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## Habitat Just Brushing Up!

On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7 Knights of Council #13341 responded to a residence under rehabilitation located at 811 27<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. E., Bradenton, FL and completed the following tasks:

Prepared exterior of residence for paint. (Taped off all windows and doors, removed all screens, raked dirt away from foundation, placed tarps where needed).

Painted all exterior walls of residence (15 gals) and front concrete porch (1 gal.).

Removed tape from all doors and windows. Washed all windows and screens.

Raked dirt back to foundation. Placed screens back in windows.

Washed and cleaned all tools, brushes, and equipment, and stored same for future use.



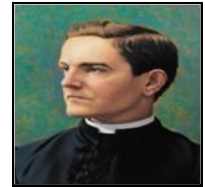


## Not just about fish!



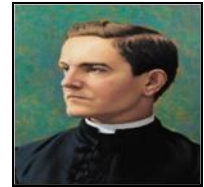
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The Knights of Columbus Council 13341 in association with One Blood held a blood drive at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church on Thursday March 31, 2022 from 12noon - 6pm. One Blood provided two Bloodmobiles which allowed us to have outstanding results. We had 60 donors participating and providing 54 pints of blood to serve our local community. Each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 162 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of the blood donors from this drive. There was rush of donors at the beginning of the event. Donors were sparse towards the end of the event. However, one occasion when there was a 10-minute wait. But, other than that, there was no wait. This event is held approximately 6 times per year. Solicitations were done through the church bulletin (4 Sundays in a row), a poster in the church narthex the Sunday just prior to the drive and through email to Brother Knights and prior donors. Appointments were booked by the donors online. Walk-ups were accommodated. Sign-in and greeting services were provided by 8 Knights on the day of the drive (28 total hours)





March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In order to prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

Many of us continue on the path to "giving up" the same things each year for lent. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I've gotten a little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I'm going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I'm not going to read whole books or commit to something I can't achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I'm going to read the Good Book. I think reading scripture every day is good habit to nurture.

Rather than "giving up" I'm going to try to "give away." It doesn't help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to a good charity, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I'm determined to be more generous this Lent.

As men of faith let's take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don't forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! I am honored to carry on our blessed founder's vision of protecting Catholic families.

**Vivat Jesus!**

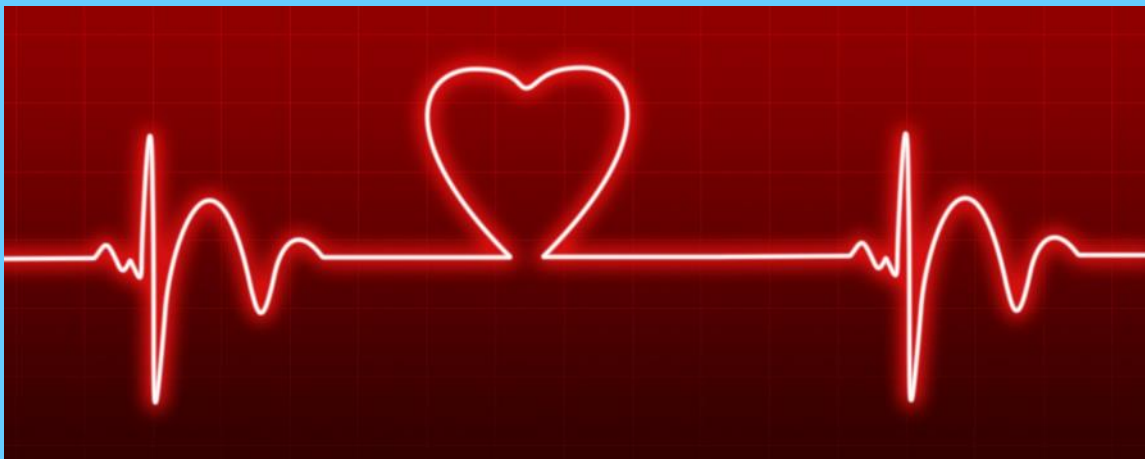
**"So always treat others as you would like them to treat you; that is the meaning of the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12)**

**Brian DeBlauw  
Field Agent**



On Tuesday, with virtually no discussion or debate, the Oklahoma House State legislature, voted 70 -14 to pass Senate Bill (SB) 612 “that would make performing an abortion a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.”

The author of the bill, State Rep. Jim Olsen said, “Obviously, I’m thrilled because we have the potential of seeing many lives of babies saved.” The bill now is headed up to Governor Kevin Stitt and is expected to become law, as Stitt has previously said on the record that “he’d sign any anti-abortion bill that comes to his desk.” Should the bill be signed into law, it would become effective this year on August 26.



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## Grand Knight's Korner

Brother Knights, wives, and partners,

It has been a wild ride for the past couple months and during the Lenten season with events happening (some simultaneously) like fish fry dinners, the ballpark, Habitat, the Blood Drive, 40 Days for Life, OLA receptions, Spiritual Adoption, Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Sprinkle in meetings for these events and preparing for them. An incredible amount of volunteer hours!

This has been an incredible team effort and impossible to pull off without all your help, cooperation, dedication, and plain hard work. Thank you for all you've done that has made every event a success! Your generosity of time and talent means the world to the Charities we support and serve.

I am humbled and grateful to all of you for your willingness to volunteer. You are an inspiration to others who are seeking to serve.

God Bless You All.

May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration,

John