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## DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

### GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

#### "Back to School & Supporting Catholic Education"

Worthy Brothers All,

As summer draws to a close and we prepare to send our children and grandchildren back to school, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the true gift of education, especially Catholic education, and the responsibility we share in helping it flourish. Now more than ever, our children need strong moral guidance, faithful teachers, and communities that nurture not only their minds but also their hearts and souls.

Here in our own parish, we are blessed to have a vibrant community dedicated to forming the next generation in the light of Christ. From our parish pre-school to our Faith Formation classes and youth ministries, our children are given the opportunity to grow in faith, character, and knowledge. I ask you to keep our students, parents, teachers, catechists, and volunteers in your prayers as they embark on this new academic year.

Our council has always proudly stood beside our parish's educational efforts. Whether we are helping with fundraising, lending our time and talents at events, or offering hands-on help where it's needed, we live out our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity through this support. I am grateful for all you do to make this possible. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share that we are exploring ways to do even more. Our council is considering launching a scholarship initiative to help families who wish to provide their children with educational opportunities but may need financial assistance to make that dream a reality. This would be a meaningful way for us to strengthen our parish community and invest in the future leaders of our Church.

In addition, the Knights of Columbus recently launched the new Bright Futures Program, designed to help local councils like ours support Catholic education in practical, impactful ways. I am looking into how we might integrate Bright Futures into our council's programs, whether that means raising funds for scholarships, classroom supplies, or other needs identified by our schools and families. I believe this is an excellent opportunity for us to make an even greater difference together.

Over the coming months, you will hear more about these efforts and the many ways you can get involved. Whether it's through volunteering your

time, sharing your talents, contributing financially, or simply spreading the word, every act of support brings us closer to ensuring that every child in our community has access to an education rooted in faith, values, and excellence. Standing shoulder to shoulder in service to our families, our parish, and our future, is what it means to be a Knight.

Thank you for living out that mission so generously each day. May this school year be safe, fruitful, and full of blessings for all our students and teachers, and may God continue to guide our council as we build up the Body of Christ here at home.

VIVAT JESUS! *Joseph Farrell, Grand Knight*

## AUGUST SCHEDULE

- Aug 3rd SUNDAY • Welcome & 50th Anniversary Father Joseph.** Donuts and Coffee 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Aug 4th MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm** in Columbus Hall.
- Aug 9th WEDNESDAY • Trivia Night 6:30pm** to 9:30pm in the Parish Center.
- Aug 13th WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree** (Assembly 2161) at St. Thomas the Apostle. Meal @ 7:00pm followed by meeting.
- Aug 18th MONDAY • Social Night @ 7:00pm** in Columbus Hall.
- Aug 23rd SATURDAY • 4th Degree Exemplification** at Sacred Heart Church in Savannah
- Aug 24th SUNDAY • Faith Formation Dinner @ 6:00pm**
- Aug 25th MONDAY • Officers' Meeting @ 7:00pm** in Columbus Hall.

VIVAT JESUS! *Gary Kucera, Deputy Grand Knight*

## GOOD of the ORDER

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ SK Richard Wallace
- ❖ Brother Jim Mahoney
- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Don Todd
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's daughter-in-law, Susie
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Ed Udell's uncle,

John Frank

- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ Jodie and Thomas Giardino and family
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie
- ❖ Brother Ed Udell's daughter, Ashley
- ❖ Jim Camp
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother David Bartnicki's aunt, Jeanie Wood
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Al Meyer's mother-in-law, Ana Lucia Serrato
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter, Patti Myers
- ❖ Brother Robert Morales' wife, Carmen
- ❖ Brother Joe Cregan
- ❖ Brother Brian Wilson
- ❖ Brother Mike Rapp
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ Brother Ted Colebeck
- ❖ For all the homeless people
- ❖ For peace and the people in the Middle East & Ukraine.
- ❖ For the victims of ALL natural disasters.
- ❖ For our country, that we may return to civil discourse and unite to support our democracy.
- ❖ For our leaders and politicians that they responsibly govern with wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion.
- ❖ For vocations and the clergy, religious, and laypersons serving the Church.
- ❖ For Law enforcement • Cobb Precinct #4
- ❖ For the safe return of service personnel deployed throughout the world.

VIVAT JESUS! *Bill Carr, Recorder*

## PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Adam and Eve and Violence?

Many speculate that the fall of Adam and Eve from grace was because of pride, disobedience, lust or simply power. Who really cares if the unhappy couple was ashamed for lust or nakedness? The real problem started when Cain slew Abel. "I am offended and it is your fault." Seems to be the simplest explanation. From this small beginning all enmity, anger, and violence (to say nothing about the other deadly sins) proceed.

Look at the history of mankind to see the results: war, envy, revenge, murder, to name just a few.

The devil is very clever and uses our weakness to exploit control over our behavior. It is not outright control in most cases but control by suggestion. Look at our entertainment for example. I waste a lot

of time studying the entertainment on the internet only to notice how much is rooted in violent solutions to ordinary disagreements. So many situations from bullying to outright crimes are dealt with by increased violence, destruction, murders and some kind of “street justice” which only magnifies the original violence. How many times is the perpetrator shot, beaten, crushed, blown up or just totally annihilated in some kind of “vigilante justice?”

These examples are designed to make us feel justified in imitating the most extreme form of violence, graphically presented to right some wrong. Remember it’s the feelings that lead to actions.

*VIVAT JESUS! Peter Badolato, Pro Life Director*

## 40 DAYS for LIFE

### 40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ **25,695 Lives saved since 2007**
- ✓ **172 Abortion centers closed**
- ✓ **274 Abortion workers had a conversion and QUIT (that we know about) 1,000,000+ volunteers in 1,800 cities.**
- ✓ **Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 has already saved ELEVEN lives so far this year.**

This information is taken from an article originally published by Operation Rescue, a leading pro-life, Christian activist organization dedicated to exposing abortion abuses, demanding enforcement, saving innocent lives, and building an abortion-free America.

The abortionist at a Fort Collins, Colorado Planned Parenthood is currently under investigation for the death of an 18-year-old, Alexi Arguello. Public testimony revealed Planned Parenthood likely waited too late to call 911.

On May 15th, a 25-year-old female required emergency transport due to uncontrolled bleeding followed by chest pain. Vaginal bleeding can become life threatening very quickly and, if the cause is something like a perforated uterus, possible bleeding into the abdomen can create pressure on the diaphragm and pain in the chest. The radio dispatch felt it necessary to mention the woman had been given fentanyl after her procedure. Since this was administered post-procedure, it

seems more likely it was given for severe pain rather than some level of sedation. The very next day, on May 16, a 19-year-old female also required transport after she experienced an allergic reaction to fentanyl during her procedure. Though the 911 records are heavily redacted, as are all 911 records from this area, the radio dispatch clearly stated this is a “Delta medical” emergency. A “Delta” response code indicates a serious “life-threatening” situation. It is one level below an “imminent death” or “Echo” code. This woman was obviously in sincere danger.

Since Lexi’s death, seven more women have been injured at this facility, including these two May emergencies. Colorado does not require any abortion clinics to undergo inspection or adhere to state regulations, unlike every other ambulatory center in the state. In fact, just days after Lexi’s death, legislators killed a bill in committee that would have required abortion clinics to be held to the same standard as all other ambulatory centers. Even though there are continuous reports of women being taken away in ambulances from these completely unregulated abortion clinics, state legislators and officials continue choosing to protect the abortion industry over its own citizens. Women are literally left to enter these clinics at their own risk.

A neighboring Planned Parenthood in Denver has also seen an increase in abortion injuries, four reports so far, which brings the number of known injuries in the abortion destination to 12 since the start of 2025. Several of Planned Parenthood’s abortionists are under investigation by the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies for the death of Lexi, which is only related to the medical licensing of an individual. There is no other state proceeding that a Colorado citizen can utilize to hold a clinic and its staff accountable, even when that citizen is injured by the clinic. Imagine if your grandmother was abused at a nursing facility, and the very department created to protect your loved one simply said, ‘Sorry, not our problem’. They get a free pass.

Operation Rescue is continuing investigations into every one of these reported emergencies, as well as the death of Lexi Arguello. Lexi, and her 22-week baby will not be forgotten. While Colorado officials



and Planned Parenthood try to sweep both of their lives under some rug, Operation Rescue will continue to seek justice, bring the truth to light, and pursue every legal avenue to hold Planned Parenthood accountable.

This is a good example of why defunding Planned Parenthood is so important. By taking \$800 million of Federal Funding from their budget they might be forced to close down these murderous clinics.

*VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder*

## SEMINARIAN APPRECIATION

Our Council 9792 was again honored at the Annual Seminarian Appreciation Mass and Dinner on July 10th for raising the most money participating in the Carry the Cross. Our Council raised over \$6,800 in 2024. This is the second consecutive year that our Council has received this honor, demonstrating our continuing commitment to supporting the future of the priesthood. This is a testament to the generosity and dedication of our members and the parish community in support of our seminarians. Congratulations to all the Knights and supporters who made this achievement possible! Let's go for the three-peat!



Grand Knight, Joe Farrell and Carry the Cross coordinator, David Bartnicki

## STAR COUNCIL AWARD

Our Council 9792 has officially earned the 2024 • 2025 Star Council Award, which is the highest honor a council can receive. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in programs, membership

growth (125% of quota!), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance. Thank you brother knights for your dedication and hard work. Let's keep the momentum going as we plan for another successful year!

## OFFICER INSTALLATION



## TRIVIA NIGHT

KofC has purchased two tables at the Trivia Night on Saturday, August 9th, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the Parish Center. All proceeds will go to the Holy Family Youth Group to help our youth attend

spiritual retreats that their parents aren't able to afford. Free seats are first come • first serve, for knights and their spouses. If you want to attend, email Gary Kucera @ [garykucera@gmail.com](mailto:garykucera@gmail.com).

## KNIGHT of the YEAR

Patrick Gebrayel



Patrick is recognized for his countless contributions this year, including building closer connections between our council and the Hispanic community.

## FAMILY of the YEAR

David & Christy Bartnicki



The Bartnick family is honored for their dedicated service and example of faith, with their two sons joining the Knights in the last two years.

## JUNE KNIGHT of the MONTH

Bruce Roeder

## JUNE FAMILY of the MONTH

Jim and Sue Walter

## HABITAT for HUMANITY

The new model Habitat home was dedicated on July 24, 2025. The house is roughly the same square footage as our older models but is designed to provide more "curb appeal". The house includes a garage which is a first for our affiliate.



This year's build will be a two-story house located at 6138 Bowden Street in Austell, Georgia. The anticipated start date is September 6th, 2025. I will provide details on sign-up procedures as they become available.

I am still looking for a back-up for the Habitat Ministry at Holy Family. No construction experience is needed but fund-raising experience, while not needed, would be nice. If interested, please contact me at [gaducati@bellsouth.net](mailto:gaducati@bellsouth.net) or (770) 337-9608.

*Vivat Jesus, Jim Nee*

*Holy Family Habitat Coordinator/House Leader*

## LECTURER

Brother Knights,

Our August talk will be an abridged version of the "Word On Wednesday" (WOW) weekly religious study. WOW is normally an hour, but our talk will be limited to 8 - 10 minutes. WOW reviews all three Sunday readings, discusses people's point of views, questions, areas that impact them, and stories priests have used associated with the reading, etc. For the business meeting we will only review one Sunday reading and review a few stories priests used in their homilies.

*VIVAT JESUS, Brother Keith Gaupp, Lecturer*



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Orlando Perez-Laureano	1 <sup>st</sup>	John Stromnes	13 <sup>th</sup>
Daniel Levy	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glann Panter	15 <sup>th</sup>
Todd Pfaffinger	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Raj Bandanadam	18 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Snyder	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edmund Bovell	20 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Mullady	5 <sup>th</sup>	Eugene Feldhaus	21 <sup>st</sup>
Carl Swanson	6 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Straub	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Michael Gross	8 <sup>th</sup>	Robert O'Halloran	24 <sup>th</sup>
John Bovell	9 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Kennel	26 <sup>th</sup>
Adrian Alvarez	11 <sup>th</sup>	John Brenner	27 <sup>th</sup>
Kenneth Stewart	12 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Burns	28 <sup>th</sup>
		John Schoenthaler	28 <sup>th</sup>



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## GRANTS for ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul at Holy Family would like to partner with organizations that offer community grants to assist our Neighbors in Need facing financial hardship within our parish boundaries. If you are a member of such an organization, please contact Holly Markwordt @ 404•664•7702 or email [hbmark@bellsouth.net](mailto:hbmark@bellsouth.net)



Please bring your donations of canned meats, fish, soup, vegetables, and fruit; pasta, rice, and beans; cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and other non-perishable goods as we are restocking our pantry. Also, please consider using the Holy Family Online Giving program to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul. Or mail checks, payable to St Vincent de Paul, to Holy Family's address.

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others...to do this is to preach the gospel by word and by work." • *St. Vincent de Paul*

## Teacher's Prayer

O' Lord, grant me **STRENGTH**  
So I will have **COURAGE** in every situation  
Grant me your **LOVE**,  
so I will **NEVER GIVE UP** on anybody  
Grant me your **WISDOM**,  
so I will show others, the path to **SUCCESS**.  
Grant me your **MERCY**,  
so I will forgive those who have hurt me.  
Grant me your **PEACE**,  
so I will **FIND THE BEST** on everybody.  
Grant me your **HOPE**,  
so I will **NEVER GIVE UP**.  
Grant me your **JOY**,  
so I will be **THANKFUL** for all of my blessings  
and Grant me your **GRACE**,  
so You will be **ALWAYS BE AT MY SIDE**.

Amen.



"I like going to Catholic school. I need to be able to pray before tests."