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Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Keep Christ in Christmas: A Reminder for All of Us

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is one of the most meaningful programs we sponsor each year. It gives children the opportunity to express, through creativity and art, the true reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ. In a world where commercialism often overshadows faith, this contest helps our youth focus on what Christmas is really about.

But the message isn't just for them. It's for us, too. As adults, we often get caught up in the whirlwind of holiday shopping, decorating, and planning. It's easy to let the spiritual significance of Christmas slip to the background. These posters serve as a gentle reminder: Are we keeping Christ at the center of our own celebrations?

Our children and grandchildren learn by example. If we want them to understand that Christmas is about faith, love, and the gift of Jesus, we must show them through our actions. That means:

- Making time for prayer and reflection during Advent.
- Attending Mass as a family, especially on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
- Incorporating Christ centered traditions, like reading the Nativity story, setting up a manger scene, and saying grace before meals.
- Serving others through charitable acts, reminding everyone that giving is more than exchanging presents.

When we live out the message of the season, we teach more than words ever could.

A Christmas Message from Our Council

As we celebrate this joyous season, let us remember that Christmas is more than lights and gifts. It is the celebration of God's greatest gift to us: His Son, Jesus Christ. May your homes be filled with peace, your hearts with love, and your lives with the light of Christ. From all of us in the Knights of Columbus, we wish you and your family a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

"Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord" Luke 2:11

Join us this Advent. Let's make this season truly special by coming together

as a parish family. Participate in Advent activities such as parish missions, reconciliation services, and special prayer gatherings. These moments help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and strengthen the bonds of faith within our community. Check the parish bulletin or website for dates and details.

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Grand Knight

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

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| Dec 1 | MONDAY • Rosary @ 7:10pm, & Council Meeting @ 7:30pm in Columbus Hall. |
| Dec 8 | MONDAY • Golf Meeting @ 6:30pm in Columbus Hall. |
| Dec 10 | WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree Meeting @ 7:00pm at St Thomas |
| Dec 11 | THURSDAY • Lady of Guadalupe Novena @ 7:00pm in HF Sanctuary |
| Dec 13 | SATURDAY • Council Christmas Dinner @ 6:30pm in the Parish Center. |
| Dec 14 | SUNDAY • Breakfast with Santa @ 9:00am – 12:00 noon in Parish Center |

VIVAT JESUS! Gary Kucera, Deputy Grand Knight

GOOD of the ORDER

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's brother-in-law, Clay McCommon
- ❖ Brother Gary Kucera's mother
- ❖ Brother Mike Gross's daughter
- ❖ Brother Edgar Leon's sister-in-law
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Leones Gonzalez
- ❖ For all veterans, deceased and living
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Dan Frisbie.
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Grace Drexinger
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Brother Ed Udell's first mother-in-law, Kay Anderson
- ❖ Brother Felix Ede
- ❖ Steve Mauro
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter, Patti Myer
- ❖ Larry Bates' wife, Linda
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's son

- ❖ Brother Gary Beitz's wife, Lynn
- ❖ Brother Don Todd
- ❖ Brother Nathan Wallace & his wife
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's wife, Martha
- ❖ Brother Jim Mahoney
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ Brother Ted Colebeck
- ❖ For all homeless people
- ❖ For all natural disasters victims
- ❖ 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

40 DAYS for LIFE

40 Days for Life Current Statistics:

- ✓ 25,795 Lives saved since 2007
- ✓ 182 Abortion centers closed
- ✓ 275 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 have already saved 18 lives so far this year.

The facts are astounding: 80% of young women considering abortion will **CHOOSE LIFE** when they see their baby on an ultrasound and hear their baby's heartbeat. **Without an ultrasound, one out of every three preborn babies will never see life.**

PreBorn! is a dedicated non-profit, pro-life organization that supports life-affirming Pregnancy Clinics in their mission to reach women considering abortion, particularly in areas with high abortion rates. This is achieved by offering women free ultrasounds and support, as well as providing Pregnancy Clinics with vital grants for state-of-the-art ultrasound machines, training, and additional resources. All services provided to expectant

mothers within the PreBorn! Pregnancy Network are offered at no cost, emphasizing their commitment to life. PreBorn! Claims to have saved over 337,000 babies lives and have seen over 80,000 women turn to Christ.

This is the reason 40 Days for Life sidewalk advocates stand and pray outside of Planned Parenthood, to get the women who are in crisis pregnancy and feel that their only option is an abortion, to get these women to talk with them. These women are explained that there are alternatives and help available. They are directed to go to the closest Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) and get a FREE ultrasound and medical advice. All services with a PRC are free, so they have nothing to lose. In my discussion with the closest PRC, they report that 93% of pregnant women that visit them and have an ultrasound choose life. You see, Planned Parenthood does not show the women that are pregnant and considering an abortion their ultrasound. They fear that the women will not go through with the abortion.

Imagine you're a healthy, growing baby in the middle of your sixth month in the womb. Your mother is your whole world. You feel her heartbeat. Her joy. Her anxiety. Her fear. and then, one day, something changes. You feel your mother's body begin to cramp; hard; over and over. The tight squeeze of labor contractions, but it's not time yet, you're only 23 weeks old! Then comes the blinding light, the rush of cold air, and the gloved hands that drop you into a cold metal pan, not the warm waiting arms of your mother. You try to breathe, you try to cry, and your tiny lungs struggle to inflate. In hospital NICU, doctors would be racing to save you because babies born at 23 weeks have nearly a 60% chance of survival with proper care. But you're not being taken to the NICU. You're being taken to a laboratory, because this is not a delivery room, it is a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. And instead of treating you like a human being, they're treating you like property, a piece of meat. You were born whole. But instead of life-saving care, you were left to die in a "research" queue in the back of the clinic, and then you were dissected for your heart, your liver and your brain. Your body was sold not to strangers on the black market, but

to taxpayer-funded scientists at the University of California at San Diego.

THESE ARE NOT ALLEGATIONS. THESE ARE FACTS!

VIVAT JESUS! Dave Snyder



4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Our Council is pleased to announce that Brothers Adam Bartnicki, Edgar Leon, and Jose Flores-Hernandez participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification on November 15, 2025, at the Cathedral of Christ the King.



CARRY THE CROSS

Thanks to everyone who supported the **2025 Carry the Cross** challenge to raise awareness and funding for seminarians. It was another successful year for our Council that once again was the number one fundraiser with \$7,070 in contributions

to date. All councils raised almost \$29,000. Thank you all for your support!



KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

Our council is once again hosting the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest** for our youth in grades K–8. Last year we had 7 entrants, awarded 5 prizes, and were proud that two of our participants won at the District level. We need help to make this year's event even more successful. With your support, we can build on last year's momentum and reach even more families this season. The winners from last year can vouch how fun (and profitable) it was for them! Poster submissions are due December 15th, Council-level judging will be

completed December 31st, District/Regional judging in January, and International entries are due February 28, 2026.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



LECTURER

Brother Knights,

Oshea Vega, the CEO & Executive Director of First Care Women's Clinic was the speaker at our Council's November meeting.



Charlie Crawford will be our December speaker, who will present "Patton's Weather Prayer". We'll learn about the remarkable chaplain who composed the prayer, surprising traits of General Patton and what Hollywood got right and wrong in the movie."

VIVAT JESUS, Brother Keith Gaupp

KNIGHT of the MONTH

Frank Maresca

FAMILY of the MONTH

Dave and Mary Snyder

HABITAT for HUMANITY

I am still looking for a back-up for the Habitat Ministry at Holy Family. Construction experience is not required. If interested, please contact me at gaducati@bellsouth.net or (770) 337-9608.

VIVAT JESUS, Jim Nee, Habitat Coordinator.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Maloney	1	Albert Meyer	13
Patrick Silloway	1	Jim Nee	16
Jeremy Smith	3	Joseph Sturniolo	19
Rev Daniel Ketter	4	Fr Adam Ozimek	21
Joseph O'Laughlin	5	Andrew Polissety	22
Michael Jamison	6	Vincent Mokry	27
Lawrence Cassel	11	James Sanders	27
Robert Levesque	13	Carlos Chang	31
Andew Altizer	13		



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.

"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited." • *St. Vincent de Paul*



St Pope John Paul II on the secret of Christmas:

- Encountering God's Love: Christmas is the moment God meets humanity in the vulnerable form of a baby, revealing his profound love for each person.
- Hope and Light: The "light from the crib" dispels the darkness of sin and offers hope, especially in times of despair, conflict, or crisis.
- The Dignity of Every Person: The birth of Jesus is a testament to the inherent worth of every human being, regardless of their background or circumstances.
- A Call to Peace: Christ is the source of true peace, and his message calls for a world that rejects discrimination and intolerance and works towards reconciliation.
- Recognizing Christ in Others: The "secret" extends beyond the stable to recognizing the face of Christ in every person, particularly in the poor, the suffering, and children of every race and culture.



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