



# Knight Life

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### Crystal Lake, IL 60014



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## Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

I hope that this finds you and your families all well. This past month's business meeting was a hybrid meeting, meaning that it was open to both that wished to attend in person or virtually. There were 7 or 8 brother knights that attended in person. I wish to thank our Worthy Chancellor Joe Scherb for bringing his laptop and taking care of the virtual portion of the meeting. We intend to continue to hold "hybrid" type business meetings going forward, following the diocese and civil health safety guidelines. If anyone has any questions please let myself or one of the other officers know.



On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will have our Annual Memorial mass. The celebrant will be Fr.

Fitzpatrick. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding the mass. Our new Faith Director, Greg Ives and SK Kevin Scanlan are coordinating the details. This will require anyone who plans to attend to register ahead of time with Greg, so please look for more details to come.

As I mentioned last month, we were able to clean out the trailer and paint the floor. Thank you to PGK Vince Esposito, Matt Carzoli, and Bob Wyman for painting the floor. Thank you too to Larry Miller for supplying the paint. The trailer is all set for "Christmas Trees 2020". We will be using the "Sign-up" app for volunteers to use to sign up for the event. This is the same app that was used for the Tootsie Roll drive. It will give everyone greater flexibility for people to sign up and give the committee better visibility on the coverage for the event. I will be sending the invitation out via flock notes within the next week or so.

We are still actively looking to fill the following >> 5

## Deputy Grand Knight

The Blue Shirt

By SK, Robert Kosin

There are not many organizations whose members address one to another as Brother.

The Latin derivative of fraternity (n.) is a body of men associated by common interest and the root of the word is brother meaning a state or condition of being as brothers.

One of the tenets of the Knights of Columbus is fraternity, and that spirit has been maintained since its founding.



The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 as a fraternal, insurance organization, to assist other brother Knights' families in the event of a breadwinner's untimely death. But looking over the scope of activities as reported in Knight Life and now Flock Note,

<https://stthomascl.flocknote.com> the Father McCor-

mick Council 3880 is not so limiting nor abandon its original purposes. The insurance program is still a hallmark as is the Memorial Service held this November 18th in memory of deceased members and recognizing their widows. Previously there was the blood drive and collection for Intellectual Disabilities. On the horizon is the sale of Advent Wreaths and deservedly so called, historic Christmas Tree Lot. All activities for Brother Knights helping other Knights, their community and Church.



All this occurs because truth be told, none of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – this Council has accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion, remember the days of defining the perfect omelet. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and >> 3



## Council Officers Fraternal Year 2000-2021

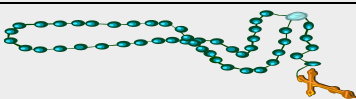
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## Membership

By Bob Wyman

**Frequently Asked Questions you may have when recruiting new Knights, I know I did !**

**I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?**

Online Membership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. Online Membership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother

Knights in local councils.  
**What is a practical Catholic?**

A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

**If I join online, am I joining a local Knights of Columbus council?**

No you are not. When you join online you will not belong to a local council at first. Instead, you will become a member of the

Knights of Columbus state division in your state of residence.

**How does Online Membership differ from membership in a local council?**

Members who join online ("Online Membership") are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council.

As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse and any dependent children. You will receive Columbia magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply), and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

**Can I join a local council?**

Yes! Council-based membership is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus. Prospective members can join local councils just as they always have. Online Members can transition to local council membership, just as members from other local councils may transfer today. Transferring involves completing a membership form (Form #100) and going through the council admissions process. This includes meeting with council leaders and taking the First Degree ceremonial.

## October Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

**It's Coming!!! ... !!!**



I have been officially informed that the **Knights of Columbus** Monthly Breakfast will begin once again... the anticipated date for the first one since the start of the Pandemic will be on

*The Twelfth of Never in the year  
Thirty-Three Thirty Three!*

Well, okay, maybe NOT that long...but boy it sure seems that with what is going on

that is possible!! Keep wearing those masks, and don't believe the nay-sayers who say they don't work!! Look at Wisconsin!!

The crew and I can not wait to be back in the kitchen and everyone is practicing our skills at home to our lucky families!

Peace and health be with you all!

*John*

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## Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

### Pack 127 & Troop 127 – COVID-19 Scouting

As we continue to try and have some sort of normalcy in Scouting during this pandemic, one thing is a perennial favorite. The Fall Popcorn Fundraiser is in full swing for both the Pack and the Troop. What is different is you will not see the boys going door to door taking orders. Everything is online with the exception of a few storefronts the Cub Scouts have had. The one here is at the Crystal Lake Ace Hardware.



Sales are a bit sluggish as we have a new provider this year (Trail's End) and the selection is not as robust as it was with our previous provider.

Add to it that, we could not have the usual big kick-off event to jumpstart sales due to the virus, so it has been a little slow. If you know a Cub Scout or Scout BSA, please contact them to support their efforts with the popcorn sale.

The Pack continues to have hikes, outings, and meetings as they can with all of them taking place outdoors. We are awaiting word on when we can be allowed back into the church meeting space and hopefully it will be soon. The Pack did have their Pack meeting at Veterans Acres utilizing the Jaycee pavilion. They also visited the



Wanda farm in Harvard and toured the land seeing pigs, cows and how a farm operates.

The Troop continues its meetings as best they can with outdoor venues being the norm during these not so normal times. We have been able to continue to help scouts work on merit badges and requirements for rank advancements. The difficult part has been getting camping nights in since the District and Council have restrictions in place that only allow family camping and there must be social distancing if more than one family is camping. Add to that no carpooling at this time so even day trips have become a family affair.

Both groups continue to try and recruit new scouts to our ranks.

The Troop participated in a District wide recruitment event on October 10th at the McHenry County Fairgrounds with all AOL's and Webelos with their parents in the District invited. It was an outdoor event with plenty of space for social distancing and luckily the weather was beautiful. We had about 45 AOL/Webelo



scouts stop by and talk to us about Troop 127. We hopefully have some follow up visits coming from some of the groups that stopped by. We will continue being as resourceful as we can to have the scouts in both the Pack and the Troop stay engaged in Scouting throughout this pandemic, we want to thank the Knights for your continued Support and hope you and yours are staying safe and well. Please remember vote and God bless you, your family, and the United States of America.

## DD Report

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Knights of Columbus District Deputy, District 45. Learn more at [Kofc.org/joinUs](https://www.kofc.org/joinUs)

The saints often touch our lives in little ways. When you read a book or a paragraph about a saint, it normally highlights something amazing to aspire toward. Fewer though touch our lives in a more direct way. Do you carry the miraculous medal of St. Catherine? Have you benefited from, or contributed to, a (St. John Newman Center)?

united in charity for the benefit of our brothers, our families, or community, and our parish. You have accepted the charge of the Blessed Father. Find ways to get involved and act upon it.

Now, we're almost there. The soon to be Blessed Fr. McGivney has touched our lives most directly. As Knights we should be working to keep his vision in front of us as our mission. We are

You can learn more about your Fr. McGivney, your order, and yourself at [kofc.org/beatification](https://www.kofc.org/beatification).

Vivat Jesus,

## DGK Report

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encouragement of your brother Knights as we work to make life better in our parish, community and family.

Beginning with the greeting "Brother Knight" and weather wise the blue shirt because if one is known by the deeds done in His name know that it's the blue shirt that identifies this band of brothers.

## Crystal Lake Food Pantry



# Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

This will be the second to last article I will write for the newsletter pertaining to the food pantry.

Last week was the Thursday version of the food pantry. Just like the Saturday versions was not manned well by the council. We had 6 council members show on Saturday and 5 on Thursday. With help from the community at large volunteering to help we made it through both events.



That leads me into why the article is going away in December. I wrote the Food Pantry and told them that the council will not be re-

newing its obligation for next year.

By PGK, Vince Esposito

We only have 4 more dates to cover this year. The dates are November 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with December 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. After the December dates you won't get any more food pantry emails.



I like to thank all of the members who have volunteered to help over the years.

The time commitment over the past year or two has waned to a point where it was clear that other events in our lives outweighed the time we could spend helping our community.

If you wish to keep volunteering at the pantry please go to their website a sign up for a time slot.  
thank you!

### Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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[www.clfoodpantry.org](http://www.clfoodpantry.org)

## Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One. In Service to All

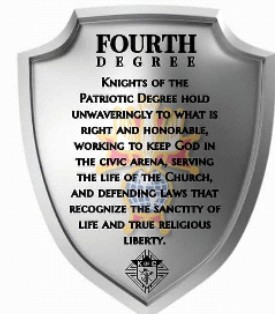
Greetings Sir Knights and fellow Brother Knights

The virtual Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will take place on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered either as a new candidate or as a spectator and are reading this, you are too late. The deadline for both was October 24<sup>th</sup>. We do not as of yet have a date for the next Exemplification. It will most likely be in February of 2021, but we will keep you posted as soon as we know and what format is will be in. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and interested in participating in the next Exemplification, please let me know.

The Assembly continues to meet virtually due to the pandemic, but we are hoping to resume in person meetings on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. Face masks will be required, and social distancing requirements will be in place. If you feel comfortable attending, please do so. We are also looking at a ZOOM meeting setup as well for those who do not or cannot attend in person.

We have shuffled officers once again in the Assembly due to changes in work schedules and folks moving out of state. The new Faithful Comptroller is yours truly, so I guess that is not really new. The new Pilot is Frank Cermak. If not communicated earlier, the new Captain is Andy Voloch. I will publish a complete listing of officers in next month's Knight Life once everyone has stopped moving long enough for me to get them listed on the roster.

We hope everyone is staying safe and well during these difficult times. God bless you and your families and God bless the United States of America. Make sure to vote so that your voice is heard.



## Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brother,

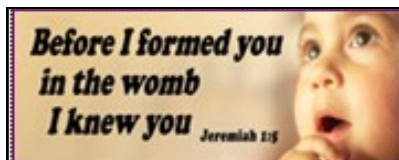
President Trump has yet again nominated a Pro Life Catholic to the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Amy Coney Barrett is a gift from God and her appointment will change the course of this nation for a very long time to come. Amy has stated clearly that life begins at conception. Amy Coney Barrett will uphold Gods law. Amy is well composed and has an absolutely brilliant mind. Amy is a great mother and faithful Catholic woman. Thank you, Mr. President for this Pro Life Supreme Court nominee. Pray for her swift appointment to the highest court in this land. Vote Set for 10-26-2020.

The election is a few weeks away. As Catholics we must vote for LIFE, there is no grey area here. The killing of unborn children in the sanctuary of their mother's womb by the very people gifted with and entrusted with the care of these precious lives cries out to heaven for vengeance. God created these children and we have NO RIGHT to kill them. A vote for a Pro Choice candidate is a vote to advance

the killing of babies and a vote for a Pro Life candidate is a vote to stop the genocide of abortion. Your vote matters and we will be held to account for our vote at judgment. A vote for a Pro

Choice candidate is a vote against God and what he has created and a vote for Pro Life is a vote for God and the protection of what he has created.

Below you will find Live Actions Endorsement of Amy Coney Barrett...



### Live Action Statement On The Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett Washington, D.C.

Today, President Donald J. Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court to fill the vacancy left by the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Live Action founder and president, **Lila Rose**, addressed the nomination saying:

“The Justices who have made history were those who had the courage to buck the status quo by defending the constitutional protections of the vulnerable and oppressed. We support the nomination and swift confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court.

“Our Declaration of Independence declares “all men are created equal,” and our Constitution ensures due process to protect the lives of all people. But we can think of key points in American history when America did not live up to her promise of protection and equal rights under the law, as evidenced by slavery, segregation, and restrictions on women's rights. But America's legacy comes from her ability to course-correct where she's not meeting the ideals of her founding documents. Like *Dred Scott*, *Plessy v. Ferguson*, and *Korematsu v. U.S.*, *Roe v. Wade* casts a dark shadow on America's justice system and must be redressed. The incoming Justice has the opportunity to be part of America's course-correction on abortion, helping to repair the damage done by RGB and her ideological counterparts. We are confident Amy will lend her legal qualifications to the work of justice — on *Roe v. Wade* and beyond.

“As the Senate now looks to the great responsibility of swiftly confirming a new justice, we the people must insist the Supreme Court uphold the principle of equal protection under the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment, which declares that no person shall be deprived of life without due process. For nearly 50 years, the Supreme Court has violated the U.S. Constitution to permit the lawless killing of 60 million children in the womb. Every day in our nation, 2,363 children with a beautiful future ahead are poisoned, dismembered, and suctioned to death by abortion. This is the greatest injustice of our day. It is time to fix what we've gotten wrong.”

In Christ, Jamie Hruza

## Grand Knight's Report

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Director positions:

- Family Director – (formerly held by Kevin Scanlan)
- Community Director – (formerly held by Bob Wyman)

If you are interested please let DGK Bob Kosin or myself know. These are important positions that are part of our Faith in Action program and its success.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Mary Queen of Knights, “Pray for Us”

God bless you all.

*Vivat Jesus,*  
*Mike Kebr*  
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[legofc@ifrl-pac.com](mailto:legofc@ifrl-pac.com)

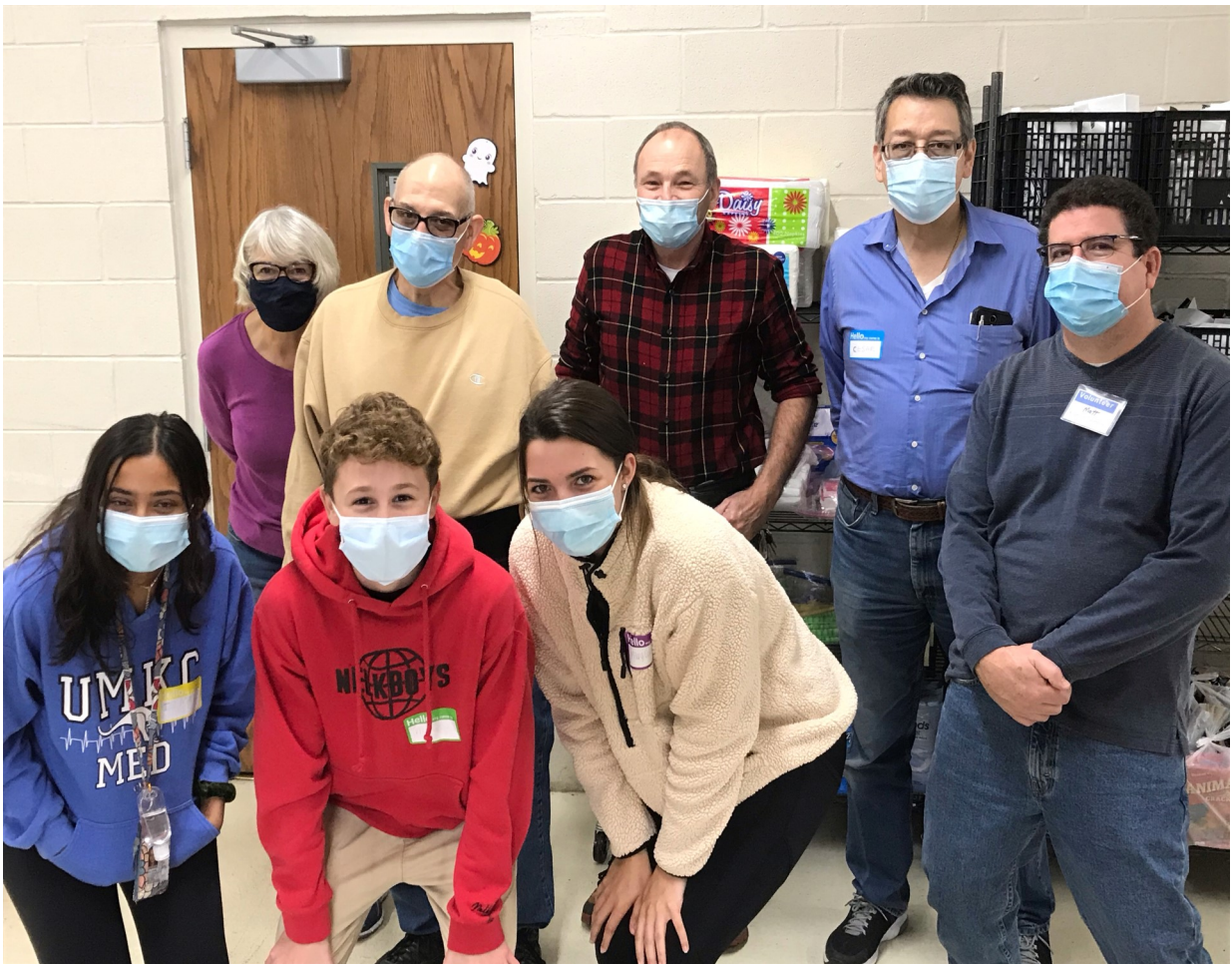
**McHenry County Right to Life:**  
[www.righttolife-mc.org](http://www.righttolife-mc.org)  
**McHenry County Right to Life PAC:**  
[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

2020 Memories



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★ **VOTES** ★

Knights from 3880 and District 155 students at Crystal Lake Food Pantry 10.3.20



## Good of the Order

### Knights' November Birthdays:

- Joshua Antongiovanni
- Francis Barciak
- Gary J. Di Renzo
- Phillip E. Dorsch
- Gerald C. Fraser
- Rick Kaup
- Cedric Koscielski
- Daniel J. Melko
- Steve A. Reed
- Eric J. Skaja
- James A. Surdrick
- Edwin G. Voss
- David A. Warren
- Martin Weniger
- Robert Wyman
- German G. Zambrano
- Gerald M. Zopp

### Wives' November Birthdays:

- Pamela Erickson
- Marie Habisohn
- Mary Hodorowicz
- Claudia Kendzior

### November Anniversaries:

- Michael and Erika Caliendo
- Tony and Diane De Pippo
- Paul J. and Marilyn Georgy
- Timothy J. and Karen Hicklin
- Dennis and Joyce Holm, Sr.
- Robert and Cheryl Newport
- Stephen J. and Debbie Starr

### Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your October Minutes

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: [THicklin@aol.com](mailto:THicklin@aol.com), Cell (815) 790-5191 or send a note to:  
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**Notice:** Please update your email addresses to receive the newsletter and email blasts!! Use the email address above.



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

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



## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—November 29, 2020 —9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2020 calendar year is Sunday May 21, 2020. Please plan on joining your Brother Knights for the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend and please wear your blue shirt. Past Grand Knights have this occasion to wear the white shirt. The lapel pin is a suitable alternative and know in your pocket is your Rosary. The entire right center section of pews as you face the altar is reserved for Father McCormick Council. Our Council banner will be posted at the altar and we will be pre-

senting the gifts in a Cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, the Council provides coffee and doughnuts in the community center after Mass. Servers always needed.

We have had a good turnout this year at the 5th Sunday Memorial Mass so please mark your calendar for December 29th to continue this event of note and prayer in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of our Council. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

## Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

### Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [11036A - Card Version](#)
- [11036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus





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St. Thomas the Apostle



### Council Calendar

| November 2020  | December 2020   | January 2021   |
|--|---|--|
| 1-2 All Saints and Al Soul<br>3 Business Meeting<br>Election Day<br>11/7 Food Pantry<br><b>11/15 Breakfast</b><br>11/17 Social Meeting<br>11/19 Food \Pantry Thursday<br>11/21 Christmas Tree Setup<br><b>11/26 Thanksgiving</b><br><b>11/27 Trees arrive &amp; sales</b><br>11/29 5th Sunday & P.A.D.S. | 12/1 Business Meeting<br>12/5 Food Pantry<br>12/8 Feast of the Immaculate<br>Conception of the Blessed Virgin<br>Mary<br>12/15 Social Meeting—Tree Sales<br>should end<br>12/17 Food Pantry Thursday<br>12/20 Breakfast with Santa<br>12/25 Christmas Holiday<br>12/27 PADS | 1/1 Mary, Mother of God /<br>New Years Day<br>1/5 Business Meeting<br>1/9 Food Pantry<br>Blood Drive<br>1/9 Polish Dinner<br>1/21 Food Pantry Thursday<br>1/17 Breakfast<br>1/19 Social Meeting<br>1/31 5th Sunday &<br>PADS |

### Prayer for the Beatification 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.

## KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis



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

