

THE BLESSING WORD



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Knights of Columbus



Merry Christmas!

Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

November was a fantastic month! We all celebrated Thanksgiving, a celebration of our faith, families, loved ones, and all the blessings our Dear Savior has bestowed upon us. As a Council, we topped off the month with our annual "Italian Knight" Meatball and Pasta Dinner, which paid tribute to our beloved Brothers Mark and Henry Giolitti, who are dearly missed but

forever in our hearts. The event was a tremendous success, one that the Giolitti brothers would have been immensely proud of. A great time was had by all. A heartfelt thank you to all Brother Knights who contributed to the planning and execution of this event; you know who you are!

We have quickly cruised into December, which Andy Williams crooned "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." We eagerly anticipate celebrating our Faith, engaging in spiritual preparation during Advent, enjoying the joy of the Christmas Season, and most importantly, being part of the Miracle of Christmas Day. I encourage everyone to actively participate in all the Advent and Christmas activities offered by your respective Parish Churches. As a Council, we will have the chance to celebrate together with our families at three upcoming spiritual and seasonal events: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8th, a Christmas Brunch with our Council Chaplain Fr. Paul Lemoi on December 21st, and the Consecration to the Holy Family on December 28th. I will send detailed information about these events to all Council Members, along with reminder emails.

Regarding the Catholic Liturgical Calendar, December 2025 is marked by four Sundays of Advent, followed by the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord on December 25th and the Feast of the Holy Family on December 28th. Major celebrations include the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, Gaudete Sunday on December 14th, and Christmas Eve on December 24th, which leads into the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas to all!

Vivat Jesus!
William Jakabek – Grand Knight



Upcoming Events

Solemnity of the Immaculate Reception (in lieu of our December Membership Meeting)
Place: St. Vincent de Paul Church
Date: Monday, 12/8/2025
Time: 7:00 PM Mass with collation afterward
In lieu of December Membership Meeting

Christmas Brunch with Father Paul/OLGC
Place: Cranston Country Club
Date: Sunday, 12/21/2025
Time: 10:00 AM

Consecration to the Holy Family
Place: All Churches We Serve
Date: Weekend of 12/27-28/2025
Time: All Masses

January Officers Meeting
Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Wednesday, 1/7/2026
Time: 7:00 PM

January Membership Meeting
Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Monday, 1/12/2026
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting
Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conf. Room
Date: Every Last Thursday of the Month
Time: 6:30 PM

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Holy Hour
Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel
Date: Every Thursday
Time 1:00 - 2:00 PM

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Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

December is more than just a month that reminds us that winter will be soon upon us. We begin the season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year and a time to ready our minds and hearts for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We also celebrate many feast days during this month. On December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, God readied her from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb. On December 12th, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We as Knights remember this feast when we celebrate the Silver Rose ceremony.

The season of Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas, helps us to prepare our minds and hearts and souls to always be prepared for the coming of the Lord not only on Christmas but each day of our lives. It is a season of patience, hope and joy. Each week we are presented with people and circumstances that leads us up to the birth of Christ, Our Lord. on December 25th when the season of Christmas begins. We end December with more feasts, the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr of our faith, also the Feast of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist. On the Last Sunday of December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Advent helps us to remember that Christmas is more than just one day. Christ comes into our lives each day as we make our journey to our Father's Kingdom. May the blessing of the Christ Child and the Holy Family be upon you and your families during this season and the year ahead.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi, Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

December 2025 Challenge



“Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Gospel for Dec. 7, Mt 3:10)

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

Questions for Reflection:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?



GOD IS
GOOD, ALL
THE TIME

Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

Bishop Lewandowski

All Bishops and Priests

GK William Jakabek

PGK/PFN Herb Knott

PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III

PGK David Legault

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John Dolan

Joe McCarthy

Matthew Mahar

Robert Firth

Ellen Deck

Julia Sottnik

Karen Clark

Jessica Maynard

Anita Laporte

Diane Cayouette

April Moreno

Brad White

Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)

Jovantey (Just Prayers)

All US military personnel active and former

The Unborn



December Birthdays

Russell Maxwell (66)	December 6
Chester "Skip" Wendoloski (81)	December 7
John Cook (59)	December 15
Paul Trainor (62)	December 20
Daniel Tolentino (36)	December 20
David Simonelli (71)	December 22
Guy Lasorsa (63)	December 25
Robert Champagne (90)	December 28
Michael Botelho (71)	December 30
Father Robert Forcier (68)	December 30

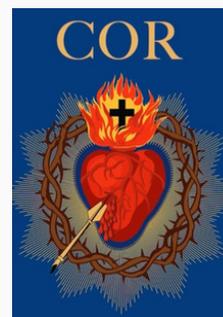
Annual Dues

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**KEEP
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AND
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DUES**

Notices will be going out in the mail for 2026 annual dues on December 15. Yearly dues are \$30 for regular members and \$10 for Honorary members. Of course, Honorary Life members and Brother Knights with disabilities are exempt. You may pay your dues by check or by PayPal to coventryknights@verizon.net. If you do utilize PayPal, please make the amount \$31 to cover the administrative charge PayPal charges organizations for transactions.

The Men of St. Joseph - Cor



Our council partners with the local chapter of The Men of St. Joseph for our Cor program. You are cordially invited to join us on the last Thursday each month starting at 6:30 PM at the SS John and Paul Rectory Conference Room. The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity, and this aligns nicely with the mission of The Men of St. Joseph.

Adoration at SSJP



Brothers, Saints John and Paul Church has an all-day Adoration every Thursday. Adoration will be held in the church. One of the requirements for having Adoration is that someone must be in Jesus' presence at all times. This is a great opportunity to spend time with Our Lord and make Adoration part of your spiritual journey.

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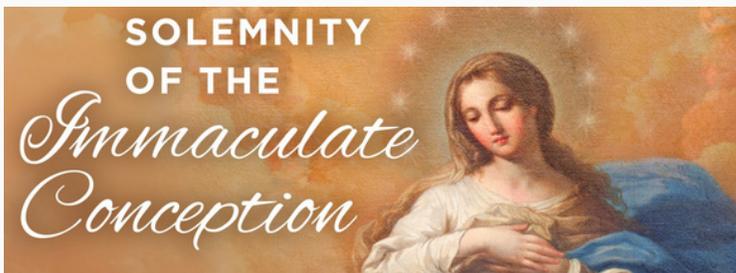
Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart Holy Hour



On Wednesday, November 12, our council hosted the Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart Holy Hour at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi led the prayer service with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Worthy GK Bill Jakabek and Worthy Recorder Johann Donall did the readings, and Faith Director Lucien Laporte assisted Father Paul as altar server. Thanks to Worthy State Faith Director Bruce Guindon for bringing the beautiful icon!

FAMILY

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



In lieu of our December Membership Meeting, our council will be attending 7 PM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Monday, December 8, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is, of course, a Holy Day of Obligation. Afterward, we will have a collation in the church hall. Please join us!

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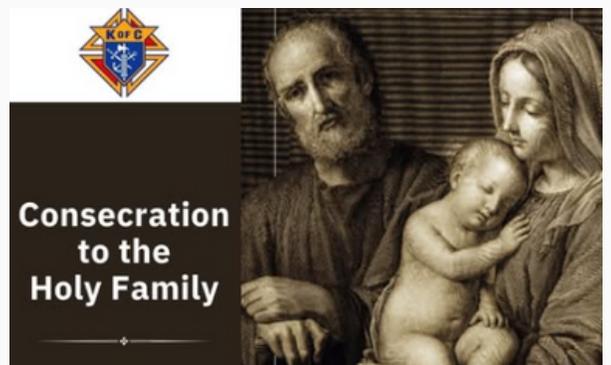
Veterans Memorial Park Cleanup



The Blessing Council Maintenance Crew composed of GK Bill Jakabek, DGK Richard Legault, Community Director John Pizzo, Jarek Lewkowski and FS Neil Fidler braved the drizzle and mist and got the Veterans Memorial Park in shipshape condition on the morning of Saturday, November 8, in time for Veterans Day! New flags were raised, leaves were raked and the grass mowed and trimmed! God bless our Veterans!

Consecration to the Holy Family

All Masses, Weekend of December 27-28



PILGRIM ICON SACRED HEART PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, November 12, 2025



WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

Saints John and Paul



Annual Blessing of the Outdoor Creche,
followed by

Christmas Sing Along with Fr. Woolley

Sunday, December 21 12:30pm in the Parish Hall

Hot Chocolate, Coffee and Pastries

Song Books Provided

All are welcomed to attend!

Children must be seated with parents during the Sing Along

The QR Code to the right is a link to Blessing Council's Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF). We use our KCCF to make our donations to worthy recipients. Please consider donating to our KCCF. Donations to our KCCF are tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration!

St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Czenstochowa

Unfortunately, the website for St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Czenstochowa is down at the moment, so I am not able to access their bulletin to obtain the goings on at those churches. Hopefully, the issue will be resolved before January.



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