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June Upcoming Events (subject to change, see online calendar) **1** 4th degree meeting, St. Ambrose, Milan, IL. 6:30pm-7:30pm, **5** Officer's meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL. 6:30- 7:30pm **8** Council meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL. Light meal 6pm, Meeting 7pm to 8pm, **11** Corpus Christi procession, St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL **18** 125th Anniversary Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Rock Island, IL 3pm **21** Midwest Food Bank, Expo Center, Rock Island, IL. 9:00am to 11: 00am,

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Worthy Brothers,

May was a busy month for the honor guard with several confirmations ,installing flags for memorial day weekend ,and mass at calvary Cemetery. Not to mention all the family graduations some of you are busy with. I thank all of you brother knights who take that extra time to support the honor guard. It is also the time of the year for the election of officers for the new fiscal year. We have two brother knights nominated to lead our council Dave Sullivan Grand Knight and John Doak Deputy Grand Knight. We will have the voting for these knights and other officers at the June meeting. As many of you know, brother Dave Yordy will be leaving the council Dave has been a big part of this council for several years serving as Grand Knight and recently as District Deputy. I want to personally thank Dave for all he has contributed in time and talent to the council. May God watch over Dave and his wife Kathy as they move to help others on their new mission. See you all at June's meeting !

Vivat Jesus

Rick Cervantes

ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to the eleven couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

Michael & Marlo Doyle 06-01-1974, John & Theresa Huyten 06-01-1974, Gerald & Donna Schroeder 06-02-1984, Jeffrey & Judith Scarpinato 06-03-1989, George & Margaret Mc Doniel 06-12-1982, James & Joann Mack 06-13-1981, Robert & Betty Van De Voorde 06-20-1959, Alan & Jolene Massie 06-28-1986, John & Dolores Rodts 06-28-1969, Louis & Linda Alongi 06-29-1968, James & Kathy Fobert 06-30-1979

BIRTHDAYS:

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

Matthew Alongi, Paul Schmitt, Jeffrey Boyd, Michael Mihm, Christopher Johnson, John Bosso, William Dean, Timothy Steines, John Marsho, Michael Healea, Achiel Dupont Jr, Charles Barbaro, Christopher Dasso, Donald Smith, Darille Starrine, Luke Vanlandegen, John Walsh

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.

DEACON'S QUESTION BOX:

What is the meaning behind adding water to the wine as the priest prepares for the Consecration?

Question: During this period of Eucharistic Revival, I've been contemplating a few things regarding the Eucharist. I have a two-part question: First, during the Eucharistic Prayer, what is the meaning behind the adding of water to the wine as the

priest prepares for the Consecration? Second, it has been a while since we've had the sharing of the cup with the congregation, so I don't remember. . . Does the priest also add water to the wine that will be shared with the congregation? Response: I can remember having the same thought about the mingling of water in the wine when I was a brand new Catholic years ago. So I am really pleased to receive and respond to this question. The action of mingling water and wine for the sacrifice is a practice that dates back to the very earliest years of the church. St. Thomas Aquinas responded to the first question in Article 6 of the Summa Theologica: Water ought to be mingled with the wine which is offered in this sacrament. First of all on account of its institution: for it is believed with probability that our Lord instituted this sacrament in wine tempered with water according to the custom of that country. He goes on to point out that Pope Alexander I wrote: "In the Lord's chalice neither wine only, nor water only ought to be offered, but both mixed because we read that both flowed from his side in the Passion." Thirdly, because this is adapted for signifying the effect of this sacrament, since as Pope Julius says: "We see that the people are signified by the water, but Christ's blood by the wine. Therefore, when water is mixed with the wine in the chalice, the people are made one with Christ." Fourthly, because this is appropriate to the fourth effect of this sacrament, which is the entering into everlasting life: hence Ambrose says: "The water flows into the chalice, and springs forth unto everlasting life." Canon law¹ also states that "The most holy Eucharistic sacrifice must be offered with bread and with wine in which a little water must be mixed." If a deacon is assisting at Mass this would ordinarily be done by the deacon. As he does this he would quietly say the following prayer "by the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." I have occasionally seen the priest celebrant add water to each of the chalices on the altar. It seems to be rare today. And I honestly do not remember ever seeing a deacon do this. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments was asked the question concerning multiple chalices shared with the people and responded in a letter dated April 30, 2012, that in the case of several chalices "it is sufficient" to add water only to the main celebrant's chalice. Mixing water into all the chalices, however, "would not in any way be considered to be an abuse".

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 – Amy Mullane, April 19th, #518

\$50 – John Doak, April 23rd, #216

\$25 – Tom Lawrence, May 8th, #963

\$25 – Mary Goumas, May 9th, #119

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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Italian Dinner

Hello St. Pius X, St. Mary's, & S.H. Parishioners & Knights of Columbus members and their families....I have all good news to share on our Italian Dinner of April 22nd! The Italians in the kitchen and the Knights served very close to 400 dinners.....Yes! That's lots of sauce and a bunch of meatballs!!! A total of \$8,437 was realized for the charities of the Italian-American Society and the Knights of Columbus of Allouez Council for our local area communities. ALL volunteer Knights and Society members did a super job cooking, serving, and seating our crowd of hungry people. On behalf of Kathy Larson, Society President and Rick Cervantes, Grand Knight, THANK YOU to ALL volunteers and persons who attended and supported our "Authentic Italian Dinner." We hope to get those great smells of garlic & seasonings back into Farrell Hall again in April of 2024! CIAO!

**Louie Alongi, General Chairperson,
Bro. Knight & Society member**

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:

When Does a Fetus Have a Heartbeat? Throughout a woman's pregnancy, her baby undergoes many stages of development before birth. Among the milestones that indicate life is the heartbeat. But when does a fetus have a heartbeat? Through the use of ultrasounds, modern science can detect the waves of the baby's heartbeat as early as three weeks, at the three week mark; the heart beats about 110 times per minute. A fetal heartbeat can be distinguished from the mother's because it is often much faster than hers. The heart of a preborn baby originates about day 18 or 19 from the mesoderm and begins beating and pumping blood about day 21 or 22. It forms from the cardiogenic region near the head and is visible as a prominent heart bulge on the surface of the embryo.... The primitive heart begins to form an S shape within the pericardium between days 23 and 28. The internal septa begin to form about day 28, separating the heart into the atria and ventricles, although the foramen ovale persists until shortly after birth. Between weeks five and eight, the atrioventricular valves form. The semilunar valves form between weeks five and nine. This miraculous growth proves the existence of a human being who is not a part of his mother but who is his own person and reliant upon her for sustenance. Once the heart begins its detectable beat, it is obvious that it beats much faster than an adult's. The varying speeds at which the baby's heart beats are as follows. By six weeks, the heart is beating 110 times a minute. Just two weeks later, it will rise to between 150 and 170 times a minute. By weeks nine or 10, the baby's heart will beat about 170 times per minute. At this point, it begins to slow down. Then around week 20, it'll go to about 140 beats per minute. During labor, the baby's heart rate can go anywhere from 110 to 160 beats per minute, with normal variations on either side. How Does a Doctor Detect a Baby's Heartbeat? According to Johns Hopkins, there are two kinds of fetal heart monitoring: external and internal. When a doctor listens externally, one of the tools he uses is called a Doppler ultrasound device. This is what the ultra sound machines that the Knights provide to pro-life agencies do. This method listens to a baby's heartbeat through the mother's belly. A doctor will listen during routine prenatal visits and if he suspects something is wrong. In addition, when a woman is in labor, the baby's heart rate will also be monitored continuously using what's called a transducer—or ultrasound probe—that's fastened to the woman's belly. This helps the doctors determine if the baby is experiencing any distress. If the doctor is concerned about the baby's well-being during labor, he can monitor the baby's heart rate by placing an electrode directly on the baby's scalp. The Johns Hopkins article states that this electrode is connected to a monitor and "gives better readings because things like movement don't affect it. But it can only be done if the fluid-filled sac that surrounds the baby during pregnancy (amniotic sac) has broken and the cervix is opened. A provider may use internal monitoring when external monitoring is not giving a good reading. Or a provider may use this method to watch your baby more closely during labor. Obviously, this step is only taken if the doctors have a grave concern about the baby's condition. Some abortionists and pro-abortion politicians state that the baby's heartbeat isn't actually a "real" heartbeat because the valves that open and close to create the sound of a heartbeat don't form until the 9th or 10th week. They state that in a younger baby, "the flickering that we're seeing on the ultrasound that early in the development of the pregnancy is actually electrical activity. Further, the mainstream media has jumped on the heartbeat bandwagon, claiming that the sound of a heartbeat is manufactured. In an article from NBC, the author paraphrases from and then quotes the abortionist saying, "In fact, the sound pregnant people hear during ultrasounds at six weeks is entirely manufactured by the ultrasound machine, they say, 'It's an electrical pulse that's translated into the sound we're hearing from the ultrasound machine. It's important to understand what an ultrasound does. According to John Hopkins: Ultrasound uses an electronic wand called a transducer to send and receive sound waves. ... The transducer is moved over the abdomen, and sound waves move through the skin, muscle, bone, and fluids at different speeds. The sound waves bounce off the baby like an echo and return to the transducer. The transducer converts the sound waves into an electronic image on a computer screen. The ultrasound uses sound waves to create an image. And one of the things that the ultrasound detects is the baby's heartbeat. If you have ever seen a baby in an ultrasound, you will know that, in addition to hearing the heartbeat, you can also see the heart pulse. So, while the ultrasound translates the movement into sound waves, that doesn't mean the sound is created out of nothing. It's created based on movement – in this case, the beating of the heart. In addition, we see that as far back as 1992, researchers examined the fetal heart and found that "cardiac activity is present in normal embryos before it can be detected on ultrasound," which means the heart is beating long before we can hear it. Throughout pregnancy, a baby is growing and developing at a phenomenal rate. This growth and development could only happen in a living being. A baby's heart is beating regardless of the heart's stage of development. The heart simply hasn't developed to its final stage. But that doesn't mean the baby is not alive. On the

contrary, the baby grows exponentially every day! The facts are irrefutable. A baby is created at fertilization – the beginning of life. The formation of the human heart, manifested by its heartbeat, is a clear indicator that another human being is present in the mother's womb. This fact is what the heartbeat bills are attempting to teach and protect. They're not stating that human life begins at the first detection of the heartbeat. Rather, they are stating that the discovery of the heartbeat shows that life is already present. Several states have enacted laws to protect some babies after a heartbeat is detected. Other states have enacted laws to protect some babies, such as those diagnosed with Down syndrome or babies after 20 weeks' gestation. Despite this effort, these laws are still flawed, because they do not protect all babies or in all circumstances. We know that a good pro-life law must protect all babies, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church emphatically teaches an abortion is never permissible (2271). The debate on whether abortion is an acceptable medical procedure essentially comes down to two questions: 1. When does human life begin? 2. Is it permissible to kill an innocent life? Science answers the first. A human being begins life at the moment of fertilization and what follows after that is simply a developing human being, not just "fetal tissue," a "clump of cells," or "potential life," as some pro-abortion activists and doctors say. Life begins at conception and carries through until natural death. The decision of the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade doesn't define where life begins but indicates that we can tell that there is life inside the womb once the child has "viability" (i.e., the child is able to live outside of the womb). There are many problems, however, with stating life begins with viability, including that even the date of viability is not a hard line: preemies are being delivered earlier and earlier and surviving. Now that we have established that a human being is created at fertilization, natural law answers the second question. It is neither right nor just to kill an innocent person—and this is something people fundamentally understand. A human being's life begins at fertilization, and from there the child begins to develop. Abortion is never the answer, as it takes away the life of an innocent person. Detecting a child's heartbeat is significant proof that a separate human being is present and growing in the womb. Heartbeat bills attempt to reduce the number of abortions in the US and call to people's minds important questions considering life and the family. Further, they help our society move one more step toward understanding the humanity of the preborn baby. Hopefully soon, people will understand the humanity of the baby and they will want to protect it. And then we will live in a country that can answer the question Does one really have a right to take away another's life? with an emphatic "no."

Jack Swan – Pro-Life Director

Reminder of Upcoming Holy Hours:

October 12th

November 4th



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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Corpus Christi

There will be a Corpus Christi procession following the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 11th. We've been asked to provide at least 4 Sir Knights in Honor Guard uniform to carry the canopy in the procession. It sounds like the procession will just be around the parish grounds, so it shouldn't be too demanding. But if we can get more than 4 Sir Knights, we would have the option to swap out at various stopping points along the way. Please let me know if you would be able to join us for the Corpus Christi procession.

Thank you,
Dick

New members

Congratulations to Scott Perez and Brion Eckert who became third degree members at the last meeting.

125th Anniversary Mass

Honor Guard is requested for this event. Here is the excerpt from the Sacred Heart Facebook page.

Did you RSVP to let us know if you're coming to our big 125th Anniversary Mass & Celebration on June 18, 2023? Join us for our 3 pm Mass followed by dinner (optional) at the Stern Center. This Mass will be the largest in the history of our parish and a celebration of the generations of families that have been, and continue to be, part of our parish family. Bishop Lou will be our main celebrant and be joined by Fr. Witold, along with our former pastors Fr. Luke, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Loftus, and Fr. Greg. Also joining them will be many of our local clergy and those with family history ties to Sacred Heart. Additionally, we're excited to have Fr. Witold's superior along with other members of the Franciscan community coming all the way from Krakow, Poland! At our celebration dinner we'll feature many historic artifacts, archives, and more that'll be on display highlighting our 125 years of history and heritage as a parish. Also being released this day will be the official History of Sacred Heart book in honor of our 125th Anniversary. All are welcome! If you're planning on joining us for any part of the celebration, please just let us know VERY SOON for planning purposes:

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.**



Have Questions or Suggestions, or want to Volunteer: Contact a

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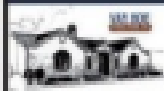
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