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### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

#### Worthy Knights,

As mentioned in my previous comments we are an active council and November started off with Deceased members mass, Columbus Day social, Avenue of the Flags project, and the Men's Retreat led by Fr. Chase what a nice turnout to listen to some inspirational words to get us all ready for Advent. The Holiday Raffle Tickets are being sold now till December 15, this is one of are major fundraisers to support the work we do let me know if you need more tickets! Thanks brother knights for your support in all the activities we do. Thanksgiving is a few days away and Christmas is right around the corner. May the blessings of the coming holidays be with all of you.

Vivat Jesus,

Rick Cervantes

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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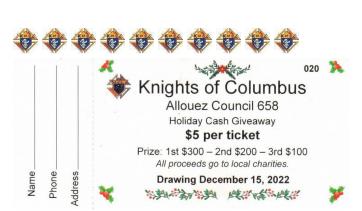
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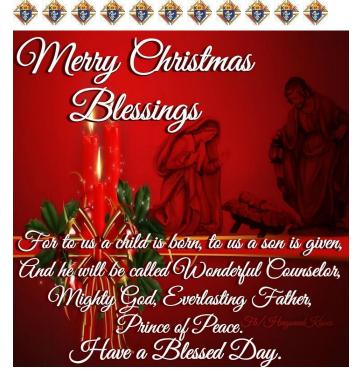


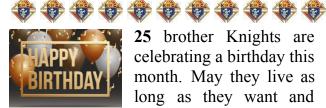


Would you like a little extra cash for the upcoming holiday season?
Allouez Council 658 is having a Holiday Cash Giveaway raffle that is offering three cash prizes. That means your \$5 donation actually gives you 3 chances to win. We will



be selling these raffle tickets after all Masses at all three Rock Island parishes on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th. Stop by after Mass at St Pius X, Sacred Heart, or St Mary's on December 3rd of 4th to get your chance to win some extra holiday cash. If anyone needs tickets call Rick Cervantes 309-738 2545 He will be happy to take them to you.





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

they live.

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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.





## Membership dues notices will be coming out soon for the year 2023.

Paying dues is essential to remaining in good standing with the Knights of Columbus and allowing our local council 658 to function effectively. These dues cover the cost of your membership in the Knights of Columbus, making you a part of an international fraternal brotherhood. Some main points of keeping your dues current: 1) Commitment: You are making continuous financial and personal commitment to your council and its goals. 2) Long-term planning: Your council will be able to project what its financial resources will be in the future, making it possible to plan long-term actions and charities. 3) Independence from outside pressure: Your council will not have to constantly chase for donations from many sources and be at the mercy of those sources. 4) Accountability: Your council is accountable to you and the council members, but not to the donors.





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### 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:

ELIZABETHBRUEGGEN

JIM CASEY		
BEV CASEY	AMBER	RIDGE
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JIM CECIL	Ат Номе	
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**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.



**VOCATION RAFFLE REPORT** 



A big thank you to all who turned in their ticket books . By the time you get this report the tickets should be in the State Council's hands.

Right now I have 107 books and a promise of a couple more. I am looking forward to seeing some of your names on the winners list

Your donations have already been put to use. Five checks as part of the RSVP effort will be sent to our seminarians soon.

Please keep them in your prayers.

God Bless,

Vocation Raffle Chairman, Jim Wieland 309-948-5534



## **DEACON'S QUESTION BOX**

### What determines the number of Readings during Mass and when we do or do not recite the Creed?

Question: As kind of a follow up to the topic of the number of candles on the altar at Mass, I noticed

that during the White Mass, we only had a First Reading during the Liturgy of the Word, and we also did not recite the Creed. So, what circumstances determine the number of Readings during Mass and when we do or do not recite the Creed? The simplest and most direct answer to this question is actually the same response I used last month when we were talking about the candles on the altar: the Roman Missal and its general instruction determine when we say the Creed and the Gloria and how many readings we use at mass. Concerning the readings it refers back to the Lectionary for Mass. And states Sundays and Solemnities have assigned to them three readings, that is, from a Prophet, an Apostle, and a Gospel, by which the Christian people are instructed in the continuity of the work of salvation according to God's wonderful design. These readings should be followed strictly. Concerning the Gloria the General Instruction says "It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character." And likewise the Creed is to be sung or said by the Priest together with the people on Sundays and Solemnities. The Creed may also be said at particular celebrations of a more solemn character. This would be a good time to talk a little bit about the lectionary. The Lectionary for Mass came about as a result of Vatican II. On Dec. 4, 1963, the Second Vatican Council issued "The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy," This document is normally referred to by its Latin title (Sacrosanctum Concilium). This document called for the renewal of Catholic liturgical life with the goal of making our liturgies more accessible to the faithful which in turn would enrichen their faith lives. Note I use the term renewal and not reform. Too often people use the term reform suggesting there was something wrong with the way we celebrated the sacraments for 400 years which of course is not true, resulted in a revision of the lectionary, more use of vernacular language and what we now call the Novus Ordo or more properly the Roman Missal of 1970. The Council called for, "The treasures of the Bible to be opened up more lavishly so that a richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word," A committee was established to revise the lectionary for mass. The lectionary committee combed through all previous Latin lectionaries, in addition to lectionaries used by Eastern rites and Protestant denominations. Drawing too upon ecumenical biblical scholarship and research of early Christian practice, the committee boosted the amount of Scripture used at Mass by crafting a three-year cycle of readings for Sundays and feast days and by adding an additional reading, usually from the Old Testament, to the liturgical lineup for those days. Forty years later, the three-year Sunday and two year weekday lectionary they developed may be the most successful innovation of Vatican II. This lectionary replaced what had been in place and largely unchanged since 1570. The old Lectionary contained a one-year cycle of Scripture selections for Sundays and feast days, prescribing two readings for each liturgy, the "Epistle" and the Gospel. The changes were dramatic: Whereas the



previous version of the Roman Missal offered a total of 138 Scripture passages, the new Sunday and Feast Day Lectionary, approved in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, contains 529 readings\_ almost a third of which are from the Old Testament. It brought far more Scripture in a much more coherent way to Catholics, "It tied the Scriptures very clearly with the liturgical year. It is said imitation is the best form of flattery. Soon after it appeared, Protestants began adopting the Catholic Sunday lectionary; In fact the common lectionary used today by many of the mainline Protestant denominations is largely based on the Catholic lectionary.



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, <a href="mailto:rpswim@mchsi.com">rpswim@mchsi.com</a>, phone 786-3097.



## Pro-Life Message

Pro-Life Message

There are troubling results after the Midterm Elections in Five States that were mentioned in last month's message. As the dust settles on the U.S. midterm elections, one unfortunate fact is clear: in those states that voted on abortion in ballot initiatives, unborn children and women in need were the losers. In all, voters in five different states voted on amendments having to do with abortion: California, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, and Vermont. In all five cases, the pro-life position lost. True, in some of these cases (e.g., the amendments in California and Vermont) the outcome was only to be expected. That California passed Proposition 1, which adds a "right" to abortion to the state constitution, is a tragedy. Not only will this amendment prohibit state legislators from passing even the most common-sense pro-life legislation, it opens the doors to further radicalizing California law, allowing abortions up to the point of birth with taxpayer funding. However, while Californian valiantly fought diabolical pro-lifers this amendment, it was always an uphill fight. In the end, it passed 65-35%. It appears that one major abortion chain is already set to take advantage of California's new extreme position. DuPont Clinic is one of the few organizations willing to kill unborn children up to the point of birth. In October, apparently anticipating the passage of Proposition 1, they announced that they would be bringing their "model of all-trimester abortion" to California, opening a new facility in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, in Vermont, another one of the bluest states in the Union, voters approved an amendment to protect "personal reproductive autonomy" (read: legal abortion without restriction) in the state constitution in an overwhelming 77-23% vote.

Even though pro-lifers and the Catholic Bishops of California gave tremendous effort in raising awareness and reasons to oppose Proposition 1, it was expected that hyper-liberal California voters would rally to support legal child-killing. The same was believed of voters in Vermont;

however, some did expect that things might go otherwise in three other states: Michigan, Kentucky, and Montana. Michigan is considered a purplish state that leans Democrat. However, despite a fairly large liberal population, pro-lifers hoped that voters in Michigan would reject the extreme Proposition

3. Like Proposition 1 in California, the Michigan amendment adds a constitutional "right" to abortion and contraceptives to the state constitution – a devastating change that will prevent real pro-life legislative progress in the state. Sadly, Michigan voters approved the amendment 55.4-

44.6%. "There are no words to express our grief," said Christen Pollo, the executive director of Protect Life Michigan, after the vote. "We don't mourn because we lost a political battle. We mourn because we live in a world that has lost the ability to draw the most important

moral line in the sand: the line that protects us all." Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit echoed these words. "We grieve for the many women who will continue to be harmed by abortion in our state," he said in a statement "And most importantly, we grieve for the lives who will be lost because of this unjust and perverse law." In conservative Kentucky, meanwhile, voters ultimately rejected Amendment 2, an amendment that would have made clear that the state constitution does not provide a right to abortion. The loss here is, in certain respects, less immediately devastating than the loss in states like California or Michigan. After all, Kentucky is currently one of the most pro-life states in the Union, banning abortion for almost any reason. However, pro-lifers in the state fear that this vote may be the precursor to much worse. Kentucky's Supreme Court is set to hear a case soon that

could see the court "discover" a right to abortion in the constitution. This amendment was designed to head off any such judicial activism. Without the amendment in place, it is possible that abortion may yet return to Kentucky in a big way. With that said, state officials are determined to prevent any such outcome. Attorney General Daniel Cameron noted after the vote to reject the amendment, "while this result is disappointing it does not change our belief there is no right to abortion hidden in the Kentucky Constitution and that the regulation of abortion policy is a matter that belongs to our elected representatives in the General assembly." The outcome that did take me by surprise, however and is sad indeed, was the vote in Montana, where voters rejected a "Born Alive" measure, which made clear that medical staff must provide medical care to children that are born alive after failed abortions. One would think that protecting newborn babies from being left to die is the bare minimum, especially in a generally

conservative state like Montana. But alas, this common-sense amendment was narrowly defeated, 52.5-47.5%. While there is simply no denying that the outcome of the midterm votes on ballot initiatives was disappointing in many respects, there are other signs of hope. Since Roe was overturned earlier

this year, several states have made a push to outlaw most or all abortions, with the strong support of their governors. This is the case in Georgia,



Oklahoma, and Texas. In Georgia, for instance, Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law a heartbeat bill that bans abortion after about six weeks. In

Oklahoma, Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a law banning almost all abortions. And in Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott signed a heartbeat bill. In each of these states, the pro-life governors were rewarded for their unapologetic pro-life stance by winning easy re-election. Additionally, nine cities in Texas

and Nebraska voted to become "sanctuary cities" for the unborn, outlawing abortion within city limits. So, while it is true that voters in several states voted in disappointing ways, the midterms also revealed that taking a strong pro-life stance is not the losing proposition that the mainstream

media or squishy Republicans would have us believe. Governors and legislators, who are willing to unapologetically take a pro-life position, and to champion it with real, courageous leadership, were rewarded at the ballot box. Another thing to keep in mind in analyzing the outcome of the midterms is that in the battle over the abortion amendments, pro-lifers were hugely outspent. Pro-Abortion organizations out spent Pro-Lifers 35 to 1, spending \$400 million to deceive voters about a so-called nationwide ban on abortion. Even the corrupt CEO of FTX, the failed crypto currency exchange company donated \$40M to pro-abortion candidates and causes. Although money isn't everything, the fact is that pro-abortion advocates made sure that whenever people in their states turned on the TV or radios, they heard messages warning them about all the horrible things that would supposedly happen if their state protected unborn life. Furthermore, with Roe gone, pro-abortion activists needed these victories to create the impression that Americans support Roe, even if the polls consistently show that they don't. Thus, they threw everything they had into the fight. Every loss on the issue of abortion is devastating. However, there is no point in letting any loss get us down, particularly at a time when the pro-life movement is decisively winning. Children are alive today who would not otherwise be, because of these victories. Right now is the time to dust off, re- evaluate, and return to the fight, knowing that history and truth is on our side.

#### **Jack Swan Pro-Life Director**

On another note, I wanted to thank all of you that prayed for a successful triple bypass open heart surgery that I had on the morning of the 31 st of October. I especially want to thank Deacon Russ who prayed for me and comforted my wife Luann and Daughters during and throughout the six

hour surgery and kept me on the straight and narrow during my hospital stay, and especially for bringing the Eucharist to me several times. I am so grateful for all the prayers said clear across our nation for me, my family and my doctors, for the several Masses that were said for me, including a Mass said for me at the Pope St. John Paul II Institute on the campus of Catholic University of America in Washington DC, by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and wife Vanessa, and for Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's prayers for me during my surgery at the tomb of our Founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT. I will

forever be indebted to you all. May God bless each of you for your kindness. Recovery will be slow, but I look forward to seeing you all soon. Vivat Jesus!!!

Your brother Knight, Jack

#### 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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Oct.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
15	678	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
16	073	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
17	814	No winner	25
18	209	No winner	25
19	064	No winner	25
20	617	No winner	25
21	858	No winner	25
22	771	Preston Zawada	<mark>50</mark>
23	787	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
24	589	No winner	25
25	255	Bob Kulig	25
26	920	No winner	25
27	210	No winner	25
28	061	No winner	25
29	830	Joyce O'Connor	<mark>50</mark>
30	078	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
31	433	No winner	25
Oct. 3 Digits Winner			
1	645	No winner	25
2	866	No winner	25
3	722	No winner	25
4	635	No winner	25
5	569	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
6	960	No winner	<mark>100</mark>
7	752	No winner	25
8	008	No winner	25
9	632	No winner	25
10	953	Dean Lackey	25
11	687	No winner	25
12	098	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
13	242	No winner	<mark>50</mark>
14	502	No winner	25

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



#### **BELL RINGING KNIGHTS**

The R.I. Knights will be ringing the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at Hy-Vee R.I.,



from 10 am - 8:00 pm. helping the Salvation Army help our community during this Christmas season. If you normally support the Red Kettle please consider making a Kettle donation on 12/02. I would be happy to forward your donation to the Kettle if you are unable to do so. Our Knights have averaged just over \$1,300 per year the past 6 years. Please say "thank you" to our volunteer Knights! The Brother Knights ringing the Bell are: Mike McKinney, Gene Paprocki, Kevin Houser, Dick Hunt, Lance Johnson, Pat Kernan, Mark Lioen, James Richardson, and Dave Yordy. We ask for your support!

Thank you......Louie Alongi, S.A. Red Kettle Chairman.

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



#### 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 organizations 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



Good morning Sir Knights,

Well we've had a short break from Honor Guard activities, but I thought I would let you know the next activity that I'm aware of is Bishop Tylka will be at the 5 PM Mass at St Ambrose on Saturday, December 3rd. We've been asked to provide our usual Honor Guard escort for the procession into church and the recession out of church. I believe we will also provide an escort for the gifts being taken up to the altar. Please let me

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.



know if you will be able to attend this Mass and participate in the Honor Guard.
Thanks,

Dick Hunt 309-737-8349







Deceased members mass Nov. 5th.



5th Sunday rosary, St.PiusX Oct.30th.



Men's retreat, Father Chase, Nov.12th.

<u>November</u> <u>Event Photos</u>

# 2022 Fr. Bader Assembly Christmas Dinner and Social Thursday, December 8, 2022

Christ the King, Believer's Together Dining Room

5:30 - Mass, Christ the King Church

6:30 - Social Time & Appetizers

7:00 - Dinner

7:45 - Worthy Navigator Remarks

8:00 - Music: Gramlings' Holiday Favorites

## RSVP For Meals By December 2nd (Guests are Welcome to Attend)

Dave Yordy: 563.529.6582 / yordski60@outlook.com \*Note, new e-mail address

or

Louie Alongi: 309.235.6796 / alongilouiev@gmail.com

## Cost

\$20 Per Person Payment Collected at the Door

\*Note, dues statements are being mailed and can also be paid at the door.



## Appetizers

Shrimp Cocktail Cheese & Veggie Tray

## Buffet

Roast Beef
Parmesan Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
California Vegetable Blend
Salad
Rolls & Butter

## Beverages

Lemonade Coffee Water Beer Wine

## Desserts

Chocolate Cake Apple Crisp Lemon Bars

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## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS** (Subjective Control of the Control o

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