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January

Upcoming Events

(Subject to Change; See Online Calendar)

- Officer's meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Rock Island, Il
- Light meal 6pm, Meeting 7pm to 8pm
- 12 Council meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, Il. 18 Midwest Food Bank, Vibrant Center, Moline, Il.

9am to 11: 30am

6:30p to 8pm

29 5th Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X Rock Island, Il.

10am to 10:25am

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Happy New Year! As we move into 2023 I can look back and see all the good works the council has done. We finished 2022 with the Holiday Cash Raffle and thanks to all who sold tickets made it a success. To all my brother knights who chaired the events this past year and to all who volunteered to make them successful thank you. January 22 Pro- Life breakfast, Fish Fry (date?) will get us off and running this new year. If you have a friend or neighbor ,relatives tell them about the knights. We need Catholic men to join us to serve the church and community.

Let the holy spirit be your guide.

Vivat Jesus

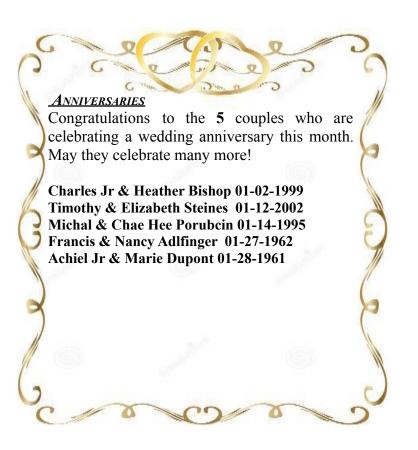
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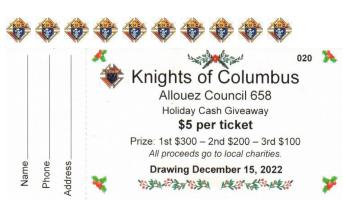
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Rick Cemanter

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS/VOLUNTEER: CONTACT A COUNCIL OFFICER:

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I know you are all anxiously awaiting an update on how we did with the Holiday Cash raffle (at least I know Rick is).

We had total receipts of \$2,095, so it would appear that we sold 419 of the 500 tickets we had printed.

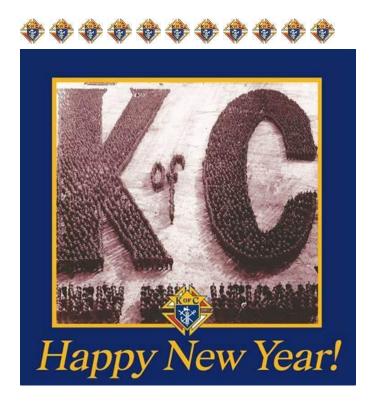
In addition to the winners' checks of \$300, \$200, and \$100, we had an expense of \$184.53 for the printing of the raffle tickets.



So the net proceeds from this year's Holiday Cash raffle was \$1,310.47. This represents a little improvement over the \$1,290.00 from last year's raffle. Congratulations to us all. Knights of Columbus Holiday Cash Winners:

Ray Vallejo, Lance Johnson (grandson Elliot), Greg Schneider congratulations! Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets, the \$1,300 raised will help our council to support are local charities and events On behalf of Allouez Council 658 I want to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Grand Knight Rick Cerantes







15 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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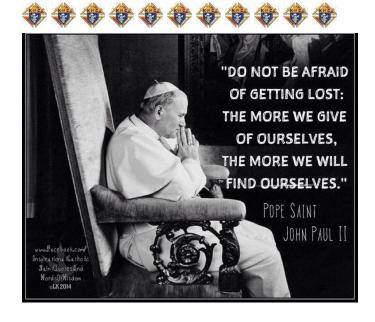
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We want to recognize all our member's birthdays & anniversaries, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Please call or email F.S. Dick Hunt so he can add or correct our records.



Membership dues notices everyone should have 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.





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:

ElizabethBrueggen

JIM CASEY	
BEV CASEY	Amber Ridge
NURSING HOME	
JIM CECIL	Ат Номе
ACHIELDUPONT	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	Ат Номе

RED PEARSON
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

Ат Номе

JIM WELLS
WILLIAM WESTON
JACK SWAN
MIKE PACHECO
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,

Your Son, Jean Christoff Age and Andrew Se





2022 VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RAFFLE WINNERS DECEMBER 3, 2022

WINNERS AMOUNT NAME AFFILIATION

1ST \$10,000 JASON ANSELMENT 16126

2ND \$2,500 THOMAS FAHNESTOCK 460

3RD \$1,000 BRIAN SCHURTER 4450

4TH \$1,000 J. ETERNO 1599

5TH \$1,000 VERNON RAKERS 1580

6TH \$1,000 W. SCHACK 1204

7TH \$500 GAIL STEFANI 16350

8TH \$500 PATRICIA M. FRAUENHEIM 12863

9TH \$500 HAROLD ORLANDINI 9890

10TH \$500 STEVEN G. DALTON 1369

11TH \$200 DIANE CONLIN 6090

12TH \$200 DANIEL MUELLER 9266

13TH \$200 STEVE & JODY CONKLIN 3738

14TH \$200 TERRY TOENNIES 2932

15TH \$200 JEROME B. RAKERS 11110

16TH \$100 ZOPHIA MATACHOWSKA 14284

17TH \$100 KEN CHEMPLEY 9890 18TH \$100 ALBERT SANCHEZ 654 19TH \$100 JOHN FITZPATRICK 735 20TH \$100 MAUREEN DE DOBBELAERE 654 TOTAL \$20,000

Vocation Raffle Chairman, Jim Wieland 309-948-5534



DEACON'S QUESTION BOX

The question box was empty this month so I considered what might be of

interest to you at this time of the year. So the question for this month is:

What is the origin of the Advent wreath?

My research did not lead me to a precise timeline relative to the Advent wreath. The custom of the Advent wreath seems to have originated in Northern Germany, the exact dates are unknown. It has been suggested that pre-Christian Germanic peoples would light candles around wreaths in the dark winter months in anticipation of the warmer, lighter months of springtime. This tradition likely evolved into an "Advent wreath" at some point during the Middle Ages, transforming the pagan tradition into a Christian one. By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath. Ultimately, the Advent wreath



tradition spread beyond Germany and into other areas of the world, namely throughout the western Church. The concept of the Advent wreath as we know it today seems to have originated among German Lutherans in the 16th Century. In the mid-1800s the modern Advent wreath began to take shape. Its inventor may have been a German Protestant pastor, who took care of poor orphans in an urban mission in Hamburg. During the Adventide of 1839, children at the mission were asking daily if Christmas had arrived, so the pastor came up with the ritual of the Advent wreath. He built a large wooden ring made out of an old cartwheel with 20 small red candles, lit on weekdays and Saturdays, and 4 large white candles, on Sundays. This custom helped children to be patient, and to understand the meaning of the weeks that led up to Christmas. The custom has evolved into the smaller wreath with four or five big candles that we know today. Children were taught that the circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us – it is never-ending, just like the true Light of the World, Jesus, who leads us into eternal life with Him. Each weekly candle is intended to help us reflect on the scriptural theme of that week of advent. The first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope; the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but to celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year as well. The first candle is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," it harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. It might be called the "Bethlehem Candle," this candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth. Jesus is coming, and so is His Kingdom of Peace. His light of peace would shine forth from Bethlehem for the entire world. The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. This candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. The Church calls the third Sunday of advent Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. It could be called the "Angel's Candle," reminding us that the heralds of Jesus' arrival were angels.



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

As we start the fiftieth year of legalized abortion in our Nation, a piece of good news is that newly

released data shows that the abortion rate dropped in 2020. In the United States the abortion rate has been dropping more or less consistently since its peak in the early 1980s. However, that trend showed a worrying reversal in 2018 and 2019, when the number of abortions increased for the first time in years. However, in 2020 the number of abortions once again dropped by 1.5%. As pro-life statistician Dr. Michael New notes in the National Review, it seems as if state-level abortion restrictions played an important role in reducing the number of abortions. Although the overall number of abortions in the U.S. dropped in 2020, trends at the state level were uneven. In 29 of the 47 states that reported abortion data, the number of abortions actually increased. However, the increases in these 29 states were offset by significant decreases in other states. As Dr. New notes, during the pandemic, five conservative states stopped performing abortions altogether for a period. In four of those states, the number of abortions dropped significantly. This included a stunning 24% drop in Oklahoma, as well as an 8.2% drop in Louisiana, and 4.9% in Alabama. Dr. New argues that "this shows that policies preventing abortions from being performed have a real impact." Surprisingly, however, the data also shows a significant 19% drop in abortions in New York State. Now, New York has one of the most liberal abortion regimes in the country. So, what caused this decrease? This is a harder question to answer, but Dr. New points out that New York was hit particularly hard by the COVID pandemic in 2020. It's possible that given long lockdowns, pregnant New Yorkers simply couldn't access abortions. As well, many New Yorkers left the state, and it's possible that they got abortions in some of the other states that experienced increases. But even if that is the case, the good news remains that overall; the U.S. saw fewer abortions than previous years. Hopefully this trend downward will continue. The data is showing a significant drop in abortions since the reversal of Roe v. Wade, which was brought about by the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson decision earlier this year. More and more data are emerging showing just that. Once again, we can turn to Dr. New for the best analysis. As he wrote last month, recent data from the Society of Family Planning show that there were 10,000 fewer abortions in June and July in the U.S. than would have been expected – a 6% decrease! That's 10,000 unborn children that are alive today, who otherwise would have been killed by abortionists, thanks to the reversal of Roe. What an amazing reality to contemplate. But as Dr. New argues, it is very likely that the data from the pro-abortion Society of Family Planning actually understate the impact of the reversal of Roe, and recent pro-life laws in general. As he points out, the dramatic drop in abortions began even prior to the Dobbs decision. Last year, Texas had passed its "Heartbeat Act," which bans abortion after about 6 weeks. Defying expectations, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed that law to stay in place during legal challenges, even before the Court overturned Roe. According to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services, in the first month of the law's passage, abortions dropped by over 60% in the state! Some



abortion supporters have argued that much of this drop in abortions in Texas was offset by women obtaining abortions in other states or ordering abortion drugs online. However, an analysis by the Charlotte Lozier Institute disputes this claim, which is based upon data provided by abortionists. The Charlotte Lozier analysis found that between March 2022 and July 2022, there were an estimated 5,000 additional children born in Texas, thanks to the Heartbeat Act! In other words, contrary to the claims of abortionists, many pregnant women in Texas did indeed carry their unborn children to term after the passage of the Heartbeat Act, saving thousands of lives. While there is plenty of good news to go around, however, there is certainly no lack of challenges either. One of the challenges is the rapid growth in so-called "medical" abortions. These are abortions that are committed through the two-drug cocktail known as RU-486, a medication used to induce a miscarriage in a pregnancy less than 10 weeks. Mifeprex (mifepristone) is used in combination with misoprostol. A decade ago, such abortions only constituted a minority of all abortions in the United States. Now, however, they make up a majority of all abortions. The problems with medical abortions are myriad. In the first place, they kill an unborn child, like every abortion. Secondly, they put women's health at risk. In many cases women taking the drugs undergo the abortion at home, alone. This can lead to deeply traumatic experiences, in which women lose their unborn children because of an artificial miscarriage, coming face to face with the reality of abortion. there have been cases of dangerous hemorrhages in women. Lastly, and worryingly, it is fairly easy for abortion providers to bypass pro-life laws, mailing abortion drugs to women in states or nations where abortion is illegal. Even prior to the reversal of Roe, many abortion organizations made it clear that their strategy, should Roe be overturned, would be to find ways to smuggle abortion drugs across state lines, making it easy for women to illegally abort their unborn children. And indeed, as Truthout reports, online abortionists targeting women with abortion drugs are "proliferating" in the wake of the reversal of Roe. The practice has become so common, and so aggressive, that even the Biden administration's FDA has warned that it has gotten out of hand, potentially posing serious dangers for the health of women. In 2020, the "medical" abortion rate rose 17.9%, as abortionists exploited the pandemic to normalize this method of abortion. This increase has been aided and abetted by the Biden administration, which has loosened restrictions surrounding abortion drugs, allowing them to be prescribed online and sent through the mail. The other main challenge, of course, is that arguably the most pro-abortion U.S. President in history is still in office. So long as the Biden-Harris administration remains in power, they are going to seize every opportunity that they can to use executive power to promote abortion domestically and abroad. One way that Biden is seeking to promote abortion in the U.S. is by passing regulations allowing the government to pay for women living in pro-life states to travel elsewhere for abortions. For decades, the Hyde Amendment

has prohibited government funding of abortion. However, the Biden administration is arguing that the Hyde Amendment only prohibits paying for the actual abortion procedure, and that paying for the travel in order to obtain the abortion is not prohibited. In August, Biden signed an executive allowing Medicaid order funding abortion-related travel. And yet, the good news for the pro-life movement is that the Biden administration is finding itself forced to try such deceptive tactics to promote abortion. With Roe overturned, and the Hyde Amendment still in place, the administration is left playing games, exploiting holes in the increasingly pro-life legal consensus. Moreover, we should pay very close attention to not only what the Biden administration is doing in the U.S, but also how it is leveraging its power to advance abortion abroad, as discussed in a recent Federalist article by Elyssa Koren. Here, she explains how the Biden administration remains persistent in its efforts to incentivize developing countries into overturning their laws and policies on abortion. The good news is that many countries are rejecting these attempts. The abortion rate in the U.S. has fallen 20% since 2010, and 50% since 1980. This is, without a doubt, in significant measure due to the heroic efforts of the many pro-life heroes who have fought day after day to end Roe, and to reach out to and support individual women in crisis pregnancies. The momentum is on our side. Tens of thousands of unborn children are being saved from abortion every year. With the momentum on our side, let us not ease up, but rather redouble our efforts to create a Culture of Life. Lives and souls depend upon it.

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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Nov.	3 Digits	Winner	Won
15	453	No winner	25
<mark>16</mark>	<mark>595</mark>	Pam Hunt	25
17	363	No winner	25
18	689	No winner	25
19	192	No winner	50
20	049	No winner	50
21	059	No winner	25
22	997	No winner	25
23	563	No winner	25
24	011	No winner	25
25	335	No winner	25



26	797	No winner	50
27	608	No winner	50
28	673	No winner	25
29	296	No winner	25
30	709	No winner	25
Dec	3 Digits	Winner	
1	552	No winner	25
2	551	No winner	25
3	740	No winner	50
4	889	No winner	100
5	883	No winner	25
6	813	No winner	25
<mark>7</mark>	526	Dave Sullivan	<mark>25</mark>
8	111	No winner	25
9	804	No winner	25
10	204	No winner	50
<mark>11</mark>	703	Kevin Rafferty	<mark>50</mark>
12	176	No winner	25
13	959	No winner	25
14	254	No winner	25
15	502	No winner	25

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



BLOOD DRIVE 4/10/23

Planning has started for the Spring Blood Drive held at the Jordan Gym. Sponsored by Jordan, St. Plus X, and the KofC.

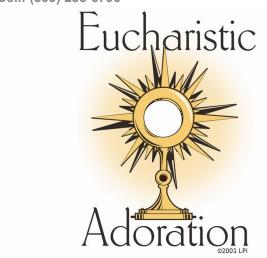
Please "save the date: 4/10/23." <u>The Last Day to donate elsewhere is 02/13.</u> Blood scheduling will begin late Feb thru March.

Donors can go on-line or contact Jordan School 309-793-7366 or the "Blood Guy" who prefers E-Mail, or call 309-235-6796 to be scheduled in advance. More information will follow as the Drive date approaches. Thank you.

Louie Alongi, Blood Guy! alongilouiev@gmail.com 309-235-6796

Louie Vito Alongi

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



Hello Brothers!!

I want to thank each and every one of you for participating and being a member of the K of C's Adoration Team! Please spread the word to other Brother Knights who may be interested in joining our team -- we do have 1 spot to fill but we can always accommodate more Knights!! Wishing you and your Family a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!



Hello Knights of Columbus,

If you come to St. Pius and the North outside doors are locked, enter the keypad code to unlock the doors. The keypad is to the far right of the doors. The Adoration door code is the same. Same number as before. If you need to use the ADA assist door, you will have ten seconds to push the plate. If you need a few more seconds, please let us know.

- St. Pius X



BELL RINGING KNIGHTS

The R.I. Knights rang the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell at Hy-Vee Store R.I. for 12 hours on Friday, 12/02/22. The Knights collected \$1,003.12 for our local Salvation Army to benefit our local communities during the Christmas season. The Knights thank our Brother Knights who rang the bell, and our three R.I. supporting parishes (St. Pius X, St. Mary's, Sacred Heart), who contributed directly to the Red Kettle or indirectly thru their parish for our Drive. On behalf of our Grand Knight Rick Cervantes, we wish you a very Happy New Year with many blessings. Thank you for all your support. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. R.I. Knights of Columbus - Salvation Army



- Red Kettle Ringing Record:

RED KETTLE RINGING RECORD:

	TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
2013	\$500.00 (change info not give	\$500.00
2014	\$423.67	\$923.67
2015	\$596.44	\$1,520.11
2016	\$1,000.00 (change info not give	\$2,520.11
2017	\$1,400.00 (change info not give	\$3,920.11
2018	\$1,980.71	\$5,900.82
2019	\$1,081.86	\$6,982.68
2020	\$1,265.95	\$8,248.63
2021	\$1,029.97	\$9,278.86
2022	\$1,003.12	\$10,281.72

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

Louie Vito Alongi

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42nd ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST (In memory of Sir Knight Larry Quane

Roe v. Wade is history, thank God! But the fight continues. States may still keep abortion legal; babies are still at risk. We must continue to defend life. Please plan to support the cause by attending the KoC's annual pro-life pancake breakfast . . .

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, 7:30 am - noon (50 years to the day Roe became law) St. Pius X Catholic Church, Farrell Hall, Rock Island \$7 adults; \$5 kids (13 and under); \$25 families (2 adults, any # of kids 17 and under) Fantastic full menu! Sit Down Service! 50/50 raffle! Money collected at the door. Additional donations are accepted and appreciated. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, Allouez Council 658, and mail to: Knights of Columbus

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Rock Island, IL 61204

For more information contact Jerry Schroeder, 309-764-8657, or at jfschroeder53@gmail.com

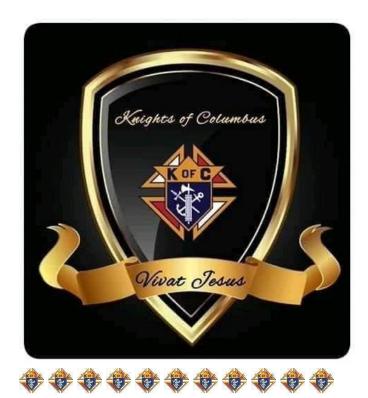
Your brother, Jerry Schroeder



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 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.









Mass at St Ambrose with Bishop Tylka and Father Baker Saturday, December 3rd.



Presenting ID check at the Horace Mann Early Learning Center.



Presenting ID check at the ARCQCA.

<u>December</u> <u>Event Photos</u>





Presenting ID check at Skip-A-Long.

Jerry Schroeder and Greg Schneider delivered the ID Drive checks on St. Nicholas Day--fitting that the agencies get an early present. Thanks to all who participated and for everyone's support of the ID Drive, Greg Scheider





St. Ambrose Church, December 19, Holy Hour with the special Diocese of Peoria traveling monstrance for the Eucharistic Revival.

BLOOD DRIVE

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Monday, April 10

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St. Pius Catholic Church – Farrell Hall Gym

To schedule, contact Louie Alongi at 309-235-6796 or Email alongilouiev@gmail.com or scan QR Code:

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By donating at this blood drive, you are helping Jordan Catholic School earn a \$250 Lifesavings Grant

Thank you for support blood donation





SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(Subject to Change; See Online Calendar)

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6:30p to 8pm Light meal 6pm,Meeting 7pm to 8pm 9am to 11: 30am 10am to 10:25am





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