Pain is a factor in life; could an element of pain be a justification for no more abortions? I don't think so." Even Justice Anthony Kennedy, though he voted for a ban of partial-birth abortions, argued against the banning of very similar D&E abortions, saying that such a ban would "construct a substantial obstacle to the abortion right." **To the pro-abortion movement, the right to abortion trumps every argument, even that of fetal pain.**

When does a fetus feel pain? An article from the Charlotte Lozier Institute reviews a 2019 study entitled "Reconsidering Fetal Pain" published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. According to the organization: A new study "Reconsidering Fetal Pain" confirms that babies in the womb can feel pain as early as 12 weeks old. Writing in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, Stuart W.G. Derbyshire and John C. Bockmann state: "Overall, the evidence, and a balanced reading of the evidence, points towards an immediate and unreflective pain experience mediated by the developing function of the nervous system as early as 12 weeks."

Dr. David Prentice, research director and vice president of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, responded to the study, saying: **Unborn babies feel pain. The science has clearly shown for years that unborn children can perceive pain in the womb, but this is a significant admission by doctors on both sides of the abortion debate, recognizing that even early in human development, the unborn can feel pain. And as the authors note, "the mere experience of pain ... is morally significant." Science again points to the humanity of the unborn.**

Kanwaljeet Anand, professor of pediatrics, anesthesiology, and neurobiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, wrote an expert report on the subject of fetal pain in 2004 to assist the Supreme Court in its assessment of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Dr. Anand's report summarizes fetal pain receptor development:

- **4 – 6 weeks:** The fetus' cerebral cortex is formed, and she develops reflexes.
- **6 – 8 weeks:** Brain waves can be recorded, and the nervous system starts to develop. The fetus' lips become sensitive to the touch around seven weeks. By eight weeks, she is moving around the uterus to make herself more comfortable. She begins to react to harmful stimuli.
- **10 weeks:** Her whole body is sensitive to the touch. She can now swallow, squint, frown, pucker her brow, and make a fist if her palm is touched. The most common forms of abortion at this age are suction and dilation and curettage. Imagine what an uncomfortable, if not painful, death this is on her sensitive little body.
- **11 weeks:** The fetus will start to swallow more amniotic fluid if it is artificially sweetened and less if it is bitter. Saline injection is used after 16 weeks; yet at 11 weeks the fetus can already respond to taste.

- **12 weeks:** The fetus' neurotransmitters can send pain signals to the brain. Her cerebral cortex is only about 30 to 40 percent developed, but her response to pain is at least proportional to that amount, as confirmed by A. William Liley, the "Father of Modern Fetology" and Mortimer Rosen, an American researcher.
- **13 – 17 weeks:** The fetus' "general sense organs" begin to differentiate into "free nerve terminations" responding to pain, temperature and chemicals, "lamellated corpuscles" responding to pointed pressure, "tactile corpuscles," "neuromuscular spindles," and "neurotendinous end organs" responding to light and pointed pressure. Her vocal cords and auditory sense are now present, and she may cry if air bubbles get in the uterus.
- **After 14 weeks:** The fetus will cry, wiggle her body, or throw out her arms if her mother moves too suddenly or if she hears a loud noise. She must be sedated during surgery, just like any other patient. If she is irritated, her heartbeat will increase and she will move around, showing this sensation to be unpleasant.

At this point in her development, the fetus weighs only about two ounces and is about five inches long. She is small enough to fit in the palm of her mother's hand, yet she can react to outside stimuli just like a grown person can. **And even with a developed response system, she can legally be killed by chemical burns, dismemberment, suffocation, starvation, and worse while her mother is convinced by her killers that there is no fetal pain. If this kind of treatment is illegal for children, adults, and animals, it should be illegal for the preborn as well.**

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.

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16	331	Lawrence Brandenburg	\$50
17	547	*	\$25
18	460	*	\$25
19	229	*	\$25
20	957	*	\$25
21	358	*	\$25
22	601	*	\$50
23	838	*	\$50
24	832	*	\$25
25	312	*	\$25
26	074	Joe Alongi	\$25
27	900	*	\$25
28	067	*	\$25
29	716	*	\$50
30	563	*	\$50
31	743	*	\$25
Feb.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
1	370	*	\$25
2	311	*	\$25
3	076	*	\$25
4	967	*	\$25
5	376	*	\$50
6	756	*	\$100
7	252	*	\$25
8	924	*	\$25
9	389	*	\$25
10	512	*	\$25
11	746	*	\$25
12	411	*	\$50
13	876	*	\$50
14	265	Terry Pearson	\$25

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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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- 23 Midwest Food Bank, Tax Slayer Center, Moline [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am
- 25 Fish Fry, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island 4:30 to 8 pm (Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm)

APRIL 2022

- 2 KofC Men's Retreat with Devin Schadt, McCarthy Hall Mass 7 am, Social 8:30 am, Presentation 9-Noon
- 4 Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 6:30 pm
- 14 Holy Thursday (Council Meeting moved to following Thursday, April 21st)
- 17 Easter
- 18 KofC, St. Pius X & Jordan Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 2 to 6 pm
- 20 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am
- 21 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm
- Information Night / Fraternal Benefits Night TBA
- 28 Exemplification TBA

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
- 18 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am
- 29 5th 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
- 12 Civic Awards Dinner, Holiday Inn, Rock Island Social 5 pm & Dinner 6 pm
- 22 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am

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
- 20 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am
- 31 5th 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
- 13 Authentic Italian Dinner, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Dinner 4 to 7 pm
- 17 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am

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
- 10 Mass of Remembrance for the Aborted Unborn, Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island TBA
- 21 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am

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
- 19 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am
- 30 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X 10 am

NOVEMBER 2022

- 5 K of C Annual Mass for Deceased Members, St. Mary's, Rock Island 4 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
- 16 Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [\[Sign Up\]](#) 9 to 11:30 am

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



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