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Grand Knight's Message:

Worthy Brothers,

I am happy to report that we started the new year with a very successful pancake breakfast with the proceeds going to support religious education at Jordan School and Alleman High School. I would like to thank all of the volunteers (Knights, wives of Knights, and students) who helped serve more than 250 meals. This event was a free will donation event and the donations received were more than \$2,500. A special thanks goes out to Lou Granato who took the lead on this event. He scheduled the volunteers, bought the supplies, and made the special homemade pancakes which were a big hit.

Lent begins on February 14th and is the Church's Holiest Season. There are many opportunities during the season of Lent to get closer to God, including attending the Stations of the Cross which are held every Friday evening during Lent. If you haven't attended Stations in some time, I highly encourage you to do so. It can be a very meaningful experience.

There are many Friday night fish fries in our area during Lent and our council will host a fish fry on Friday, March 8th. This is another big event that requires many volunteers and someone to take the lead. We will be talking about this at our February council meeting as our March council meeting will be after March 8th.

God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus! *Dave Sullivan*

Deacon's Question Box:

What is the correct posture for praying the Our Father in mass?

Question: Before Vatican II the rules around the posture of the people and of the clergy at mass were pretty tightly defined. With the promulgation of the 1969 Roman Missal many of these rules were relaxed but not completely eliminated and we entered a period of time that I like to call the Kumbaya years (named after a particularly ridiculous hymn that was very popular at the time). You may remember this as the time of guitar masses, polka masses, clown masses and so forth. During this time some bishops, priests, and others in leadership positions recommended people adopt the ancient prayer position of the priest in the temple that we now call the orans position; arms extended with palms usually facing upward. This was particularly popular among certain groups like the Charismatic Renewal, Cursillo, and The Christian Family Movement. While the orans position is indeed ancient with roots extending back to ancient Rome. It is a position that should be reserved to private prayer and not used by the faithful in Mass. We come to mass to receive the actual grace of the sacrament and to give worship and adoration to our eternal God as a community of faith. In fact, just before the Eucharistic prayer we proclaim that it is right and just that we do so. We worship as a community not as a collection of private individuals so a multiplicity of postures mitigates against this idea of a worshiping community. Before the second Vatican Council the Lord's prayer was said quietly by the priest and the people were expected to follow along mentally but they did not speak it aloud. The instructions for the mass today say that the people are to stand and pray the words with the priest but not to imitate his gestures. The General Instruction of The Roman Missal also states, "For the sake of uniformity in gestures and bodily postures during one and the same celebration, the faithful should follow the instructions which the deacon, a lay minister, or the priest gives, according to what is laid down in the Missal" (No. 43). Therefore, the lay faithful should not assume a posture at Mass that is not prescribed in the rubrics, including the orans posture, holding hands and extending hands in blessing. Our Bishops state, in "Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice (2010), "The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our head." So, the correct posture for praying the Our Father during Mass is standing with our hands together in the traditional position of prayer.

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:

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

Richard Tipton	W Gerard Huiskamp	Nicholas Anderson	Richard Sellon	Cameron Britton	Arnold Green
Anthony Forlini	Jerome O'Leary	Robert Anderson	Brian Wegerer	Michal Porubcin	Luke Olson
Peter Di Iulio	Louis Mack	Vincent Santuccio	Rev Thomas Gibson		

Anniversaries:

Congratulations to the 8 couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month. May they celebrate many more!

Joseph & Angie Conicella 02-09-1952	Martin & Sheila Herman 02-12-1983	John & Pamela Verona 02-14-1970
James & Cheryl Richardson 02-17-1968	Darille & Susan Starrine 02-17-1984	Calvin & Bev Askeland 02-19-1977
Dennis & Pamela De Maught 02-23-1980	Deacon Russell & Pam Swim 02-27-1971	

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 Cecil	Linda Cervantes	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
Deacon Russ Swim	Bob Spalding	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

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:

December 28th	#074	Joe Alongi	\$25
January 1st	#616	Tom Lawrence	\$25
January 14th	#912	Greg Murphy	\$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. 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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Traveling Monstrance — National Eucharistic Revival:



Traveling Monstrance
QUAD CITY AREA



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Traveling Monstrance in the Quad City Area

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in 2022, Bishop Lou Tylka announced that a special monstrance would travel across the 26 counties of our Diocese in support of the National Eucharistic Revival. Holy Hours and evenings of prayer would support the efforts of the Revival through 2024. The monstrance was made in Spain and tailored to be representative of the Diocese of Peoria. Four gemstones were replaced with enamel symbols of the diocesan crest, the Sacred Heart, the pierced heart of Mary and the lamb of sacrifice, all of which can be found in St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

The Traveling Monstrance will be at St. Pius X on Thursday, Feb. 15.

We will have a holy hour in church at 6:30pm. Please plan to join us for this special event.

Father Bader Assembly #1922 Honor Guard — Traveling Monstrance:

The Diocese of Peoria Traveling Monstrance will be returning to the Quad Cities area in the month of February. The Monstrance will be at St. Pius X in Rock Island on Thursday, February 15th, and Fr. Witold has requested the presence of our Honor Guard for the Holy Hour which will begin at 6:30pm.

Additional dates that the Monstrance will be in the area are:

Monday, February 19th . . . Sacred Heart, Moline

Thursday, February 22nd . . St. Mary, Hampton

Monday, February 26th . . . Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis

Pro-Life Message:

When a group of activist U.S. Supreme Court Justices unilaterally legalized the killing of preborn children nationwide in 1973, they didn't choose to release their decision in late January, during winter, as a challenge to test the resolve of pro-life activists. Presumably, the Justices thought that their decision (7- 2), while likely to be greeted with some controversy, would quickly become the settled law of the land. Likely, they did not expect that dauntless pro-life activists would rise to the challenge, organizing annual protests to mark the day of infamy, January 22. Most probably, they had no inkling that growing crowds of hundreds of thousands of pro-life activists would brave the worst wintry weather that Washington D.C. can dole out, year after year after year, until they succeeded in eradicating Roe as the law of the land. These are some of the thoughts that occurred to me as we marched up to the Supreme Court, as tens of thousands of pro-life activists gathered for the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. It swelled my heart with pride to see so many young people and families cheerfully braving freezing temperatures and snow to march, even though the original purpose of the March—to protest Roe v. Wade—has now been achieved. Roe is gone. And yet there they are: the enormous crowds of cheering, chanting, dancing pro-lifers, in the midst of icy winds and driving snow. And why? Because they understand that our work is not yet done and will not be done until every single preborn child in America (and around the world) is protected in law. My pride only increased when I read the news that a pro-abortion group that had organized a counter-protest cancelled their event at the last-minute because of the weather. While some pro-life groups were not able to make it to the March because of bad driving conditions, no one ever contemplated cancelling the March for Life. It never has been cancelled. If you want to know how it was that pro-lifers succeeded in overturning Roe, five decades after it had seemed as if it was firmly settled as the law of the land, look no further than the size and fervor of the crowds at the March for Life, and at pro -life marches around the United States. This is no fleeting movement. There is a steely resolve at the heart of the pro-life movement: a resolve that reflects the gravity of the evil against which we are fighting. Even if the immediate goal of the March has been achieved, overturning Roe, we will not stop showing up, in snow, sleet, or hail until every life is protected from the violence of abortion. After all, there are many signs that if anything, our work has only just begun. It would be foolish to expect that the overturning of Roe would somehow cause the well-funded, powerful pro-abortion movement simply to throw up their hands and give up. Although they may lack the resolve to show up in January weather to support their cause, they remain a formidable foe. After all, they do possess such advantages as the passionate support of the mainstream media, and many of the wealthiest and most influential people on the planet. Without doubt, pro-abortion activists are seeking ways to overturn Dobbs (the decision that overturned Roe), pass legislation on both state and national levels, as well as sway public opinion towards their pernicious view of the world. Unfortunately, people are afraid of change, and it is often the case that a sudden change in law or culture provokes a strong backlash in the opposite direction. We have seen some signs of this in the United States since the overturning of Roe, with a series of pro-abortion ballot initiatives passing in various states. Most people have a deep conviction that fairness and equality are best. However, the pro-abortion movement has deployed powerful propagandistic messaging that has convinced many people that the preborn child is not human, and therefore not deserving of protection. Furthermore, they have convinced people that banning abortion will in various ways negatively impact them by curtailing their freedom. We know that both of these messages are grotesque lies. The humanity of the preborn child is one of the most basic biological facts. Similarly, history clearly shows that protecting the rights of some human beings advances the interests of all human beings. With slavery gone, for instance, we have been able to reap the benefits of the goodness, creativity, and potential of our once-oppressed African-American brothers and sisters, thus creating the conditions for peace and prosperity. Similarly, banning abortion is not an infringement on freedom, but rather one step towards creating a more just society, with benefits for all.

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In the face of the post-Dobbs pendulum swing, it is critical that the educational arm of the pro-life movement receive significant support, so that we can reach the hearts and minds of more ordinary Americans. In this way, we can cement the enormous gains for human rights post-Dobbs and make being pro-life not only the right thing to be, but also politically victorious in the legislature and at the ballot box. While it is true that we must be politically savvy, it is a mistake to subject something as absolutely fundamental as the sanctity of human life to a purely political calculus. In such cases, we must be confident that courage and consistency, backed up with the highest-quality information and talking points, will ultimately sway the public to make protecting life a winning political issue. It can sometimes seem that we are losing the battle in showing why abortion is an evil: an evil that undermines democratic equality and the precondition for civil society. After all, the proper understanding of the human person is the foundation of a moral society. And unless the basic right to life is acknowledged and defended in law, freedom's foundations are gravely weakened as "society becomes a mass of individuals... without any mutual bonds" (Evangelium vitae, no. 57). Pope St. John Paul II summarizes it best: We can say that the cultural change which we are calling for demands from everyone the courage to adopt a new lifestyle, consisting in making practical choices—at the personal, family, social and international level—on the basis of a correct scale of values: the primacy of being over having, of the person over things. This renewed lifestyle involves a passing from indifference to concern for others, from rejection to acceptance of them. Other people are not rivals from whom we must defend ourselves, but brothers and sisters to be supported. They are to be loved for their own sakes, and they enrich us by their very presence (Evangelium vitae, no. 98). We must be clear in stating that there can be no transformation of society and culture, and no stopping of the culture of death that has so overwhelmed Western society, unless there first occurs a reaffirmation of the dignity of the human person, beginning in the womb. That is why, even though Roe v. Wade is gone, we pro-lifers will continue marching in January (and throughout the year and around the world). Long ago, the March for Life morphed into something far bigger than a protest against Roe. It has now become a potent expression of the pro-life movement's deep longing for a more just society based upon a radically different scale of values: one that places the dignity of the individual human being, including the preborn child, at the very center. Until we have such a society, the March for Life, and marches around our nation and world will continue, "united [in an] ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life" (Evangelium vitae, no. 95).

Jack Swan – Pro-Life Director

St. Patrick's Day Mass and the Grand Parade:

Please join your Brother Knights for the thirty eighth annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's in Rock Island at 10:00am and then continue the celebration by joining us as we participate in the Grand Parade.

St. Patrick Society, Quad Cities U.S.A. Grand Parade XXXVIII

Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:30AM



Friday, March 8th, 2024, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, 2901 24th St, Rock Island, Illinois

More Details to Follow. . .

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)**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
21	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Drive Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

March

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
8	Lenten Fish Fry, Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	4:00pm to 7:30pm
14	Allouez Council #658 Council Meeting , Farrell Hall, St Pius X, Rock Island	6:00pm Light Meal, 7:00pm Meeting
16	St. Patrick's Day Mass and parade. . . Mass at St.Mary's, Rock Island,IL.	10:00am
20	Midwest Food Bank Distribution, Stern Beverage, 961 Tech Drive Milan	9:00am to 11:30am

April

1	Impact Life Blood Drive, Jordan Catholic School Gym, Rock Island, IL	1:30pm to 6:00pm
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