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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

**Worthy Brothers,**

It is a great honor to be serving as your Grand Knight. It has quickly become a learning experience. I do know that because of all of you, we have a strong and active council. Congratulations to Rick Cervantes as he moves on from Grand Knight to District Deputy. We are very fortunate to have the District Deputy as one of our council members. The last month has not been very busy, but that is all going to change during the months of August and September. The honor guard will be present for some of these events, but most events are open for all members and families to attend and participate. It would be great to see many members and families attend these events. I strongly encourage all men to attend the retreat on August 19th at McCarthy Hall. The Saturday morning starts with a Rosary at 8:00, followed by mass at 8:30, both at St. Pius Church. Light refreshments will be served after mass at McCarthy Hall. Father Luke Spannagel will begin his presentation at 10:00. Again, I strongly encourage you to attend this event.

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Dave Sullivan*

## DEACON'S QUESTION BOX:

**Is there a difference between a disciple and an Apostle?**

Question: In reading articles about scripture such as scriptural commentary and reflections it seems that the word disciple and the word apostle can be used interchangeably and often are. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle? A disciple is a different reality from an apostle. And it is indeed unfortunate that the words are used in a confusing manner. Both realities have a bearing on the life of anyone who calls themselves a Christian. Because as Christians we are called to be both disciples and apostles. The English word "apostle" is derived from the Greek apostello, which means "to send forth." While hardly used in the Old Testament, it is found at least 80 times in the New Testament. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Jesus may have originally used the Aramaic word "seliah", which describes "those who were dispatched by the King on any foreign mission, especially such as were charged with collecting the tribute to be paid to the temple service." Thus, an apostle is one who is "sent" by God to preach the Gospel to the nations. For many centuries this was almost exclusively used to identify the 12 apostles who were sent into the world by Jesus. In a similar way, St. Paul is often named an "apostle," because of his divine commission from Jesus. The word is sometimes used for great saints who were "apostles," sent by God on a specific mission. For example, St. Boniface is known as the "Apostle to the Germans," for his missionary work among the Germanic people. While not directly ordered by Jesus as Saint Paul was, he followed divine inspiration to spread Christianity in northern Europe. The word "disciple" is derived from the Latin discipulus, meaning a "student" or "pupil." Like the word "apostle," it is used almost exclusively in the New Testament. It typically denotes the many "students" who surrounded Jesus and eagerly learned from his many teachings. In this context a disciple of Jesus is not necessarily someone who is "sent" to preach the Gospel to the world but is a person who is constantly learning what it means to be a Christian. We are all called by Jesus to go out into the world as apostles to share the joy of our faith. But to successfully do that we must know our faith deeply which requires remaining seated as disciples at the feet of Jesus in Holy Mother Church learning all he has to teach us about being a Christian and living a Christian life.

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

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

Elizabeth Brueggen	Bev Casey	Jim Cecil	Achiel Dupont	Gene Fowler	Jerry Fowler	Jim Fobert
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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.*

## **BIRTHDAYS:**

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

Daniel Verschoore	Michael Egan	Dr Robert Wells	Kevin Hughes	Clarence Darrow	Deacon Russ Swim
Dr Patrick Cunningham	Mark Lioen	Joe Terronez	Dana Keimig	Julius Pearson	Steven Frels
Patrick West	Francis Schradeya	Fr. Piotr Sarnicki	David Sullivan	David Emerick Jr	Anthony Langdon
Rev John Baptist Uwigaba	Andrew Denton	Jay Brooks	Theodore Ladowski	Brandon Fobert	Gary Nowak

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

Shawn & Karen Manning 08-04-1984	John Swan III & Luann Swan 08-09-1975	Vernon & Loma Wegerer 08-10-1963
Andrew & Melinda Olson 08-12-1995	John & Jill Doak 08-13-1988	Edward & Kathleen Bills 08-16-1969
Patrick & Ruth Kernan 08-17-1957	Lance & Shelly Johnson 08-18-1979	Kevin & Dana Barton 08-19-2004
James & Sally McDowell 08-20-1988	Dennis & Jill Carlson 08-21-1971	Frank & Desiree Lucas 08-21-2004
William & Beverly Buckley 08-28-1971	Adam & Natalie Doyle 08-28-2010	Michael & Emmie Tarpey 08-31-1997

*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](mailto:rjhunt1951@gmail.com), so he can add to or correct our records.*

## **3 DIGIT DAILY RAFFLE GAME:**

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. For \$10 every 4 months (\$27 for the full year), you have a chance to win \$25 every weekday and at least \$50 on weekends!

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

June 25th	#911	Dave Cray	\$50
June 26th	#350	Deacon Russ Swim	\$25
July 9th	#508	Jim Wells	\$50

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](mailto:david.sullivan1@mchsi.com). 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:

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## **REMINDER of UPCOMING HOLY HOUR:**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

## **PRO-LIFE MESSAGE:**

I mentioned the movie "Sound of Freedom" at our last Council meeting and that it was exposing the violence of child trafficking taking place around the world. In fact human trafficking has exploded the number of humans in slavery today, more than any time in history. Sound of Freedom, released in theaters on July 4, depicts the true story of Tim Ballard, a former Homeland Security agent who has devoted his life to rescuing children who are victims of human sex trafficking. In recent weeks, Sound of Freedom has taken the box-office by storm. Although the film only had a modest \$14.5 million budget, it has grossed an astonishing \$100 million in ticket sales, outperforming many high budget blockbusters. In fact, in its opening weekend, it even beat out the final installment of Harrison Ford's Indiana Jones franchise—no small accomplishment! Much of the success of the film is due to the fact that it has tapped into a massive faith-based audience that is appalled by the realities depicted in the film, and that is determined to raise awareness about the way inhuman forces are exploiting the most innocent among us for nefarious purposes. Many supporters of the film participated in a

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“pay it forward” campaign, in which they purchased tickets for other people who might not otherwise be able to see the film, creating a massive grassroots groundswell that has outperformed the marketing machines of the big film studios. Already, the film has sparked a nationwide conversation about the realities of sex trafficking, opening many eyes to the dark realities. Human trafficking is typically a hidden crime, existing below the surface of normal, human society, in a dark netherworld in which sinister forces buy and sell human beings for all manner of horrific purposes. However, though hidden, it is tragically far from rare. According to a White House briefing document some 25 million people are victims of human trafficking globally every year. It is sad that the United States is considered the major market for this illicit industry. Unfortunately, in every society there is a class of “forgotten” people—people who are too poor, lonely, and insignificant to receive much attention, and who can go “missing” without anybody important noticing. As with so many other evils, it is primarily the most disadvantaged and vulnerable—in particular women and children—who suffer the brunt of this evil. As the U.S. state department notes, human trafficking is very much alive in the United States. However, as the state department also notes, “The quality and quantity of data available are often hampered by the hidden nature of the crime, challenges in identifying individual victims, gaps in data accuracy and completeness, and significant barriers regarding the sharing of victim information among various stakeholders.” That is to say, we do not have a clear idea of precisely how many trafficking victims there are in the United States. But what is clear is that in the sordid underbelly of our society, children are preyed upon by sociopathic manipulators, who will stop at nothing to exploit the bodies and souls of the most innocent children for their own profit and pleasure. We do know that over 85,000 of the unattended migrant children that have crossed our southern border in the last few years have been lost and cannot be located by our government today. Just like abortion, it should go without saying that any form of human trafficking is a grave violation of the dignity of the human person. Church teaching is clear that human beings can never be treated as a means to an end. Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. As such, they possess intrinsic value that transcends the logic of the marketplace. While human beings can and do voluntarily work to bring financial profit or other benefits to themselves and others, the Church has always emphasized that employers must always treat their employees first and foremost as human beings, not wealth-producers. Human trafficking, which is nothing less than modern slavery, is one of the most appalling violations of human dignity imaginable—the naked reduction of an immortal human being to a commodity to be bought and sold, treated even worse than we treat many of our animals. At the core of the Biblical message, emphasized with particular intensity by Jesus in the New Testament, is the command to treat every human being, born or preborn, with the dignity that he or she deserves. “Truly, I say unto you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). However, while all human trafficking is a grave evil, there is clearly something particularly diabolical about the kind of trafficking that Tim Ballard has dedicated his life to eradicating, and which is depicted in *Sound of Freedom*. Indeed, it is hard to wrap one’s head around the degree of evil involved in the deliberate, pre-meditated, industrialized trade in the flesh of children. In His ministry, Jesus repeatedly drew attention to the innocence of children, indicating that adults must in some way recover the simple innocence of children if they wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And we know precisely what Christ thought of those who would in any way pervert the innocence of children. “It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin” (Luke 17:2). It is unsurprising, therefore, that recent popes have repeatedly addressed the enormous evil of human trafficking, urging governments and individual persons to take the problem seriously. Pope Francis has made drawing attention to the issue a keystone of his pontificate. “Human trafficking disfigures dignity,” said Pope Francis in his message marking the ninth World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking “Exploitation and subjugation limit freedom and turn people into objects to use and discard. And the system of trafficking profits from the injustice and wickedness that oblige millions of people to live in conditions of vulnerability.” Indeed, other than abortion, it is difficult to think of a practice that more perfectly exemplifies the “throwaway culture” that Pope Francis has decried so often. Pope St. John Paul II, the “pope of life,” also repeatedly spoke out about the issue. In a letter on the occasion of a conference on human trafficking, Pope St. John Paul II noted that, “The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offence against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights.” In that same letter, Pope St. John Paul II pointed to a powerful passage in *Gaudium et Spes*, in which the fathers of the Second Vatican Council decried “slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as instruments of gain rather than free and responsible persons” as “infamies” which “poison human society, debase their perpetrators” and constitute “a supreme dishonor to the Creator” (no. 27). Although *Sound of Freedom* is an extremely difficult movie to watch, it is encouraging to know that millions of people are taking the time to become informed about one of the greatest evils being perpetrated in our modern world, as well as some of the efforts being taken to stamp it out. I encourage each of you to go see this movie. It is not a coincidence that many of the individuals involved in bringing this film to theaters will be familiar to pro-life activists. Unfortunately, the strong Christian beliefs of the producers of the film, as well as of the protagonist, Tim Ballard, seem to have caused many mainstream media outlets either to turn a blind eye to the film, or to dismiss it as faith-based propaganda. This is unfortunate because the obvious truth is that opposing human trafficking is not—or should not—be something that is an exclusively Christian or “conservative” issue.

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It is a fundamental issue of human rights, and one that does not often receive the attention it deserves. Sadly, there remains widespread ignorance on the nature and the spread of human trafficking, leaving persons who are trafficked invisible to most people, and human trafficking itself goes unperceived. While most people would insist that they are firmly opposed to human trafficking—in particular the sex trafficking of children—it is easier to forget that there are children, right now, suffering abuse of a kind that defies all description. It took a group of determined pro-life actors, directors, and producers to care enough about these lost children to tell their story in a way that would get the attention of the world. Let us pray that the success of Sound of Freedom pricks the conscience of the many millions of viewers who have seen it, and that it spurs concrete, effective action to rescue even more of the children (and men and women) who have been victimized and commodified by human trafficking. For, as Caviezel's character says in the film, "God's children are not for sale!"

**Jack Swan – Pro-Life Director**

**AUGUST 3rd**, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Fr Bader Assembly Cookout & Meeting

On the patio at Farrell Hall, St. Pius X

What to bring: your choice of meat to grill

We will provide: Hot grill, utensils, table service, condiments, side dishes, desert and beverages.

Hot grills be ready at 5:00pm

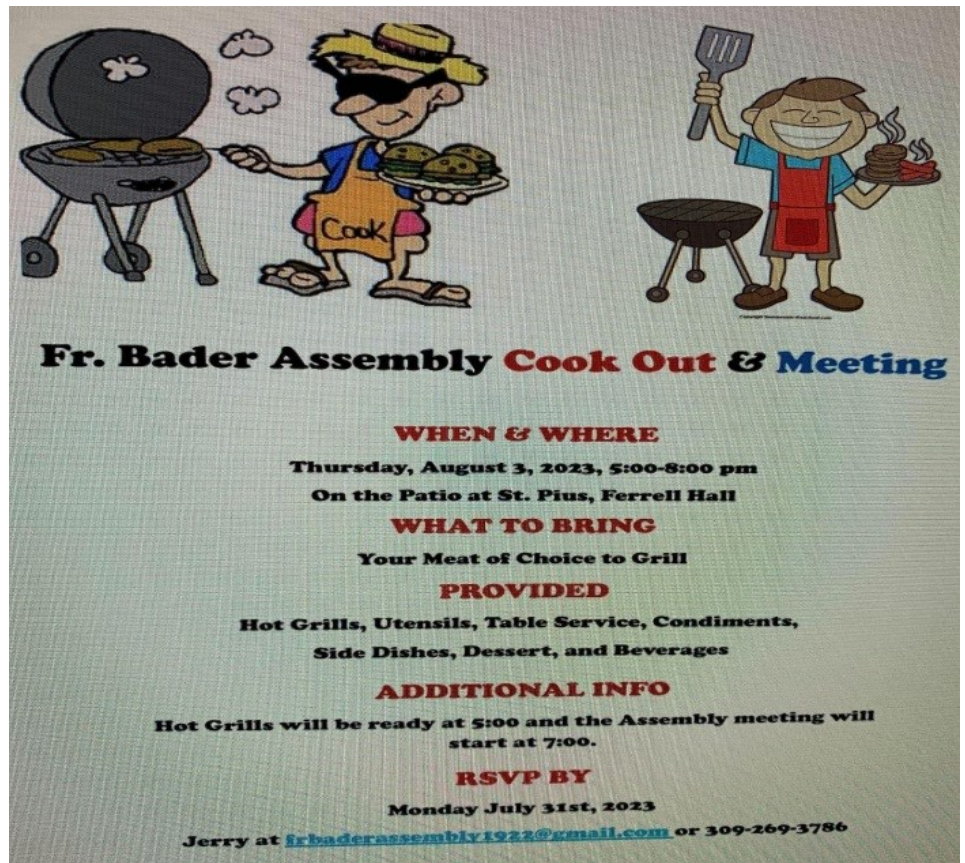
Meeting will start at 7:00pm

**RSVP by Monday, July 31st**

to Jerry Fowler,

frbaderassembly1922@gmail.com

or 309-269-3786



**AUGUST 19th,**

Men's Retreat, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island, Il. All men are welcome to this FREE event.

The retreat will start with the Rosary at 8:00am, followed by Mass at 8:30am. Then, starting at 10:00am in McCarthy Hall, Fr. Luke Spannagel will speak on *The Understanding of the Eucharist*.

Refreshments will be provided.



**AUGUST 27th,**

Parish Festival, St. Pius X,  
Rock Island

After the 10:30 Mass.

**SEPTEMBER 4th**, 9:30 am to 11:00am, Labor Day Parade,  
Rock Island



**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.

**SEPTEMBER 9th**, 9:00am. Mass for the Unborn, Calvary  
Cemetery, Rock Island



**OCTOBER 9th**, 1:30pm to 6:00pm

Jordan Catholic School Blood Drive, Farrell Hall Gym, Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

To schedule your donation, contact Louie Alongi 309-235-6796, or email to alongilouiev@gmail.com

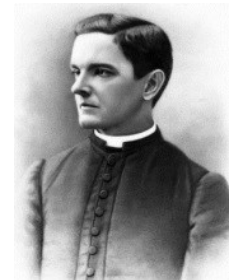
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**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVENEY:**

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.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS** (Subject to change, see online calendar:

**August**

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| 3  | Fr Bader Assembly Cookout and Meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island       | 6:00pm to 8:00pm                   |
| 7  | Officers meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island                            | 6:30pm to 8:00pm                   |
| 10 | Council meeting, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island,                            | Light meal 6pm, Meeting 7pm to 8pm |
| 19 | Men's Retreat, <i>The Understanding of the Eucharist</i> , McCarthy Hall, St. Pius | 8:00am to 11:00am                  |
| 23 | Midwest Food Bank Distribution, QC Expo Center, Rock Island, IL                    | 9:00am to 11:00am                  |
| 27 | Parish Festival, Rectory Lawn at St. Pius X, Rock Island                           | 11:30am                            |
| 30 | Jordan School Anniversary Mass, St. Pius X, Rock Island                            | 9:00m                              |

**September**

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| 4     | Labor Day Parade, Washington Jr High to Rock Island High School, Rock Island | 9:30 am to 11:00am   |
| 9     | Mass of Remembrance for the Unborn, Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island            | 9:00am               |
| 10    | Civic Awards Dinner, Sterns Center, Rock Island                              | 5:00pm               |
| 15-17 | Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive, Rock Island                  | more details to come |

**October**

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| 9  | Jordan School Blood Drive, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island | 1:30pm to 6:00pm |
| 12 | Allouez Council #658 Holy Hour, St. Pius X, Rock Island          | 5:00pm           |

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