

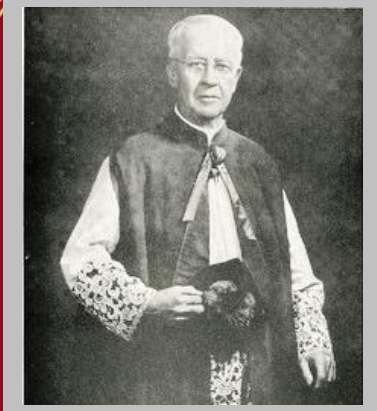


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 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY

PLACE: SSJP CHURCH
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/6/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: THURSDAY, 4/7/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 4/11/2022
 TIME: 7:30PM

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/4/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 5/9/2022
 TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

On April 17th, we as Catholics will celebrate The Resurrection of Jesus which symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. During this last week of Lent let us continue growing our faith through holy hours, daily mass, and most of all attending the Holy Week events leading up to Easter. May 15th, Our Good Friday Family Promotion during Good Friday Masses at the four church we serve will provide us and our families a chance to become closer to Christ and his teachings.

The third Exemplification ceremony of this Fraternal year on April 6th was presented at SS John and Paul Church by our degree team to several candidates throughout the state. Again, this council was successful adding two new members, Kevin Peloquin and Nicholas Whitaker. A delta church membership drive is scheduled for the weekend of May 21 & 22 at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church during all masses. Brothers, please volunteer after masses to greet parishioners and answer any of their questions about the organization. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of Catholic gentlemen that would be interested in becoming a member, please contact an officer or myself.

The KANDI Drive schedule for all four churches is set beginning May 14 & 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, May 21 & 22 at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St Vincent de Paul and June 4 & 5 at SS John and Paul. Volunteers are needed for all parishes after masses to support this fundraiser for people with disabilities.

The Slate of Officers for next year will be presented at the April membership meeting for discussion and changes if needed.

Join us Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of Zoom meetings is provided for members unable to attend in person meetings.

Thank you, brothers, for all the work you do. Please pray for peace in our country and throughout the world during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic. Carolyn and I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Easter!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!
 David Legault, Grand Knight

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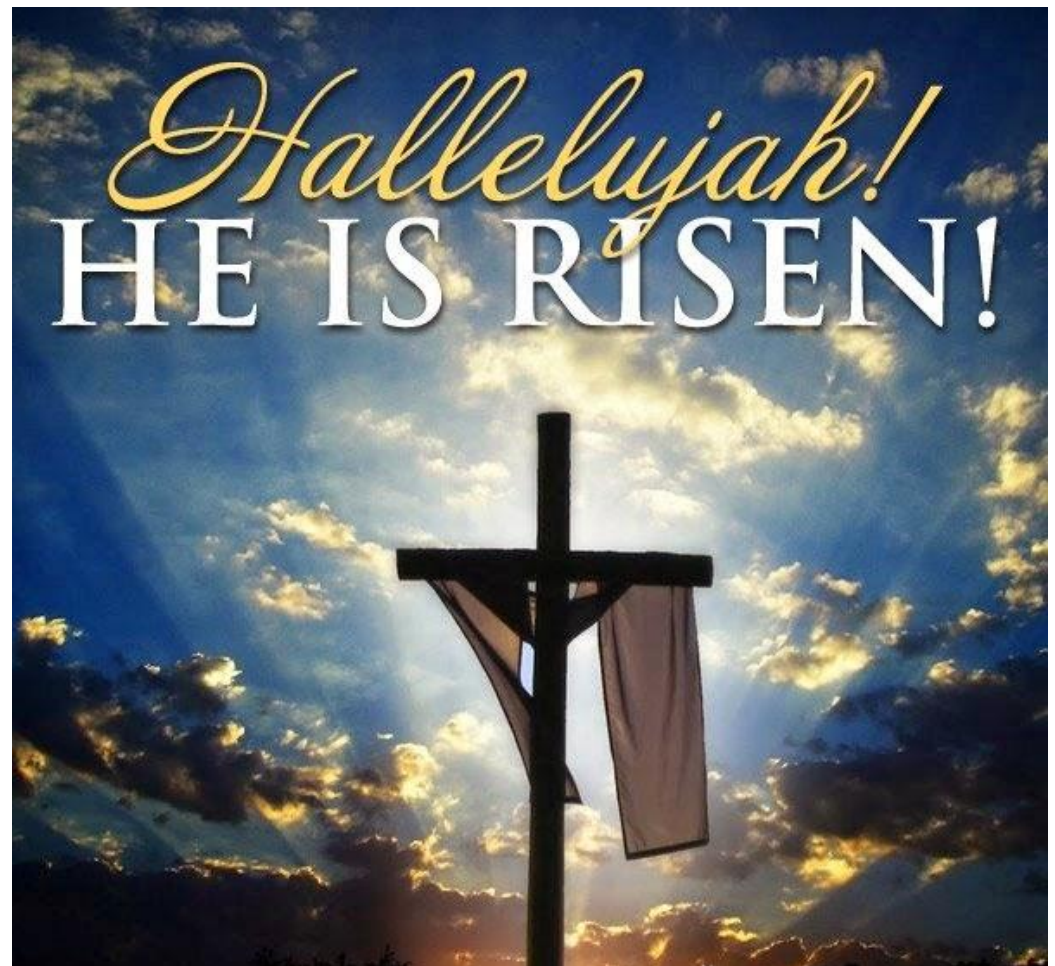
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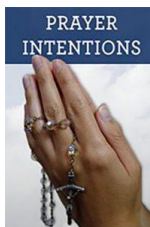


Chaplain's Corner

No column this month.



“Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” – John 11:25-26



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Our Seminarians Patrick Ryan and Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Keith Parent
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Eugene Rossetti (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Roberta Soucy
- Alice Kane
- Lori Bullock
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Eric Thatcher
- Savannah Brodeur
- John Dolan
- Wyatt Canfield
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

E. J. Robinson (56)	April 1
Shawn Corcoran (54)	April 1
Joseph Fleury (88)	April 3
Stelvio Cordeiro (89)	April 12
Richard Denningham, Jr. (67)	April 14
John Pizzo (55)	April 19
Robert Chartier (79)	April 20
Tom Rossi (56)	April 21
Bill Jakabek (69)	April 24
Alan Ogrodnik (77)	April 26
Keith Parent (64)	April 26
Rudy Cirelli (76)	April 28
Gerard Heroux (93)	April 30

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

The final Initiative that the Family Program is pursuing is the “Good Friday Family Promotion”. During Lent, it would be wonderful if all Blessing Council Brother Knights would participate in as many Parish activities as possible, including attending “Stations of the Cross”. Check your Parish Bulletins for details. Traditionally, the Knights of Columbus always prays for “Persecuted Christians,” so please consider saying that prayer, on the final page of this newsletter, during Lent on a daily basis. I’ve asked the Pastors of the four parishes we serve to recite this prayer at their individual Congregations at Good Friday Service.

Bill Jakabek
Family Director

“God raised up the Lord and He will raise us up too by his power.” – 1 Corinthians 6:14

FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22**FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler**

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians - COMPLETED
- Novena and for canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney - COMPLETED
- Maintenance of Domestic Church Kiosks - ONGOING
- Marian Prayer Breakfast/Living Rosary – COMPLETED
- Novena for Persecuted Christians - COMPLETED

FAMILY – Director, William Jakabek

- Food for Families - COMPLETED
- Consecration to the Holy Family - COMPLETED
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Lent 2022)
- Reinstitution of “Knight Out” - ONGOING

LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek

- Pregnancy Center Support - COMPLETED
- Silver Rose Prayer Service - COMPLETED
- Novena for Life - COMPLETED
- Planned Parenthood Protest/Rosary Prayers during 40 Days for Life campaign - COMPLETED

COMMUNITY – Director, John Pizzo

- Annual Car Show at SSJP - COMPLETED
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show - COMPLETED
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec) – COMPLETED
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek
Program/Life Director

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

April 2022



When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” (Gospel for April 10, Lk 22:14-16)

Every Palm Sunday, we hear the account of Christ's Passion. The story is quite familiar to us by now. Has it lost any of its impact for us from repetition? The Passion of Christ is not just a rote story we recall once a year, but a reality that lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. My brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to participate in the Stations of the Cross — alone or with your parish — to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Second, I challenge you to carry out the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes “glaze over” or lose focus when listening to the readings at Mass? What can you do to better prepare for Mass so that you reap more fully the spiritual benefits of hearing the word of God? What devotions — such as the Stations of the Cross or the rosary — can you take up to engage more deeply with the stories and events of our faith?

“He is not here, for He has risen, as He said He would. Come and see the place where He lay.” – Matthew 28:6

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

O God of all the nations,
 the One God who is and was and always will be,
 in your providence you willed that your Church
 be united to the suffering of your Son.
 Look with mercy on your servants
 who are persecuted for their faith in you.
 Grant them perseverance and courage
 to be worthy imitators of Christ.
 Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
 to work for peace among all peoples.
 May your Spirit open conversion
 for those who contradict your will,
 that we may live in harmony.
 Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
 and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain



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2022 KANDI DRIVE



Brothers, we will be conducting our first KANDI Drive since 2019. As we have previously, we will be conducting the drive at all four parishes that we serve directly after each of the Masses. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming KANDI Drive as follows:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel – Weekend of May 14-15
- St. Vincent de Paul/Our Lady of Czenstochowa – Weekend of May 21-22
- Saints John and Paul – Weekend of June 4-5

Our Pastors have given their permission to conduct our drive. We will need all the help we can get. Sign-up sheets for the OLCG Drive will be at the April membership meeting, and sign-up sheets for the other drives will be at the May membership meeting. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and benefits people with disabilities. Thank you!

THE PATRIOTIC (FOURTH) DEGREE



If you are interested in joining the Patriotic (Fourth) Degree of the Order or if you are currently a Sir Knight, Father Wallace Assembly #1055 is actively recruiting new members to join their Color Corps. Father Wallace Assembly will pay a substantial portion of the cost of new regalia/uniform. Please contact Faithful Navigator Paul Lemek at palemek@cox.net.



*“We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and will never die again. Death has no power over Him anymore.”
 – Romans 6:9*