



Knights of Columbus St. Ignatius of Antioch

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Anthony Werthmiller, our newest Knight, with his dad, Brother Knight Brian Werthmiller. See Anthony's story in this issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 10

KC Fundraiser Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13

KC Coffee and Donuts

SEPTEMBER 17

KC 3rd Degree Meeting

SEPTEMBER 20

KC Big Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 27

KC Coffee and Donuts

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace". — 1 Peter 4 : 10



BAPTISM
Program

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*Interested in helping?
You don't have to be a Knight;
couples are welcome!*

Contact: Steve Thomas (508-320-6423)



Join
Donut Ministry!

Contact: Devin Akins (603-680-0274)

UPCOMING FOURTH DEGREE EVENTS

Please note the updated date for the Fourth Degree: **Monday, September 14.** The Installation of Officers will be held at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, September 26, following the 4:00 PM Mass. All officers are expected to attend. A dinner will follow the installation in the Social Hall. Cost is \$30 per person, and spouses and friends are welcome to attend.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

Congratulations and welcome to those newly baptized in August!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST – *Kai Elsey Nguyen*

Officiant: Fr. Augustine

Baptism Team: Jack & Mary Peeke

– *Serena Rose Philip*

Officiant: Fr. Sojan

Baptism Team: Jack & Mary Peeke

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH – *Layla Dawne Marro*

Officiant: Deacon Mike

Baptism Team: Mike & Terry Grigsby

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST KNIGHT: ANTHONY WERTHMILLER

The Knights of Columbus Council is proud to welcome **Anthony Werthmiller** as our newest Knight! Anthony has also recently begun an exciting new chapter in his faith journey as he answers God's call to the priesthood and begins his studies at Seminary.

In support of Anthony's vocation, our Council presented him with a \$500 check to help with his seminary expenses. These funds were made possible through our Council's Voluntary Vocations assessment, which allows us to provide financial support to those answering the call to religious vocations.

Please join us in congratulating Anthony on becoming our newest Knight and in offering our continued prayers and encouragement as he begins his seminary journey. We are proud to support Anthony as he discerns and follows God's call.

Congratulations, Anthony, and welcome to the Knights of Columbus!



(Anthony Werthmiller receiving a check from the Knights of Columbus to help with his seminary expenses. Photo submitted by Don Tobey).

Healthy Happenings

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Free
Event

11th Annual Ask the **Experts**

Moderator

Paul Arnold, MD, FACS

Urologist, Board Certified

Panelists

Stamatis Damalos, DO

Internal Medicine, Board Certified

John A. Forcella, Jr., DO, FACC

Interventional Cardiologist, Board Certified

Michael Longley, CMO, MD, FACEP

Emergency Medicine, Board Certified

Melanie Nukala, MD

Vascular Surgeon, Board Certified

Nicholas E. Pantelis, DO

Internal Medicine, Board Certified

Rishi Ramlogan, MD, FASMBS

Bariatric & General Surgeon, Board Certified

Robert W. Santa-Cruz, MD

Urologist, Board Certified

David T. Wenk, MD

*Medical Oncologist & Hematologist
Board Certified*

We invite you to a free, relaxed evening dedicated to your well-being. Bring your health questions and connect one-on-one with our caring physician experts. Explore wellness resources from local partners, enjoy a complimentary dinner and discover the services your community hospital offers. Plus, you could walk away with great prizes.

Agenda

4:30 pm

Doors open and registration begins. Visit with hospital services, community sponsors and enjoy free health screenings.

6:00 pm

Blessing of food and program. Buffet dinner served.

7:00 pm

Welcome and physician panel with audience questions. Door prizes to follow.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Time: 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Saint Nicholas Community Center
and Conference Hall
348 North Pinellas Avenue
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Reservations are required.

To register, visit AdventHealthNorthPinellas.com
or call 727-939-6404



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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTE - SIR PHIL HOYLE

Brother Knights,

As summer begins to wind down and our parish activities return to full swing, September gives us an opportunity to put our commitment to **faith, fraternity, and service into action**. We have a busy year ahead, and I am excited to see our Council once again gathering together to serve St. Ignatius and strengthen the fellowship within our parish community.

Big Breakfast Is Back! September marks the return of our **Big Breakfast**, one of our Council's signature activities. These breakfasts are about much more than serving a great meal. They provide an opportunity for our parishioners to gather as a community, enjoy fellowship, and spend time getting to know one another outside of Mass. It takes many hands to make these breakfasts successful. Whether you can help with setup, cooking, serving, cleanup, or simply wherever an extra set of hands is needed, **we need you!** Thank you in advance to everyone who will step forward. Working side-by-side at these events is also one of the best ways for us to strengthen our own fraternity as Knights.

Sunday Donut Ministry Returns. Our Sunday Donut Ministry is also starting back up! This simple ministry has become an important part of parish life at St. Ignatius. Coffee and donuts give parishioners a reason to stay after Mass, visit with old friends, welcome new families, and build relationships with one another. That fellowship matters. **Building a stronger Catholic community often begins with something as simple as a conversation after Mass.** Thank you to Devin Akins for continuing to spearhead this ministry and to all the Knights who serve on our donut teams. If you haven't participated before, this is a great opportunity to become involved. Consider joining one of the teams and giving a little of your time to help strengthen our parish family.

A New Year of Service. Last month, I asked each of us to look into our hearts and consider where we can best contribute to our Council. Now is the time to put that reflection into action. You don't have to lead every event or volunteer every weekend. Find something that speaks to you and get involved. Give what time and talents you can. Every Knight participating where he can is what makes Council 7621 successful. As always, thank you for everything you do—not only for our Council, but for the many ministries and activities throughout our parish and community that benefit from the presence and service of the Knights.

Please also continue to remember the **Good of the Order** in your prayers. Pray for our Brother Knights and their families who are ill, grieving, facing difficulties, or simply in need of God's strength and comfort.

Brothers, each of us has something to contribute. As we begin another busy season of Council activities, may we use those gifts generously in service to Christ and one another.

Vivat Jesus!

Phil Hoyle
Grand Knight

Grow our Council, Support our Parish, Grow as Catholic Men in Charity, Unity, Fraternity



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE

What is the Fourth Degree?

Since its founding in 1900, the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has embodied the principle of Patriotism. As a Sir Knight, you join a distinguished group of men dedicated to serving God, country, and the Order. Embrace the honor of exemplifying these virtues and become a beacon of faith and civic duty.

Become a Sir Knight!

- 1) **Eligibility:** Be a Third Degree member in good standing
- 2) **Application:** Obtain an application from your local Assembly or Council.
- 3) **Sponsorship:** Secure a sponsorship from a **Sir Knight** in good standing.
- 4) **Exemplification:** Participate in the Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony. This inspiring event will formally welcome you into the ranks of the **Sir Knights**.

For more information call / text 727-815-8912

(Leave message if unable to answer)



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION - FATHER SOJAN

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new fraternal year with the Knights of Columbus, we are given a wonderful opportunity not simply to begin another year of meetings, programs, and activities, but to renew our commitment to who we are and why we are here.

Every new beginning is an invitation from God. It gives us a chance to look back with gratitude, but also to look forward with hope. We can ask ourselves: What can I do differently this year? How can I become a better Catholic man, a better husband, father, grandfather, friend, parishioner, and Knight? How can I allow my faith to become more visible in the way I live?

Our four great principles Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism—are not simply words that belong to the Knights of Columbus. They are values that should shape our everyday lives. Charity reminds us to notice the person who needs us. Unity reminds us that we accomplish much more when we work together. Fraternity reminds us that we are brothers and that no brother should ever have to walk alone. Patriotism reminds us to love and serve our country while always allowing our Catholic faith to guide us.

This new beginning is also very meaningful for us here at St. Ignatius Parish. We are beginning another year of parish life our ministries, faith formation, youth ministry, school and preschool activities, liturgies, outreach, and so many opportunities to serve. There is a wonderful energy whenever a parish begins again after the summer. But programs alone do not make a parish strong. People do. People who are willing to say, “Here I am, Lord. How can I help?”

And this is where the Knights can make such a difference.

I hope this year our Knights will continue to be a strong and visible presence at St. Ignatius not simply wearing the Knights’ shirt or attending meetings, but being men who are ready to serve wherever the Church needs us. Perhaps God is asking some of us to become more involved in parish life. Perhaps He is asking us to reach out to a brother we haven’t seen in a while. Perhaps He is asking us to spend more time in prayer, attend Mass more faithfully, go to confession, pray with our families, or simply become more generous with our time.

We don’t have to change everything at once. Sometimes renewal begins with one simple decision: one more prayer, one more act of kindness, one more hour of service, one more person we invite back, one more time we say “yes” when the Church needs us.

As we begin this new fraternal year, let us not simply ask, “What will the Knights do this year?” Instead, let each of us ask, “Lord, what are You asking me to do this year?”

May this truly be a year of renewed faith, renewed brotherhood, and renewed service. And may we, as Knights of Columbus, continue to help make St. Ignatius a parish where Christ is known, loved, and served.

God bless you all,

**Fr. Sojan
Chaplain**