



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 7909, Olathe, KS

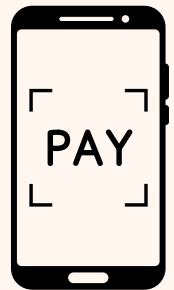
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Recorder: OPEN  
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## Council Operations

Summer will be ending in a bit. So, that means we will be getting ready for a busy Fall season. Mark you calendars for the August meeting. Hope to see you there.

**Monday, August 18th.**  
**The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.**  
**(Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Cry room).**



**Don't forget that your dues is now due. You can pay this on our web site ([KofC7909.org](http://KofC7909.org)). Simply click on "DUES" on the main menu bar.**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP  
TOTAL: 379 MEMBERS



*Brother Knights,*

## *Prayerful Focus & Clarity Beyond Information*

*In today's world, we are often tempted to substitute true awareness with information—confusing knowing about something with deeply understanding it.*

*In every corner of modern life, we are surrounded by information—facts, opinions, data—all vying for our focus. But information alone is not wisdom. It gives a false sense of certainty without the depth of true understanding. What actually opens doors in this universe is the faithful precision of our attention. Attention isn't about latching onto what feels important in the moment. True attention is like a light—not aimed, but simply turned on. What you see will be what is there, not just what your mind interprets or what others project. And to turn on that light, we start with prayer.*

*Prayer isn't just a spiritual discipline—it's our grounding force. It brings the scattered pieces of our awareness back into alignment, allowing us to focus not just with intention, but with holy presence. It helps quiet the noise, so we can perceive life clearly and respond wisely.*

*Through prayerful focus, we begin to handle life not with impulse or distraction, but with discernment and grace. When the world tries to flood our senses and distort our vision, this kind of intentional attention becomes our shelter and guide.*

*Alex Montgomery-Soares*  
**Grand Knight**

# ***Directors Corner***

## *Family Director - John Williams*

The Family Director is a Brother Knight who incorporates the families of the Knights into the activities that we do. This will allow all of the families to see the good work that the Knights are doing, and promote brotherhood and camaraderie of the council . The family director also suggest who would be a Knight of the month for the council to vote on, and presents all Knights of the Months to the council to vote for Knight of the year.

# Recognition

## Key Dates

### August

8/5 – Officer Planning Meeting  
8/18 – Membership Meeting  
8/30 – Street Cleanup

### September

9/2 – Officer Planning Meeting  
9/4-6 – Old Settlers  
9/14 – Sunday Donuts  
9/15 – Membership  
9/?? – Shalom House Dinner  
9/21 – Corporate Communion,  
Sunday Donuts  
9/27 – Catholic Man Night

### October

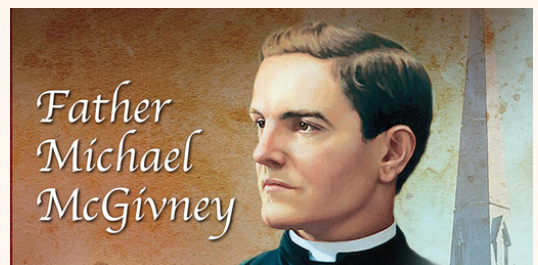
10/7 – Officer Planning Meeting  
10/12 – Sunday Donuts  
10/19 – Sunday Donuts  
10/20 – Membership Meeting

July

**Knight of The Month**  
*Bob Davis*

**Family of The Month**  
*Tim Walker Family*

## Three Days of Devotions



Wednesday, August 13, is the feast day (memorial) of Blessed Michael McGivney. It is formally celebrated within the Archdiocese of Hartford, where Father McGivney lived, served and died, and can also be celebrated elsewhere with the permission of the diocesan bishop.

Knights of Columbus councils are urged to request a Votive Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney on that day by approaching their pastor or council chaplain.

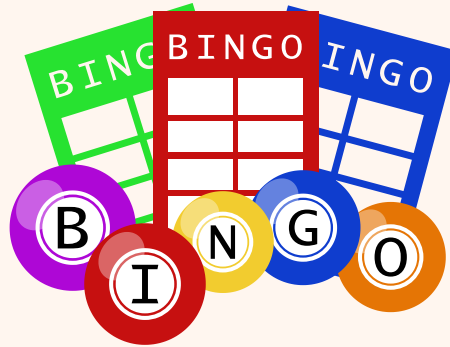
The feast day is the center of a three-day devotion that marks Father McGivney's birthday (August 12, 1852) and the day of his death (August 14, 1890). Thus, we can celebrate a McGivney "triduum," and you may want to pray a novena to Father McGivney, from August 6-14.

Bring your heartfelt petitions to Blessed Michael and ask for his powerful intercession before God.

# Activity Updates

## Christmas In July

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the council held the annual Christmas Party for the Friends of St. Anthony group. We served a nice meal, then provided a rousing Bingo Game with \$150.00 in prizes for the participants.



Volunteers for Christmas in July were:

Tom Keegan  
Henry Marsh  
Oscar Horn  
Mark Brinkman  
John Grueden  
Jon Thielen  
Alex Montgomery-Soares



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# Activity Updates

## Shalom House Dinner

A band of our brother Knights put on another great dinner for the residents of Shalom House on July 24th. They prepared and served a dinner of pulled pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, potato salad, and Jello cake to about 25 individuals.



LtoR: Tom Farmer,  
Andy Boehm,  
John Guerdan,  
Oscar Horn

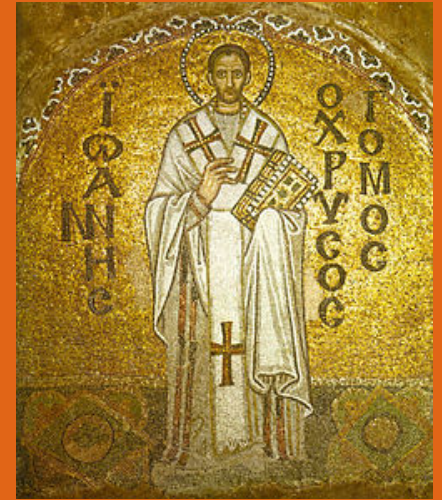
## Uplift

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the crew consisting of Mark Brinkman, Henry Marsh, Tim Karnopp, and Mark Mueller donated their time to the Uplift organization's efforts to help the homeless.



## Catholic Facts

Church Fathers



John Chrysostom (347 – 407)

John Chrysostom was an important Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople. He is honored as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches, as well as in some others. The Eastern Orthodox, together with the Byzantine Catholics, hold him in special regard as one of the Three Holy Hierarchs (alongside Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus). \*

## Spiritual Quotes



• Wikipedia

# Activity Updates

## **Totus Tuus**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, our Faith Director provided his talents to this year's Totus Tuus program.**



**LtoR: Oliver Goff, Dominic Goff, Gabriel Goff, Tom Keegan, John Winter and Max Winter. Gabriel and John were 5th grade participants, all the rest were volunteers to help classes ranging from 1st to 6th grades.**

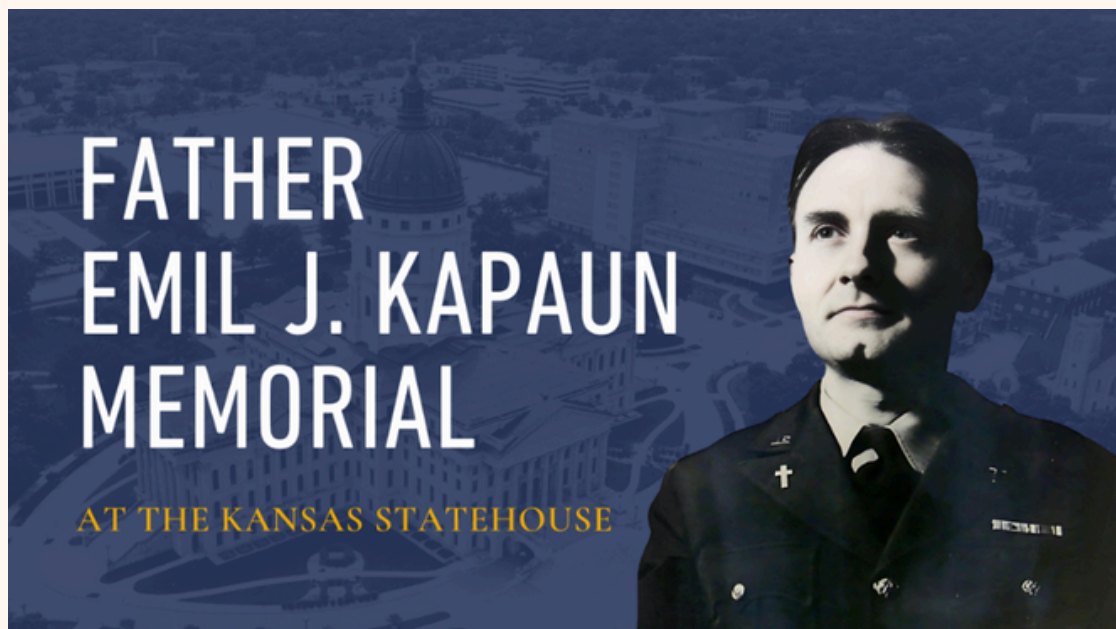
## **Supporting Another Council**

**Our Treasurer (Rob Ragusin) went to Spirit Lake IA, to participate in the RAGBRAI. It is a bicycle ride across IA. Knights from the Spirit Lake, IA council had a food booth on the route. This council was serving some really good burgers (you get good beef in IA according to Rob.)**





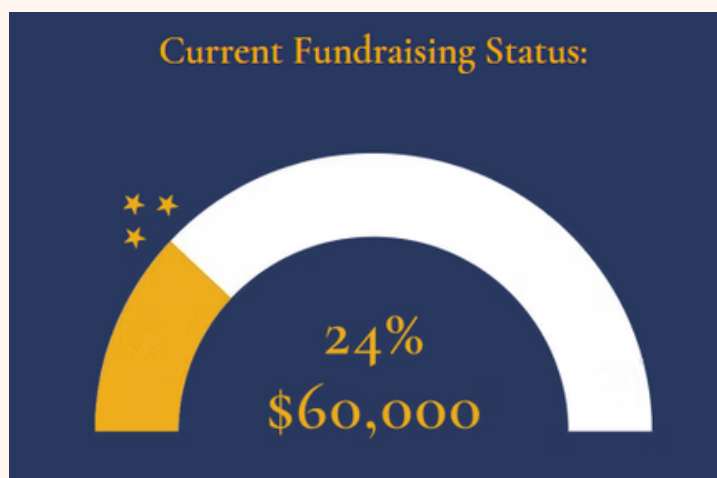
# ***Special Kansas Memorial***



## **A MEMORIAL AT THE HEART OF OUR STATE**

**An exemplary model of the courageous and persevering spirit of Kansans, the Kansas legislature passed a law authorizing a privately-funded memorial statue to honor Father Kapaun at the heart of our great State, ensuring that his legacy lives on for generations to come.**

[www.kapaunmemorial.com](http://www.kapaunmemorial.com)



**You can help honor a great Kansan!  
Your contribution will make the memorial project possible.**

[\\*www.aleteia.org](http://www.aleteia.org)



# ***Upcoming Activities & Events***

## **Quiet Time**



**Believe it or not,  
there is only 1  
council activity for  
this month.**

## **Street Cleanup**



**August 30th**

**St. Philippine  
Duchesne  
Assembly 2260**



**The Business meeting  
will be held on August  
11th, 7:15 PM.  
(Meeting location will be  
at St. John Paul II.)**

# Supreme Tidbits

## Pope Leo Meets with Supreme Knight, Supreme Chaplain



In July, Pope Leo XIV received Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican. The July 4 audience was the first meeting of the U.S.-born pope with the leader of the Knights of Columbus and the chief shepherd of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which in 1789 became the first diocese in the United States.

During their visit, the supreme knight and supreme chaplain pledged the Order's loyalty to Pope Leo and promised ongoing prayers and support for his pontificate. They also provided the Holy Father with an overview of the Knights of Columbus, highlighting the Order's charitable activity and men's faith formation programs.

**FYI**

## CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

*Men Meeting Jesus*

**SEPTEMBER 27 | 6-9:30PM**

*Parish Hall*



**RSVP**

**\$20 DONATION  
AT THE EVENT  
WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED!**

Hey guys, looking for a meaningful night out? Join the men of our Parish for CatholicManNight! We're diving into who Jesus is through solid Catholic teaching geared specifically for today's man. Expect prayer, reflection, great food, and awesome fellowship with other guys from the parish. Our first event is all about the awesomeness of Jesus Christ - you won't want to miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect with others.

Featuring Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Currie Myers, a former agnostic with a distinguished 24-year law enforcement career, shares his powerful conversion to the Catholic Faith. Through divine patience, unexpected graces, and profound hospitality, he was led home, his doubt transformed by God's persistent call.



## August Birthdays

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Richard Michalski  | 1  |
| Paul Oberrieder    | 1  |
| Gregory Hammes     | 2  |
| Anthony Ganss      | 3  |
| Terry Walling      | 3  |
| Jason Davis        | 4  |
| Michael Fessler    | 4  |
| Joseph Voda        | 4  |
| Robert Couch       | 5  |
| Jim Wright         | 5  |
| Martin Boos        | 6  |
| Shawn Merideth     | 6  |
| Grant Neuer        | 6  |
| Daniel Lenzen      | 7  |
| Ysidro Negrete     | 8  |
| Kadin Stratton     | 8  |
| Kenneth Brown      | 10 |
| Thomas Keegan      | 11 |
| William Adams      | 12 |
| Donald Hartley     | 12 |
| David Sandberg     | 12 |
| Alan Santa         | 14 |
| Richard Newallis   | 17 |
| Leon Suprenant     | 17 |
| Christopher Porter | 18 |
| Bradley Crosby     | 19 |
| Joseph Quilty      | 19 |
| Bradlin Ellis      | 22 |
| John Thomas        | 22 |
| Jan Cummins        | 23 |
| Clair Henderson    | 23 |
| John Kimmi         | 23 |
| Gregory Gangel     | 25 |
| James Gardner      | 25 |
| Ben Storey         | 25 |
| Jerod Eller        | 30 |

# August

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2025

| Sunday   | Monday                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                    | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                                                                                    |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                            |           |          | 1      | 2                                                                                                           |
| 5        | 4                                                                                                             | 5<br><br>Officers Meeting | 6         | 7        | 8      | 9                                                                                                           |
| 10       | 11                                                                                                            | 12                                                                                                         | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16                                                                                                          |
| 17       | 18<br><br>Membership Meeting | 19                                                                                                         | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23                                                                                                          |
| 24<br>51 | 25                                                                                                            | 26                                                                                                         | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30<br><br>Street Cleanup |

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