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Dedicated to the Holy Family

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Keep Christ in Christmas: A Reminder for All of Us

Brother Knights and Parish Family,

As we enter February, our thoughts naturally turn toward the upcoming season of Lent, a sacred time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For our council, Lent is also a meaningful opportunity to put our faith into action through service to our parish community.

One of the most visible ways we do this is through our Lenten Fish Frys, which will be held for six consecutive Fridays beginning February 20, 2026. Last year, these evenings became much more than a meal. They brought our parish community together — families sharing a table, old friends reconnecting, and new parishioners feeling welcomed. The fellowship and sense of unity we witnessed were a powerful reminder of how service can strengthen the life of our parish.

We look forward to continuing that tradition this Lent. The success of the Fish Frys depends on the generosity of our Brother Knights and volunteers — from food preparation and serving, to setup, cleanup, and hospitality. I encourage every Knight to take part in some way and help make these evenings once again a welcoming gathering for our parish family.

Lent also calls each of us to personal reflection and spiritual growth. Our council will continue to support parish ministries and charitable efforts throughout the season, and I encourage all members to participate where they are able and to invite others to join us in service.

Thank you to all who give of their time and talents to support our council and parish. Your dedication exemplifies the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

May this Lenten season be one of renewal for our council, our parish, and our families. I look forward to serving alongside you in the weeks ahead.

VIVAT JESUS! Joseph Farrell, Grand Knight

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Jan 31 SATURDAY • **Cleanup Day** @ 9:00am – 1:00pm in Knight's Shed

SUNDAY • Father Miguel's 30th Anniversary of Ordination

Feb 1 **Celebration** breakfast @ 9:30am - 1:00pm in the Parish Hall

Feb 2 MONDAY • **Exemplification** @ 6:30pm in Columbus Hall.

Feb 2 MONDAY • **Council Meeting** @ 7:00pm with dinner in Columbus Hall.

Feb 8 SUNDAY • **Super Bowl Party/Potluck** @ 6:00pm in Columbus Hall

Feb 9 MONDAY • **Golf Meeting** @ 6:30pm in Columbus Hall

WEDNESDAY • 4th Degree at St. Thomas the Apostle @ 7:00pm with dinner

Feb 11 **FRIDAYS • Fish Fry** @ 5:00pm - 7:00pm in Parish Center

Feb 20 & 27 MONDAY • **Golf Meeting** @ 6:30pm & **Officers' Meeting** @ 7:00pm in Columbus Hall.

VIVAT JESUS! Gary Kucera, Deputy Grand Knight

GOOD of the ORDER

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Deacon Trini
- ❖ Deacon Jim
- ❖ Brother John Esparza
- ❖ Brother Keith Gaupp
- ❖ Brother John Heeran
- ❖ Brother Ariel Medrano
- ❖ Brother Moises Zuniga
- ❖ Brother Rod Moore
- ❖ Brother Eugene Feldhaus
- ❖ Brother Don Todd
- ❖ Brother Mike Gross's daughter, Katherine
- ❖ Repose of the soul of former Brother Bob Slone's wife, Mary Jane
- ❖ Frank Darsey
- ❖ Karen Gust
- ❖ Phil Mooney
- ❖ Steve Goodall
- ❖ Craig Stewart
- ❖ Lynn Vice
- ❖ Brother Rick Cavallo's wife, Jackie
- ❖ Brother Gary Kucera's mother

- ❖ Brother Mike Gross's daughter
- ❖ Brother Jim Hoene's daughter, Patti Myer
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's son
- ❖ Brother Gary Beitz's wife, Lynn
- ❖ Brother Peter Badolato's wife, Martha
- ❖ Brother Jim Mahoney
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson
- ❖ Brother Carl Swanson's wife, Joy
- ❖ 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:

- ✓ 26,144 Lives saved since 2007
- ✓ 182 Abortion centers closed
- ✓ 275 Abortion workers had a conversion and QUIT (that we know about)
- ✓ 94 Abortion-Free Cities
- ✓ 1,000,000+ volunteers in 1,800 cities.
- ✓ Marietta 40 Days for Life / 365 have already saved 18 lives in 2025.

The 2026 Lenten campaign will begin Wednesday February 18, 2026. The kickoff for this event will be Tuesday February 17 at 6:30pm. The location for the kickoff is Holy Family, so there is no excuse for traveling a distance to attend. This will be a great way to start your Lenten season by attending the kickoff and choosing a time during the week to spend an hour in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood for the innocent unborn and defunding of your Federal taxes to Planned Parenthood.

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 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

KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

In KOC poster contest this year, we went from 7 to 18 submissions this year! We met last weekend to judge the posters and selected the below winners:

- **Grades 1-2:** 1st - Charles Lutgring, 2nd - Ava Cervantes, & 3rd - Veronica Lutgring
- **Grades 3-4:** 1st - Moises Uriel Sebastian Ruiz, 2nd - Alexandra Martinez, & 3rd - Leon Gutierrez
- **Grades 5-6:** 1st - Julieta Ines Barkes, 2nd - Daniel Kirchman, & 3rd (tie) - Katherine Cai / 3rd (tie) - Isaac de Jesus Sebastian Ruiz

Since we only had submissions in three age categories, we went with three winners per category (four in Grades 5-6) and prizes are \$50, \$35, and \$25. Also, we want to give \$5 to each participant, and each participant will get a certificate of participation. The first place winners will go to our District judging which will be held on January 24th, 2026.

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

Holy Family Council 9792 received the Star Council Award for the fraternal year 2024–2025. Former Grand Knight, Ed Udell accepted the award presented by State Deputy Kevin York on January 18, 2026. The award recognizes the Council's outstanding achievements and dedication throughout the year.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



JANUARY KNIGHT of the MONTH

Edgar Leon

JANUARY FAMILY of the MONTH

Greg and Vicky Howe

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Rapp	1	Patrick Gebrayel	12
Nicholas Sturgis	1	Jonge Alvarez De Soto	13
Stewart Wilber	8	John McCarty	14
Richard Raschke	9	Anthony Schoenecker	18
Michael Hansen	9	Jacob Robertson	23
Warren Cox	10	Joseph Farrell	25
David Barnicki	11	Gabriel Ferrarezi De Freitas	26
Edward Udell	12		



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