



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



May 2025

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter Season! I hope you had a meaningful Holy Week and are having a blessed Easter season. The first half of April we closed the Lenten season with 2 fish fries that were very successful in attendance and fundraising. It was great to see a lot of volunteers working together to make it happen. The 4 fish fries combined brought in close to \$4400 in net income, which helps tremendously with our benevolent fund and sets us up to be able to increase our charitable giving and take care of some improvements in the Knight's house as we get ready for the [Flags for Heroes](#) program.

The 40 cans for Lent challenge closed with 105 pledges for 4,946 cans of food. Thank you! This program is designed to boost the food for the poor donations to the Social Concerns Food Pantry, and that was a big help.

The [Baby Bottle Campaign](#) which helps with the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, was launched April 26th/27th and we are hoping for another great year as we await the return of the bottles on Mother's Day weekend (May 10th/11th). Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their help getting the instructions attached to over 500 bottles.

May is the month when we usually select the officers that will lead the Council in the next fraternal year. As of now we have no candidates nominated for the positions of Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. These are critical roles and we need them filled to function. This council is fortunate to have many people who consistently volunteers for many activities, but we need those roles filled to lead them. Please consider being nominated to help lead the council in any of those roles.

Please join me in welcoming Joel Soto and Byron Silva who are our newest Knights, and Desmond Bunnel who has transferred into our council. We look forward to seeing them engaged and active in some of our council's activities.

Please keep an eye on emails and on the [Upcoming Events](#) Page of the website for details on upcoming activities and also to sign up to help. We have 3 Sundays assigned to serve at Coffee and Donuts, and we are hosting a Teacher Appreciation Lunch for our Ascension School teachers on May 6th. Please consider signing up to help.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Jose Montes
Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on May 15 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



Council Officer Elections

As per our Fraternal Year plan, we will be conducting the annual election of officers at the May 15th Council. Below, please find the current list of nominees for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year (the Fraternal Year is July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026):

Current Nominees for Elected Positions:

- Grand Knight: SK Rich Passarella
- Deputy Grand Knight: SK John Pechar
- Chancellor: SK Dwight Collins
- Recorder: SK Bob Richmond
- Treasurer: SK Randy Lascody
- Advocate: SK Mike Marzec
- Warden: SK Bobby Sullivan
- Inside Guard: SK Joe Ameigh
- Outside Guard: SK Ralph Carestia
- Three-Year Trustee: SK Jose Montes
- Two-Year Trustee: SK Dave AmRhein
- One-Year Trustee: SK Bill Quinn

Current Candidates for Appointed Positions:

- Chaplain — Father SK John Bosco Maison
- Lecturer — Deacon SK Chris Meehan
- Financial Secretary — Brother Richard Becker
- Membership Director – SK John Miller

The above nominees for elected positions are subject to a vote by the council and additional nominations are accepted until the election takes place. If you feel called or willing to be nominated for any of the elected positions please call me or email me so we can enter the nominations and let the council know prior to the meeting. Here is a [link](#) to the descriptions of the different officer positions. Serving as an officer is a great way to participate in the success of our council. We all have individual gifts and when we bring those gifts to the table, along with the gifts of others, great things can happen.

Officers meet once a month and the meetings are open to all council members who want to attend and observe or participate. The next officer's meeting is **Thursday May 8th at 6:30 PM** in the Knights room.



We welcomed two new members into the Council during the Exemplification Ceremony on Saturday, April 26, at 7PM in the Knights Room. All were invited and encouraged to attend and welcome our newest members — Joel Soto and Byron Silva.

This brings our total new members for the Fraternal year to 13. We need 15 new members so we can't let down our recruitment efforts to bring in those 2 new members. We need to meet our recruitment goal in order to be eligible for the Star Award.



Council Notes

- **40 Cans for Lent.** Thank you to everyone who participated in the 40 Cans for Lent Program. This year we had 105 participants Parish-wide who donated 4942 cans to our food pantry. A special thank you to SK Dwight Collins who kept track of donations.



- **Baby Bottle Campaign.** One of our goals as Knights is to defend and protect life and foster a culture that does that by changing hearts. We have a unique opportunity to be involved in a great program that our council has been a part of in the past couple of years. It is the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (**ASAP**) program, which aims to support mothers who decided to choose life but who are in need of help. Our council implements the ASAP program by using the Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are distributed to parishioners who bring them back filled with change.

- This important fundraiser for Pro Life this year is being held April and May. Bottles were distributed the weekend of April 26 & 27 and will be collected on Mothers Day Weekend — May 10 and 11. As in years past, we need volunteers on both weekends to pass out and retrieve the bottles. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#).



- As you all know, SK John Autio was in the hospital recently after suffering a heart attack. PGK SK Dave AmRhein stepped in to serve as Co-Chair to help John with the program this year.
- Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary who attached instructions to the bottles with campaign instructions before distribution.
- We still need volunteers to help with bottle collection:
 - Bottle collection will be BEFORE masses on Saturday May 10th and Sunday May 11th (Mother's Day). We are requesting volunteers to collect bottles from parishioners at the church entrances BEFORE the mass you normally attend. If you can help please sign up [HERE](#).
- You can also support the Baby Bottle Campaign by [Online Donation](#)
- **Parish Picnic.** This is an event that needs long-term planning. Last year we enjoyed an excellent picnic spearheaded by SK Ken Raynor. Ken won't be able to chair the event this year so we are looking for a chairperson to take the lead for the picnic. We have the pavilion at Wickham Park reserved for Sunday, September 21. The chairperson will need to organize all that is required to make the picnic happen. This includes all logistics planning and work assignments including cooking cleaning, servicing, setup and take down, insuring grills are delivered to the pavilion and purchasing all food, drink and supplies. Of course the chairperson will have lots of help from brother Knights and Ladies from the Auxiliary. This is a big event but it is one that showcases the many talents of the Knights and provides an excellent recruitment tool to bring in new Knights. If you would like to volunteer as chairperson, please contact WGK Jose. If you would like to learn more about what exactly this job entails, contact either Ken Raynor or John Pechar who was chairperson before Ken.



Council Notes

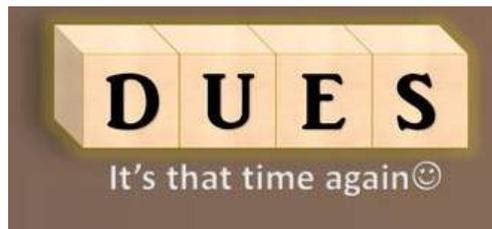
School Activities. We have provided the school staff with a plan of activities for this school year. This plan was approved by the school principal Dr. Claudia Stokes. Below are the scheduled activities ahead that we will participate in:

- **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. Your administration selects the students.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)** - Knights offered lunch for the teachers and staff in appreciation for another successful school year.

Prayer Requests – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.

Renew Your Dues Now. July 1st marked the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to “K of C Council 14573” and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: “K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934
2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council’s website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.



Assembly Dues were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters on the our Council & Assembly Website](#)



Council Notes

- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.
 - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. FN John found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
 - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce. To keep things simple for Joyce, please order your Star shirt from John and pay him up front.
 - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Or go through John and he will order the shirt for you. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. POC: SK John Autio

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 Monday through Thursdays : 8:30am - 5:30pm
 Friday : 8:30am - 3:00pm

[Visit Bartman here](#)

- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

ASCENSION THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.



WEEKDAY VOLUNTEER



SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.

Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: info@AscensionThriftShop.com



Birthdays for May

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Kavanaugh	May, 3
Joseph Mcgovern	May, 4
Paul (Pat) Martin	May, 6
Steven Soto	May, 7
Mark Dremak	May, 10
Philip Mathey	May, 19
Michael Donahue	May, 21
William Walker	May, 21
Shawn Dorsey	May, 25
Robert Groppe	May, 28
Brian Shurtleff	May, 31

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary have been assigned to serve Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday morning masses in May. This will take place in the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to cover 3 Sundays, starting Sunday May 11th. It is relatively simple and involves serving, cleaning up and leaving everything ready for the next Mass.



Please sign up [HERE](#) to help.

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar.



May 2025

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com



Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 1st	1830	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Ladies Room – 313)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN B. Quinn
Fri 2nd	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 3rd Sun 4th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 4th	1345	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Mon 5th	1800	Laying of Wreaths at Vietnam Memorial Wall (Wickham Park)	WGK J. Montes WFN B. Quinn
Tue 6th	1530	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Small Parish Hall)	WGK J. Montes
Thu 8th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 10th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Sat 10th Sun 11th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign – Bottle Collection	SK J. Autio
Sun 11th	After AM Masses	Serve Coffee and Donuts after 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses	SK John Miller
Tue 13th	1500	Round Table with Fr. John Bosco	WGK J. Montes
Tue 13th	1830	May Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary (In the Church)	Hosted by ACCW

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 15th	1815	Power Rosary (LA Room – 313)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 15th	1900	Council Meeting/Officer Elections/End of Year Social (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sun 18th	After AM Masses	Serve Coffee and Donuts after 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses	SK John Miller
Wed 21st	1830	District Deputy Meeting	WDD Pat Farrelly
Sat 22nd	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Note 1)	WGK J. Montes
Fri 23rd Sun 25th		State Convention (Jacksonville, FL)	
Sun 25th	After AM Masses	Serve Coffee and Donuts after 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses	SK John Miller
Sat 31st Sun 1st	All Masses	Flags for Heroes Sponsorship Sales after all Masses	SK John Pechar

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Jun 14th	0900	Flags for Heroes - Layout	SK John Pechar
Jun 21th	0900	Flags for Heroes – Assemble Flags	SK John Pechar
Jun 28th	0900	Flags for Heroes – Install Flags	SK John Pechar
June 28th	1745	Officer Installation	WGK J. Montes

Notes

1. This event is held only if there are candidates ready to join the Council.

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

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DGK J. Cardet	321-951-6476
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SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
SK D. AmRhein	321-591-6697
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK John Pechar	724-263-0273
SK R. Carestia	321-432-8439
SK John Autio	321-312-7117

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard 412-779-9970

Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Lyn Becker 561-531-3173



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Color Corps Commander
SK Eddy Merlet



From the Faithful Navigator



Sir Knights

What a great way to end April. An Exemplification and a new Sir Knight for our assembly. SK Lacy Beanblossom became our newest member 4/26. Please welcome and congratulate him when you see him. While at the Exemplification, after the banquet, we also received a civic award from last year. Congratulations to past FN John Pechar.

We also had a flag retirement ceremony for the School 4/4. This was very successful and appreciated by all.

On a sad note-I express our condolences to our own RA Grillo on his loss.

Our **next meeting is June 5** at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Devine Mercy. Please do try and get here a little early so you can participating in the Chaplet.

- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and followed by a closing prayer.

[How to Recite the Chaplet](#)

Vivat Jesus

SK Bill Quinn
Faithful Navigator



Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony April 26 at Lakewood Ranch, Florida

On Saturday April 26th, Brother Knight Lacy Beanblossom “Bean” from Ascension’s Knights of Columbus Council 14573 attended the Florida District, De Soto Province Patriotic Exemplification at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Supporting our new Sir Knight at the Patriotic Exemplification was Assembly officers: Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Bill Quinn, Faithful Comptroller Sir Knight Randy Lascody, Faithful Admiral Sir Knight John Pechar and Faithful Trustee Sir Knight Rich Passarella. This was the first time the new 4th Degree degree ceremony was celebrated in the Florida District and first time the ceremony was open to family and friends. The new ceremony afforded Bean’s wife Mari Beanblossom to attend the Exemplification and watch her husband “Knighthood”. Sir Knights let us welcome to Bishop Norbert M Dorsey, CP Assembly 3482 Sir Knight Lacy Beanblossom .



Charity, Unity, Fraternity

Patriotism

Knights of Columbus

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary
Of the Fourth Degree



April 26, 2025
Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Robert Urrutia, Master
Florida District
De Soto Province



Knight of Columbus
Fourth Degree

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Dear Sir Knights:

It is a pleasure to send warmest fraternal greetings and congratulations to all Fourth Degree Sir Knights joining in this Exemplification on April 26, 2025, in Lakewood Ranch, FL. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has a proud history of fostering the love of God and country in all our members.

As we are in the 125th Anniversary year of the Fourth Degree, these are exciting yet challenging times to be a Sir Knight. The potential for our Order is there, ready to be fulfilled through your efforts to foster patriotism and statesmanship. The Fourth Degree plays a vital role in re-integrating society's patriotic renewal.

We, in the Fourth Degree, nurture a lifetime of loyalty, defending liberty while perpetuating freedom. The patriotic program of the Fourth Degree is a catalyst for many Sir Knights to apply their talents for God and country. Be active in your assemblies and go forward from here as modern-day warriors for peace and moral principle.

In particular, Theresa and I send congratulations to your Class Honoree, Father Sebastian Szczawinski, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish. May our Holy Savior continue to bless your efforts and the growth of the Fourth Degree.

In closing, it is my sincere hope that our Florida Knights and their families will enjoy the Revised Exemplification of Patriotism during its Florida debut. As this is the first open Fourth Degree in Florida, this exemplification will always stand as a milestone in your history.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael R. McCusker

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Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree, DeSoto Province

April 26, 2025



Worthy Brother Sir Knights and Ladies,

It is indeed a pleasure to send my sincerest fraternal greetings to the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Florida District. Congratulations to all the new Fourth Degree Knights who took their Exemplification earlier today. It is truly an honor to congratulate you on this momentous occasion. I also send my greetings and best wishes to Our Lady of the Angels Pastor Father Szczawinski, the honoree for today's class.

Today is a very special occasion for the Fourth Degree. When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united our members: charity, unity, and fraternity. In 1900, our Order added the Patriotic Degree with the idea that Catholic Knights are loyal to both God and country. To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree in 2025, the Exemplification ceremony has been updated and is now open to family members and friends. This weekend marks the first time that the new ceremony is being celebrated in the Florida District.

In the Fourth Degree, we foster a lifetime of loyalty and defending liberty. Through our patriotic programs, while relying on God as our anchor and guide, we continue to band together to defend the tenets of our Catholic Christian faith and the institution of our American government.

My fellow Sir Knights, the duty required of us now is virtue in service of God and others. We must stand by our posts as husbands, fathers, brothers, or male role models to others. We must love and be loved abundantly so that we may be transformed in joy and that our hope remains rooted in the Divine grace that knows no bounds.

Again, congratulations to those who were knighted with the Sword of Liberty today, for your journey is just beginning.

May our founder and brother, the Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternaly Yours,
Daniel E. Barton
Vice Supreme Master
DeSoto Province



Master
Fourth Degree
Florida District



April 26, 2025

Worthy Brother Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree:

Welcome to our Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. 125 years ago, Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn decided to add the patriotic degree to the order — which is celebrating our 125th anniversary this year.

Today's ceremony marked the first time that the new degree ceremony was celebrated in the Florida District. The updated Exemplification was first celebrated on Washington's Birthday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, with the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. This also marked the first time that attendance at the Fourth Degree ceremony was open to family and friends.

While we had many changes to the degree over the 125 years, including uniform changes to the degree itself, it is still the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. The first three degrees teach Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The Fourth Degree teaches the history of what the Catholic church has meant to America. Be Proud to be a Catholic American!

Congratulations to our honoree for this year's degree, Father Sebastian Szczawinski, our host Pastor at Our Lady of the Angels. I congratulate all the candidates going through today's exemplification. I hope you all enjoy this exemplification as much as the other degrees you have taken. It is known that Florida has one of the top teams in the order performing this degree, and they spent many hours preparing to celebrate the new degree.

Vivat Jesus!
Sincerely and fraternaly yours,
Rob Urrutia
Master

"The Priest Who Blew Up His Own Church"

Source: Get Fed by The Catholic Company

Presentation by SK Deacon Chris Meehan

{ \$100 in 1918 is worth \$2,103.78 today }

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If you scroll through the life story of **Fr. Albert Braun, OFM**, you'll wonder how such a life could be real—and not just a storyline from a movie!

By the time he died at the age of 93, Fr. Braun had accomplished more than seems possible in one lifetime. His work spanned the globe, from his ministry among the Mescalero Apache in New Mexico to his service as a chaplain in not one but two World Wars.



Born to German immigrant parents in Los Angeles in 1889, John William "Bud" Braun was not the most typical candidate for the priesthood. As a child, he was mischievous, short-tempered, and a bit of a prankster. "I've been in trouble all my life," he would later laugh.

When he turned up at a Franciscan high school preparatory seminary in Santa Barbara, he was accepted. But they told him he was too stubborn to be a priest.

Defying expectations once again, he persevered, professed solemn vows in 1912, and was ordained in 1915. He was assigned to the Mescalero Apache in southern New Mexico, a rugged outpost of 720 square miles with a decaying church.

Though he shared no common language with the people of the reservation, Fr. Braun threw himself into the work. He learned all about the Apache people and ranged from one end of the reservation to the other, often on horseback, accompanied by his native interpreter, Eric. The people loved this enthusiastic, hardworking priest, and as numbers swelled in the little chapel, Fr. Braun set his sights on building a new one.

But that would have to wait. With the U.S. joining World War I in 1917, Fr. Braun volunteered as an Army chaplain. He was sent to France, where he served during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the enormous final battle of the war. He insisted on serving the soldiers in the extreme danger of the front lines, and did so with his characteristic courage, receiving both the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Fr. Braun then returned to the Mescalero. Inspired by the great churches of Europe, he was determined that they should have a beautiful church, too. But his request to replace the dilapidated church was denied.

You'll never guess what he did next.

He filled the cracks in the deteriorating church with a payload of gunpowder. And then...BOOM.

It worked.



The building was condemned and he received permission to build a new one—but was given no money to do it with. As you've probably figured out by now, Fr. Braun was never deterred by challenges. "Insignificant!" was his common response to any obstacle.

With \$100 of Army pay in his pocket, he hopped on a train to the other side of the country—Philadelphia!—to meet with architect William Stanton. Inspired by Fr. Albert's vision, Mr. Stanton drew up plans for the new chapel pro bono.

Then, back on the reservation, Fr. Albert got to work with a team that included Apache volunteers, a friend from California, and Franciscan friars fleeing the religious persecution in Mexico.

With anti-clerical, anti-Catholic laws in force in Mexico, the priests and faithful were suffering persecution and martyrdom. From New Mexico, Fr. Braun and another intrepid Franciscan volunteered on three trips to assist their Franciscan brethren across the border. They would disguise themselves as businessmen to buy Franciscan property and save it from confiscation.

St. Joseph's Apache Mission was at last completed (except for the windows, which the community couldn't afford and which would be added later) in 1939 and dedicated on the Fourth of July.

That year, another world war broke out. At this point, you can probably guess what Fr. Braun did next.

He reported for duty as an Army chaplain in the Philippines in November of 1940. He served the soldiers of the New Mexico National Guard during the infamous Battle of Bataan in early 1942 and, along with them, was taken prisoner by the Japanese.

During the time of his imprisonment, he suffered torture, multiple diseases, and starvation, but none of that stopped him from caring for the sick and dying, burying the dead, and celebrating Mass in secret before convincing the Japanese to allow services. He gave up his own rations and craftily stole food for the starving prisoners—becoming so adept at it that he was nicknamed "Al Capone."

He gave the prisoners solace and strength even when they were loaded onto the infamous "hell ships" which the Japanese utilized to ship the prisoners north and prevent their liberation.

A recent photo of St. Joseph's Mission (photo by Jocnewt/CC BY-SA 3.0)

Three and a half years of imprisonment elapsed before Fr. Braun and the surviving prisoners were freed in August of 1945. Only a little over half of the New Mexicans who served in Bataan made it home.

After the war, Fr. Braun returned to St. Joseph's and rededicated the church to the veterans of both World Wars. For his actions in the war, he received a second Silver Star and the Legion of Merit.

But as much as he loved St. Joseph's Mission, Fr. Braun's health—deeply impacted by his years as a POW—required him to take less strenuous posts. His final mission would be to the "Golden Gate Barrio," an impoverished Hispanic community in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1949. There, despite his injuries, he served his parishioners with vigor, building up a vibrant parish community. Among the projects he spearheaded was a new church, Sacred Heart, which was dedicated in 1956 and still stands today.

Fr. Braun spent the evening of his long life in the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Despite the amputation of one leg and confinement to a wheelchair, he kept his indomitable spirit, celebrating Mass for the nuns and other residents up until five days before his death.

He passed from this world on March 6th, 1983. His body was returned to his beloved Mescalero and buried at St. Joseph's Mission, as he had wished.

And this, at last, is the end of Fr. Braun's story—quickly summarized.

What a saga. What a life lived to the absolute fullest for Christ.

It's certainly a life that illustrates God's words in the book of Joshua: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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Flag Retirement Ceremony

We held a Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Ascension School on Friday, April 4, at 1:45. To avoid problems with the trains, the readings and student flag folding were held in the church. All students from grades 6-8 attended as well as teachers and office staff. School principle Dr. Claudia Stokes started the ceremony and introduced SK John Pechar who gave a brief overview of the ceremony. The students did all of the reading for the ceremony except for the 13-fold Flag ceremony. Members of the Assembly Color Corps served as Honor Guard and did the formal 13-fold Flag Ceremony at the Knights House. We did not burn a flag as there were no cotton flags available — synthetic flags expel toxic fumes when burned. In retrospect, we could have held the entire ceremony in the church with the Color Corp performing their ceremony in the church as well. Thank you to all who helped put this ceremony together. A special thanks to SK John Pechar who took on the Co-chairperson role along with SK Bob Richmond — Patriotic Director SK John Autio was unavailable due to health issues. We look forward to doing this again with the school next year and want to thank the school for allowing the Knights to do this important patriotic ceremony with the students.





Lenten Fish Frys

We had a very successful Fish Fry season this Lent thanks to many significant changes to the format — and a special thank you to Lady Becky Richard for her suggestions. We had four Fish Frys for a total profit after all expenses of \$4475 — that's \$1100 per fish fry! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this so successful this year. We look forward to doing this again next Lent.



Monthly Council Meeting



Family of the Month — January
SK John and Lady Cathy Pechar



Family of the Month — March
SK Jim and Lady Joanne Voltaire



Knight of the Month — March
Brother Bob Caldo



Around the Ascension Community



Color Corps at the funeral Mass for Lucille Grillo, mother of WRA Gerry Grillo – Thursday May 1st at Ascension Church



AP Photo showing Seminarian Michael Anctil giving communion at Pope Francis's funeral.

Captain reads:
Faithful receive communion during the funeral of Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Saturday, April 26, 2025. (AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)



Highway Cleanup on April 4
Knights are joined by students from Ascension School



Holy Week Mission

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Council 14573 and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted the St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 15th from 6PM to 10PM in the Parish Hall. The party was a huge success not only from the fundraiser perspective but also from the interaction with the community and the fun we had together. This was a fundraiser, and we sold 190 tickets and the final net amount raised (after expenses) was around \$3315. Thank you for all your volunteer work and support!

We had a few pictures in our Newsletter last month — here are a few more — AND.....

You can view all of the Photos by Lenin Rodriguez — [HERE](#)





ASCENSION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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ANNUAL ASCENSION FEAST DAY Celebration!

FRIDAY • MAY 30 • 4:30PM
Ascension School Cafetorium




FOOD VENDORS **MUSIC & GAMES!** **BIG FUN**
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

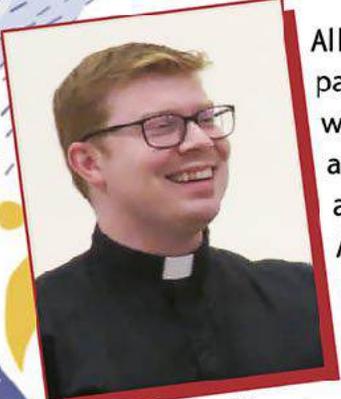
ASCENSION BRASS ENSEMBLE featuring our very own, Deacon Tom
DJ EDDY will keep the energy high, so put on your dancing shoes!
KARAOKE FUN for those who love to sing
KIDS' CORNER featuring games and activities for children

A variety of delicious meals will be available from your favorite food trucks, and the Ascension Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will be serving drinks to keep everyone refreshed.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR ASCENSION PARISH FEAST DAY!
Food Vendors In Ascension Parking Lot • Near Buescher Center • Indoor Seating with A/C. Comfort for Dining

FAREWELL GATHERING FOR FR. ZACHARY PARKER

SUNDAY, MAY 18 • 12:30PM



All are invited to the parish hall to celebrate with Fr. Zachary Parker as he prepares to bid a fond farewell to Ascension Catholic Community and enter into a new season of his priesthood as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Orlando. We thank God for the gift of his presence and service to Fr. John Bosco and the people of Ascension.



REVEREND ZACHARY PARKER
Ascension Parish, Melbourne



From the Ladies Auxiliary



As we close out the month of April, we are still in the midst of the Easter Season. I pray that each and every one of you had a fantastic Lenten journey that culminated in a beautiful Easter. Shortly after celebrating our Lord's resurrection, we learned of the death of Pope Francis, and realized that he had given us his final blessing of his pontificate. How fitting for a servant of God, called to be the Shepherd of our Catholic Church, to hold out until after Christ's glorious rising was celebrated to then join Him in his forever home. Not stealing any of the limelight from His Saviour, he gave Him all of the glory, one last time on earth, as a witness to all people. We pray for Pope Francis, that he be resting in the eternal peace of life everlasting with our Lord.

Reflecting on this being springtime, and speaking of life, my mind reflects on all of the beautiful fruit that you all continue to produce in our community through your generous acts of service. May your efforts continue to germinate, reaching out beyond our small community through all of the people that you serve locally. May our world be better though your acts of kindness and mercy.

Some of the acts that you so generously offered this month were:

April 4 and April 11 Fish Fry Fridays: Your dedication to prep, serve, and clean-up the fish dinners for our community provided wonderful fellowship among the workers and those who came to partake of the delicious food. This year the Knights cleared over \$1,000 each Friday that we hosted a Fish Fry. The changes implemented may have been foreign and challenging at first, but they really seemed to have paid off. I witnessed many smiles and heard many compliments as people left with their bellies full. Thank you all so much!

April 6: Life Chain: Thank you to all who dedicate their time to go to the designated area and pray publicly for the end of abortion in this world.

April 11: Baby Bottle Campaign Assembly: Thank you to everyone who helped assemble the baby bottles for this campaign before our last Fish Fry. You busted them out in no time! It was a well-oiled assembly line of effort!

Thank you for another month to humbly serve with all of you amazing women!

April 24: We had a new visitor to our L.A. meeting, who also became our newest member! Please welcome Anne Tinelli-Thompson! So wonderful to have you join us, Anne. We look forward to getting to know you better, and working together, in the upcoming days.



Ladies Auxiliary (Continued)

Our trustees also announced our Board of Officers slate for our new year at our April meeting.

April 26-27 — Baby Bottle Distribution: Thank you to all who handed out the bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign. People were feeling generous, and all of the bottles were gone after the 11:30am Mass! Let's pray that they all make their way back in two weeks, full of change, bills, and checks. Let's also pray that online donations will accompany them.

At our Meeting on April 24th we had the chance to honor April's "Lady of the Month": Kathy AmRhein! Kathy is a quiet and humble servant with a calm and compassionate spirit. She is hardworking and has a beautiful smile. Recently she worked very hard at our Fish Fry Fridays, at the St. Patty's Day Party, and assembling and distributing baby bottles. She also serves as a Sacristan, is a member of the ACCW, is dedicated to Pro-Life Ministry, and with her medical background and love of Jesus she has a heart for the work of mercy "honor the dead", by selflessly serving as a Bereavement Minister at Ascension, as a minister and coordinator/trainer. I am sure we are just scratching the surface of all that she does. Thank you, Kathy, for all that you so willingly do!



As April marches forward into May, some of the activities that we have to look forward to are:

May 5: Laying of Wreaths at the Vietnam Memorial in Wickham Park

May 6: ACS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at 3:30PM

May 10-11: Baby Bottle Campaign bottle collection

May 11, 18, and 25: Serving Coffee and Donuts in the "Donut Hall" after the Sunday morning Masses

May also has us electing a new Board to serve our Ladies' Auxiliary in the new year, which begins on July 1, and runs through June 30, each year. Thank you to those who stepped up to serve in the new year! Thank you, also, to those who have served so well this past year! Details to follow after election..

May Crowning, sponsored by ACCW, will be on Tuesday, May 13, in the Church, at 6:30PM. Let's show our love of our Blessed Mother and support for ACCW by attending this beautiful event!

Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard
President, Ladies' Auxiliary



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Last but certainly not least — it is essential to ensure you and your loved ones have the living benefits you need in place. Have you considered disability income insurance or long term care insurance from Knights of Columbus?

Starting the process of exploring your insurance and financial security goals may feel daunting. But as your agent, I'm here to help. Let's set up time to talk to ensure you are on the right path to protecting your family, preparing for retirement, and ultimately ensuring your financial well-being.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

Vivat Jesus!

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Resurrection Joy

Submitted by SK Rich Passarella

As we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday let us be filled with joy as we recall an excerpt from our beloved Holy Father Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, “Evangelical Gaudium” on Joy.

The Joy of the Gospel

1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.



I. A joy ever new, a joy which is shared

3. “I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. [\[1\]](#) The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace”. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another “seventy times seven” (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

You can read the entire APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION EVANGELII GAUDIUM OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS — [HERE](#)

Breaking the Habit
Fr. Casey Cole
In Memoriam Video





The Conclave — a Presentation by SK Deacon Chris Meehan

First, please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for the Conclave to select a new Pope.

Deacon Chris gave a short presentation on the process to select a new Pope at the April Council meeting — here are a few of the references used in his talk.



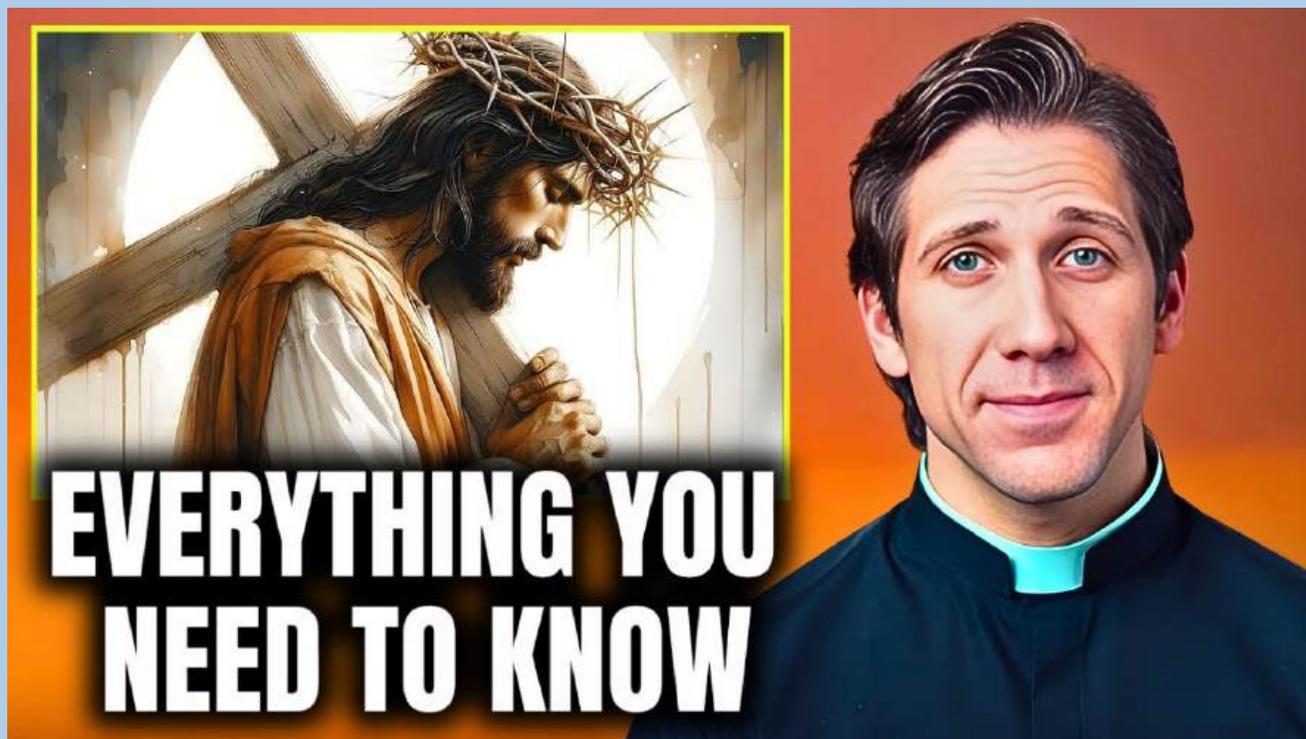
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2. [What happens when a pope dies?](#)
3. [Who will be the next pope? Here's how the conclave works.](#)



[Prayers for Pope Francis from the National Catholic Register](#)



Father David Michael Moses





The Pope of Mercy

Vatican News Editorial Director, Andrea Torielli, reflects on the late Pope Francis' insistence on mercy, which became an underlying theme of his 12-year-long pontificate.

By Andrea Torielli

"God's mercy is our liberation and our happiness. We live for mercy, and we cannot afford to be without mercy. It is the air that we breathe. We are too poor to set any conditions. We need to forgive, because we need to be forgiven."

If there is a message that has most characterized Pope Francis' pontificate and is destined to remain, it is that of mercy.

The Pope passed away suddenly on Easter Monday morning, after giving his final *Urbi et Orbi* blessing on Easter Day from the central Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, following his last round through the crowd to bless and greet them.

The first Argentine Pope in the history of the Church addressed many themes, particularly regarding his care for the poor, fraternity, care for our common home, and his firm and unconditional "no" to war. But the heart of his message, the one that undoubtedly made the most impact, was his evangelical call to mercy, which is precisely the closeness and tenderness of God toward those who recognize their need for His help.

Mercy, he said, is "the air we breathe," meaning that it is what we need most, without which it would be impossible to live.

The entire pontificate of Jorge Mario Bergoglio was carried out under the banner of this message, which is the heart of Christianity.

From his first Angelus on March 17, 2013 at the window of the papal apartment he would never live in, the late Pope Francis spoke about the centrality of mercy, recalling the words of an elderly woman who came to confess to him when he was the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires: "The Lord forgives all things... If the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist."

The Pope who came "from the ends of the earth" did not change the teachings of the two-thousand-year-old Christian tradition, but simply put mercy at the center of the magisterium in a new way, thus changing the perception many people had of the Catholic Church.

He bore witness to the maternal face of a Church that bows down to those who are hurting, especially those wounded by sin.

He showed a Church that takes the first step toward the sinner, just as Jesus did in Jericho, inviting Himself to the house of the despised and shunned Zacchaeus, asking for nothing, with no preconditions. And it was because Zacchaeus felt for the first time to be seen and loved in this way that he recognized his own sinfulness, finding in the gaze of the Nazarene the motivation to convert.

Two thousand years ago many people were scandalized to see the Master enter the house of the tax collector in Jericho.

Many people have been scandalized over the years by the gestures of welcome and closeness from the Argentine Pope toward all categories of people, especially toward "undesirables" and sinners.

In a homily he gave during one of his morning Masses in April 2014, Pope Francis said: "How many of us perhaps deserve a condemnation! And it would be just. But He forgives! How? With mercy that does not erase the sin: it is only the forgiveness of God that erases it, while mercy goes beyond that. It is like the sky: we look at the sky, so many stars, but when the sun comes in the morning with so much light, the stars are no longer seen. So it is with God's mercy: a great light of love, of tenderness, because God forgives not with a decree, but with a caress."

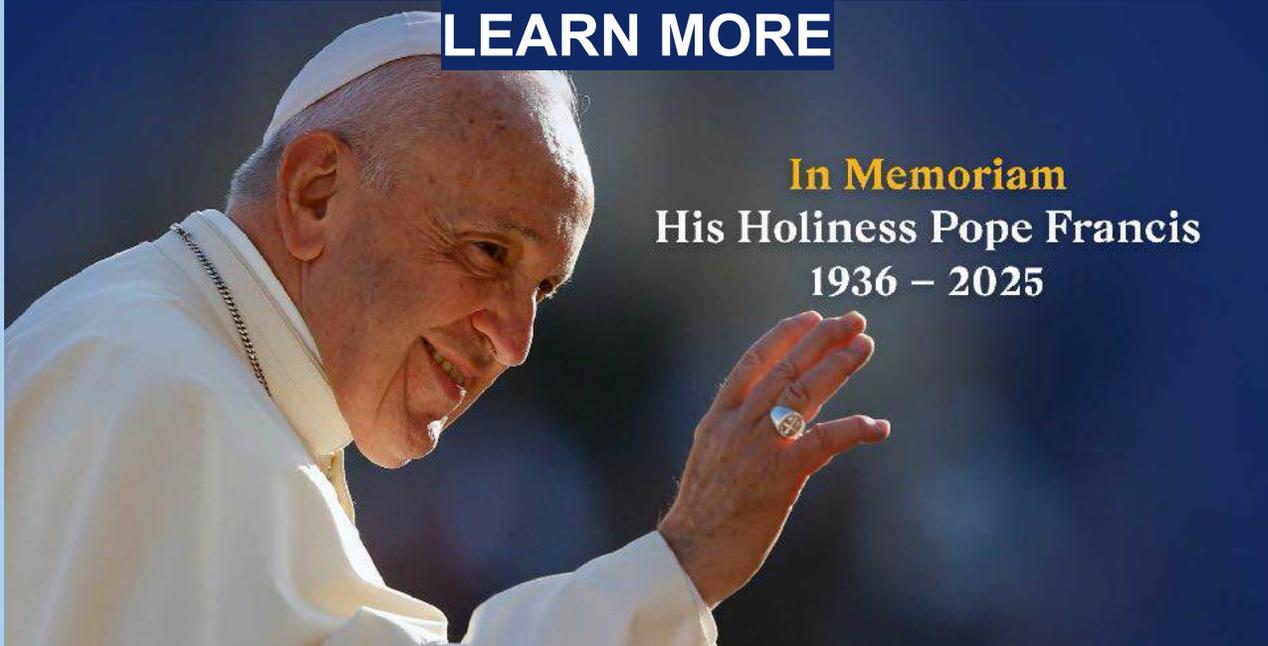


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In Memoriam
His Holiness Pope Francis
1936 – 2025



With deep sorrow and abiding gratitude, the Knights of Columbus mourn the passing of Pope Francis.

A shepherd of mercy, humility, and compassion, he led the Church with the heart of a father — championing the poor, calling us to deeper faith, and reminding the world of God's boundless love.

We honor his legacy of hope and pray for the repose of his soul.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

We offer this tribute video in remembrance of the Holy Father. Learn more at <https://kofc.org/francis>



Sunday Sermons from Bishop Robert Barron





A Prayer for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

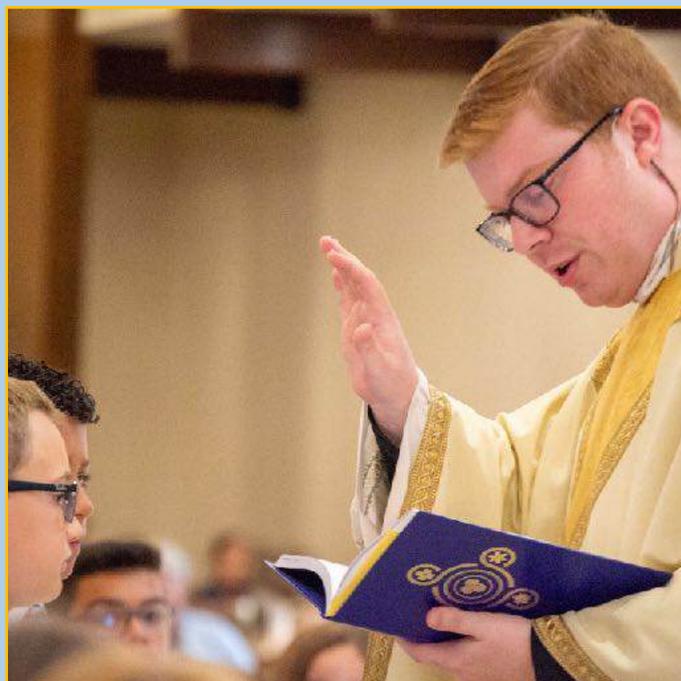
Amen





Ascension Catholic School

As part of our continued Easter celebration, the Church joyfully celebrates the sacraments of initiation. During Mass today, several of our students celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. This Ascension community welcomes you and our prayers are with your Family as you grow in faith in the Catholic Church.





VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

DAV Disabled American Veterans
J.L. GOLIGHTLY - CHAPTER No. 32

Open to the Public, FREE Event
Please RSVP to: mail@fldav32.org

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Eau Gallie Civic Center
1551 Highland Ave, Melbourne, FL

Event Schedule

5:00 PM - Food sponsored by:
Harvest Thyme Kitchen, Grilles Seafood
Indian River Smokehouse,
Two Chicks and a Pot.

6:00 PM - Event Starts

Installation Newly Elected Officers
Cmdr, SVC, 1st JVC, 2nd JVC, Trsr, JA, Chpin,
ECM, Adj, LBPTL & SAA/OD

Guest Speakers

Palm Bay Mayor Rob Medina

A dedicated U.S. Marine Corps veteran and public servant, has been instrumental in securing prestigious recognitions for veterans, including the Congressional Gold Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Purple Heart Medal. He was honored with his second Congressional Medal of Recognition in 2019 for his tireless advocacy for veterans.

Event Highlights

- Door Prizes • 50/50 Drawing
- Camaraderie with all Veterans





🙏 Prayer Requests 🙏

Recently Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto Francis, oh lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of god, rest in peace.

Lucille Grillo – Mom of WRA SK Gerry Grillo
Joanna Humes – Wife of SK Dave Humes

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide
Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide
Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

SK Doug Blair
SK John Miller
SK Marc Worchel
SK Werner Schulz
SK Pat Martin
SK Allen Allebach
SK Nicholas Desimone
SK Geoff Schmits
SK John Autio
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton
Brother George Caddy
Brother Jim Haines
Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo
Shirley, Wife of SK Bob Holby
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Ancil
Jonathan Amgott
Gavin Foreman
SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)





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We ought to thank God always for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith flourishes ever more, and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

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