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May Upcoming Events (subject to change, see online calendar) **1** Officers meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL. 6:30pm to 8pm, **11** Holy Hour St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, IL. 5pm to 6pm. Council meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL. Light meal 6pm, Meeting 7pm to 8pm, **17** Midwest Food Bank, Vibrant Center, Moline, IL. 9:00am to 11:00am, **29** Memorial Day Mass, Calvary Mausoleum, Rock Island, IL.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Worthy Brothers,

As we wrap up a busy April with another great Italian Dinner, and Blood Drive read Louie's comments below. I want to thank all for the work you are doing within the council. We were able to wrap up the affiliate members initiative, put an abstract newsletter together where it is more feasible. Thanks to brother Dick Hunt who puts all the information together so we are all able to make good decisions to keep the council moving forward. Still have the Priest appreciation dinner coming up April 27 and in May we start with a memorial mass and avenue of the flags installation. It's that time of the year for the election of officers, so hopefully many of you are thinking about helping to lead Allouez Council this next fiscal year. See you all at next month's meeting.

Let the holy spirit be your guide

Vivat Jesus

Rick Cervantes

ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to the twenty couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!
Paul & Patricia Egan 05-01-1959, Michael & Karen Mihm 05-08-1993, Paul & Anne Carton 05-09-1980, Dana & Cindy Keimig 05-09-1981, Patrick & Lisa West 05-11-1990, Duncan & Elana Kramer 05-15-2004, James & Karen Weiland 05-15-1965, Michael & Deann Bell 05-18-1991, Richard & Pamela Hunt 05-19-1995, Larry & Cheryl Adams 05-20-1972, James & Susan O Donnell 05-20-2000, Robert & Mary Jo Pulford 05-21-1960, Richard Jr & Judi Yeager 05-23-1964, Kevin & Julie Houser 05-24-2013, Kevin & Maggie Schoonmaker 05-25-1991, David & Kathy Jakielski 05-25-1985, Dr Greg & Kathleen Schneider 05-26-1979, Louis & Joyce Mack 05-27-1967, Jesse & Margaret Lopez 05-28-1955

BIRTHDAYS:

21 Brother Knights are celebrating a birthday this month. May they live as long as they want and never want as long as they live.
Cruz Ortega, Lawrence Brandenburg, Mark Van Natta, John De Block, Robert Lampert, Ryan Wood, Albert Everhart, Jeffrey Scarpinato, Monte Schwartz, Brendan Swim, Richard Yeager Jr, Robert Pulford, Phillip Roe, Jeffrey Hoskins, Kevin Houser, John Doak, Joseph Alongi, Joseph Edmondson, Miguel Cruz, Rev Gregory Jozefiak, Shawn Manning

We want to recognize all our members' birthdays & anniversaries, but we can't if you don't tell us what this important date in your life is. Please email our Financial Secretary, Dick Hunt, rjhunt1951@gmail.com, so he can add or correct our records.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS & FAMILIES, SICK OR IN DISTRESS:

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

Elizabeth Brueggen Jim Casey Bev Casey Jim Cecil Achiel Dupont Gene Fowler Jerry Fowler Jim Fobert Joseph Lazio Norma Manning Deacon Paul Martin Tina Olson Mike Pacheco Red Pearson Mary Jo Pulford Sue Schaecher Jerry Schroeder Jack Showalter Richard Tipton Betty VanDeVoorde Jim Wells

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.

ABSTRACT/NEWSLETTER:

The cost of printing and mailing our newsletter has gone up 34% this past year. We are looking into ways to reduce our cost while continuing to provide our newsletter to our readers. Many of our readers already receive the newsletter in an online version, and we are looking into the possibility of only providing the newsletter in an online version. If you currently receive the printed version,

but would instead like to receive the online version, please email us at AllouezCouncil@gmail.com to let us know your email address. We will send you a monthly email with a link to our online version of the abstract/newsletter.

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX:

What is the difference between partial and plenary indulgences?

The Church offers indulgences throughout the year but we hear more about them during Lent. We hear of partial indulgences and plenary indulgences but what is the difference? Are there other types of indulgences? Years ago we would hear that certain indulgences would give specific time like 100 days – does that relate to “earth time” while we are on earth or in purgatory? How can there be days in purgatory if time ceases? Is there still earthly time associated with specific indulgences? What are indulgences and plenary indulgences, and are the concepts biblical? Indulgences have been a confusing part of Catholic life for centuries. These questions are often at the core of that confusion. Much has been written about indulgences and purgatory over the centuries but time and space will limit these comments. As we know the Sacrament of Reconciliation absolves all guilt associated with sin when we approach the sacrament with a sincerely contrite heart and the intention to reform our life. That absolution is perfect with regard to the guilt associated with the confessed sin. But guilt is only one effect of sin. Consider a new white shirt on which you have dropped some food during dinner. A damp cloth will remove that speck of food but often a stain remains. Removing the stain requires a deeper cleaning than you can do with the damp cloth. Like that speck, sin leaves a stain on our eternal soul. Before we stand before God those stains must be dealt with. To remove those stains and attachments to sin the church teaches that most of us will go through a period of purgation after death. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an indulgence is “the remission before God of temporal purgation due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the purgation due to sin or plenary if it removes all purgation.”¹ The Church teaches that these are the only types of indulgence. In the early days of the church Confession and penance were more public acts. Public acts of penance were associated with a time for their performance. For 1 See The Catechism of the Catholic church #1030-1032 example, the public recitation of a rosary while kneeling on the steps of the cathedral for 100 days. That idea of measuring time while performing penance carried over into the realm of indulgences. It is true that time is a part of the creation we exist in and does not carry into life after this. So the idea of time in the indulgence is meant more as a comparative measure of just how powerful that particular indulgence is. We are often accused of believing things that have no foundation in scripture. It would be true to say that indulgences are not specifically mentioned in scripture. The church teaches that indulgences are part of the ministry of binding and loosing Jesus gave to the Apostles after the Resurrection. Although we cannot point to specific passages in Scripture that discusses purgatory or indulgences, the church teaches that these traditional doctrines are consistent with Scripture and equal to Scripture in authority.

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. Feel free to drop me a question for this column.

3 DIGIT DAILY RAFFLE GAME:

Below is a list of the winners in our 3-digit daily raffle since our last newsletter:

\$25 – Richard Phillis, April 4th, #628

\$50 – Kathy Kernan, April 9th, #324

\$25 – Frank Cicela, April 14th, #921

Congratulations to our winners! Thank you to all who participate!

If you would like to buy an available number(s) please contact David Sullivan: (309)737-5569 or david.sullivan1@mchsi.com. The 3-digit daily raffle game is a great way to contribute to your council's general fund and have a chance to win money every day. 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: **Allouez Council 658**

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BLOOD DRIVE 4/10/23: Hello Jordan, St. Pius X Parish and the Knights.....CONGRATULATIONS! What a great group of Blood Donors! Our Blood Donors produced 98 Blood Donations for our community on 4/10/23. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We had 8 persons "deferred" for various health reasons so we will again shoot for "100 or more in October 2023!" I have been told by the Blood Center that our Drive has the largest number of



donor participation in our area. My Master Blood List currently has 147 blood donors and is growing (slowly). The Blood List is a "good list" to be on! I would like to put you on the "good list" as a new donor or come-back donor! Our community needs more blood donors. Thanks to my Brother Knights, Jim Wieland and Rick Cervantes who helped with tables/chairs set-up/take down. We had 123 donors scheduled and my Brother Knights helped make this another successful Drive at the Jordan Gym. Thanks to Kim Armetta for getting Jordan families fired-up to donate and my Blood Ctr. Coordinator Amy Stahle who helped before, during and after our Drive. Lots of good efforts = 98 blood donations! Louie Alongi.....Blood Drive Coordinator (the Blood Guy) (To be put on the "good list"

alongilouiev@gmail.com or 309-235-6796)

ITALIAN DINNER

Hello Brother Knights & Families.....I am writing this note the day after our Italian Dinner so no info yet on \$\$\$ available for charitable donations. We had another "Authentic Italian Dinner" with all the great smells of garlic & seasonings! We filled all the chairs then filled more! The Knights had like 50 Knights & Families in the dining rooms, gym, & lobby while the Italians had a crowd (???) in the kitchen. ALL volunteer Knights and Society members did a super job cooking, serving, and seating our crowd of hungry people. On behalf of Rick Cervantes, Grand Knight and Kathy Larson, Society President, THANK YOU to ALL volunteers and persons who attended and supported our "Authentic Italian Dinner." Hope to do it again in April of 2024!

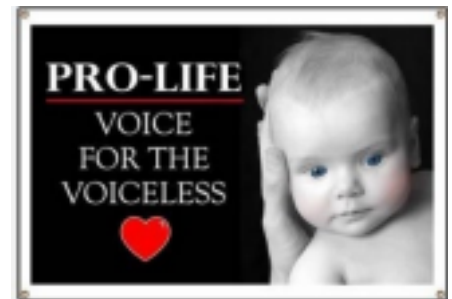
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Civic Awards Dinner:

The annual Civic Awards Dinner honoring the Rock Island Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year will be **Sunday, September 10th** at 5pm at The Stern Center in Rock Island. Please plan to attend and help us show our support for our local first responders.

PRO-LIFE MESSAGE:

In the year 2000, the United States' Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved two chemical abortion drugs. The pair of drugs – mifepristone and misoprostol – are sometimes referred to as RU-486. Used in tandem, they reliably kill a preborn child: first, by starving the developing preborn child and causing it to detach from its mother's uterus, and secondly by provoking contractions that expel the dead child. Since the FDA approved RU-486, millions of abortions have been performed using these drugs. Indeed, so-called "medical" abortions (i.e., chemical abortions) have become so widespread, that they now account for over half of all abortions in the United States. Chemical abortion has provided the multi-billion-dollar abortion industry with the ability to expand abortion by involving more providers outside a traditional abortion business, like Planned Parenthood. Through telemedicine services, the abortion industry is now able to go beyond the limitations of brick- and-mortar clinics by giving women access to abortion in a home setting, making abortions "self-managed" and unrestricted, despite the health risks this poses. This is why pro-abortion activists – concerned about their political, ideological, and financial goals – are up in arms after a federal judge challenged the legality of the FDA's approval of mifepristone. In a blockbuster ruling early last month, U.S. District Judge Matthew J. Kacsmaryk ruled that the FDA process that led to the approval of mifepristone showed serious irregularities and overlooked serious safety concerns with the drug. As such, he ordered the suspension of the FDA's approval. In handing down his decision, Judge Kacsmaryk gave a seven-day window for the Biden administration to appeal. Naturally, our pro-abortion "Catholic" president promptly ordered his Justice Department to do so. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit responded to the appeal by allowing the sales of mifepristone to continue, but only under much stricter conditions, while the appeal is adjudicated. Meanwhile, in another court, U.S. District Judge Thomas O. Rice in Washington state, issued a contradictory ruling moments after Judge Kacsmaryk's decision, ordering the FDA not to restrict access to the abortion drug at all. Given these dueling court decisions, the issue was almost certain to end up before the U.S. Supreme



Court. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito temporarily halted the court-imposed restrictions on the sale of mifepristone until the next week, while the appeal continues. Time will tell what will happen with this decision, but consider that chemical abortions are over fifty percent more likely than surgical abortion to result in an emergency room visit within thirty days, and that adverse events were “fourfold higher” in chemical abortions than surgical abortions. In addition, there is evidence of serious psychological health risks associated with chemical abortions, including “anxiety, depression, drug abuse, and suicidal thoughts.” On top of all these concerns, “medical” abortions have a higher “failure rate.” That is to say, in some cases the child survives the “medical” abortion attempt. In such cases the child is often severely injured, but still alive. In most instances, the child’s mother will then go and get a surgical abortion, ensuring the death of the child. In a rebuke to the FDA’s minimization of the serious safety concerns with chemical abortions, contrary to popular belief and talking points, the evidence shows chemical abortion is not as easy as taking Advil. Indeed, compelling evidence suggests the statistics provided by FDA on the adverse effects of chemical abortion understate the negative impact the chemical abortion regimen has on women and girls. There is evidence indicating the FDA faced significant political pressure to forego its proposed safety precautions to better advance the political objective of increased ‘access’ to chemical abortion — which was the ‘whole idea of mifepristone. In other words, politics, not science or safety, is what motivated the FDA to approve mifepristone. As is too often the case, however, the one person missing from the entire conversation is the person whose life is ended in every abortion, i.e., the innocent preborn child. We should indeed be horrified that a drug that injures women was approved by the FDA without due diligence, for political reasons. However, to call mifepristone an “unsafe” drug is as much as to say that the sky is blue. Of course, mifepristone is an “unsafe” drug. That’s the whole point of it! The Truth is RU-486 kills, just as it is intended to. Mifepristone is a synthetic steroid that blocks the action of progesterone, a hormone essential for the continuation of pregnancy. By inhibiting progesterone, mifepristone causes the breakdown of the uterine lining, resulting in the detachment of the living embryo from the uterus. It’s whole function, in other words, is to kill. Although this court case will not address the question of the harms to the preborn child, it is necessary that we remind ourselves of this brute fact. Even if mifepristone were proven to be the safest drug on the planet for women, it should not be approved by any “health” agency worthy of the name. As already noted, the battle over mifepristone is far from over. For the moment, there are no practical changes in access to the drug, due to the temporary suspension of the judge’s ruling. Ultimately, it will be up to the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether the FDA’s approval stands. Given the High Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, we can hope that the Court will back Judge Kacsmaryk’s decision. “Medical” abortions are responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of preborn children in the United States every year, not to mention the physical, psychological, and spiritual harm of countless women. Should this decision stand, it could potentially save the lives of millions of preborn children, and save as many women from a lifetime of pain and regret. Once again, we are seeing the tireless efforts of committed pro-life heroes making a massively positive difference. The FDA thought it could get away with approving dangerous drugs based upon slipshod, politically-motivated processes. Dedicated pro-life experts and professionals committed years of their life to making sure that that wasn’t the end of the story. They deserve our thanks and our prayers. In the meantime, let us continue to fast and pray for the success of this court case. Piece by piece, we are dismantling the culture of death in the United States. Hopefully, dangerous “medical” abortions will be the next thing to go.

Jack Swan, Pro-life Director

Reminder of Upcoming Holy Hours:

May 11th

October 12th

November 4th





** Please consider participating in the Annual Field Mass on Memorial Day Monday, May 29th, 2023 at Calvary Mausoleum.*



The John Deere Classic will soon be here, and the Birdies for Charities program is celebrating 30 years of supporting charities in

the Quad Cities area. It is because of individuals like you and your donations to Birdies for Charities that Allouez Council has been able to provide winter coats to hundreds of children in the Quad Cities through the Coats for Kids program of the Knights of Columbus. The growing need in our community means your support is needed now more than ever. Giving is easy, use the attached pledge card, or donate **online at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>** and select 1690 Knights of Columbus 658 Rock Island. Your donation of just \$20 will provide a nice warm winter coat for a child at Skip-a-Long Child Development Services or Children's Therapy Center, both in Rock Island. And what is great about donating through the Birdies for Charities program is that your donation will receive at least a 5% match, making your donation have an even greater impact. Also, you will have an opportunity to win a two-year lease on a 2023 Lexus by guessing the total number of birdies made during the 2023 John Deere Classic. On behalf of the staff and children at Skip-a-Long Child Development Services and Children's Therapy Center, thank you so much for your continued support! Your dollars make a difference, and we could not do what we do without you.

Vivat Jesus!

Rick Cervantes, Grand Knight

Dick Hunt, Financial Secretary

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The International Day of the Unborn Child is commemorated every year on March 25. Pope John Paul II instituted this day, to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. The day was seen by John Paul II as a positive option in favor of life and the spread of a culture of life to ensure respect for human dignity in all circumstances. **The Knights of Columbus** have embraced the promotion of the International Day of the Unborn Child as a day dedicated to commemorating all unborn children, celebrating their lives, renewing our commitment to safeguarding them, and advocating against abortion violence. Unborn children are frequently denied the same rights as those who are born because their perceived value and right to life are linked to the wants and desires of the mother who carries the child in her womb. Unborn children, on the other hand, exist and are living members of the human family. Terminating a pregnancy is a difficult decision that frequently necessitates a lot of thought. Abortion is performed for a variety of reasons, including unintended pregnancy, financial hardship, health concerns, socioeconomic factors, and many others. Abortion is a loss regardless of the reason, and various people deal with it in different ways. Every year on March 25, the world commemorates the International Day of the Unborn Child. This day is commemorated as a day of protest against abortion and is observed as an annual commemoration of aborted fetuses (babies). Unconventional social customs continue to plague society to this day. Abortion and the death of unborn children are examples of such practices. The International Day of the Unborn Child reminds us that human life should be respected at all stages from conception to natural death. Please remain mindful of this day dedicated to our unborn children, as we honor the thousands of unborn infants whose lives have been cut short as a result of abortions.

Jack Swan - Pro-Life Director

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Congratulations to James Mack and Yves Fontaine who became honorary life members. At age 70 and after 25 years of continuous service, a member may receive special distinction as an honorary life member

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 (make your request here). **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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