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And Holy Family Assembly 3281



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WORDS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to lead with integrity, protect with courage, and serve with humility. Our strength lies not only in our convictions but in how we care for others and lift them up. In times of hardship or uncertainty, it is our response grounded in faith and compassion that reveals the true depth of our character and belief.

Let us hold tight to the wisdom of Scripture: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters” (Colossians 3:23).

These words remind us to serve with purpose, not for recognition, but out of genuine love and devotion, May our action always reflect our faith and our hearts remain committed to doing good in God’s name.

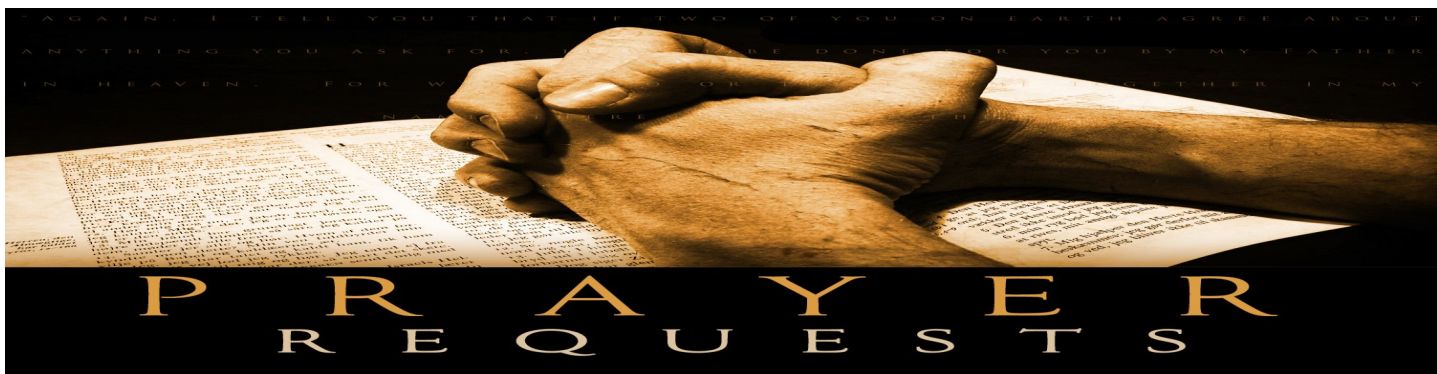
Christopher Smythe Grand Knight

Congratulations to Brother Don and Jean Smith our Family of the Month for June.

Congratulations to our two newest Brother Knights; Brother Arlie Koenenn and Brother Eric Valles. These Brothers received there Degrees on Sunday July 27th after the 8:30am Mass. Thanks to our Degree Team, Greg Niolet, Tony Diaz del Valle, Stuart Farr, Elvis Gates, Rodney Keel, and Grand Knight Chris Smythe, you’ll did a great job.

Brothers please know that August 12th is the Birthday of Venerable Michael J. McGivney our Founder. Msgr. Leech Council 4472 will be hosting a Mass at St. Paul’s Chapel to celebrate Fr. McGivney’s Birthday. The Mass will begin at 7:00pm. All Brother Knights should may every effort to celebrate this Mass. Let’s have a big showing to Honor Father Michael McGivney.

Msgr. Leech Council 4472 will be hosting the Silver Rose again this year. The date has not been confirmed yet but we know it will be in the latter part of October. Again this year Bishop Kihneman has stated he would like to celebrate the Mass with us. Hopefully we will have a date by August 15th.



Brother John Hayden, Brother Lee Ayuso, Leota Ayuso, Mary Anne Becnel, Brother Charles Erickson, Anne Erickson, Brother Roy Gamez, Betty Gamez, Brother Keefe Hecker, Brother Rod Malburg, Brother Michael Bishop, Rev. Truong Trinh, Brother Gerald Favre, Brother Henry Stiller, Repose of the Soul of David Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chaplet of Devine Mercy will be prayed on Friday August 1st and Friday August 15th at the Chapel of St. Paul. The service will begin at 3pm. Please plan on attending.

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will host its August meeting on Tuesday August 5th. Rosary at 6:15pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

Holy Family Assembly 3281 will meet on Tuesday August 5th immediately after the 3rd Degree meeting. All Sir Knights are asked to attend.

Sunday August 10th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Monthly Corporate Communion at the 8:30am Mass, We will have a prayer at the Monument to the Unborn at 8:10am. We will serving coffee and donuts after Mass.

Father Michael McGivney's Birthday is Tuesday August 12th. Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will Celebrate Father McGivney's Birthday and Feast Day at Mass at St. Paul's Chapel at 7pm. All Brother Knights are asked to attend this important Mass.

Friday August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, please attend Mass.

Sunday August 31st is the Fifth Sunday in August. Msgr. Leech Council 4472 will be leading the parish with the 5th Sunday Rosary immediately after the 8:30am Mass. Please plan on attending.



Brothers attending our July 27th Exemplification

L to R Elvis Gates, Stuart Farr, Barry Neyrey, Jeremy Davis, Grand Knight Christopher Smythe, New Member Eric Valles, Rodney Keel, Greg Niolet, Tony Diaz del Valle, New Member Arlie Koenenn, Jack Miller and Patrick Burke.



Holy Family Assembly 3281

Attention- Attention- Attention

Our August meeting will be held immediately after the 3rd Degree meeting on Tuesday August 5th not at 5:00pm as was earlier reported. Please note this change. All Sir Knights are asked to attend this important meeting.

Faithful Navigator Greg has stated that we will continue with the Fourth Degree Socials.

At our meeting Faithful Navigator Greg Federico will discuss an idea to incorporate a Sir Knight Adoration hour on the first Monday of every month. During this hour of prayer we will also have four Sir Knights dressing out to stand as Honor Guard for the adoration. More on this at our meeting.

Thanks to Sir Knight Binh Nguyen, who served in the Honor Guard at the exemplification at Sacred Heart in DiBerville. Great job Binh.

Sir Knights, our Annual Audit of our Assembly has been conducted and filed with Supreme and the State Council. Also our Chairman were selected and reported to Supreme and the State Council. A report will be given at our August Meeting.

Holy Family Assembly 3281 still needs to have its Officers Installed. We are waiting on the Faithful Navigator to get with Grand Knight Smithe and pick a date. Once a date is selected we will set up Installation of Msgr. Leech Council 4472 and Holy Family Assembly 3281. Stay tuned for the Date.

These are Brother Knights who we need to ask to join Assembly 3281. Richard Allard, Joseph Church, Jeremy Davis, Donald DeMetz, Stuart Farr, Darrell Favre, Barry Neyrey, Philip Stevens. Sir Knights please ask these Knights to join our Assembly.

Sir Knights, we have 48 Members in our Assembly of which 18 Sir Knights have the Regalia. That is a significant 37.5% of our Sir Knights have Regalia. Tremendous!!! Sir Knight Tony Diaz del Valle would like to practice how to serve in a Honor Guard according to the new Rules and Regulations. As soon as Tony sets up the practice we all need to attend.



Happy Birthday

Gwendolyn Diaz del Valle 8/2, Kevin Trochesset Jr. 8/6, Emily Pletsch 8/8, Linda Zeller 8/14, John Brockman 8/14, Adrienne Anthony 8/17, Lynn Hecker 8/17, Joseph Church 8/20, Adison Smythe 8/21, Leota Ayuso 8/22, Richard F Alarcon 8/26, Michael Bishop 8/28, Virgil Burge 8/29, Kenneth Cuevas 8/29, Aliejah Smythe 8/30, Patrick Veltman 8/30, Kenneth Verlander 8/30.

Anniversaries

Kenneth & Anne Reaver 8/1, Henry & Joycelyn Wallis 8/9, Joseph & Carol Church 8/10, Donald & Sally DeMetz 8/10, Greg & Susan Federico 8/18, Angel & Leota Ayuso 8/22, Kenneth & Frances Braud 8/23, Donald & Jean Smith 8/27, Jack & Lorraine Miller 8/30, John & Gail Saik 8/31.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our next meeting is Tuesday September 9th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Holy Family Parish Hall. All auxiliary members are asked to attend.

We welcome new members. Regular membership is open to wives and widows of Knights of Columbus members. We also welcome other woman who are interested in participating in our auxiliary functions as associate members. If you would like to join, please contact Mary at 228-493-4184 or maryniolet@gmail.com.

September Events

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will meet on Tuesday September 2nd. We will say the Rosary at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

Sunday September 7th is our Corporate Communion Sunday. We will be serving coffee and Donuts after Mass in the Conference Center. Please join your Brothers for Communion at the 8:30am Mass.

The Devine Chaplet will be prayed at Saint Paul's Chapel on Friday September 5th and on Friday September 19th. The prayer service starts at 3:00pm.

Years of Service

Michael Burch 8/1/1994 31 Years, Richard Allard 8/30/1999 26 Years, Dennis Garrard 8/15/2004 21 Years, James McCormick 8/15/2004 21 Years, James Wilkinson 8/15/2004 21 Years, Joe Garrett III 8/23/2011 14 Years, Daniel York 8/23/2011 14 Years, John Hecker 8/28/14 2011 Years, Todd St. Mary 8/27/2020 5 Years, Thomas Goris III 8/1/2023 2Years, Rev. Donbosco 8/9/2023 2 Years, Chris Colbert 8/10/2023 2 Years.

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August 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
Chaplet of
Devine
Mercy 3pm

2
Natl
Watermelon
Day

3

4
Natl Coast
Guard Day

5
Council
Meeting 7pm

6
Transfiguration
Of the Lord

7
Purple Heart
Day

8

9

10
Corporate
Communion
8:30am Mass

11

12
Father
McGivney
Birthday

13

14
V-J Day

15
Assumption
Of The Blessed
Virgin Mary

16
Natl
Rum Day

17

18
Pinot Noir
Day

19

20
Natl
Lemonade
Day

21

22

23
Doctors Day

24

25
Natl Banana
Split Day

26

27

28
Red Wine Day

29

30
Natl Beach
Day

31

Fifth Sunday
Rosary
9:30am

