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ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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February is Holy Family Month

“Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Your Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Your glorious Virgin Mother together with the blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by You into everlasting dwellings: who live and reign world without end. Amen.”

Chaplains Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We are now entering into the month of February and Lent is just around the corner, beginning February 18th. Some questions to reflect as we prepare for this season: what exactly is Lent? What is it all about? As we know, Lent is the season in which the Church prepares for Easter. Do we understand the significance of the Resurrection within our own lives? It is a time to reflect upon this most profound and sacred mystery within our lives. What does it mean that Jesus has redeemed me, redeemed my whole life, all of my sins and all of my failures? And that he redeemed us while we were still in sin...

Lent is an invitation to begin again, and to take your spiritual life to a deeper level.

We all need a fresh start from time to time and Lent is a perfect time to set aside worldly distractions and habits that deter us from deeper intimacy with God. We get so caught into our routines of comfort and pleasure that we can easily forget what really matters. Our time here on earth is short. Soon we will all stand before God. Are we ready for that?

And so, brothers, let us begin to consider even now some areas within our lives, within our hearts, which need to be pruned and purified. Let us consider some practices to undertake during this Lenten season now so that when Ash Wednesday comes upon us, we may be prepared to enter fully into this beautiful season inviting us into deeper intimacy with our Lord and God.

Know you all remain within my prayers and I wish you all and most holy and blessed Lenten journey.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Daniel



Grand Knights Report



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY -

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

Prayer by KofC Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori

To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family, by praying this prayer on the Feast of the Holy Family.

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom, and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

To support the council's charitable contributions, the councils major fund raisers are in progress or planned.

A 7-day Caribbean Cruise Raffle is in progress. This fund raiser is being led by brother Dan Flynn.

The Citizens with Disabilities (i.e. Tootsie Roll Campaign) Fund Raiser began on Friday, January 30th. This fund raiser is being led by council trustee Cory DeVito. The Citizens with Disabilities Fund Raiser directly support St, Mary's Academy and the Oak Park School. Both schools cater to handicapped children.

Worthy Charlie Culkin has planned the Spring Baseball Fund Raiser and has issued the volunteer schedule. The spring training baseball season begins February 20th.

PGK Ken Berberich leads the Golf Tournament Committee. The Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 11th at the Seranoa Golf Club.

The Council will be hosting a Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 22 following the 8 am and 10 am masses.



On Saturday, January 17, our Council District Deputy, Jon Engel, hosted a "mid-year" review meeting.

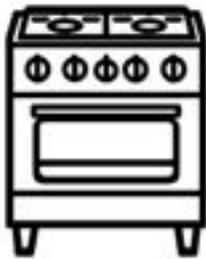
The meeting was well attended by officers from St. Thomas More, Incarnation and St, Patrick's.

Highlighted discussions included:

- Membership Outreach and recent membership drive successes.
- The new E-membership Card (#11881) and On-Line Exemplification.
- Engaging with newly Exemplified Knights.
- Star Council Form (SP-7) and "featured programs".
- FL State Charities, the FL State Convention (May), Election and Registration of Convention Delegates and FL State Award Form submittal.
- Faith Formation and COR. Michael Mercandetti has been appointed the new Councils Faith Director.
- Fraternal Benefits (Brian DeBlauw).

God Bless,
Scott Deahna,
Grand Knight

Grand Knights Report



NEW COMMERCIAL RANGE -

Last month, I highlighted the many charitable contributions the council has made in recent months. This month, we (the council) can be proud of the contribution we are making to the Parish infrastructure. The new Chelsea Center Kitchen Range is scheduled to be delivered to STM on Tuesday, February 3rd.

As a result of our highly successful fundraising efforts over the past several years, which were made possible by the generous time and dedication of our Knights, we were able to purchase and install the new commercial range in the Chelsea Center kitchen.



NEW COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM -

We are pleased to announce that our new and improved website is now live at www.kofc7826.org. This is the same platform that was used for registration for our most recent social event.

Over the coming months, additional features will be introduced, including enhanced membership management tools, a new communications platform, and an online store.

Members are encouraged to log in to access council-only content. Once logged in, you can explore the online member directory and view both public events—such as the Golf Outing—and council-only events, including our social gatherings, on the Events page.

Your login to the site is the email we have on file with the council. Click forgot password to have a new password sent to that email address.

Gmail users should use the login with Google button



Enter you email address and password to login. If you have any issues with log in in please reach out to me.

Ed Powers

Faith in Action

JANUARY SOCIAL -

The January Social was held on Thursday, January 22, at Fin & Tonic Restaurant, located at 6747 S. Tamiami Trail. This marked the first time the Council hosted a social event at this venue, and it proved to be an excellent choice. Members and guests were seated in a private room within the restaurant, where approximately 60 people were in attendance. The evening began with a selection of appetizers, including a charcuterie tray and grouper bites. The event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to Kevin and Judy Deady, Carol Szafranski, and Denise Caledonia for organizing such a successful and enjoyable social.



Faith in Action

JANUARY SOCIAL CON'T -



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The Waterfrontoo

FEBRUARY SOCIAL -

Our next Council Social will be held on Thursday, February 19th, at Waterfrontoo restaurant located at 2205 N Tamiami Trail. in Nokomis. Arrival time is 5:00 p.m., order from the menu, and pay at the event.

An email has been sent via Wild Apricot events to RSVP for this event. There is a limit of 60 people.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP -

During the January Council Meeting, we “read in” a new member, Richard Wimsatt, to our Council. Welcome Richard.



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP -

During the February Council meeting we anticipate reading in another new member to our council. When these two new members complete their 3rd Degree Exemplification, our council will have 7 new members this fraternal year. Our council’s fraternal year quota to meet the star council requirement is 11 new members.

For this Fraternal Year, new members to our Council include the following:

- Frederick Cooper
- Tobias Lopez
- Steven Strumpf
- Jonah Seroczynski
- Michael Rainey

Additionally, two new members have transferred into our Council from another Council:

- John Napoletano.
- Dan Niblack.

Welcome to all of our new council members.

The Supreme Council has established on line membership application. Our council website contains a link to the K of C on line application.

A membership application form can also be obtained from the Councils Chancellor, Kevin Deady.

Faith in Action



CPCI HEART OF SARASOTA EVENT -

Community Pregnancy Clinics of Sarasota hosted its Heart of Sarasota event, "Together Miracles Happen," Jan. 24, 2026, at 5 p.m. The event took place at GROVE Event Venue, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch. The evening featured Melissa Ohden, Founder and Director of The Abortion Survivors Network, as the keynote speaker. Ohden is nationally recognized for her advocacy and powerful testimony, offering a message of hope and resilience. Our Council was well represented at the event.

Special thanks to Brian & Maureen Harkins for coordinating the Council's attendance at this event.



Faith in Action

ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2026 CRUISE RAFFLE!

The 2026 Knights of Columbus Cruise Raffle Presented by the Knights of Columbus Cruise Raffle Team.

Ahoy, Brothers! Our raffle ticket campaign is now in the home stretch.

The drawing for the 7-night Caribbean cruise for two aboard the Celebrity Summit — sailing to Key West, Bimini, and Nassau — will be held after the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026.

At the February General Membership Meeting, the Cruise Raffle Team will circulate a volunteer sign-up sheet. We invite all members to consider donating just 15 minutes after your regular Mass during the weekend of February 21–22. A small gift of your time and enthusiasm will help this effort sail smoothly to success.

A special thank-you to all the brothers and spouses who sold tickets in January — especially those who battled 25-mph winds, rain, and a 23-degree temperature drop between the 10 a.m. and Noon Masses. A morning to remember!

Please remember to return sold ticket stubs and proceeds at the February General Membership meeting. Snowbirds: your ticket books will be ready for pickup.

Set your course for fun — and maybe the vacation of a lifetime!

Dan Flynn - Cruise Raffle Committee Chairman

Win A Cruise or \$2,500
*Winner to choose by 5/22/26

Celebrity Summit

7 Night Caribbean Cruise
Sailing Oct. 18-25, 2026
Balcony Cabin for 2, Beverage Package,
Wi-Fi, & \$50 On Board Credit

Winning ticket will be drawn
April 26, 2026

\$10.00 each **TICKET #0991**

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30K VOLUNTEER HOURS -

During the social gather at the end of our January meeting, Phil Arsenault recognized the Council's 30k hours of volunteer work in 2025.

Congratulations to all Council members!



JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER -

Our January guest speaker was Rick Dakan. Rick is the AI Coordinator at Ringling College of Art & Design in Sarasota, FL, where he also serves as Interim Co-Director of the Center for the Creative Economy and creative writing faculty. He also runs Ringling College's annual AI and Creative Innovation Symposium, which invites experts, artists, and educators to come together to advocate for artists in the age of AI.



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KNIGHT OF MONTH - KEN GAASCH

Ken Gaasch was presented with the Knight of the Month Award. Ken has been a member of the KofC for 76 years. The Grand Knight thanked Ken for his outstanding support for the Children with Disability fundraiser. Ken has already signed up for four time slots for the 2026 campaign.

Congratulations Ken!

FAMILY OF MONTH - PHIL & JUDY ARSENAULT

Phil and Judy were selected Family of the Month. Phil orders our shirts and badges, and logs monthly volunteer hours for the Council. Phil and Judy coordinated and sold the quilt raffle tickets during the parish Christmas party, with the proceeds going to the CFA.

Congratulations Phil and Judy



Faith In Action

OUR LADY OF CHARITY ASSEMBLY -



THE PATRIOT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ASSEMBLY 3089
OUR LADY OF CHARITY



Hello Brother Knights,

It is my honor to announce 4 new Sir Knights that have been inducted as 4th Degree Knights in the Order of Knights of Columbus and have become members of Our Lady of Charity Assembly #3089. They are:

Steven Strumph—St. Thomas More Council #7826

Cory Devito—St. Thomas More Council #7826

Joseph Devito—St. Thomas More Council #7826

Bryan Hoskinson GK—Incarnation Council #15332

Congratulation to these Sir Knights!

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events.

Spirits and Cigar Fundraiser—Saturday, April 25th

Assembly #3089 Celebration Dinner—Saturday, May 23rd

All details are to follow.

These are great events are open to all Knights and we welcome you to attend.

God Bless,

Dr. Steven Wyer FDD PGK PFN

Faithful Navigator, Color Corps Commander

Parish News



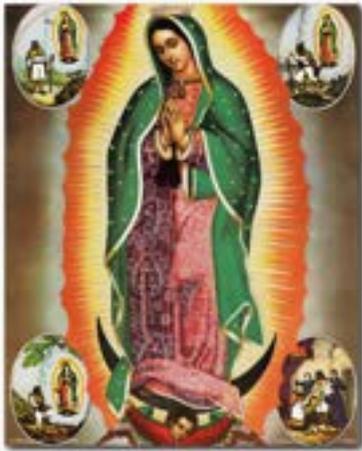
THE STORY OF THE SILVER ROSE -

In 1531, a Mexican peasant, by the name of Juan Diego, was walking to visit his sick uncle. While walking he was confronted by a mysterious lady. She told him to go to the bishop and tell him she wants a church built on the spot where they met. Juan Diego then went to the bishop and told him of the encounter. The bishop proclaimed he could not do that without a more compelling reason.

Juan Diego returned to his home by another route. On another walk, he again was confronted by the mysterious lady. Juan Diego told the lady the bishop explained he could not build a church based solely on the word of a peasant. The lady told Juan Diego to go to the top of the nearby hill and pick the flowers he found there. The flowers were magnificent roses. Nothing like them had ever grown in that region. He picked them, placed them in his poncho and returned to the lady.

The lady arranged the roses and instructed Juan Diego to take the flowers, show them to the bishop and again tell him to build a church on this spot. Juan Diego did as he was told. When in the presence of the bishop he opened his poncho. The roses fell to the floor. On Juan Diego’s poncho was the image of who we now know as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The bishop ordered the construction of the church to begin immediately on the spot she designated.

In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, labeled the program "Running of the Rose", and adding to it 'One Life, One Rose', symbolizing the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to Our Lady of Guadalupe, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.



St. Thomas More will receive the "Silver Rose" on Saturday, February 21 at 3:30pm.

The Silver Rose is delivered by the Knights on Bikes. Due to scheduling, a Rosary at 3:30 pm is planned prior to the 4 pm Mass.



Committee Corner

CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES-

Brothers All,

As you heard at the January Council meeting, our Citizens with Disabilities (aka Tootsie Roll Drive) fund raiser is just around the corner, starting at the end of January. To make this year's campaign successful in raising funds for the Oak Park School and St. Mary's Academy, we need you!

Last year, through the dedicated efforts of our store captains, volunteers, and money collectors & counters, we were able to present each school with a check for \$8,500.00!

Our 2026 Citizens with Disabilities campaign kicks off at four local Publix stores the weekend of January 30th - February 1st. The next weekend (February 7th - 8th) we will be soliciting donations at STM after all Masses. The following weekend (February 13th - 15th) we return to Publix.



The campaign will require volunteers to fill 2-hour time slots at each store from Friday thru Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Your wife or significant other is more than welcome to participate and volunteer to fill the time slots.

An updated schedule of volunteers and available time slots for the Publix stores weekends is being sent out in email blasts. To volunteer you can call or text Carol McElroy at (941) 302-4337. A sign-up list for the STM weekend was sent out in late January. With your help, this year's campaign will once again be a major success!

Thank you,

Corey DeVito, Chairman

Steve McElroy, Volunteer List

Committee Corner



BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING -

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL VOLUNTEERS

The 2026 Spring Training Baseball Season begins in three weeks on February 20th. Every volunteer has received a Spring Baseball Information Packet, Worker Telephone and E-Mail List and Worker Game Assignment Lists.

At the Council Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 12th, Charlie Culkin will be distributing hats and shirts to volunteers who ordered them as well as the parking passes for all volunteers. If you cannot pick up your supplies on that evening, please designate a Brother Knight to pick them up for you. Please let Charlie know if you are designating someone.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie at cinandchas@verizon.net or 941-504-5490.

Let's have a great 2026 Spring Training Baseball Season!!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Special Olympics Florida provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. We rely on more than 38,000 volunteers each year, who serve as coaches, help with events, assist on committees, and so much more. Help athletes achieve their dreams -- get involved today!

If you have any questions regarding any Special Olympics questions, please contact John Cesare.

Thank You,
John.



Committee Corner

GOLF TOURNAMENT -

The Golf Tournament will be held on May 11th 2026 at Serenoa Golf Club. This will be our Fifth Annual KofC Council 7826 Tournament. We anticipate both Fr Nick and Fr Daniel playing at the event.

Following the close of the 2025 year, planning for our golf tournament is now in full swing. We are cautiously optimistic that we will field approximately 25 or more teams. Our goal, however, is to “close the course,” which requires 30 teams—or 120 golfers. To reach that goal, we are still seeking an additional five or more teams (approximately 20 golfers). Individual players and twosomes are welcome and will be paired into foursomes.

We ask all Knights of the Council to help spread the word by inviting golfer friends, family members, neighbors, and colleagues to register. Female golfers are especially welcome and encouraged to join us. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. The event will feature 18 holes of best-ball scramble play at Serenoa Golf Club, along with a light breakfast, BBQ lunch, goodie bag, raffle baskets, auction items, a 50/50 drawing, a \$25,000 hole-in-one prize, and more—all in the spirit of fun and fraternity.

On the sponsorship front, we are approaching 30 hole sponsors toward our 2026 goal of 70 sponsors. While some outstanding sponsorships from last year are due to timing issues, we are actively seeking approximately 10 new hole sponsors this year.

Hole Sponsors may include businesses, Knights, “In Memory Of” recognitions, and other supporters of the event. The cost of a Hole Sponsorship is \$100, and each sponsor is recognized with a sign displayed at a tee box on the golf course.

We are also seeking one or two new Major Sponsors at the \$500 and \$1,000+ levels. Major Sponsors receive prominent recognition through event signage and announcements during the sendoff with Fr. Nick. Sponsors at the \$1,000+ level will also receive a foursome in the tournament.

In addition, we continue to solicit gift cards and donated items for our raffle baskets. Popular donations include restaurant gift cards and food or beverage items to help fill the baskets.

Our golfers will receive an excellent goodie bag, and we are seeking additional golf-related items to include. We also welcome interest from anyone who may wish to sponsor the goodie bags.

All net proceeds from the tournament directly support our Council and its charitable activities. Last year, the event generated more than \$14,000 in net contributions, highlighting the significant financial impact of the golf tournament on our Council’s overall financial health.

Our Golf Flyer, Golfer/Team Registration Form, and Sponsorship Form are available upon request and may be shared with individuals or businesses interested in supporting the tournament. Thank you to all the Knights for your continued assistance.

I will be reaching out to our event volunteers in February. We may need two to three additional volunteers this year to support the event.

PGK/ Treasurer Ken Berberich - Golf Committee Chair

Committee Corner

RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

We had an opportunity to celebrate this blessing and to fortify ourselves in the new year ahead by attending annual CPCI’s thank you gathering and free will dinner with your fellow Knights and spouses/significant others on Saturday, Jan 24th at the Grove in Lakewood Ranch. It was a very moving evening with several life saving testimonials provided.

We are always looking for more people to join us for this noble cause, Even if we can save one Life and change one Heart, how powerful is that? So please consider joining us on the 4th Thursday of each month for one hour between the hours of 9-1 by signing up on the Monthly Knights meeting or calling Brian Harkins and Neil Corrado at 908-451-7454

For Life,
Neil & Brian



FOURTH ANNUAL LIFE FEST -

Fourth Annual Life Fest is a pro-life morning rally and worship event that took place on Friday, January 23rd. The event is co-sponsored by the Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus as a pre-rally for the National March for Life.

Life Fest is an annual opportunity for the faithful to come together in prayer and fellowship to celebrate and give thanks to God for the gift of life, while reflecting on the truth of His boundless mercy. The event featured live music, a Eucharistic procession, and Eucharistic adoration, culminating in the celebration of Holy Mass. Archbishop William E. Lori of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, who also serves as Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, served as the principal celebrant.

Our Chaplin, Fr. Daniel, attended Life Fest and he had the opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic adoration kneeling beside Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.



Fr. Daniel and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

Council Good of the Order



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli
 Ken Berberich
 Sabina Bogner (wife of Josef)
 Ted Bogusz
 Dave Bracy
 Joyce Bulinski
 Pat Cesare (wife of John)
 Fred Cooper
 Neil Corrado
 Ed Cox
 Joan Crowley
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie)
 Ann Dean (wife of Joe)
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)
 Jean DeVito (wife of Corey)
 Gary Ellis
 Ken Gaasch
 Madeleine Garvey (wife of Gary)
 Jerry and Annie Hayes
 Jan Jakubiuk
 John Koitsch
 Ted Kovacic

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Rchard Lamb and daughter Megan Brown
 Don Leonard
 Carol Levanti (wife of Bob)
 Roy MacGillis
 John & Kay Maier
 Ron McCluskey
 Carol McElroy (wife of Steve)
 Michael Mercandetti
 Thomas Nate
 Carol Neller (wife of Ralph)
 Margie Noll
 Joanne Paleczny (daughter of Ray)
 Hank Peppard
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)
 Ed Plankey
 Rosemary Quartermain (wife of Lynn)
 John Regan
 Nancy Risbano
 Joe Summer
 John & Craig Spinale (John's son)
 Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol)
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!

If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact (Scott Deahna, Grand Knight) at his email address scott34465@yahoo.com or my mobile 352-464-7487.

Council Birthdays

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



- February 1 - Joseph Daley
- February 5 - Larry Hall
- February 7 - Ken Berberich
- February 13 - Myron Fedecky
- February 14 - Robert Manghillis
- February 17 - Janusz Kostecki
- February 18 - William Lucke
- February 18 - George Thanas
- February 19 - Joseph DeVito
- February 24 - Ferdinand Zava
- February 26 - Michael Pitoniak
- February 27 - Lynn Quartermaine
- February 28 - Dan Bulinski

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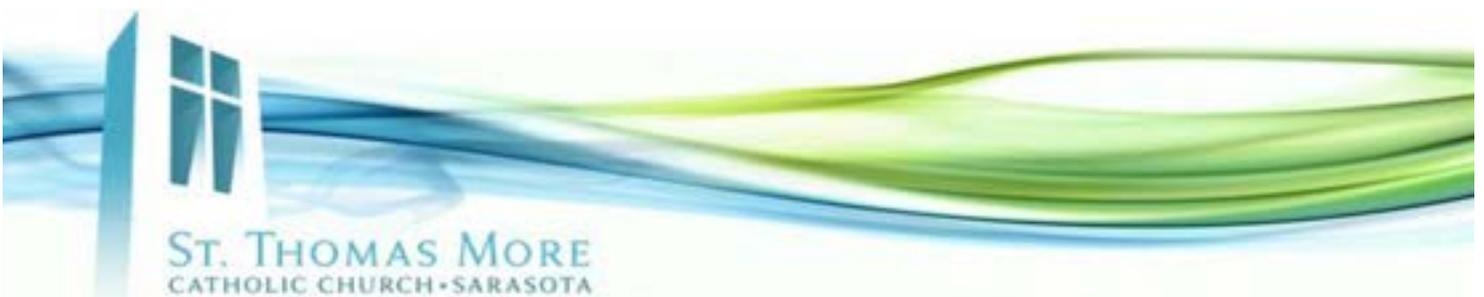
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Council Upcoming Events



- Our Citizens with Disabilities Campaign is active throughout the month: Sunday, February 1st, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the 4 Publix stores; On Saturday, February 7th, and Sunday, February 8th, after all Masses at STM; and on Friday, February 13th, through Sunday, February 15th, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the 4 Publix stores.
- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, February 4th, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. A Rosary prayer at 7:30 am precedes the Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, February 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick.
- The Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our next Social will be held on Thursday, February 19th, at Waterfrontoo restaurant located at 2205 N Tamiami Trl in Nokomis. Arrival time is 5:00 p.m., order from the menu, and pay at the event.
- A Cruise Raffle fund raiser will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 21st, and at all Masses on Sunday, February 22nd.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, February 26th, between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

Do you have goals in mind for this year?

It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health.

You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage.

Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working.

It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably?

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. It's not too late to set goals for 2026.

I'd love to sit down with you and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you! Lastly – please click on this video link and share this with your families.

And before I go, I'd like to share with you the story of our late brother Knight Brad Wolf. Brad was a past grand knight in Texas who chose to protect his family with a Knights of Columbus insurance policy. That decision became a lifeline for his family – allowing his wife, Dena, and their daughter, Riley, to remain in their home, free from the fear of financial hardship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hc-RSg3AyI0>

Yours in Christ,

Brian DeBlauw

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St Thomas Knights, Holydays in United States Feb 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Toolbox Roll Drive @	2	3 Memorial Services for SK	4 Early Mass @ 7:30AM KOC Mass @ 8:00AM Officers Mtg @ 7:00PM @	5	6	7 Toolbox Roll Drive @ STM
8 Toolbox Roll Drive @ STM	9 Assembly Mtg @ St Pats	10	11	12 Council Mtg @ 7:00 PM @	13 Toolbox Roll Drive @	14 Toolbox Roll Drive @
15 Toolbox Roll Drive @	16 Presidents' Day	17 Degree Exemplification @	18	19 Social Event @	20 Spring Training Home	21 Cruise Raffle Ticket Sales Spring Training Home
22 Cruise Raffle Ticket Sales Pancake Breakfast	23 Spring Training Home	24	25 Spring Training Home	26 Prayer Walk at Plained Spring Training Home	27	28 Spring Training Home