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Upcoming Events NOVEMBER (Subject to Change; See Online Calendar)

K of C Annual Mass for Deceased Members, St. Mary's, Rock Island

4 pm

Officer's Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

6:30 pm

10 Council Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X 12

Light Meal 6 pm & Meeting 7 pm 8-11 am

Men's retreat, Father Chase will be the guest speaker, St.PiusX, McCarthy Hall Midwest Food Bank, QCCA Expo Center, RI [Sign Up]

9 to 11:30 am

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Knights,

As mentioned earlier October was busy with Blue Mass, EmmausProcession, Blood Drive, White Mass, Bader Assembly Steak fry, Holy Hour and Parish Festival coming up. Thanks to all for supporting these many events as we continue to do God's work within the parish and community. November 5th at St. Mary's Rock Island 4 pm mass we will be honoring some of our deceased members followed by a Columbus Day Social in Schroeder Hall. Hope to see all at these events. Keep in your prayers continued healing for brother knight Dean Lackey and Dave Sullivan, Jack Swan who both will be undergoing medical procedures this coming month. Happy Thanksgiving, may you be blessed with health and happiness.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Cervantes

Questions/Suggestions/Volunteer: Contact a Council Officer:

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ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the 9 couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

Brian & Jennifer Casey 11-02-1996 **Daniel & Sharon Verschoore** 11-12-1960 Lawrence & Lynne Brandenburg 11-20-1965 David & Malia Sullivan 11-20-1976 Deacon Joseph & Mary Anne DockeryJackson

11-23-1974

Phillip & Carrie Roe 11-24-1979 **Paul & Cindy Schmitt** 11-27-1993 Clarence & Lili Darrow 11-30-1963 Julius & Teresa Pearson 11-30-1963



Men's retreat. Father Chase will be there. 8-11am Nov. 12th. Building a relationship with Jesus will be the topic. Will be in the bulletins.



Need volunteers to put out flags on the flag holidays. Around 70 flags for the Breakfast Optimist club in Moline. Locations to place the flags are in west Moline and Rock Island. 5 routes 2 Knights per route. Starting the day before Veterans Day. 3 day holidays. Put up the day before the holiday and take down the day after the holiday. November 10th starts.

If interested contact Dick Hunt 309-737-8349



Holiday cash raffle will be starting soon. Tickets will be printed out soon until Dec. 15th.





While we are sad to see Dean and Sheryl Lackey moving to Florida, we wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors!! You will be greatly missed by all!! God Bless you both and your families now and always! That being said, we are looking for another Knight to add to our adoration team. If you know of anyone, please ask them to join or let me know and I will talk to them.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Houser Stern Beverage Shelf Space Manager (309) 787-2337 x240 Work (309) 314-4718 Mobile khouser@sternbeverage.com



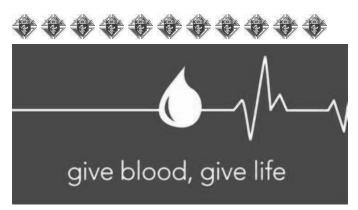
23 brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want and never want as long as they live.

JEFFREY BARNES JAMES MACK DONALD VERHILLE JOHN PEREZ DAVID VALIQUETTE JOHN VERONA TREVOR LOES EUGENE PAPROCKI JAMES RICHARDSON CHRISTOPHER PICKENS MSGR MARK MERDIAN JOHN REYNOLDS JAMES BRITTON ROBERT BRAUN **DEACON JOSEPH DOCKERY JACKSON** THOMAS KRONE JOHN SHOWALTER GARY SNYDER WAYNE VALENTINE ALAN KNACK DONALD HAUER

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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.



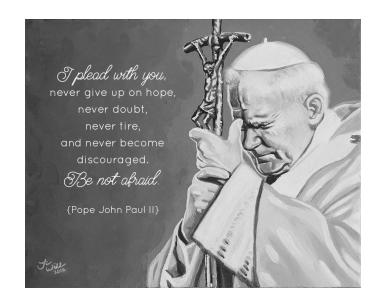
On behalf of Jordan School, St. Pius X Parish, and the Knights of Columbus, many "thanks" to those who participated in the Blood Drive on 10/10/22. The participation from Jordan, the Parish, and the Knights was outstanding! The Drive stats are as follows: Units Collected= 90 FTD (first time donors)= 8 Deferred= 9 No Show= 24 (scheduled/absent) Several reminders were sent out and we will continue to try and lower our "No Show" numbers. Again, thanks to all who participated which helps our community and benefits Jordan School with a \$250 grant and \$1 per donation with each Blood Drive. We currently have 163 on our Donor Listing. Please help me to sign-up more parish and Jordan families......give me the info and I will make the call. Blood Drives take set-up/tear-down work and 4 of my Brother Knights helped with tables and chairs: Rick Cervantes, Jim Wieland, Dick Hunt, and Kevin Houser. Thanks guys for all your help! NEXT MONDAY, APRIL 10, BLOOD DRIVE: 2023......Yes, the Blood Guy will be calling!!! Thank you.....

Louie Alongi, KofC Blood Coordinator.

Louie Vito Alongi

President, Q.C. Society of Italian-Americans **Knights of Columbus Community Volunteer** Cell: (309) 235-6796





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:

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JIM CASEY		
BEV CASEY	Amber I	RIDGE
Nursing Home		
JIM CECIL	Ат Номе	
SUSAN DEBLOCK		
A CHIEL D UPONT	Ат Номе	
GENE FOWLER	Ат Номе	
JERRY FOWLER	Ат Номе	
JIM FOBERT	Ат Номе	
Karen Hughes	Ат Номе	
JOSEPH LAZIO	Ат Номе	
NORMAN MANNING		

TINA OLSON AT HOME RED PEARSON AT HOME

MARY JO PULFORD RAY SAELENS

SUE SCHAECHER AT ALURE
JACK SHOWALTER AT HOME
BOB SPALDING AT HOME
RICHARD TIPTON AT HOME
BETTY VANDEVOORDE AT HOME

JIM WELLS
WILLIAM WESTON
JACK SWAN

JACK SWAN
DAVE SULLIVAN
DEAN LACKEY

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





We are still accepting Vocation raffle tickets for the drawing on December 3rd 2022. We're giving away a total of 20 prizes for a total of \$20,000. So it is not too late. Dig up that book of tickets we sent to you and send it in soon. We are still down in sales compared to last year. And we have more needs this year than last for our support of seminarians. Also if you can't help with tickets keep our Seminarians and others seeking a Religious vocation in your prayers. Thanks again for your support.

God Bless you all,

Vocation Raffle Chairman, Jim Wieland

309-948-5534



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

Is there significance to the number of the candles on the Altar? Question: I have noticed that the number of candles on the altar change from time to time and sometimes from mass to mass. Is there significance

to the number and placement of the candles on the Altar? This question suggests a couple of things about the questioner. First he is not coming to Mass just to check off an activity that needs to be done. Second, he is paying close attention to what is going on in the sanctuary. Attention to detail reflects a love for the Mass. This attention to detail and love of the mass is something we share with holy mother church. Our public worship usually called liturgy is of great concern to the church and so she does everything she can to make sure that liturgies are celebrated in a dignified and common way. For each of the sacraments the liturgical actions and prayers are specified in a liturgical book appropriate to the sacrament. The liturgical book for the mass is called the Roman Missal. That is the very large book in the bookstand on the altar or on a side table close to the priest. At the very front of the book is what amounts to another booklet titled The General Instruction of the Roman Missal This document describes in detail how the sanctuary should be set up and exactly what actions are to be taken by each of the liturgical ministers. The general instruction directs that there should be candlesticks with lighted candles on or next to the altar. We use candles to remind us of Christ as the light of the world -Jesus came into our world of sin, darkness, and death to bring the light of God to us. He expressed this in the Gospel of John when he said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Altar candles should also bring to mind that many of the persecuted Christians in the first centuries celebrated Mass secretly at night or in the catacombs, with the only light being candlelight. The fortitude and perseverance of those Christians helped the Faith survive and thrive even into the 21st century. This should remind us of the possibility that we too could be in a similar situation, celebrating Mass under threat of persecution. The use of candles on the altar began before the 12 th century. With the advent of modern electric lighting candles no longer have a practical purpose. They are required for use in the liturgy and are actually so important to the proper dignity and celebration of the Mass that it is normally deemed a grievous offense to celebrate Mass without any candlelight. Candles add a more festive character to the celebration of Mass. According to the General Instruction: "The altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a Holy Day of Obligation, or if the Diocesan Bishop celebrates then seven candlesticks with lighted candles."

Deacon Russ



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.



Pro-Life Message

The 2022 midterm elections in the U.S. are shaping up to be the most important elections on the bioethical issues concerning the dignity of human life in living memory, specifically preborn life. This is hardly surprising, given the Supreme Court's decision earlier this year to reverse Roe v Wade. So long as Roe was the law of the land, individual states were severely hampered in what laws they could pass to restrict abortion. With Roe cleared out of the way, states are now free to pass all sorts of laws protecting preborn life. Naturally, this has galvanized people on both sides of the issue. Pro-life politicians and citizens are jumping at the opportunity to pass laws protecting more preborn children from the violence of abortion. However, on the flipside pro-abortion strategists are seeking every available opportunity to tighten, or expand, pro-abortion laws in liberal states, particularly in light of a recent report that sixty-six abortion facilities have closed and have since ceased performing abortions since Roe was reversed. What happened to the argument that they provide all these other important services to women? It should be obvious that abortion is their main objective and cash cow. As the New York Times put it in a recent analysis, with Roe gone "every election has implications for [abortion] access." That same analysis notes that voters in at least seven states are set to vote on ballot initiatives or in governor or legislative races that could have massive implications for abortion. In several states, voters will have the opportunity to vote on critical ballot initiatives, some pro-abortion and some pro-life. In California, Michigan, and Vermont, voters will be asked on whether to place the "right" to abortion, on demand, into the state constitutions. In California, voters will vote on Proposition 1, a profoundly destructive constitutional amendment that would prohibit state legislators from passing any pro-life legislation. As the state's official summary reads, Proposition 1 would amend the state constitution, "to expressly include an individual's fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives." Proposition 1 is an extreme law that allows late-term abortions at taxpayer expense up to the moment of birth—even if the baby is healthy and the mother's health is not threatened. Current California law already guarantees a woman's right to choose, making this extreme and costly proposal unnecessary This is a breathtakingly extreme amendment that would make it impossible for California legislators to pass even the mildest abortion restrictions. If passed, Prop 1 would radically change health care policy by giving even more power to pro-abortion politicians. It poses an existential threat to untold thousands of preborn children every year. The California Conference of Bishops stated "they vehemently Proposition 1 (SCA 10), which looks to enshrine the most extreme forms of abortion into the California Constitution. We believe in protecting life at every age in every stage.... Enshrining this amendment's

language into the constitution will extend the danger of coercive abortion to babies with unquestioned viability." In response to this grave threat, the bishops are calling upon the state's 12 million Catholics "to work to raise awareness and vigorous opposition." Prop 1 must be defeated! In Michigan, voters will be voting on Proposal 3, which would affirm a "constitutional right" to "reproductive freedom," which the proposal defines as "the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion miscarriage management, and infertility care." Pro-life citizens must vote no to this proposal. Similarly, in Vermont, an affirmative vote on Proposal 5 would insert a "right" to "personal reproductive autonomy" into the constitution. Once again, Catholic voters should be sure to vote no! In Kentucky, meanwhile, voters will be asked to vote on Amendment 2, which would make it clear that there is nothing in the state constitution that creates a right to abortion. In other words, a "yes" vote would protect the ability for pro-life lawmakers to pass laws protecting the lives of unborn children. And, in Montana voters will weigh in on Montana LR-131, the Medical Care Requirements for Born-Alive Infants Measure. This measure makes clear that children that are born alive, even if after an attempted abortion, are legal persons and must be provided with medical care. There are state-level races in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Kansas as being of immediate critical importance for so called "abortion rights". In Kansas, a ballot initiative that would have overturned a state Supreme Court decision protecting abortion was rejected a few months ago. However, six of the seven Supreme Court justices are up for re-election. If voters reject the justices reelection, that will open up the possibility of whoever wins the governor's race for appointing pro-life justices who can overturn the pro-abortion ruling. In the lead up to the midterms, Leftist strategists have been working to turn people's attention away from the dismal state of the economy, and keep it focused firmly on the issue of abortion. They believe that by painting Conservatives as "extremists" on the issue of abortion in the wake of the reversal of Roe, they can distract from the failures of this administration on a host of other issues. To that end, they have spent over \$124 million on abortion-related advertising against pro-life candidates. Besides the fact that this is likely a losing strategy, the only way that they can accomplish this is through misleading tactics. Take, for instance, the response to Sen. Lindsey Graham's highly imperfect proposed bill to ban abortion after 15 weeks. Leftist and the pro-abortion media have attempted to portray this as an "extreme" pro-life bill. In reality, most European countries, including the most liberal nations, actually have abortion laws that are more restrictive than Sen. Graham's bill, often only allowing abortion in the first 12 or 13 weeks. If anything, then, Sen. Graham's bill exposes how extreme the leftist are, and how extreme abortion law under Roe was! Whereas practically every government in Europe, no matter

how liberal, acknowledges that the preborn child is deserving of protection at some point, Leftist in the U.S. want abortion-on-demand, paid for with tax dollars, up to birth! Abortion is a preeminent issue, one that surpasses all others: it involves an intentional act by parents and heath care professionals to deliberately destroy the lives of totally innocent preborn children. As an intrinsic evil, abortion is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. And abortion is distinct from other social ills because the innocent child in the womb has no legal protection. Certainly, the stakes this November couldn't be higher. Pro-abortion politicians and advocates for abortion are hoping to win enough seats on both state and federal levels to enshrine abortion "rights" into law, and to stop pro-life state legislatures from passing pro-life laws, or from allowing those laws to go into effect. It is critical that Catholics and committed pro-life Americans show up to the polls and volunteer their time to get out the vote for pro-life initiatives and candidates. Lives depend on it! And so do the souls of those that promote abortion.

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.

Each 3 digit number is \$27 per year **OR** \$10 per four month period; January-April, May-August, or September-December. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, & mail your payment to:

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Sep.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
15	669	No winner	25
16	371	Archiel Dupont Jr	25
17	538	No winner	50
18	746	No winner	50
19		Lawrence	25
19	230	Brandenburg	
20	575	Lance Johnson	25
21	208	No winner	25
22	477	No winner	25
23	169	No winner	25
24	435	No winner	50
25	569	No winner	50
26	007	No winner	25
27	235	No winner	25
28	299	No winner	25
29	322	No winner	25
30	678	No winner	25
Oct.	3 Digits	Winner	
1	439	No winner	50
2	483	No winner	100

3	212	No winner	25
4	126	No winner	25
5	805	No winner	25
6	137	No winner	25
7	244	No winner	25
8	368	No winner	50
9	455	No winner	50
10	487	No winner	25
11	841	No winner	25
12	184	No winner	25
13	882	No winner	25
14	483	No winner	25

^{*}You could have had this 3 digit number...



2023 Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast

We are grateful to God and the tireless efforts of countless pro-life activists that Roe V. Wade was overturned, finally, and God willing, forever. But the fight continues. Illinois will continue to allow abortions and the option may be even more liberal than it was under the federal law. Iowa will disallow it, but that could change if Iowa loses conservative executive or legislative majorities. 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Organizers are planning a March on Washington both in commemoration of that fateful day 50 years ago and in celebration of the recent victory. In solidarity, our Council is planning, once again, to support local pro-life organiations by hosting a pancake breakfast. Mark your calendar for Sunday January 22nd, and please consider how you might help make the fundraiser the best to date. I will be contacting you again later in the fall to solicit your involvement.

Your brother, Jerry Schroeder



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

Good morning Sir Knights,

We've been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the Deceased Members Mass for Allouez Council. The Mass will be the regular 4:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's, Rock Island, on Saturday, November 5th. Allouez Council will also have their annual Recognition & Awards Social immediately following this Mass in Schroeder Hall at St. Mary's, and all are invited to attend. I believe there will be a Presentation of Colors at the beginning of the Social, so we would be looking for at least 4, and preferably 6 or more Sir Knights to participate in the Presentation of Colors. Please let me know if you will be able to attend the Deceased Members Mass and whether you would like to participate in the Presentation of Colors at the Social following the Mass.

Thank you,

Dick Hunt 309-737-8349



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.







Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

Again in 2022, **Allouez Council #658** is participating in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. Here is a photo of six of the eight boxes ready for delivery, and a photo of a couple coats donated to Skip-a-Long Child Development Services in Rock Island.



White Mass at St.Pius X. Oct.15th.



Blue Mass at Sacred Heart. Oct. 2nd.



Holy hour at St Pius X. Oct.13th.



Emmaus Procession. Oct. 8th.



If anyone knows someone that might be interested in becoming a Knight please do not hesitate to have them get ahold of any of the officers listed.

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