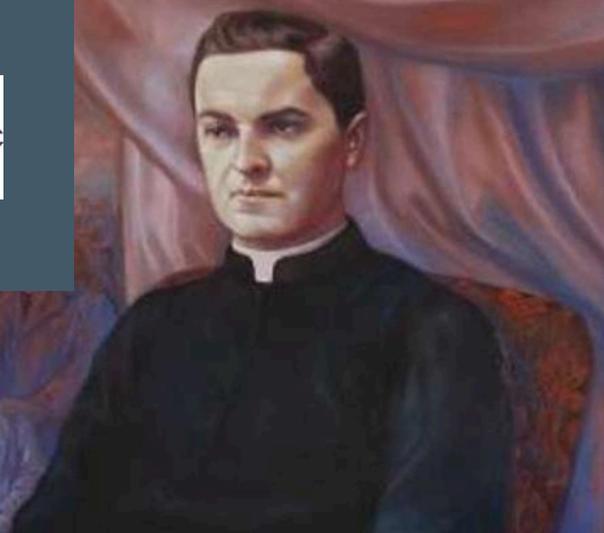


THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

It's February, and hopefully, the weather begins to change for the better although Punxatawney Phil just saw his shadow, which generally means six more weeks of winter weather. Regardless, our calendars continue to turn, Christmas and New Year's celebrations drift further into the rearview mirror, and the season of Lent is drawing near. Lent precedes Easter and is

a solemn period for all Christians centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There is no better time to reconnect with, and deepen one's faith, than during Lent. So during this time, do all you can to personally draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

As usual, February will be a busy time for our Council. Please review all of the upcoming events noted in this current Blessing Newsletter, and please seriously consider how you can personally get involved to help make all of these events and programs a success. The best way to explore ways to participate is to attend our next Membership Meeting which takes place on Monday evening, February 9th in Classroom #3 in the former OLC School. We kick off with a Council Collation between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM, and our Membership Meeting follows immediately afterwards.

Our current Lecturer, Edgar Brouillard, has informed me that he has decided to step down from this position effective immediately. He has been considering this move for a while and believes now is the time to do so. On behalf of the entire council, I want to sincerely thank Brother Edgar for all the wonderful topics he has presented to us all. We enjoyed them immensely, and will miss his topics, his style, and his wit. I have appointed Lucien Laporte as our new Lecturer, effective immediately. Lucien looks forward to talking to our council at the end of our monthly Membership Meetings, and as our main liaison with the Men of Saint Joseph, our Council's COR Initiative. He will share how this Ministry has inspired him, and can inspire all of us, in so many ways. I look forward to listening to his presentations.

Vivat Jesus!
William Jakabek
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

February Officers Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Wednesday, 2/4/2026
Time: 7:00 PM

RI State Tootsie Roll Drive Kickoff Dinner

Place: OLC School Gymnasium
Date: Friday, 2/6/2026
Time: 6:30 PM

February Membership Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Monday, 2/9/2026
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

February "Knight Out"

Place: Lake Taco, 446 Tiogue Ave., Coventry
Date: Monday, 2/23/2026

March Officers Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Wednesday, 3/4/2026
Time: 7:00 PM

March Membership Meeting

Place: Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Room 3
Date: Monday, 3/9/2026
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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222 MACARTHUR BLVD., COVENTRY



Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

In the midst of winter, we will begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The season of Lent has three basic elements: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Strive to attend daily Mass if possible, read Sacred Scriptures each day, continue to pray the Rosary daily for the dignity of human life.

Fasting does not always mean giving up your favorite foods it can mean fasting to use your time more wisely this can lead you into acts of Almsgiving. Giving of your time and talents to help others. Be more attentive to elderly neighbors checking in on them, making sure they are alright.

Lent also involves more parish activities, Stations of the Cross, parish adult education programs, other evenings of prayer. What you get out of the season of Lent depends on what you are willing to put into it. Just don't let Lent pass you by.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi, Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

February 2026 Challenge

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me" (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, "Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God's truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church's teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis) as resources.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are being respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?



MONTH OF THE
HOLY FAMILY

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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Brother Len Denomme

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Mary Lawlor

Michel Brouillard

Eric Thatcher

Charles Gemmell

John Dolan

Joe McCarthy

Matthew Mahar

Doreen Jakabek-Wittig

Robert Firth

Ellen Deck

Julia Sottnik

Karen Clark

Jessica Maynard

Anita Laporte

Diane Cayouette

April Moreno

Jeff Holme

Brad White

Hallie Sorenson and Family

Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)

Jovantey (Just Prayers)

All US military personnel active and former
SSJP Church receives a good and Holy Senior Priest
The Unborn



February Birthdays

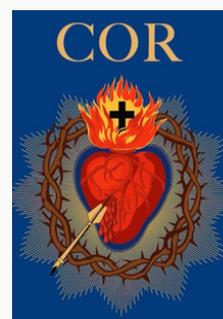
Victor Moffitt (76)	February 2
Jerry McEvoy (75)	February 3
John Folloni (93)	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli (75)	February 6
David Florio (70)	February 6
Robert Kenahan (91)	February 8
Jude Niemi (21)	February 11
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis (54)	February 14
Timothy Laiter (55)	February 23
John Daneau (56)	February 24
Father Paul Lemoi (76)	February 25
Brian Lawlor (75)	February 26

Annual Dues



Thanks to all Brother Knights who have paid their annual dues for 2026! Second notices will be mailed out for those Brother Knights who haven't paid their dues yet. Also, please be advised that if you intend to pay your annual dues via PayPal to add \$1 to the amount to cover the administrative charges PayPal charges the council for each transaction. Lastly, if you are using PayPal, please use the email address coventryknights@verizon.net. Thank you!

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.

STAR COUNCIL 2024-2025



This seems like an annual event, but once again, Blessing Council achieved Star Council, this time for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year. Here's our Worthy District Deputy Joe Burns presenting the Star Council plaque to our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Jakabek during the January Membership Meeting. Well done to all Blessing Council Brother Knights!!!

Tootsie Roll Drive

Brother Knights, Our Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities is coming in March (see schedule below). Please respond to John Murray at jmurray3477@gmail.com or text (401) 447-9581 to indicate your availability.

SS John and Paul — 6 Knights for each Mass

Saturday March 14 5:00 PM
Sunday March 15 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

St. Vincent de Paul — 2 Knights for each Mass

Saturday March 21 5:00 PM
Sunday March 22 9:15 AM

Our Lady of Czenstochowa— 4 Knights for each Mass

Saturday March 21 4:00 PM
Sunday March 22 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

PATRIOTIC DEGREE

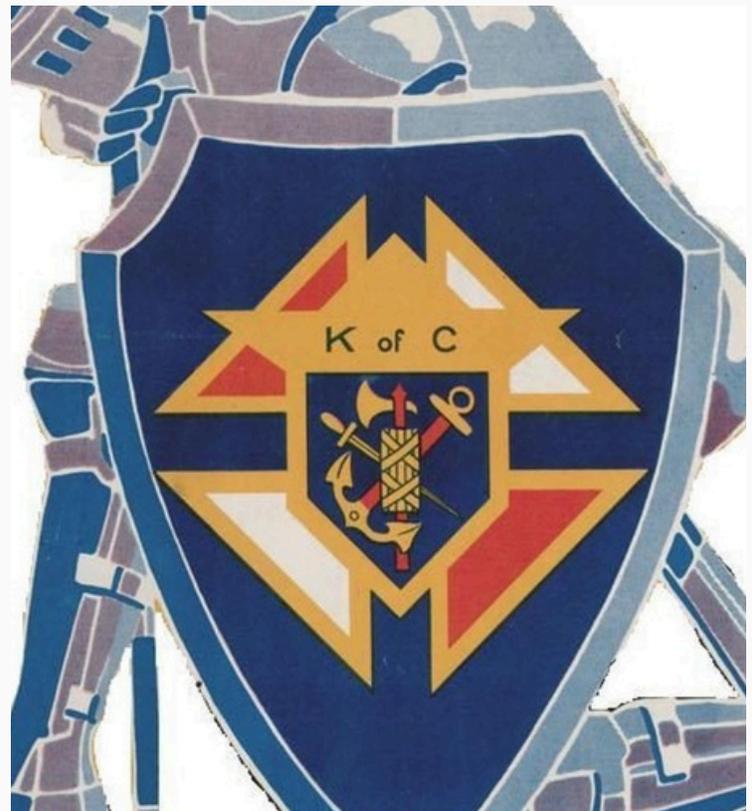


Upcoming Exemplification

Brother Knights eligible for the Patriotic Degree are encouraged to begin planning now for the next Exemplification:

- Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 1:00 PM
- Providence College – St. Dominic Chapel
- Buffet to follow at Dillon Council, North Providence

Registration deadline for candidates and guests is January 31, 2026. Additional details are available here on the State Council website in the State Events section.



FAITH IN ACTION



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Raffle Ticket Sales



Blessing Council will once again conduct a raffle ticket drive to fund our Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to support Seminarians and Postulants. Tickets are available if you wish to see some. We have obtained permission from Father Woolley and Father Jacek to see raffle tickets after all the Masses on the following weekends:

Saints John and Paul

February 14-15

Our Lady of Czenstochowa/St. Vincent de Paul

February 21-22

We will need help from Brother Knights to sell raffle tickets, and there will be sign-up sheets at the February Membership Meeting. Please consider helping us out with this very worthy cause!

COMMUNITY

Funny4Funds Comedy Night

SSJP PARISH CENTER
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026



Our Funny4Funds Comedy Night, with our friends from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will take place on Friday, April 10, at 7 PM at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and funds our Coats for Kids program so please mark your calendars and come out and support a great cause while having a really great laugh!

Tickets at \$20 per person can be purchased online here:

<https://www.funny4funds.com/events/svdp-society-blessing-council-coats-for-kids-fundraiser/1740>

Donations and sponsorships can also be purchased at the same link.

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February “Knight Out” at Lake Taco



When: Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:30 PM
Where: Lake Taco Restaurant located at 446 Tiogue Ave. (Rt. 3), Coventry, RI - (401) 205-8226

Spouses, family members, and friends are all welcome to attend. We will all be seated together, have separate checks, and have full access to all menu choices.

Reservation: The restaurant requires a head count, so please RSVP back to WGK Bill Jakabek (401-269-9811 or biljak53@gmail.com) no later than 5 PM on Friday afternoon, February 20, 2026.

Come on!!! Join your Council Brother Knights and families and have a fun time, while enjoying good food, drink, and comradery

LIFE

Pro-Life Novena



Thanks to all Brother Knights and family members who took part in the 9 Days for Life Novena!

Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God’s humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God’s most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.



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For more information, please contact

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CHURCHES

Saints John and Paul

**2026 FJVD Auction
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Fr. Woolley's 7th Annual FJVD Auction Promo Video is now on our Parish Website, as well as on our Parish and School's Facebook and Instagram Pages! Be sure to check it out to find out this year's Auction Theme and lot's more info on our School Auction!

St. Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Czenstochowa

Confirmation News!

February Classes: 1st, 8th, & 22nd

This years confirmation ceremony will take place on March 8, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence. The celebrant will be Bishop Bruce Lewandowski.



Frozen golombki, pierogi and apple pies are available for sale during office hours at the Parish House. Golombki are \$18 for half dozen, pierogi are \$24 a dozen, apple pies \$15 each.

Catholic
Charity
Appeal



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2026 Catholic Charity Appeal Begins

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