



# Allouez Council # 658 – Abstracts

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## **Grand Knight's Message:**

### **Worthy Brothers,**

October continued to be a busy month for our council. Greg Schneider put the finishing touches on the Tootsie Roll drive. Thanks to Greg and all of the volunteers who helped make the I.D. drive a success. Thanks to Louie Alongi and all of the volunteers who helped make the Jordan School blood drive a success once again. The Midwest Food Bank pick up was moved to Stern Beverage for the first time. It was a good move. Thanks to Kevin Houser and Chuck Gibbs for making this work. The deceased members mass will be held on November 4th at the 5:15 mass at Sacred Heart. The Columbus Day awards dinner will be held at St. Mary's Schroeder Hall following the deceased members mass.

The Holiday Cash Giveaway raffle tickets are available for you to sell or purchase. They will be distributed at the November 9th Council meeting or contact Dave Sullivan at 309-737-5569.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you and your families.

### **Vivat Jesus!**

*Dave Sullivan*

## **Deacon's Question Box:**

### **How many times may one receive Holy Eucharist in a single day?**

Question: As I have gotten older, and my friends are beginning to pass from this life and their children are getting married. I am experiencing more situations where I may be going to mass more than once in a day. When this happens how many times may I receive the Holy Eucharist? We Catholics of the United States are in the middle of a three-year process initiated by our bishops to encourage a deeper appreciation and love for the Blessed Sacrament. So the timing of this question is excellent. And I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you who have questions about the Holy Eucharist to send them into the question box so that they can be addressed. The Church's Code of Canon Law allows the faithful to receive communion twice on the same day, provided they are properly disposed and they attend and participate in the entire Mass at which they receive the Eucharist. Thus, an individual may receive Communion at a daily Mass, and again at a wedding, funeral or other ritual Mass (see Canon 917). If by unique situation you find yourself attending and participating at a third Mass, you would excuse yourself from receiving communion a third time. Canon 921 defines the exception to this. According to that Canon: Those who are in danger of death are to receive Holy Communion as Viaticum along with Penance and Anointing of the Sick, even though they have been nourished by Holy Communion already on that day. It goes on to say "While the danger of death lasts, it is recommended that holy communion be administered often, but on separate days."

***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	Jim Cecil	Achiel Dupont	Paul Egan	Gene Fowler	Jerry Fowler	Jim Fobert
Louis Granato III	Joseph Lazio	Norma Manning	Deacon Paul Martin		Mike Pacheco	Jean Paprocki
Red Pearson	Mary Jo Pulford	Sue Schaecher	Jerry Schroeder	Jack Showalter	Bob Spalding	
Deacon Russ Swim	Richard Tipton	Jim Wells	William Weston	Dick Yeager	Betty VanDeVoorde	

*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:**

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

Jeffrey Barnes	John Perez	David Valiquette	Trevor Loes	James Richardson	Msgr. Mark Merdian
James Britton	Deacon Joseph Dockery- Jackson	Thomas Krone	Gary Snyder	Alan Knack	
James Mack	Forrest Belzer	Rev Francisco Trujillo-Gonzalez	John Verona	Eugene Paprocki	
Christopher Pickens	John Reynolds	Robert Braun	Donald Verhille	John Showalter	Wayne Valentine
Donald Hauer					

**Anniversaries:**

Congratulations to the 9 couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

Brian & Jennifer Casey 11-02-1996	Daniel & Sharon Verschoore 11-12-1960	Lawrence & Lynne Brandenburg 11-20-1965
David & Malia Sullivan 11-20-1976	Deacon Joseph & Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson 11-23-1974	
Phillip & Carrie Roe 11-24-1979	Paul & Cindy Schmitt 11-27-1993	Clarence & Lili Darrow 11-30-1963
Julius & Teresa Pearson 11-30-1963		

*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:

September 27th	#265	Terry Pearson	\$25
October 4th	#328	Patrick Lootens	\$25
October 6th	#706	William Camp	\$25
October 11th	#612	Kevin Rafferty	\$25
October 12th	#256	Kay Whan	\$25

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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**Vocation Raffle Report:**

The drawing is in December and the deadline for ticket returns is early November . Please dig up those tickets you set aside and send a few or all back in the self addressed envelope . We have 8 seminarians from this area, something we can be proud of.

So let us show our monetary support . I look forward to hearing from you .

***Vivat Jesus!***

**Jim Wieland, Chairman**  
**2536 21st Ave**  
**Rock Island , IL 61201**

### Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing:



The Knights again will be ringing the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell on Friday, Dec. 15th., 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, at Hy-Vee R.I. The R.I. Knights have helped the Salvation Army to help our QC community for many years. The past 10 years the collections have totaled \$10,281.72. We ask volunteer Knights to work only 1 hour / just long enough to cool off!!! Please e-mail/ call me with your favorite time on that Friday and we will check it out! Also.....IF you normally make a Christmas donation to the SA please consider our Red Kettle on 12/15. Jim Wieland will be taking photos so be sure to smile and dress warm. I will provide "hand warmers." If you wish, ask your wife, child, or friend to join you!!! Thank you and may God Bless your efforts.

**Merry Christmas!**

Louie Alongi alongilouiev@gmail.com 309-235-6796



### Jordan Catholic School Blood Drive Results:



Allouez Council 658 in Rock Island, IL., coordinated a Blood Drive recently with their local Jordan Catholic School and St. Pius X Parish collecting 90 donations of blood. The Knights coordinate two Drives per year with Jordan in their gym and have collected an average of 90 donations per Drive the past 6 years. This has been a 16 year activity for the Council.

The Knights in the photo L to R:

Louie Alongi, Coordinator,  
Dave Sullivan, Grand Knight,  
Rick Cervantes, District Deputy,  
Jim Wieland, Past Grand Knight

... all Drive volunteers and blood donors.

**Louie Vito Alongi**

**Knights of Columbus Volunteer (since 1977)**

**Past President, Society of Italian-Americans**

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### Pro-Life Message:

Planned Parenthood uses the Hamas murderous attack on Israel to sell abortion. Surprised? On October 7, Israel was the victim of one of the most horrific terrorist attacks in modern history. Heavily armed Hamas gunmen flew or drove into civilian centers and then began slaughtering everybody within reach, including women and children. By the time the massacre was done, over 1,300 Israelis including Palestinian Christians had been killed, thousands more injured, and hundreds taken hostage. In the face of this appalling attack, Israel quickly responded, launching numerous airstrikes into Hamas-controlled Gaza. As of this writing, it appears that Israel is preparing to invade Gaza, the next stage in what is likely to be a long and brutal war. The scale of human suffering already unleashed, and likely to be unleashed in coming days, is difficult to fathom. As Knights of Columbus, we are praying for everybody involved in this war, especially for all the families and individuals suffering from these events, as well as praying for a quick solution that secures a just and lasting peace. When war strikes, much of the world prays for peace and an end to the violence. However, in the immediate aftermath of this terrorist attack and Israel's response, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) seems most concerned about finding ways to stand in the way of life and increase the body count.

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On October 9, IPPF issued a press release expressing their concern that “and reproductive rights must be prioritized now in Palestine.” As is a well-established fact, for Planned Parenthood the phrase “sexual and reproductive rights” includes both contraception and abortion. Organizations like the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)—the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency—see having full and unhindered access to contraception and abortion as a “right” that must be protected even (or rather, especially) during a war. As some activists have said, “Never waste a good crisis” in order to implement measures that would not be possible unless the world’s attention is focused elsewhere. We saw the same mentality exhibited by these groups during the recent pandemic. The minute COVID began disrupting normal life, they loudly proclaimed about how access to so-called “reproductive rights” was essential. In the face of the pandemic, they claimed, it was necessary to take “emergency” measures to increase access to abortion. As it turns out, these “emergency” measures were things that the abortion groups had been pushing for years anyway. For them, the pandemic was simply a convenient excuse. Above all, such groups had long advocated for loosening regulations on so-called “tele-med” abortions, in which abortionists interview pregnant women through an online webcam, and then mail them abortion pills (mifepristone and misoprostol) to be taken at home. Unfortunately, during COVID the abortion groups were often successful, with many willing Western nations loosening regulations on tele-med abortions. In many cases, these regulations were not repealed with the end of COVID emergency measures, which, of course, was precisely what the abortion groups intended all along: loosen the regulations for the sake of an “emergency,” and then fight to keep them loose even when the emergency is gone. It is horrifying to consider what pregnant women in Israel and Gaza must be going through at this time, but what is clear is that these mothers absolutely do not need “reproductive care.” While carrying new life, even under the best of circumstances, women are uniquely vulnerable. Excessive stress, for example, can harm the developing child, not to mention cause great suffering for the mother. Hence, there are many legitimate, important gynecological healthcare services that women need. Abortion is not one of them; abortion is not healthcare. In the midst of these conditions, we need heroic doctors, healthcare workers, and humanitarian organizations that are willing to brave the dangers of war, and to provide lifesaving and life-nurturing care to pregnant women and to mothers and their newborn babies. Women and mothers in Israel and Gaza do not need IPPF’s strategy of introducing life-frustrating or life-taking “services” such as contraception and abortion. Abortion is illegal in most cases in Gaza, and Planned Parenthood claims that the Gaza facility did not provide abortions. However, Planned Parenthood also operates a number of centers in the Israeli-controlled West Bank, at least one of which lists “abortion referrals as a service”. In other words, whatever services Planned Parenthood provides, they are always bound up with, and feed into, Planned Parenthood’s overarching anti-life and anti-family agenda. Furthermore, if there is a way for Planned Parenthood to refer women for, or provide, an abortion, even where it is technically illegal, they will find that way. Unsurprisingly, women have shared their stories of obtaining abortion pills—illegally—with the help of the Palestinian Family Planning and Protection Association (PFPPA), which is the local Planned Parenthood affiliate. With many online providers now selling abortion pills that can be shipped through the mail, Planned Parenthood can simply provide “information” about such abortion pills and how to obtain them, while dodging ultimate legal responsibility for performing the abortion in jurisdictions where abortion is illegal. Planned Parenthood in Palestine is not shy about proclaiming their long-term goals. PFPPA has received multiple grants from the Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF). A profile on the SAAF website notes: PFPPA has been working since 1964, to provide sexual and reproductive healthcare and advocate for women’s “rights”. Having received two grants from SAAF since 2014, they have been working on the lack of access to safe abortion in the country with a focus on increasing their provision of abortion-related services and advocating at community and national level for changes to the abortion law. There it is in black and white. Planned Parenthood’s overarching aim is not to help women and children in Palestine, but rather to get a foothold in the region, and then to use their leverage to push for a liberalization of the law. And where they can’t actually change the law, they will get away with what they can, helping women kill their preborn children by referring them to sources of abortion pills, or to centers that do perform abortions. Compounding the tragedy is that in nearby Israel, abortion is easily available. In fact, last year Israel significantly loosened their abortion regulations shortly after the United States Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*. Tragically, Israeli authorities portrayed this change as progress and “modernization.” When crisis hits, abortion-minded organizations do not turn their attention to finding creative ways to help families and women to heroically nurture life, but rather towards using the crisis to further their overarching concern to reduce fertility rates and find ways to liberalize laws and social conventions. I have already mentioned how Planned Parenthood and other abortion organizations responded to COVID.

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In recent memory, we also saw a similar response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with abortion groups focusing their energies on finding ways to increase the availability of abortion pills in Ukraine. As if there wasn't enough death! These organizations believe that the mental and physical stress of welcoming a child under such conditions is simply unacceptable. In the first place, this discredits the memory of the many generations which have done just that, courageously continuing to live, love, and raise families despite the worst conditions imaginable, a true demonstration of what the human spirit is capable of. And in the second place, this knee-jerk, despairing attitude prevents such organizations from making any effort to legitimately help women welcome life. Governments too, seem pleased to take the easy route out, funding organizations that promote abortion, which is "easy" and "cheap," rather than focusing on the more complex problem of how to promote and nurture life, to authentically help women and mothers. Throughout the turbulent history of the Middle East, the peoples of Israel and the surrounding nations have continued to endure despite all obstacles, even the ravages of war. Promoting the false doctrine that contraception and abortion are a critical need during wartime shows how far we have fallen from a universal respect for every human life – men, women, and children, including those yet born. We must pray for an enduring peace and for real help for the people of both Israel and Palestine. We pray as well that Palestinian and Israeli authorities will find ways to provide for the legitimate healthcare needs of women during this war, without having to rely upon insidious organizations like Planned Parenthood and the UNFPA. Even when organizations such as Planned Parenthood offer legitimate assistance with one hand, in the other hand they always bear the knife. It's unfortunate that even some knights do not comprehend this evil. We must pray for them as well.....

**Jack Swan – Pro-Life Director**

**Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney:**

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.

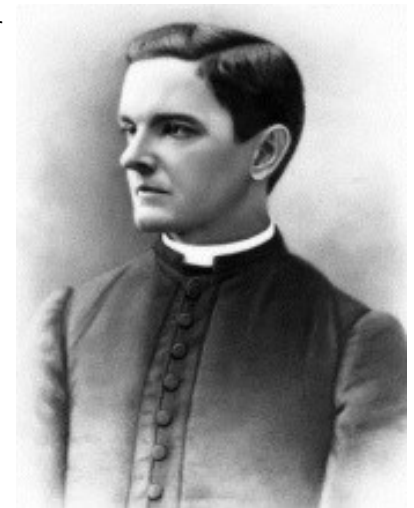
Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

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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**Upcoming Events and Activities** (changes or updates will be noted in next month's Newsletter)

**November**

4	Allouez Council #658 Deceased Members Mass, Sacred Heart, Rock Island	5:15pm
4	Allouez Council #658 Columbus Awards Dinner, St. Mary's, Rock Island	After 5:15pm Mass at Sacred Heart
5	Coffee & Conversation, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	After 8:00am and 10:30am Masses
6	Allouez Council #658 <b>Officers Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
9	Allouez Council #658 <b>Council Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
10	Veterans Day Avenue of Flags — put flags up	Any time after dawn
12	Veterans Day Avenue of Flags — take flags down	Any time prior to dusk
21	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Dr, Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

**December**

3	Coffee & Conversation, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	After 8:00am and 10:30am Masses
4	Allouez Council #658 <b>Officers Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
14	Allouez Council #658 <b>Council Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
19	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Dr, Milan	9:00am to 11:30am
21	Salvation Red Kettle bell ringing, Hy-Vee, Rock Island	10:00am to 8:00pm

**January**

8	Allouez Council #658 <b>Officers Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
11	Allouez Council #658 <b>Council Meeting</b> , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
16	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Dr, Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

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