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Grand Knight's Message:

Worthy Brothers,

I hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving. We have so many reasons to be thankful with all of God's blessings. Allouez Council 658 was recognized in the Columbia Magazine for 50 plus years of successful blood drives at Jordan School. Brother Louie Alongi is the coordinator of these blood drives and is the reason for their success. Brother Alongi also made the report to the editor of the Columbia Magazine and we thank him for getting Allouez 658 recognized in this World Wide publication. Last month was again a busy month as we had the deceased members mass, the awards and recognition dinner, and the extended Avenue of the Flags project. We also set up the two new Nativity scenes; one at Calvary Mausoleum and one at St. Pius. Thanks to everyone who participated in these events. A special thanks to all of the donors who made the purchase of the Nativity scenes possible: Lou and Theresa Granato, Kevin and Kimberly Hoffman, Dick and Pam Hunt, Steven Klauer, Dave and Kate Lackey, Andy and Mindy Olson, Gene and Jean Paprocki, Greg and Kathy Schneider, Deacon Russ, Pam and Brandan Swim, Dave and Malia Sullivan, Dave Yordy, Jared Vogele. The Holiday Cash Giveaway raffle tickets are being sold through December 14th. Contact me if you need more tickets. Additionally, all tickets and money must be returned to me by December 14th which is the date of our next council meeting and the date of the drawing. If you cannot make it to the meeting and need to make other arrangements to get the tickets back to me, contact me at 309-737-5569. I recently had contact with Dave Yordy. He is doing fine. As you can guess, they don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Cambodia. His Thanksgiving dinner was stir fried vegetables with rice and a little bit of chicken. Keep Dave and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In case I don't see you before Christmas, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless all of you and your families!

Vivat Jesus! *Dave Sullivan*

Deacon's Question Box:

Is a monk the same as a friar?

Question: our Franciscan priests identify themselves as Friars. The priests and other men who live at New Melleray Abbey near Dubuque where the council used to go for weekend retreats identify themselves as monks. What is the difference between a monk and a friar? The two seem similar. Are they the same thing? Quite simply, the answer is no. Holy mother church groups male and female religious orders into two main groups: active and contemplative. Both types of orders follow a religious rule and a way of life faithful to the charism of their founder. Active orders like the Franciscans and the Dominicans go out into the world and perform a particular work, be it parish work, teaching, preaching, running hospitals, serving the poor, or some other labor or combination of labors, while maintaining a communal life. The men who belong to such orders are known as Friars. The work of contemplative orders is a hidden life of prayer and penance. These men are attached to a particular monastery in a particular location and generally remain there throughout their lives. They follow a regulated schedule of prayer, work and contemplation; all of which is kept in balance. The men in these orders are called monks. When a contemplative community is enclosed or cloistered the members have very limited contact with the outside world as it is with the Trappists at New Melleray.

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.

Birthdays:

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

Timothy Smith	Patrick Kernan	James Cecil	Marcus Cortez	William Tacey	Dr Greg Schneider	Mark Teele
Robert Kulig	William Walzem	Brion Eckert	Samuel Doak	Robert Spalding	Fr. Witold Adamczyk	John Kustes
Gregory Vogele	John Wright	Frank Lucas	John Phillips	Richard Hunt	Craig Benisch	John Rodts
Douglas Duesman		Rev Scott Potthoff		Dr Robert Milas	Dennis De Maught	

Anniversaries:

Congratulations to the 7 couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

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| David & Lisa Ven Huizen 12-01-2001 | Robert & Carol Spalding 12-07-1996 | James & Sally Cecil 12-12-1970 |
| Dwight & Pennie Mosley 12-13-1964 | William & Anna Axup 12-22-1955 | Jeffrey & Linda Barnes 12-27-1969 |
| Louis Jr & Theresa Granato 12-28-1985 | | |

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 to 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:

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| Elizabeth Brueggen | Jim Cecil | Achiel Dupont | Paul Egan | Gene Fowler | Jerry Fowler | Jim Fobert |
| Louis Granato III | Kevin Hughes | 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.

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:

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| October 20th | #564 | Kevin Houser | \$25 |
| November 8th | #535 | Carroll "Red" Pearson | \$25 |
| November 10th | #616 | Tom Lawrence | \$25 |
| November 14th | #014 | Kathy Belzer | \$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. 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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Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing:

The Knights again will be ringing the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell on Friday, December 15th, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, at Hy-Vee in Rock Island. The Rock Island Knights have helped the Salvation Army to help our QC community for many years. In 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 Salvation Army, please consider our Red Kettle on December 15th. 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



Knights of Columbus Holiday Cash Raffle:

December 2nd and 3rd before and after all masses at St.Pius X the Knights will be selling their Holiday Cash Raffle tickets. Drawing will be December 14 th , 2023. First prize is 300 dollars, second prize is 200 dollars and third prize is 100 dollars.

The cost is 5 dollars per ticket.



New Nativity Displays at Calvary Mausoleum and St. Pius X :

Thanks to generous donations from several Brother Knights and their families, Allouez Council #658 was able to purchase two new Nativity sets. One of the Nativity sets will be displayed at Calvary Mausoleum and will replace the previous Nativity that had been used for many years. The second Nativity set will be used as a 'traveling' Nativity that will be shared among the three Rock Island Parishes and will be displayed at St. Pius this year.

Thank you to all who donated toward the new Nativity display.

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 Andy and Mindy Olson Gene and Jean Paprocki Greg and Kathy Schneider Deacon Russ, Pam and Brandan Swim
 Dave and Malia Sullivan Dave Yordy Jared Vogele



HALF A CENTURY OF BLOOD DRIVES:

In the November 2023 Issue of the Columbia magazine, Allouez Council #658 was recognized for more than 50 years of twice annual blood drives in partnership with Impact Life. The Knights' most recent drive collected donations from more than 100 people. Jordan Catholic School, which hosted the drives in its gym, received a \$250 grant from Impact Life, as well as \$1 for every donation of blood.



Pro-Life Message:

Last month, Ohio voters voted 57 to 43 percent to add a "right" to abortion to the state Constitution. What this means is that in Ohio abortion is now permitted without restriction up to the point of viability. Tragically, the passage of this amendment makes it all but certain that Ohio's 6-week abortion ban passed by majority votes in both the State House and Senate and signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine (R) in 2019—will not go into effect. At the time of this most recent vote, the law had been tied up in the courts. But given the repeal of Roe last year, it had a good chance of withstanding judicial scrutiny. Alas, those children that would have been protected by this law are now at the mercy of the abortionists. While the outcome of the Ohio vote was not entirely unexpected, there is no question that it is a major blow. Real children will die because of it. Many of them. That is the stark reality. Those are the stakes involved in this fight. Many media commentators are leaping to the conclusion that this Ohio vote shows that abortion is a losing issue for pro-life politicians. They argue that this latest vote is just the last in a series of defeats for the pro-life cause at the ballot box, which "proves" that the American people have no appetite for abortion bans. If the GOP wishes to win moving forward, they are saying, it must focus on other, more "popular" issues. This is rubbish. In the first place, it's clear that the pro-abortion movement is committing enormous resources to creating this impression of a landslide movement in their favor. That is, they are trying to "manufacture consensus" to try to discourage the pro-life cause and reverse the momentum. In the wake of this vote, Ohio pro-life voters pointed out that they were massively outspent. As the pro-life group Protect Women Ohio stated after the vote: "We know that Issue 1 does not represent Ohio values. It took \$35 million in out-of-state funding and ads filled with fear and deceit to push through the most radical abortion agenda in the country. An agenda that will cement late-term abortion in our Constitution, strip parents of their rights, and wipe out health and safety protections for women. This is not the Ohio way, and we are united in our fight against these extreme policies."

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Ultimately, the pro-life side was outspent by \$12 million during the campaign, with a lot of that money flowing in from out-of-state from well-funded pro-abortion activist groups funded by billionaires. Furthermore, we know from experience that in a democracy there is often a “pendulum effect.” That is, when one side of the political spectrum wins a significant victory, the other side of the issue is often galvanized to renewed effort. Meanwhile, the side that just won becomes complacent, thinking that they no longer have to work as hard to maintain their momentum. Pro-lifers worked to overturn Roe for fifty years. The death of Roe last year is one of the most significant victories in the history of the pro-life movement. In a way, it’s hardly surprising that the pro-abortion side is now hitting the ground running. Many pro-abortion activists have woken up to the fact that their precious “right to abortion” is actually being threatened in many states. In many, in fact, it is gone, and has been replaced with the right to life of our pre-born brothers and sisters. However, this latest loss at the ballot box needs to be a wakeup call for us. Pro-lifers who’ve been in the fight for long enough always knew that overturning Roe was just the beginning of the fight to end abortion in America: a hugely important step, but hardly the end. But with pro-abortion activists now outraged at our recent successes, we need to step up our game to meet and outmatch their level of determination and effort. If any of us have given into complacency, assuming that with Roe gone it would be smooth sailing, now is the time to shake off our slumber, roll up our sleeves, and get to work! This fight will never be over, so long as we live. There is no resting on our laurels. There is just the daily effort to carry out God’s will, and fight to protect the vulnerable. The Catholic Church in Ohio played a significant role in the fight to oppose Issue 1. According to the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Catholic Church spent at least \$1.7 million in supporting the pro-life fight. In a statement after the vote, the Ohio bishops expressed their dismay at the result, and yet urged the pro-life faithful not to lose heart. “Today is a tragic day for women, children, and families in Ohio,” the bishops said once the results of the vote were clear. “We mourn that the dignity of human life remains concealed by the duplicity of a culture of death.” And yet, they added, “Though this is a day of sorrow, we are never without hope. St. Paul tells us that it is in hope that we were saved and, ‘if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.’” The bishops vowed that despite the setback, the Catholic Church in Ohio would continue to defend preborn children, and to advocate for the family and women. “As we pray for the conversion of minds and hearts to the gospel of life, we recommit ourselves to defending children in the womb and supporting women in need,” they wrote. “The Catholic Church and faithful will never grow weary in our mission to help women and families flourish through ministries such as Walking with Moms in Need and other local organizations that provide material and spiritual support and through advocacy with policymakers.” The bishops thanked all those pro-life activists who had poured their money, time and prayers into defending the most vulnerable among us. “Your sacrifices prove that the Church will never abandon her mission to support human life,” they said. “We will persevere in this mission until every preborn child is protected, every pregnant woman is supported, and every human life receives respect, dignity, and justice.” The bishops’ message of determination, hope, and recommitment to the cause is precisely what is needed at this dark moment. However, even as we dust ourselves off, and recommit ourselves to focused, tireless effort in defense of the preborn, we should also take a moment to remind ourselves that all the taunting of the pro-abortion media is not even grounded in fact. As noted above, pro-abortion activists and media are desperately attempting to portray the situation as one of an “inevitable” victory for pro-abortion forces. They wish to convince us that the tide has definitively turned against the pro-lifers. They want to take the heart out of us. It is true that there have been some real losses in recent months. And yet, as pro-life analyst Michael New notes in National Review, there is every reason to believe that the momentum is solidly on the pro-life side. Don’t forget: Roe was the law of the land for fifty years! And now it’s gone. Rejoice in that fact! No intelligent pro-lifer ever thought that the moment Roe was gone, that abortion would end in America, or that the fight would be over. That’s why the pro-life movement has poured its heart and soul into founding educational organizations, and huge numbers of crisis pregnancy centers to reach the hearts of at-risk mothers. And yet, the idea that we must choose between changing hearts and laws is founded upon a ludicrous false dichotomy. It’s not a choice between changing hearts and changing laws. After all, one of the key ways to change hearts is to change laws. Laws teach and affirm a society’s values. For fifty years, our society’s values, the hearts and minds of our citizens, were shaped by the unjust legal framework of Roe. That has all changed. Furthermore, thanks to the overturning of Roe, we have seen significant, concrete progress. Fourteen states now have laws banning all abortions. And after Roe was repealed, another seven states passed strong pro-life laws that protect a significant portion of preborn children. None of this would have been possible without the repeal of Roe. In response to the massive victory of repealing Roe, we can expect a backlash. But instead of giving in to discouragement, we must use the ferocity of that backlash to galvanize us to renewed effort, not to throw up our hands and bemoan the fact that we can “never” win at the ballot box

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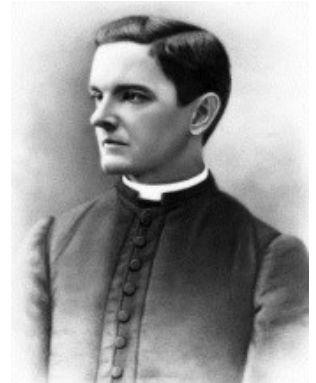
Yes, we must continue to educate hearts and minds, and we must continue to pass laws that have the effect of saving real children, today. Roe had to go. It was arguably the most egregious U.S. Supreme Court decision in the history of the United States. It was fundamentally, deeply unjust. It codified the systemic discrimination against the most innocent and weakest amongst us. The repeal of Roe was a magnificent victory. Do not for a minute listen to the taunting and jeers of pro-abortion journalists and activists who wish to discourage us with tendentious arguments suggesting that repealing Roe has somehow made things worse. Now is not the time for discouragement. Now is the time for renewed effort. For prayer. For hope. After all, the victory is God's, not ours. We place all our hope in Him, and we go to work as the happy warriors who rest confident in the knowledge that their Lord is the Lord of all, with the power to turn the tide in an instant.

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.



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

December

3	Coffee & Conversation, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	After 8:00am and 10:30am Masses
4	Allouez Council #658 Officers Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
7	Fr Bader 4th Degree Christmas Mass and Dinner, Christ the King, Moline, Il.	5:30pm Mass 7:00 pm Dinner
14	Allouez Council #658 Council Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
15	Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringing Hy-Vee, Rock Island	10:00am to 8:00pm
19	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Drive Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

January

7	Coffee & Conversation, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	After 8:00am and 10:30 am Masses
8	Allouez Council #658 Officers Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
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February

4	Coffee & Conversation, McCarthy Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island	After 8:00am and 10:30am Masses
5	Allouez Council #658 Officers Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:30pm
8	Allouez Council #658 Council Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
20	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Drive Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

Father Bader Assembly Christmas Mass and Dinner:

The annual Father Bader Assembly Christmas Mass and Dinner will be held Saturday, December 7th.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church, Moline, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Believer's Together Dining Room at Christ the King.

Dinner Includes; Appetizers, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks. Salads, Stuffed Porkchops, Baked Potato, vegetables, Rolls and Dessert. The cost is \$25.00 per person

To place RSVPs you can email to frbaderassembly1922@gmail.com, or call Jerry Fowler at 309-269-3786 leave a message if I'm not available



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