

Knight Action



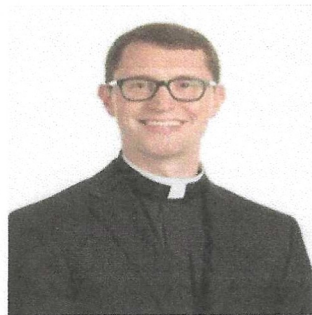
Prayers for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity, and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Blessed Michael J. 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

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father





Knights of Columbus Newsletter, August 2025

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. While devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart might seem antiquated or old-fashioned, I would urge you to think again. The lessons we can learn from the Heart of Mary can teach us as men and Knights how to live our own faith more fully.

To know someone's heart is to know them at their deepest and most personal. So to know and love Mary's Heart is to know and love Mary. We are utterly convinced as Catholics that a relationship with Our Blessed Mother greatly aids our relationship with her Son Jesus Christ and helps us to follow Him more closely. The Immaculate Heart represents the Blessed Mother's interior life, her boundless love for God and humanity, and her perfect virtues. It speaks of purity, humility, obedience, and an unwavering "yes" to God's will, even in the face of profound sorrow.

Purity, first and foremost, defines this heart—a heart preserved from original sin and free from all personal sin, always focused on God. Her humility is evident in her complete surrender to the divine plan, from the Annunciation to the foot of the Cross. This humility allowed her to be perfectly receptive to grace and to serve as the Mother of God with unparalleled dedication. Her Heart also embodies immense love: a spousal love for God the Spirit, a maternal love for her Son Jesus Christ, and a compassionate love for all humanity. This love is often depicted as a burning fire, indicating its intensity, and pierced by a sword, symbolizing the sorrows she endured in union with her Son's Passion. Yet, through all suffering, her love remained steadfast and hopeful.

For the men of the Knights of Columbus, these qualities of Mary's Immaculate Heart offer us a lot to reflect on. As a fraternal organization committed to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, Knights are called to live out their faith in tangible ways.

Learning from Mary's purity of heart means striving for holiness in thought, word, and deed. Mary's deep interior life is a model for Knights on how they can pray and receive the sacraments more fervently. Her humility teaches us to serve without seeking honors and to lead with gentle strength. Her love in the face of sorrow teaches us as men how to hold fast to God when disaster strikes and how to support others while ourselves grieving. It calls us to extend compassionate love to our families, fellow Knights, and communities, embracing the suffering of others and offering support and solace. By entrusting themselves to the Immaculate Heart, Knights can deepen their relationship with Christ, allowing His love, communicated through His Mother, to transform their lives and inspire their actions.



Our Brother knight and seminarian Timothy Sanchez was ordained a priest on May 17th. We are all so happy and proud of Father Sanchez as we have followed his journey into the priesthood over the years.

Celebrating with him are brothers Dave Egan, Don Becker and Robert Fischer.

At our June meeting we acknowledged all the hard work and dedication of our treasurer Christopher Schneider.

Grand Knight Mark Missurrelli presented Chris with "Knight Of The Year" award!



In April our brother Ray Bailey attended the honor flight to Washington D.C.

His son Joe was his guardian for this event.

Ray highly recommends this event as one of the greatest honors a veteran can experience.



The highlights in the second quarter of 2025 included:

- Checks totaling \$2,760.56 each were delivered to the Women's Care Center and Eyewitness for Life, Ltd by Grand Knight Mark Missurelli and me from the 2025 Baby Bottle campaign. These are both very impressive organizations that are doing life-saving work and both organizations were very appreciative for receiving the donations. Thanks again for all who contributed to this great program.
- The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council established the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program in the wake of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision reversing Roe vs. Wade. The ASAP program matches \$100 for every \$500 Councils donate to pregnancy centers up to \$400. Our Council applied for ASAP grants for our donations to the Women's Care Center and Eyewitness for Life and we have received both checks which total \$400 each. Both checks will be distributed to the organizations so the total donations will rise to \$3,160.56 for each organization or \$6,321.12 in total.
- Our most recent Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday May 4 and, once again, included a raffle for some nice prizes. Several Brother Knights generously made donations to offset the expense of purchasing the food which allowed us to have total profits of \$1,795.00 for the day. The profits will be used to purchase coats through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program and will be distributed this fall. Our Council is partnering with the St. Stephen Family Life Center to distribute coats to patrons of the Family Life Center and is also talking with other organizations that may need coats. We will discuss our plans at our August meeting.
- I was honored to attend the First Mass of our Brother Knight Fr. Timothy Sanchez on May 17 at St. Robert Parish in Shorewood where I received Communion and a blessing from Fr. Sanchez along with Brother Knights Don Becker and Bob Fischer. Fr. Sanchez was ordained earlier that day.
- We held a fundraiser at Sendik's on June 14 in Franklin and had a record day at the grill where we earned \$1,090.92 in profits from the grill and tips. This just edged out our last June fundraiser for our biggest profit ever. We also distributed Tootsie Rolls at this event that brought in \$165.18. We will hold a fundraiser on July 12 at Sendik's, details of which will be reported at the next monthly meeting and newsletter. There is also a Sendik's grill event on Saturday August 9, please help if you are able. We will also once again be selling food at the St. James rummage sale which will be on September 4 and 5.

Dave Egan
Financial Secretary

Council 16821 election results 2025/2026

Grand Knight / Mark Missurelli

Deputy Grand Knight / Ron Schwenn

Treasurer / Chris Schneider

Chancellor / Jeff Glazewski

Lecturer/ Andrew Kontowicz

Advocate / Ray Bailey

Warden / Jim Lampe

Family Director / Phil Peterson

Trustee / Dennis Laskaskie

Trustee / Keith Wagner

Trustee / Gary Kitterman

Outside guard / Don Becker

Inside guard / Thankachan John

Recorder / Robert Fischer

Retention Chair / Dennis Laskaskie

Membership director / Ray Bailey

**Supreme Chaplains Challenge**

In August we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael J. McGivney on August 13. I challenge you to pray each day the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney or the prayer for his canonization , and take the time to reflect on his humility in serving the people of God.

Archbishop William E. Lori

We're Never too B__Y to make a difference!

Happy New Year to all our Knights of Columbus Brothers at St. Stephen Parish. July is always an exciting month for KofC councils as we get a chance to kick off some fun/new events and hopefully welcome some new members during the upcoming year.

The final measurable level of success on paper and in our hearts depends on us accomplishing both those things during our 2025-26 fiscal Knights Year.

With the help of our dedicated members, we accomplished many wonderful things in 2024-25. Events such as our coat drive, baby bottle campaign, pancake breakfasts and other events were all successful programs. By the hair on Dennis Laskaskie's "chinny chin-chin" we accomplished our membership goal for this past year. Thank you, Phillip, Jeff, Jim, Cliff and Jose, for making a brave commitment to join our Knights Council.

On paper we have 42 members on our KofC roster. With nearly 365 chances to make a difference ahead of us, I would like to present this 2025-26 goal to my Brother Knights of council #16821. Try our best to lead or participate in at least one council event during the current year. Whether you like to cook, clean, coordinate, cheer, be charitable, or pray...there is KofC program that you will enjoy participating in. And I promise, participation will be even more rewarding than the pain.

I must confess that I am guilty of using this four-letter word too many times throughout my workday and time at home with family. If asked, how am I doing? The easy and quick response is, "Boy am I BUSY." Or I am too BUSY to eat dinner with the family, I'll stop to eat later." I guess it makes me feel important to tell everyone how BUSY I am.

What if Fr. Joc Marquette and Louis Joliet said they were too BUSY to go exploring via the water ways from their current home in Quebec, Canada? I guess we all might be living in Michigan or Ohio as those territories became US states before Wisconsin back in 1848.

What if a group of German immigrants back in the 1850 said they were too BUSY eating brats and drinking beer to cross the ocean to discover the community 90 miles north of Chicago called New Cologne. If that had happened, I guess we would all be parishioners at Old St. Mary's Church in downtown Milwaukee.

Join me in avoiding using that dreadful four-letter word "B__Y" when asked by your Priest, Spouse, Family or Brother Knights to participate in an activity. Unless we make the time, we'll never know what great place or thing we'll discover while making a positive difference in someone's life. As my dad would always say, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery but today is a present – so go out and enjoy it."

It would make this year even more special if we had 42 Knights of Columbus in our council by the end of the year. Together let's avoid using four-letter words this year and find a way to participate.

Where there's a need, there's a Knight!

Mark Missurelli

Grand Knight

Knights keeping in shape over the summer!

Pictured on the right is our financial secretary Dave Egan with his daughter Sarah on a two day bike trip. They started their journey in Manitowoc and finished in Sturgeon Bay! That's 150 miles in two days!

That's what I call being in good physical shape.

Nice going Dave & Sarah!



Also going the extra mile in physical activity was brother knight Dave Robarge. Dave has continually impressed me with his marathon running, But this time he added in some mud in his activity. This was the Mukwonago Family Mud Run. The course had 10 obstacles to overcome. At the end of race you get sprayed with soapy foam and a heavy dose of a rinse station after your 2 mile run. Running with Dave is his friend Terri.

Dave also did a 10K run on Fathers Day!

