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FEBRUARY	Upcoming Events	(Subject to Change; See <a href="#">Online Calendar</a> )
2	4th degree meeting, St. Ambrose, Milan, Il.	6pm dinner 7pm meeting
6	Officers meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Rock Island, Il	6:30p to 8pm
9	Council meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, Il.	Light meal 6pm, Meeting 7pm to 8pm
15	Midwest Food Bank, Vibrant Center, Moline, Il.	9am to 11: 30am

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

The Allouez Council is off to a great start this new year as we welcomed 3 new 3rd degree members Kevin Hoffman ,Don Hauer, and Dana Keimig. And a big thank you to the degree team for putting the exemplification ceremony together. Also a huge thanks to Jerry Schroeder who led the pro life breakfast on Jan 22 what a great turnout, read Jerry's comments below. We will be slowing down for a couple of weeks then March 10 is the Lenten fish fry. Lance Johnson again will be chairing this event so be ready to sign up for this big event. Coming in February also the Knights of Columbus - Into the Breach program look for more information in the coming weeks in the church bulletin and learn how you can find strength in your Catholic faith to be better fathers and husbands. See you at the next meeting tell a friend about the knights.

Let the holy spirit be your guide.

Vivat Jesus,

*Rick Cervantes*

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### ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the 8 couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

- Joseph & Angie Conicella 02-09-1952
- Martin & Sheila Herman 02-12-1983
- John & Pamela Verona 02-14-1970
- James & Cheryl Richardson 02-17-1968
- Darille & Susan Starrine 02-17-1984
- Calvin & Bev Askeland 02-19-1977
- Dennis & Pamela De Maught 02-23-1980
- Rmr Russell Swim & Pam Swim 02-27-1971



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

they live.

- RICHARD TIPTON
- JOHN MALONE
- W GERARD HUISKAMP
- NICHOLAS ANDERSON
- REV FRANCIS GALLAGHER
- RICHARD SELTON
- CAMERON BRITTON
- ARNOLD GREEN
- ANTHONY FORLINI
- VINCENT SANTUCCIO
- JEROME O'LEARY
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- ROBERT ANDERSON
- MICHAL PORUBCIN
- LUKE OLSON
- PETER DI IULIO
- LOUIS MACK
- REV THOMAS F GIBSON

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.

**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](mailto:AllouezCouncil@Gmail.com) to update. We remember the following members in our prayers:

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|--------------------|-------------|
| ELIZABETH BRUEGGEN |             |
| JIM CASEY          |             |
| BEV CASEY          | AMBER RIDGE |
| NURSING HOME       |             |
| JIM CECIL          | AT HOME     |
| ACHIEL DUPONT      | AT HOME     |
| GENE FOWLER        | AT HOME     |
| JERRY FOWLER       | AT HOME     |
| JIM FOBERT         | AT HOME     |
| KAREN HUGHES       | AT HOME     |
| JOSEPH LAZIO       | AT HOME     |
| 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          |             |
| MIKE PACHECO       |             |
| DAVE SULLIVAN      |             |
| DEAN LACKEY        |             |
| DEACON PAUL MARTIN |             |

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.



**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:



**Is the Eucharist a first class relic?**

I just finished reading night prayers and something came to mind. Is the Eucharist a first class relic? I know it sounds weird, but if our beliefs are true about the Eucharist, wouldn't that make sense? This is a good question and on the surface does make sense. We need to think carefully about the answer because how we answer the question could lead us astray and into heresy. Let us begin by considering relics. The veneration of relics is to some extent a very primitive instinct and is associated with many religious systems besides Christianity. We each have a desire to maintain some kind of relationship with those who have gone before us. In our daily life this is reflected in the care that we give to objects and pictures that help us remember and stay emotionally connected to those we have cared deeply about. Sometimes just touching something that belonged to or were worn by a loved one establishes a very immediate emotional link. Relics are meant to do something very similar between us and those who now stand face to face before God; those we call Saints. The use of relics in this fashion has been part of the tradition of the church from the very first days. Traditionally, the church has recognized three classes of relics. First-class relics are items directly associated with the events of Christ's life (for example the shroud of Turin or the wood of the Cross). The physical remains of a saint (a bone, a hair, skull, a limb, etc.) would also be first class relics. Second-class relics are items that the saint owned or frequently used or wore, a crucifix, rosary, or a book, for example. An item more important in the saint's life is a more important relic. Third-class relics are objects that have been in contact with a first- or second-class relic. Most third-class relics are small pieces of cloth. In 2017, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints abolished the three Stage classifications of relics and introduced a two-stage classification of relics: significant and non-significant relics. Significant relics would be what we have traditionally considered first class relics. The difference between a relic and the Eucharist is important. As Catholics we believe and know the Eucharist is not what remains of Jesus. Rather the Eucharist is really Jesus present with us in his body blood soul and divinity. The relic on the other hand is not the real true substance of the Saint. The real true substance of the Saint is in heaven before God. And the relic is what remains of the Saint in this time and place. Feel free to drop me a question for this column. Questions may be dropped off on the head table at a Council Meeting or sent via email to Deacon Russ Swim, Assistant Chaplain, [rpswim@mchsi.com](mailto:rpswim@mchsi.com), phone 786-3097.



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**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. And 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 order allowing Medicaid funding for 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**

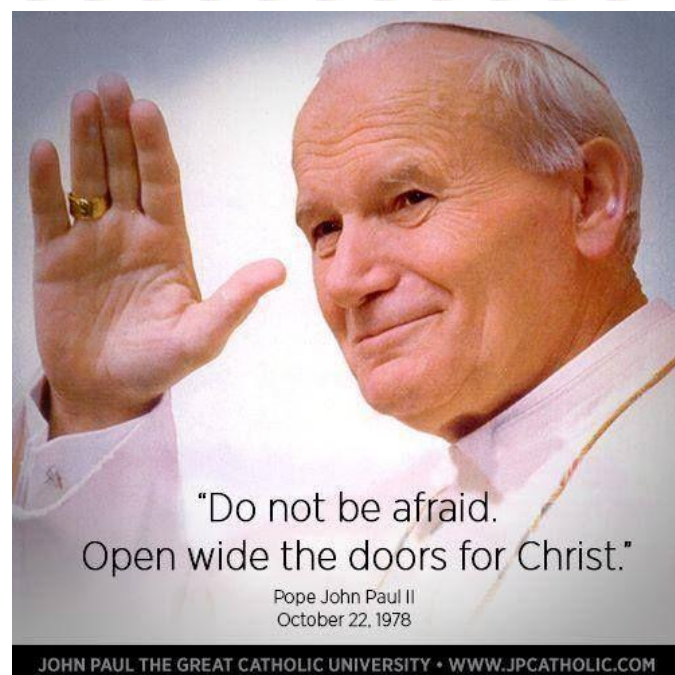
Below is a list of the numbers drawn in the Illinois Pick-3 Evening Lottery for the last & first half of the previous two months. If you would like to buy an available number(s) please contact David Sullivan: (309)737-5569 or [david.sullivan1@mchsi.com](mailto:david.sullivan1@mchsi.com).

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<b>17</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>Richard Phillis</b>	<b>50</b>
18	412	No winner	<b>50</b>
19	802	No winner	25
<b>20</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>Mike Musick</b>	<b>25</b>
21	986	No winner	25
22	709	No winner	25
23	334	No winner	25
24	919	No winner	<b>50</b>
25	431	No winner	<b>50</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>Ben Ford</b>	<b>25</b>
27	476	No winner	25
28	970	No winner	25
29	735	No winner	25
30	974	No winner	25
31	480	No winner	<b>100</b>
Jan.	3 Digits	Winner	
<b>1</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>Maria Dupont</b>	<b>100</b>
2	563	No winner	25
3	189	No winner	25
4	801	No winner	25
5	803	No winner	25
6	765	No winner	25
7	449	No winner	<b>50</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>Mike Daly</b>	<b>50</b>
9	586	No winner	25
10	058	No winner	25
11	031	No winner	25
<b>12</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>Ray Wells</b>	<b>25</b>
13	697	No winner	25
14	136	No winner	<b>50</b>
15	316	No winner	<b>50</b>

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



**BLOOD DRIVE 4/10/23**

**Dec. 3 Digits Winner Won**





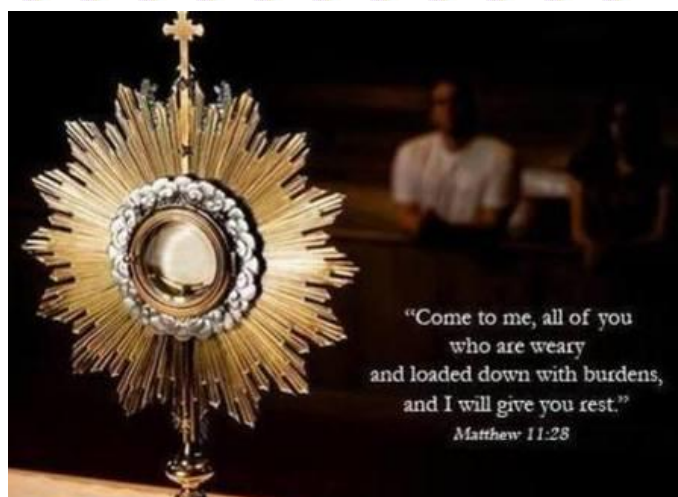
Planning has started for the Spring Blood Drive held at the Jordan Gym. Sponsored by Jordan, St. Plus X, and the KofC.

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

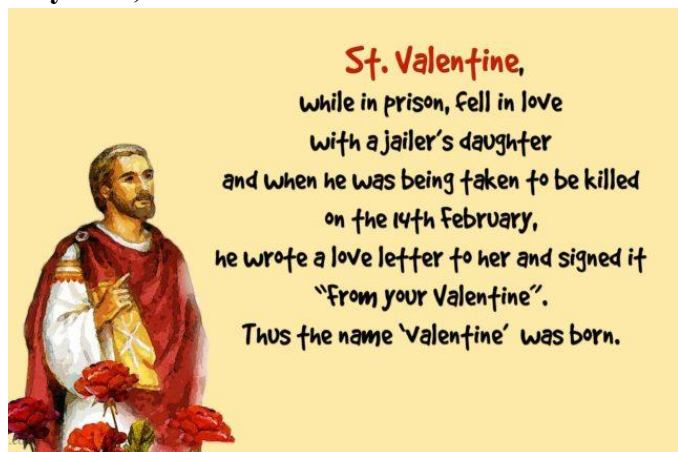
Donors can go on-line or contact Jordan School 309-793-7366 or the "Blood Guy" who prefers E-Mail, or call 309-235-6796 to be scheduled in advance. More information will follow as the Drive date approaches. Thank you.

Louie Alongi, Blood Guy!  
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 309-235-6796

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**Louie Vito Alongi**  
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**Reminder of Holy Hours coming up.  
 May 11th, October 12 and November 4th.**



Father Bader Assembly #1922 will be participating in the Grand Parade(St. Patrick's Day parade) on Saturday, March 18th, 2023. We will also be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's in Rock Island prior to our participation in the parade. I will be sending out another notice

when we get a little closer to the date to see how many Honor Guard members will be able to participate. Also, remind your 3rd Degree Brothers that participating in the parade is not limited to 4th Degree members. Let's try to have a large contingent of Knights this year.

Thanks,

**Dick Hunt**



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

The 42nd Annual Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast, in memory of Sir Knight Larry Quane, is now behind us. Despite a bit of snow, more than 200 people from the greater Quad Cities area enjoyed the banquet set up to support four pro-life organizations, Quad City Right to Life, Pregnancy Resource Center, Women's Choice Center, the Christ Child Society, and this year, make a special donation to Rachel's Vineyard. Our proceeds will grant each of these valiant organizations a substantial gift! Fifty years ago, our nation entered a long battle against one of the most inhumane laws in American History. The Supreme Court decided in 1973 that abortions were a constitutional right, and the fight against this madness began. But, thank God, pro-life advocates persisted and in the summer of 2022 a more traditional and constitutional Supreme Court sent the argument back to the States where Americans now have the right to defend their views. The Knights of Allouez Council have never wavered. We will continue this fight until every child in the womb is given the chance for life. Our first thanks go to Father Peter, Nancy from Farrell Hall, Katherine from the office, and the entire congregation at St. Pius X, especially those who enjoyed the breakfast and supported the cause, for the use of the hall, prayers, donations of supplies, and encouragement. Many Brother Knights contributed energy and resources, among them, Rick Cervantes, Dick Hunt, Dave and Malia Sullivan, Lou Granato, Chuck Gibbs, Dave Yordy, Kevin Houser, Lance and Shelly Johnson, John Doak, Andy Olson, Jim and Karen Wieland, Brendan Swim, Kevin Hoffman, and Ben Houtekier. Our young volunteers were amazing! We are grateful to them one and all. I am bound to miss some of their names, but we are especially grateful for the Hoffman kids, and the Heath family father and two sons, Alex and Mason, Mariana and Daniel Sandoval, Sonia Williams, Angelina Abarca, Sylvia DeLathouwer, Liz Kongkousonh, and Maddie Franks. Forgive me, children, if I missed someone. Our heartfelt thanks to you all! Our thanks would be incomplete if we didn't mention the many donors, unable to attend the breakfast, who contributed with money and prayers. There is a good possibility the breakfast date will be changed in 2024 to align with the date Roe was overturned last June, on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Jesus. Stay tuned for more details. Above all, to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who grants us a vision of what Life can be, dresses us with the armor we need to defend the defenseless, and sustains us with the courage to follow Him, we owe our deepest thanks.

Yours, in service to Christ and His Church,

**Jerry Schroeder**



**Eucharist adoration with the traveling Monstrance. St. Ambrose. Dec.19th**



**Salvation Army Christmas bell ringers. 2023.**





**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.





**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS** (Subject to Change; See [Online Calendar](#))

**February 2023**

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