

Fr. McCormick Council 3880

Knights of Columbus



Welcome to Council 3880
Faith in Action 2024-2025

Our Council-Faith In Action



Knight Life



Grand Knight Report

Hello Brother Knights.



As the adage says "April showers bring May flowers". In April we were showered with the Knights of Columbus events like the monthly breakfast, the Rosary remembering the Tornado that hit Crystal Lake 60 years ago, our Caballeros roundtable meeting, and more. This helped to pull in current and potential new

members to support our events. With May around the corner we are flowered by new events sprouting up like the Kishwaukee food truck event, Announcement of our slate of future officers, the May monthly breakfast, an Exemplification introducing new member Knights, and more. Our council remains strong as we stay committed to our 3 Principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, that hold us together.

As we put a close to April and embrace the month of May we reflect on what a great year we have celebrated together as we come to the last quarter of our Fraternal year. Let's continue to feed nutrient to these events and let the flowers of our activities grow strong through our >> 3

Deputy Grand Knight

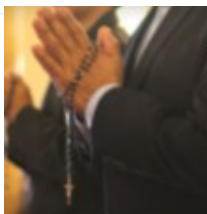
Mary Queen of Knights

Almost every KofC monthly breakfast in the Community Room, there is a wonderful person, Joyce Holm, wife of Brother Dennis Holm, at a table with a modest sign saying, "Rosary Repairs for Free".



But it's not just for repairs that Joyce is available but for over eight years, with wit and wisdom, shared insight about the art and style of Rosaries. There are stories to be told and memories shared with those who, young, old, members and non-members of

the Council, stop by for a brief TLC to their Rosary. On more than one occasion, Joyce repaired a link for this Knight, a way too often twisted Rosary with the comment that it's the twisting that creates the damage rather than the needed power of prayer.

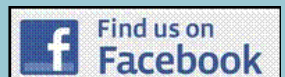


So, Brother Knights the month of May, when we see Spring renewing itself, is precisely the time to renew our dedication to this great prayer and to the love and intercession of Mary. Remember that which should be in your pocket, signifies how May's love encircles us all, bringing us ever closer to her Son. She truly is Jesus's mother and our own as well. Hail Mary Full of Grace. DKG, Bob Kosin

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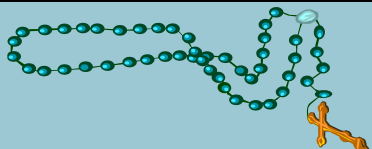
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Pray the Rosary



Membership

On Monday May 12th, 2025 we have scheduled an English Exemplification that will be held at the Oak Street church. [As of now we have two candidates](https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-theknights.html) for council 3880. We are also working with four prospects, that possibly may become candidates for knighthood. Will keep you posted! If you haven't attended an Exemplification yet, our team does a great job! It's the 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree brought together as one ceremony. They review the history of the Knights of Columbus and our 4 guiding principles. You should check it out!

We are very busy, as you can see, please pass the word on!! Getting closer to our Membership Goal!



Again, please inform your prospects of the brief history of our council of 71 years 1954 – 2025. The four key principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. And inform them of the events we have, like our monthly breakfast, special dinners, Tootsie Roll Drive and Brat Mobile events to raise money for CHARITIES!!

Please tell them of the fellowship that will be made working events with fellow Knights. Just, if it is for a few hours or working the entire event. Friendship and fellowship will be made for a lifetime with fellow Knights. Remember our 1st principle is CHARITY!!

Fellow Knights, if you have someone you know is thinking of joining the Knights, please contact him and give him the below information.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-theknights.html>

Bob Wyman
Membership Chair
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Breakfast

We'll talk about the Early Bird!!! IT's spring and the birds are returning starting with the Robins... and spring also brings Easter! And Easter Sunday, along with Palm Sunday cause major calendar changes for the Breakfast... the **ALWAYS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** Breakfast took a major hit this year, having to take place on the FIRST Sunday of the month... which was a cause for concern on my part.

I remember many years ago talking to **Fr. Goeff Wirth**, the Pastor at the time about changing Sundays on occasion. He explained to me, as I had not been in the Parish that long: "The people of Crystal Lake are pretty much set in their ways, about many things. That includes Sunday Breakfast," he said. He went on to say that "they had certain givens, such as: 1st Sunday of the Month was breakfast at Andy's, 2nd was at Round the Clock, 3rd was at St. Thomas for the Knights Breakfast, and 4th was at Coleman's. And if we changed our day, don't expect a large crowd!!!" Well, that did hold reign over the years but fortunately has been changing recently. But it was still a concern for me in ordering and preparing for April 6th!

But 95% of the crew was available, we had a special notice in the bulletin the week before... and the 7:30 Mass was light once again... oh, boy. But as has happened in the last several months, the 9 AM and 10:30 Masses ended and filled the Community Center! We ended up serving 209 happy people... and as you should know by now, my goal is 200, so we made our mark, and it was a successful day. Again! Thank you to our wonderful, loyal, and supportive parishioners and guests, and of course the many hands of our Brother Knights for making it all happen! We are ahead of goal for the year and looking forward to a highly successful year helping the Council

achieve all its goals and objectives for the year... two more months to go for the Fiscal Year, so be sure to come on out and help us and support us in our quest!

See you next **May 18th** for our next regularly scheduled Breakfast!

Hope to see you all there on one side of the counter or the other! Hope to see you all then at our regular **Monthly Breakfast!**

John



The End of an Era

With my retirement from Scouting at the beginning of this year, and no longer actively involved in the Pack and Troop, I will be winding down my articles on both groups. Suffice it to say it has been a long run (since 2009) and we have experienced many milestones, changes and in some cases setbacks that the Pack and Troop have worked through to continue to give young men and women the opportunities to learn values and skills building character along the way through the program



I will continue to stay in touch with them and bring forward any noteworthy achievements and projects should our Council wish to continue to support their efforts. It has been one heck of a ride with lots of memories created along the way.

way.

I leave you with the strong tenets that Scouting America is based on and what is hopefully instilled in every youth that participates in the program and that they will utilize them throughout their lives to make this world a better place.

The Scout Oath, Law, Motto & Slogan

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Scout Motto

Be prepared.

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily.

Chaplain's Report

Pope Francis Memorial Column

Upon the death of Pope Francis, I would like to share the words of our Bishop, David J. Malloy, which I very much agree with, and are worth repeating:

"With the sad news of the death of Pope Francis, I join with the faithful of the Diocese of Rockford and with the Church throughout the world that mourns his passing. For the past 12 year, he has carried out the singular task entrusted to each of the Successors of St. Peter. That is, in union with the teaching of Christ, to be a witness to the Catholic faith and a source of unity for the faithful.



Pope Francis, by living and preaching simply, sought to remind the world of the love of God and the love we must have for each other. He sought to raise up the plight of the poor and of refugees and immigrants, especially those fleeing oppression. Pope Francis reminded the world of the goodness and sacredness of creation and the environment. But he reminded us as well that

the human person is the highest good of creation and that we are the special recipients of God's love. For that reason, he was a tireless witness of the right to life of the child in the womb and of those close to death. He emphasized the gift of gender given to every person as part of creation, and its link to the family.

"During his pontificate, many have sought to label the pontiff in political terms of being liberal or conservative. But because he fulfilled his papal calling as a witness to faith, those who sought to impost political categories upon his pontifi-

cate have been disappointed. In reality, Pope Francis was liberal with his love for God and conservative in keeping the teachings of the faith constant and consistent with the teaching of Jesus Himself.

His life and vocation have been a lesson to the world in this moment and will be the cause for reflection for years to come. The current Jubilee Year, with its theme stressing Christian Hope, will be a final testament to the legacy of Pope Francis.

I thought it was most fitting, that in his weakened condition, he was still able to gather up the strength to greet the crowds on Easter Sunday as he rode through the square in his Pope mobile. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father. Let us also offer our prayers for the Cardinals of the Catholic Church who (after an appropriate period of mourning) will soon gather to select the next Successor of St. Peter who will begin his own service, faithfully teaching and witnessing to Jesus Christ.



Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight Report

actions.

As always, if you know of someone who feels left out or abandoned from the Knights, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727. We are one Brotherhood, one Family, and together we are One.

Thank you all for what you do to support this council.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

Cesar Jimenez

Grand Knight - #3880



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Brothers,

There has been an increase in the number of neighbors being served recently which has increased the need for volunteers.

Please do not wear sandals or open toes shoes as this is a safety issue at the food pantry. We are in **need of 12-14 volunteers** to help serve our neighbors at the pantry.

We need your help

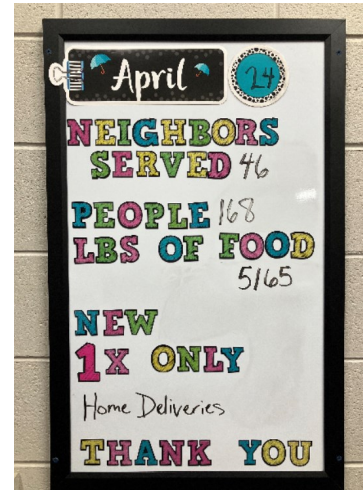


Date: Saturday
Time: 8:00-12:00
Please RSVP if you can make it.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Kebr 815-814-7395

3rd Thursday of the Month 5-7pm
4th Saturday of the Month 8am -12 noon

Crystal Lake Food Pantry
42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-0961



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

The next two Exemplifications of Patriotism for Marquette Province Northern District have been set. The first (Chicago Diocese) will be held at St. Hubert's in Hoffman Estates on June 28th. The second one (Rockford Diocese) will be held at St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin on October 25th. Both are in our backyard so if you are a 3rd Degree Knight and want to take the next step to Sir Knight, ask one of the many Sir Knights in our Council to get you signed up. Please visit the new [Master's website](#) if you have not been out there yet for further information. You can find the June Exemplification information and registration [here](#).

The June Exemplification will be the newly revised and released Exemplification Program that was used at the 125th Anniversary Exemplification in New York in February. Current Sir Knights may want to attend the event to observe the new and improved version of our Patriotic Degree.

The Assembly approved an additional five uniform allowances for this Fraternal year. This was based on our home Assembly having the Exemplification in October of 2024 so that new Sir Knights could get some assistance in acquiring the new uniform. The four remaining allowances are open to all on a first come first served basis. **Our Council still has five \$100 uniform vouchers available.** Please note that cost of the uniform has gone up from \$449.00 to \$475.00 effective September 1, 2024 and you can order [here](#) and at present, you can still get a \$200 rebate if you act quickly. The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#).

Our next Assembly meeting is on **May 14th, 2025**, at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4th Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know as well so I can add you to that list. God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

SK, Dan O'Connell

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sweatshirts, and tees at:
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Hablamos español (despacio, por favor!)

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Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

Per the Catholic Herald, an overview during Pope Francis' tenure.

Pope Francis's stance on contraception, while rooted in the Church's traditional opposition to artificial methods, is nuanced and has been described as more open and understanding than previous papal pronouncements. He has defended the church's position against artificial contraception, but has also acknowledged the need for "responsible parenthood" and the challenges faced by couples in various circumstances.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

o **Traditional Opposition:**

The Catholic Church has historically condemned artificial contraception, viewing it as a violation of the natural purpose of sexual union, which is procreation. This stance is rooted in teachings dating back to the papal encyclical [Humanae Vitae](#) (1968).

o **"Responsible Parenthood":**

Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of "responsible parenthood," which he explains as families having the freedom to choose how many children they want and when, while adhering to Church teachings. This concept allows for the use of natural family planning methods, which do not involve artificial contraception.

o **Nuanced Approach:**

While reaffirming the church's ban on artificial contraception, Pope Francis has also shown a willingness to consider specific situations where contraception might be considered morally permissible, such as to prevent Zika virus transmission.

o **Emphasis on Compassion:**

Pope Francis has often expressed compassion for individuals facing difficult circumstances, such as those with disabilities or in situations of poverty, which may make it harder for them to have children. This has led to interpretations that he is more open to discussing the use of contraception in certain cases.

o **Focus on Social Justice:**

Pope Francis has consistently emphasized social justice and the well-being of the most vulnerable, including families facing economic hardships. This has influenced his approach to contraception, as he has acknowledged the need for families to have a say in the size of their families while upholding Church teachings.

Respectfully submitted
Pete Harren, Prolife Director, 4-22-25

Pro-Life Organizations



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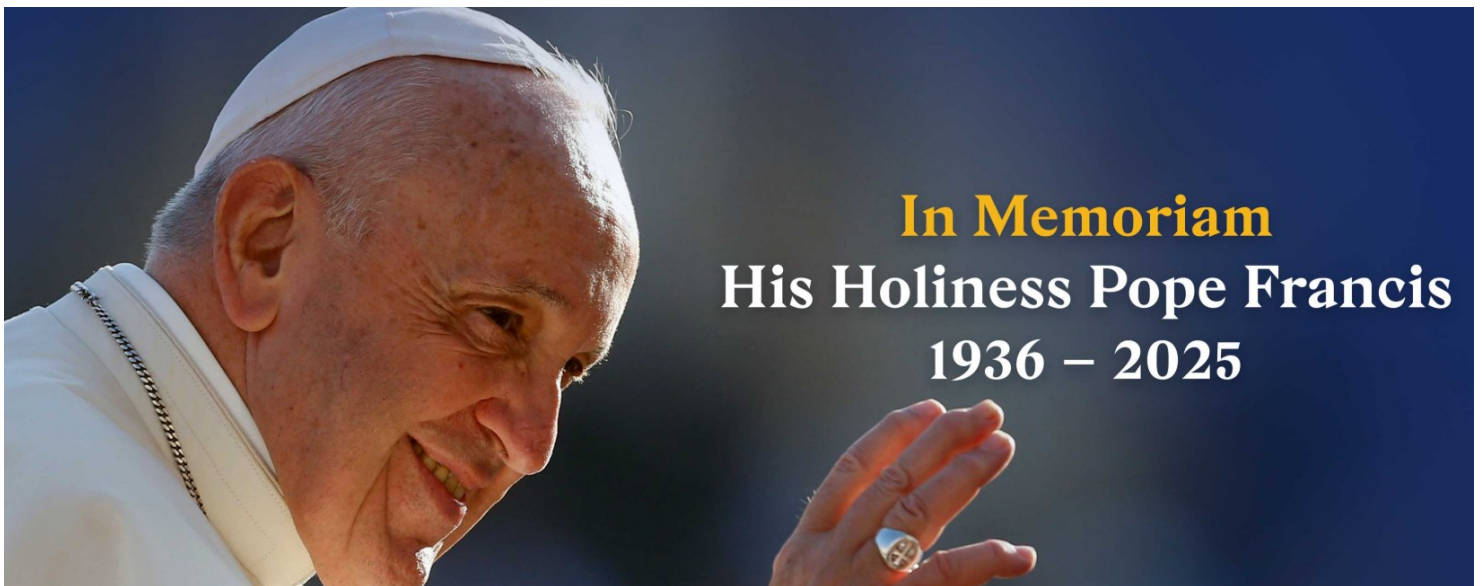
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In Memoriam
His Holiness Pope Francis
1936 - 2025

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.



Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share

their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally suited for *Cor*, but can also be done in other group settings or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

[Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

April 2025

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27)

These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online.



Questions for Reflection:

Looking at the development of your own faith, how have you "come to believe" truths about Christ and/or the Catholic faith? What teachings do you still have questions about? What areas of your faith would you like to develop further? Where can you find resources — or whom can you ask for resources — to help you deepen your faith and understanding?

Memories of 3880



Knight of the Month—Sam Evans



Family of the Month—Ned Holland



Good of The Order

Knights Birthday May 2025

- Cruz Garcia 05/03
- Joseph Hodorowicz 05/04
- Jesus Garibay 05/07
- Darin O'Brien 05/09
- Charley Popp 05/10
- Brian Alexander 05/11
- Juan Garrido 05/11
- William Fraser 05/12
- Paul Georgy 05/12
- Jose Rios 05/12
- Patrick Slowey 05/13
- Ubaldo Valencia 05/14
- Jorge Chimal 05/18
- John Zokal 05/21
- Michael Antongiovanni 05/23
- Marcos Ramire 05/29
- Bruce Smith 05/29
- Paul Tagatz 05/30

Wives Birthday May 2025

- Sarah Evans
- Mary Kunz

Anniversaries May 2025

- John M & Yvonne Scott

Notice:

If you would or your wife would like to be mentioned in the Good of the Order for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let Tim Hicklin know via email at thicklin@aol.com.

Update Your Membership Info
[Click here to update it.](#)



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



Remember and pray for our troops in this hopeful new year.

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass. June 29, 2025— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday June 29, 2025 is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. Please consider attending in your Black or Blue Council Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

Robert Kosin
 DGK

Council Calendar—2024-2025



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May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
5/5 Cinco de Mayo 5/6 Business Meeting 5/6 Present Nominations 5/11 Mothers Day 5/14 Mary May Crowning 5/16-17 State Convention 5/18 Breakfast 5/21 Caballeros De Colon 5/22 Food Pantry 5/27 Officers Meeting 5/29 Ascension of the Lord	6/3 Business Meeting and Officer Elections 6/8 CL Trolley Tour 6/15 Father's Day 6/17 Officer Installation 6/18 Caballeros de Colon 6/19 Corpus Christi 6/22 Breakfast 6/24 Officer Meeting 6/26 food Pantry 6/29 5th Sunday	7/1 Business Meeting 7/4 Independence Day 7/16 Caballeros De Colon 7/20 Breakfast 7/23 Rockford Chapter 7/29 Officer Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.



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Make the Right Choice!
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your
 Responsibility!

