



Knight News



Mother Seton Council 6724

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Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we approach the end of our Fraternal Year, many challenges have come before us. Our nation has experienced turmoil, our faith has been under attack, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a huge impact in our society with the loss of life, financial stress, loss of jobs and an altering of they way we live our lives. Recently we have witnessed racial injustice, rioting, violent protest which took away from those peacefully protesting. Our Police Officers nationwide have been attacked, some shot and killed. One might ask where is God? Why is he allowing this to happen?

There is a mystery in suffering. We may not fully understand suffering, but our God is a loving compassionate Father. If we humble ourselves and cry out to Him, our prayers will rise up. Jesus will help us, guide us and show us the way. In our suffering there is an opportunity for spiritual growth. We realize how much we need God, our love for him grows and we learn to be more compassionate, loving towards others.

It is easy to lose hope, to have anger towards injustice. Recently in the news Statues of Christopher Columbus were knocked down, some church's desecrated. Only God can bring about peace and Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Our order, the Knights of Columbus has not stopped working to help those in need. With the leave no neighbor behind initiative, Knights across the country have been raising funds to help food banks and our Council has helped brother Knights who have fallen in arrears with their prior years dues by forgiving them. Giving them a fresh start.

We as Knights have a powerful voice and our prayers can bring about meaningful change in our society. In the book of Micah 6:8, we read; *"You have been told, O mortal, what is good and what the Lord requires of you: only to do justice, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."*

Let us pray for the end of this pandemic.

Let us pray for racial equality.

Let us pray for healing in our divided nation.

Let us pray for those who risk their lives and serve as 1st Responders.

Let us pray that God will use us to bring about change in our culture that we may radiate Christ's presence.

Let us pray for our Priests and Deacons who have served faithfully and have carried us through this pandemic.

Through the Intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph and our Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney may God bless our Council, all our members and give us peace.

Please continue to support our Parish financially. You can login to: <https://nativitycatholicchurch.org/give> Or you can mail a check to the Church office. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

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Supreme Chaplain Monthly Challenge



June 2020

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” (Gospel for

June 21, Mt 10:32-33)

The logic is pretty clear-cut, isn't it? In this memorable promise, Jesus assures us of his intercession before the heavenly Father if we acknowledge him before others. Historians tell us that the 20th century saw more martyrs than any before. These brothers and sisters courageously acknowledged Christ before others at the cost of their lives. In our comparative freedom, do we nonetheless deny Christ or hide our faith in little ways? Mindful of Christ's promise and inspired by the faith of recent martyrs, may we acknowledge our Savior before others with serenity, courage and love.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to offer to keep another person's need in your prayers. Second, I challenge you to sustain the priesthood and its witness to the faith by supporting the Faith in Action Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) or by helping seminarians in some other way.

Questions for Reflection:

What does a full “audit” of your public profession of faith reveal? How does offering to pray for others acknowledge Christ before others?

Need a Prayer Answered? Ask Father Michael McGivney



Need help finding a job? Know someone struggling with substance abuse? Family at odds with one another? Battling an illness? Loved one fallen away from the faith?

You might ask the intercession of Father Michael J. McGivney.

Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree [recognizing a miracle](#) attributed to Father McGivney's intercession on May 27, 2020. The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared “Blessed,” the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal insurance organization in the world. He wanted to make sure that no family would become destitute if the breadwinner died, as is evident by the story of Alfred Downes. Downes was one of Father McGivney's young parishioners, and in danger of being separated from his family. Only when Father McGivney stepped in and offered to pay the bond was the family left intact.

He also wanted to ensure that Catholic men could remain strong in the faith. Today, his legacy continues to inspire more than 2 million Knights around the world, who look to him for help and aid. Here are just some of the many testimonials:

Employment and finances

A Knight from Council 9658 in Calgary, Alberta, was laid off from work after oil prices declined in 2015. A week later, he received his copy of Columbia and found the prayer dedicated to Father McGivney's canonization. After just three days of praying to Father McGivney, he was offered another job.

Substance Abuse

When a couple learned that their son struggling with drug abuse wanted to leave rehab, they turned to Father McGivney and asked for his intercession. The next time they visited their son, he was "intrigued by what he was getting from the program" and was "looking forward to completing" it in order to recover. The son has made "great progress" since then.

Health and Healing

In 2015, a patient was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which has a five-year survival rate of 9 percent. In response, the patient underwent a procedure that removed part of the stomach, gall bladder, small intestine and half of the pancreas. The patient's mother-in-law prayed every day for Father McGivney's intercession. Today, the patient is still in remission, saying that Father McGivney "has given me a second chance to grow spiritually."

Return to the faith

Several years ago, a man's brother, an alcoholic and divorced, was dying. His brother hadn't received the sacraments in many years.

In a powerful testimonial, he wrote:

I was traveling to New Hampshire to visit him before he died, I stopped at St Mary's Church in New Haven to pray for him at Father McGivney's tomb. I had the great privilege of being there, alone, for the better part of an hour, after which I resumed my journey. I arrived at the hospital just as the hospital chaplain was hearing my brother's confession and administering the Last Rites! It had probably been 30 to 40 years since he'd been to confession. I thanked the chaplain after he was done and he asked me to join him for Mass. I did, of course and imagine my joy when he offered the Mass on behalf of my brother! When I left a day or two later, I never saw my brother alive again. I firmly believe that, aided by those of our deceased father and mother, along with those of others, it was Father McGivney's prayers of intercession on my brother's behalf that he returned to a state of grace.

Have an intention?

You can ask for Father McGivney's intercession by offering this prayer:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Learn more about the cause for Father McGivney's sainthood by clicking [here](#). Or to submit a favor of your own, click [here](#).

Published in a weekly edition of Knightline, a resource for K of C leaders and members. To access Knightline's archives, [click here](#). Or, to share your Knights of Columbus story, email knightline@kofc.org.

Council Shirts

Our Council polos are now in stock in a selection of sizes. The shirts go fast so be sure to let our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Neil Waid know if you are interested in one or two. Brother Neil can be reached at 813-830-1317 or by email at neil.waid.50@gmail.com.

New Field Agent



Brother Knights, please welcome our new field agent John Holtzhauser. If you have any fraternal benefit needs or questions, please

reach out to John for assistance.

Prayer for the Sick



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Jay McCabe – healing
Bill McCabe - healing
Richard Hardesty – healing
Vincent Ferraro- healing
Walter Weaver - healing
Fr. Tim Cummings - healing
SK Bill Queenan – healing
SK Don Cseh – healing
Bill Reck – healing
Doug Lowry Jr. - healing
SK John Houseman – repose
SK Sam Miller - healing

For all those afflicted with COVID-19 and for those who died due to this illness, Lord have mercy.

Brother Knights who have no one to pray for them

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness.

O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us...Amen.

Officers

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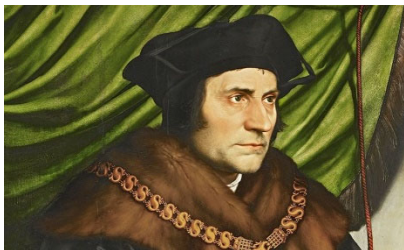
Upcoming Events

June 24th – Wednesday, Virtual Officer & Director’s Meeting, 7:30pm

July 6th – Monday, Virtual Business Meeting, 7:30pm

July 11th – Saturday, 4pm Mass Nativity Catholic Church, 5pm Installation Ceremony following in the Church.

Saint Quote of the Month



His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost Thomas More his life.

Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, More steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII’s divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as “a man for all seasons,” More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king’s divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head.

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, in fact, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants. King Henry himself realized this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But when Thomas More resigned as chancellor, unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king had to get rid of him. Feast Day June 22nd.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-thomas-more/>

Miller Road Cleanup – June 13th



Miller Road cleanup was conducted on Saturday, June 13th with 7 Knights total. It only took an hour and the bags were full having missed our cleanup in April due to Covid 19

restrictions. Everyone maintained their social distancing and even though it tried, it did not rain on us.

Thank you to Noel Blanchet, Dale Alessandro, Tim Kasprzyk, Mark Cote, Javier Gonzales and Ray Nardi for your time and talent.

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