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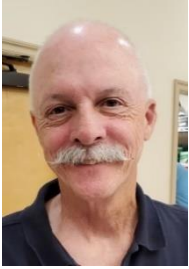
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August 2024

Grand Knight Message



"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT RELY ON YOUR OWN INSIGHT. IN ALL WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS." Proverbs 3:5-6

As I begin my new role as your Grand Knight, I will try to keep this scripture close to my heart and foremost in my thoughts. I need to remember as a Knight and Catholic gentleman, it is in God alone that I should trust – that He knows where I need to be and how I need to be guided. So, although I would have

preferred that our brother, Joe Marotti, be our Grand Knight this year, I must trust that our Lord knows best and I should accept what has happened. Let us move forward doing good and praising God!

In the months to come I hope that you will pray for me – that I may lead our council in God's ways and for the betterment of all our brothers. Be assured that I will pray for you.

It is an honor to serve you – all of you inspire me to be a better man. Our success will always be built on our belief in each other, the good work of the Knights, and our faith in Christ. Vivat Jesus!

*Grand Knight
Darren Molony*

District Deputy Message



Brothers,

The 2024-2025 fraternal year has begun. As your servant leader I will work diligently to assist your council to attain the goals that have been set by your officers. Unified we can achieve this.

I have met with your council officers and am thrilled to report that your council is on the path to great success this fraternal year. Officers have been installed and work has begun on 2024-2025 fraternal year. Please stay or get involved with your council events. New brothers please choose an event that you have a passion for. Remember the oath we took to Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Invite Brothers to attend a meeting. Reach out to them and personally invite them. They may need a ride or have some other reason they have not been active. It may just take an invitation to get them back. Be a mentor to our new brothers. Get them involved in council functions.

You will see this message and hear the following up until the election. As it is of utmost importance. 2024 is a contentious election year. Politics has no place at council meetings. That being said Amendment #4 is

NOT political. The Knights have been on the front lines of life issues since their inception. Amendment #4 will be discussed and prayerfully defeated. Now more than ever we need EVERY Brother Knight to stand boldly for life. This is the time to do everything in our power to defeat the cult of death. I implore you to make a visit to the abortion mill in Jacksonville to pray for the moms and dads that feel like murder is their only option. Stand with signs educating voters on amendment #4. Speak with everyone you know. We must defeat amendment #4.

With the assistance of our Worthy Regional Administrator Bill William Kelly we were able to get the Silver Rose to Palm Coast. The Silver Rose will arrive on August 6th at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church sponsored by Mother Seton Council #17480. It will be delivered by the Knights on Bikes. The schedule is: 8:30AM Mass; 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration; 10:00AM Silver Rose Prayer Service.

Remember we were called to be Knights and are truly blessed to be Knights. Offer Catholic men the gift of becoming a Knight.

*Vivat Jesus!
Greg Gully*

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy “Shop Local”



I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme “Shop Local.” The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.

All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I’m sure

it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our recent Supreme Convention highlighted many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes in our community, our state, and our country. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order’s success and especially for the impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community!

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August 2024 Calendar

Thurs Aug 1, 2024	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Sun Aug 4, 2024	10:30am – 12:00pm
Wed Aug 7, 2024	5:00pm – 5:30pm
Tues Aug 13, 2024	All Day
Thurs Aug 15, 2024	All Day
Fri Aug 16, 2024	11:00am – 12:00pm
Tues Aug 20, 2024	4:30pm – 6:30pm

Officer’s Meeting (St. Mary Parish Hall)
Business Meeting (St. Mary Parish Hall)
Fellowship Breakfast (St. Mary Parish Hall)
Rosary For Life
Michael McGivney’s Feast Day
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
Into the Breach (St. Mary Parish Hall)
Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)

August 2024

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September 2024 Calendar

Sun Sept 1, 2024	10:30 – 12:00pm
Wed Sept 4, 2024	5:00pm – 5:30pm
Thurs Sept 5, 2024	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Tues Sept 17, 2024	4:30pm – 6:30pm
Fri Sept 20, 2024	11:00am – 12:00pm

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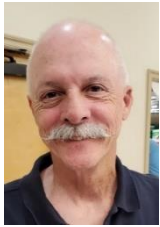
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**“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church...” Matt 16:18
Vocations are *Everybody’s* Business. Pray for Vocations!**



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, Council 11961 Officers 2024-2025



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So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

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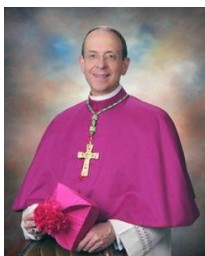
FAITH



COMMUNITY

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (August)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." (Gospel for Aug. 4, Jn 6:27)

Before the Fall, God put Adam to work tending the garden. Good men work hard to provide for their families, including their material wants and needs. These temporal necessities, however, must never become our highest priority. Our first obligation is to seek the path to eternal life — for ourselves and for our loved ones. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is the food that will endure.

Our Founder, Father McGivney, worked tirelessly to serve God and man. I challenge you to pray the novena to Blessed Michael McGivney this month, during which his feast day takes place (August 13).

Questions for Reflection:

- Does your goal of attaining heaven for yourself and your loved ones come first in your life?
- Do your efforts focus excessively on temporal needs and pleasures?
- What more can you do to ensure that your primary mission is to prepare yourself and your family members to enter the kingdom of heaven?

August Birthdays



Don Worthington 8/5
Joseph Jurec 8/9
Alex Ortiz Velez 8/22
Joseph Marotti 8/27

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300 CLUB WINNERS

July \$50 Winners

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215 Barbara Chmici
37 Marissa Picucci
194 Sean Hall

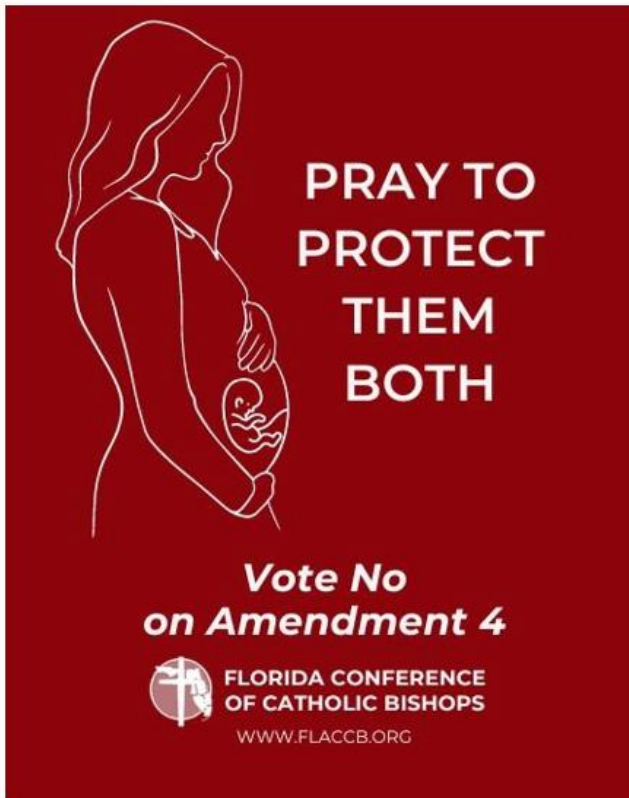


**If you know of any Brother or family member
in distress please notify one of the council officers.**

MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.

Joe Jurec Family, Nacci Family,
Pat Tolleo, Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Dan Nagy,
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Fries

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,
pray for us!

Mother Cabrini (1850-1917)



This Photo by Unknown

Frances Xavier Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for many orphans' needs. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who

would donate what she needed in money, time, labor, and support. In New York City, she founded Columbus Hospital, which merged with Italian Hospital to become Cabrini Medical Center from 1973 until its closure in 2008.

In Chicago, Illinois, the sisters opened Columbus Hospital in Lincoln Park and Columbus Extension Hospital (later renamed Saint Cabrini Hospital) in the heart of the city's Italian neighborhood on the Near West Side. Both hospitals eventually closed. Their foundress's name lives on in Chicago's Cabrini Street.

She founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor, long before government agencies provided extensive social services – in New York; Chicago and Des Plaines, Illinois; Seattle; New Orleans; Denver and Golden, Colorado; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; and in countries throughout Latin America and Europe. In 1926, nine years after her death, the Missionary Sisters achieved Cabrini's original goal of becoming missionaries to China.

Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI, and canonized on July 7, 1946, by Pope Pius XII. Her beatification miracle involved purportedly restoring the sight of a day-old baby who had been blinded by a 50% silver nitrate solution instead of the normal 1% solution in the child's eyes. The child, named Peter Smith (1921–2002), would later be present at her beatification and become a priest. Her canonization miracle involved the purported healing of a terminally ill member of her congregation. When Cabrini was canonized, an estimated 120,000 people filled Chicago's Soldier Field for a Mass of thanksgiving.

Excerpt from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



In September, our Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive outside of the parish center from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Big Red Bus blood mobile will be present to accept blood donations from volunteers. These blood donations will help in saving lives throughout our community. We thank you in advance.



Into the Breach



The councils in our district have been holding 'Into the Breach' seminars. Our Faith Director, Darren Molony, has reserved the Parish Center for the 3rd Friday of the month. Our next is **Aug 16th at 11:00 AM** at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood.



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Gregg Wilson 651-470-5781



The silver rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico.

With the assistance of our Worthy Regional Administrator William Kelly we were able to get the Silver Rose to Palm Coast. Mother Seton Council 17480 will host the annual Silver Rose Prayer Service for District #17 on August 6th. Knights on Bikes will deliver the Silver Rose to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Palm Coast. The itinerary is: 8:30AM Mass; 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration; 10:00AM Silver Rose Prayer Service.

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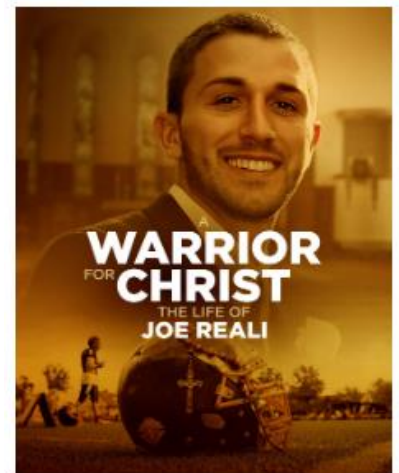
Pray for our Deceased Brothers

Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May our Lord welcome them home.



Warrior for Christ: The Life of Joe Reali

A new K of C documentary shares the story of Joe Reali, a young man whose passion was evident both on the football field and in how he lived his Catholic faith. Following his sudden death at age 25, thousands turned out for his funeral, where they shared stories about Joe's love of God, devotion to Mary and sacrificial care for others. His legacy lives on today through Joseph Mario Reali Council 16261 in Westbury, New York. For young people in need of a new generation of witnesses to the Gospel, Joe Reali is an inspiring reminder that we are all called to be warriors for Christ. The 30-minute film is now available at www.kofc.org/reali — where other resources, including a Columbia article about Joe and a guide for incorporating the documentary into Cor, can also be found.



Link to YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3CJYINBhm4>

Not Your Average Joe (Columbia Article):

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2017/august/not-your-average-joe.html>

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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment **Vote No on Amendment 4**

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.¹ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

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We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
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¹ Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental *notice* of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.

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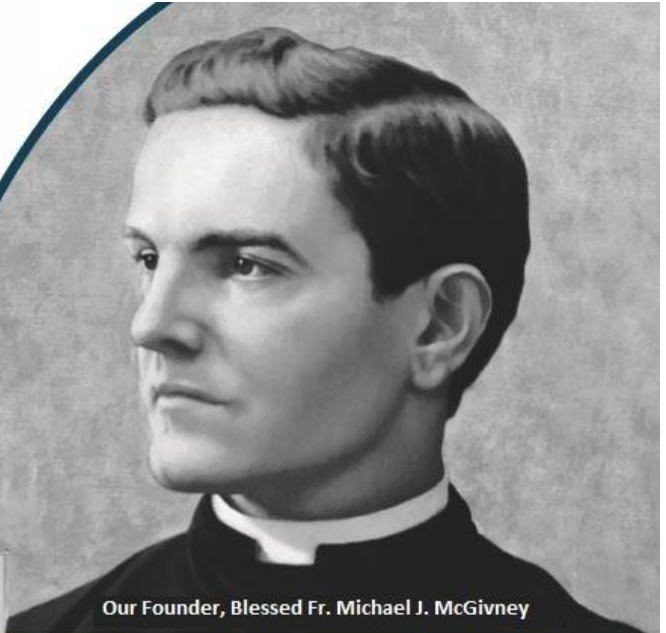
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