

Knights of Columbus Council 8669



G O O D S H E P H E R D P A R I S H

CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR 2025

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Celebrating Jubilee Year 2025
- Cor Program
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- Knight's Fish Fry

In 1470, Pope Paul II issued a Papal Bull setting the celebration of ordinary jubilee years at every 25 years beginning in 1475 and continuing to the present day, with particular focus on the faithful going on pilgrimage to Rome to pray at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul, with more-modern traditions expanding to include the opening of Holy Doors as well as celebrations in local dioceses throughout the world. Pope Francis proclaimed that the Ordinary Jubilee



Year 2025 will commence on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and conclude on January 6, 2026. In proclaiming this Jubilee Year, the Holy Father asks the faithful to reflect especially on the need for hope, saying, "We need

to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence." The yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

The Knights of Columbus and our families welcome with joyous anticipation the Jubilee Year 2025 and commit ourselves to a year of forgiveness and renewed faith; and that through our many charitable and faith-filled programs, Knights of Columbus will respond to the call of Pope Francis to bring hope to

those communities most in need of our witness through which, we pray, they will see the face of Christ.

Center photo: Pope Francis meets with Supreme Grand Knight Patrick E. Kelley on December 20, 2024.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Make plans with family, friends and fellow Parishioners to have dinner with us at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Every Friday at the Knight's Hall from 4pm-7pm. Dine In or Take out.

Atlantic Cod, Fantail Shrimp or Chicken Tenders, roll, and slaw. \$13.00 per dinner.

**Support our Knights!
Support our Parish!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family

men of service. This year, on Jan 13, sixteen local boys and girls participated in the free throw contest. Each boy and girl winner in their age bracket will

go on to compete in Brighton, MI for the Regional contest. **Chet Ptasnik has been running our Council's project for 32 years!** We were joined by Tom

Bigelow, Don Pollard, Warren Edwards, Greg Deloney, Doug Powell, Patrick Bisson, Jr and Ladies Rita Powell, Theresa Pollard & Sandy Bisson. Thank you!



District Deputy Don Pollard and Grand Knight Patrick Bisson Jr with District participants.

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

COR PROGRAM BUILDING FAITH

The mission of COR is to re-focus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen

their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.

The World needs courageous men to Witness to our Lord Jesus Christ!



Our next COR Program is January 22, 6:30pm in the Knight's Hall, and again on February 5. All men of the Parish are welcome to come and enjoy growing in their spiritual walk with others. We always have snacks and refreshments! Invite a friend or family member. We look forward to seeing you!

GIFT OF KNIGHT'S MEMBERSHIP

The "Gift of Knighthood" cards can be given to prospective members as a way of saying, Come join us and put your Faith into action! Please give the cards or the QR Promo code to your Catholic friends and family so that they can have the gift of Knighthood!

My Christmas Gift for a Man Like You
A Catholic Man of Faith

A Gift of membership in an organization that supports your faith and beliefs where you can put your faith into action.



Join Now for FREE
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY




**M E S S A G E F R O M G R A N D K N I G H T P A T R I C K
B I S S O N , J R .**

The Jubilee Year of 2025 is dedicated to hope! As Knights of Columbus, we are soldiers in the Catholic church's proclamation to bring hope to our families, our Parish, our community our Nation. Our first principle is charity, which is the key to hope. Our charitable works and offerings and the services we render open the doors of hope every day.

Hope is an optimistic feeling of expectation for a positive outcome even when, during these troubled times, it is uncertain. We, as Knights, are role models that set the stand-

ard and inspire and encourage countless others through our words and our actions. Hope is both an emotion and a way of thinking and it can help us and the people we influence, to stay motivated and positive during even the most difficult of times. While our faith keeps us grounded, it is with hope that we look to the future. Inspiring hope is a virtue! As Catholic gentlemen, invest in our proclamation of hope and open your hearts to being a good steward of our mission. While remaining positive, we know that amid life's joys, we are not spared illness, hardship or denial. Yet we continue to hope and yearn for something greater and to remain positive. We

help those around us with encouraging words and actions to provide hope and continue to open doors for others. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, rely on your faith as the foundation of strength in your goal to convey hope to those around you, to encourage those in despair, to uplift those in need and equally as important, keep yourself inspired knowing God is at your side.

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' **Romans 15:13**



**M E S S A G E F R O M F A I T H D I R E C T O R
T O D D O S T R O W S K I**

Never Quit On Your Faith

Quitter's Day is the second Friday of the New Year. This day is for all those life-changing New Year resolutions that get dismissed before they were even attempted. The same can be said

for some of us regarding sincere faith. We often make obtainable goals about increasing our faith, and then

life occurs. Sometimes, these life occurrences can lead to discouragement, and our faith begins to fade. However, through perseverance, our faith will endure all trials.

The theme of Chapter 1 of St. Paul's letter to James is perseverance in trial, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance (James 1:2). It is not God that

tests us but rather circumstances. Before we allow our circumstances to control whether or not we quit our faithfulness and ignore our trust in God's generosity, we should remind ourselves of His promise that He made through the cross. The cross was a circumstance that epitomized the concept that through faith, we can persevere over

anything that will tempt us to quit.

Remain steadfast in your desire, and pray for God's providence in your life circumstances to increase your faith.

Vivat Jesus and God bless you, my Fellow Brothers in Christ. In His service,
Todd

**M E S S A G E F R O M M E M B E R S H I P
D I R E C T O R D O U G P O W E L L**

Worthy Brother Knights, as this blessed Christmas season closes and the New Year begins with the Baptism of Jesus; our hearts and prayers go out to all the people under duress and disaster within the country and throughout the world. As we look forward to the coming year, all members should

make an effort to meet and get to know prospective candidates and their families. Ideally, ushers can break the ice at the vestibule with a warm greeting and introducing themselves to new visitors. Followed by a sincere invitation to after Mass activities in the Family Life Center and follow up

conversations with other Knights and their families. Let's not forget to engage our Fellow Knights that need to be reminded that they are not alone nor forgotten, either because of physical limitations or work and family obligations.

We need to be inclusive and

have Knights participate in our activities whether they just show up for moral support or actively work a charity. If they need a ride or an arm lets be there for them! Fraternity is our third precept, but an important one!

Vivat Jesus!

Doug



Tempus Fugit. Memento
Mori


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Family Director: Bill Stroup
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**P R A Y E R F O R T H E C A N O N I Z A T I O N O F
B L E S S E D F A T H E R M C G I V N E Y**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Father McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to 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 Blessed Father McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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**Blessed Father
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