



**Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557**

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**Monthly Schedule:**

1st Thursday  
*Officer Planning Meeting 7:00 PM*

2nd Thursday  
*Council Meeting Starts at 7:00PM*

4th Thursday  
*Family Knight*

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**Scholarship Fund**

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**Fundraising**

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**Cleanup Crews**

Larry Hawkins

**VA Assistance**

Peter Palen

**Degree Team**

Mark Votsmier

**Welcoming Committee**

John Groneck

**Parking**

Danny Spurlock

## ATTENTION BROTHERS:



### Big Top Vintage Market

We will be parking cars for the “Big Top Vintage Market” on February 27 & 28 in Old Town Sprig. Parking will be \$5.00 and the Council gets to keep 100% of the money collected. If you can volunteer to help with this event please email or call me.

Thanks,  
Ken Scales  
Ken.scales@att.net  
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Joshua 1:9

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### Columbian Squire Counselors

It has been a long time in the making. The Columbian Squires are a GO! We had a successful recruitment drive on January 23rd and 24th at ST. James. 28 young Catholic men signed up to be Squires.

We will be having Orientation for the Counselors, New Squires and Parents on February 6th at 6 pm at ST. James in the main hall. The State Chairman for the Columbian Squires will also be there in support of our efforts (GH Squires Chairman Richard Mondelli).

The orientation should last 30 minutes, 15-20 minutes for questions and 15-30 min for paperwork.

I hope that everyone has completed their VIRTUS and ARMATUS training. If you need assistance please contact me so that I can help you. For those that have completed all your training, don't forget to turn your paperwork to WGK David Polasek as he needs to get it submitted.

Please confirm your attendance for February 6th, 2016 Orientation so I can get a feel for how many counselors will be available.

The Columbian Squires have risen to the call, now its our turn as Knights of Columbus to rise as well and be roll models.

Vivat Jesus,  
SK Jose Ruvalcaba  
713-474-4707  
[joseruval@yahoo.com](mailto:joseruval@yahoo.com)

## Acolytes Needed

In 1972 Pope Paul VI revised several ministries and minor clerical orders. One ministry that was preserved was the ministry of the instituted acolyte. While the term acolyte is at times used when referring to young men and women who assist at the altar (altar servers), the ministry of acolyte is a permanent institution. Because the ministry has its roots in the formation of ordained clergy, the ministry is reserved to men. The instituted acolyte is appointed to assist the deacon and serve the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion serving only when sufficient ordinary ministers are not available. To learn more about becoming an acolyte at St. James, contact Deacon Ray at: [dcnray@stjta.com](mailto:dcnray@stjta.com)

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## St. James Easter Egg Hunt

The Family Fun Night Ministry needs your help! We are in need of donations for the Annual Easter Egg hunt. We are in need of prepackaged candy, plastic eggs, toys, gift cards, and more. The Easter Egg Hunt is one of the most popular events of the year (hundreds of children attend!) and we need your help to make it the best it can be. For more information, you can contact Erik @ 281-236-2729 or [@epactheactor@yahoo.com](mailto:@epactheactor@yahoo.com). God Bless.

## Ushers Needed


St. James is searching for volunteers interested in creating that good first impression by serving as an Usher. Contact Deacon Ray at:  
[dcnray@stjta.com](mailto:dcnray@stjta.com)

## Holy Relics

Holy Relics of St. Anthony of Padua will visit the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Feb. 19th –21st. Look at the web site for more info: <http://www.sacredheart-houston.org/events/holy-relics-of-st-anthony-of-padua-to-visit-the-co-cathedral>



**Knights of Columbus**  
**CHARITIES**  
*Military Chaplain Scholarship*

**Donate Online** 

The Knights of Columbus has established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds, in turn, will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. Fundraising for the Orderwide project will be led by the Fourth Degree, the patriotic degree of the Knights.

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**



**The council will be having another Super Bowl Party.**  
Save the date - Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Proceeds from the event will be supporting the KofC youth  
(Columbian Squires, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts).  
We will be having the usual pool (football squares) which you will find at coming  
meetings including the Christmas Party. Half of the income will be paid out with  
the other half to support the youth.

There will be food served by the Boy Scouts  
and we are asking for a \$5.00 donation  
(We encourage you to bring your own munchies).  
We also planning on having a "Silent Auction" - If you have something  
you would like to donate for the auction please call  
John Tatman (ph# 281-292-9662) or  
Larry Hawkins (ph# 281-367-3128).  
We would appreciate anything that you can come up with to benefit this  
great group of young men.



February 7, 2016  
Sunday at 4:00  
At the JFMHA  
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KNIGHT OF THE  
MONTH

Brother Jerry Leiker

Jerry Leiker is a member of Sts Simon and Jude and is one of our long time Knight's. Jerry can be seen at our meetings taking care of our 50/50 entertainment. Jerry has been our Santa Claus for several years now, but was exceptional at this year's Christmas Party. I believe He is actually turning into Santa Claus. I don't remember seeing a single child cry this year. It must be that Santa touch. You have the job as long as you want it. I also have to say something about our world's tallest elf (Jim Ledwig). What a team. Thanks for all that you continue to do for our Council and making our Christmas Party very special.

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FAMILY OF THE  
MONTH

Don and Karen Fisher

Don and Karen Fisher are members of Sts Simon and Jude Parish where Don is also a member of the Men's Club. You will find Don and Karen active participants in our Council fundraisers whether at our football games or in Old Town Spring. We appreciate your involvement and thank you for all that you do for your Council.

## New 3rd Degree Members

Ronald Davis Jr.

William Skinner

Eric Cheyney

Scott Cheyney

Fernando Ramirez

Xavier Ramos Sr.

## Welcome to Our Council

New Member - Ronald Davis Jr.

## Knights brave a winter storm for the 2016 March for Life

01-25-2016 Washington DC - Tens of thousands of pro-life supporters braved a fierce winter storm, Jan. 22, to protest legalized abortion and to bear witness to the sanctity of every human life during the 43rd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. While the number of marchers was lower than in previous years, the attendance remained impressive considering that forecasters had predicted a blizzard to bring snow totals of up to 30 inches in the nation's capital.

"The March for Life has a simple message about pregnant moms and their babies. We love them both." - Patrick Kelly, Knights of Columbus vice president for public policy and chairman of the board of the March for Life



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

We are about to enter the liturgical season of Lent. This is a time of prayer and reflection, as we try to comprehend the great love of Our Heavenly Father in sending His only begotten Son. We will travel as pilgrims to witness the life, death and glorious resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As brother knights we are no less Catholic gentlemen, part of the body of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Lent is a special and sacred time for us to focus on our family, our parish family and in a larger sense our community family.

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has, the last few months, been speaking on the initiative, "Building the Domestic Church while strengthening Our Parish. Every trip starts with the first step and we are the first step.

Let us, as knights, reflect the great love of Christ through the workings of our councils. We need to be leaders in our family in the example that St. Joseph was to the Holy Family. Our Order was built to serve the family as well as the Church. We look to the example of our Holy Parish Fathers in their service to God by serving others. Their great work helps us to better understand the vision of Father McGivney.

Brother knights let this season of Lent be a special time to remember our Lord's life through praying the rosary, by better understanding his great love in your journey through the stations of the cross, by drawing closer to God through the sacraments of penance and Holy Eucharist and possibly making a pilgrim to St. Ignatius Loyola and pass through the Holy Doors and avail yourself of a plenary Indulgence.

As we draw closer to our Lord during this special time of Lent, let the Holy Spirit guide us in our service to each other, to our families, to our parish and to our communities.

Vivat Jesus  
District Deputy  
James Hatcher



January seemed to start off somewhat normal but time is really going by fast. We had a multi council Free Throw Contest at St Edwards Gym on January 9, 2016. The Councils present were Christ the Good Shepherd, St Edwards and Sts Simon & Jude and St James. We had a total of 15 participants, but unfortunately we had none from our Council. I'm looking to have a lot more participation next year.

On January 16, 2016 a Diocesan Conference was held and hosted by Council #2917 on East Whitney Rd. It was a very good conference put on by our Diocesan Deputy Reggie Vasquez and our own Assistant Diocesan Deputy Bill Moeller. There were several of us officers that attended and we all left the Conference with a better understanding of our direction concerning Squires, Scouts, Home Association and our involvement with our clergy. I believe when we reevaluate our current Charity commitments, we may find additional assistance we can do for our parishes that we help support.

Please welcome Don Hollis to our Council. He received his 1st Degree on January 18, 2016 at St Edwards Council. The next time you see Don introduce yourself and make Him feel welcome.

On January 23, 2016 our Council hosted a major (2nd and 3rd) Degree. It turned out to be a great success. We had 33 candidates including a Deacon plus a priest that came all the way from Livingston. There were several comments of how much the candidates enjoyed the Degree. I think the Degree Team did an excellent job to enlighten our candidates on the lessons of Unity and Fraternity. The Degree Team was thankful to our Council for how well we were organized and that is in no small part to the planning by Pete Palasota and Mike Curtin. Last but not least several commented on how delicious the meal was. So, thanks to Pete, Mike, David Foltyn and his team for making a very special day for our candidates. We had planned to have our famous White Elephant Family night, but we had to cancel the event from circumstances beyond our control. It is planned to reschedule the event for February 25, 2016. Watch for my e-mails to confirm this fun event.

Coming up this Sunday February 7, 2016 we will be having a Super Bowl Party beginning at 4:00 PM. It has always been the purpose of this event that all proceeds go to support someone or group. This year the proceeds will be to support the Scouts. The Scouts will be cooking for a small fee as a fund raiser to help their troop. We will also have a silent auction. Please come to the hall and support our Scout troop, fellowship with your brother Knights and families, and watch a Great Football game.

Continue to recruit Catholic gentleman to the Knights of Columbus and particularly our Council.

Fraternally,  
David Polasek  
Grand Knight



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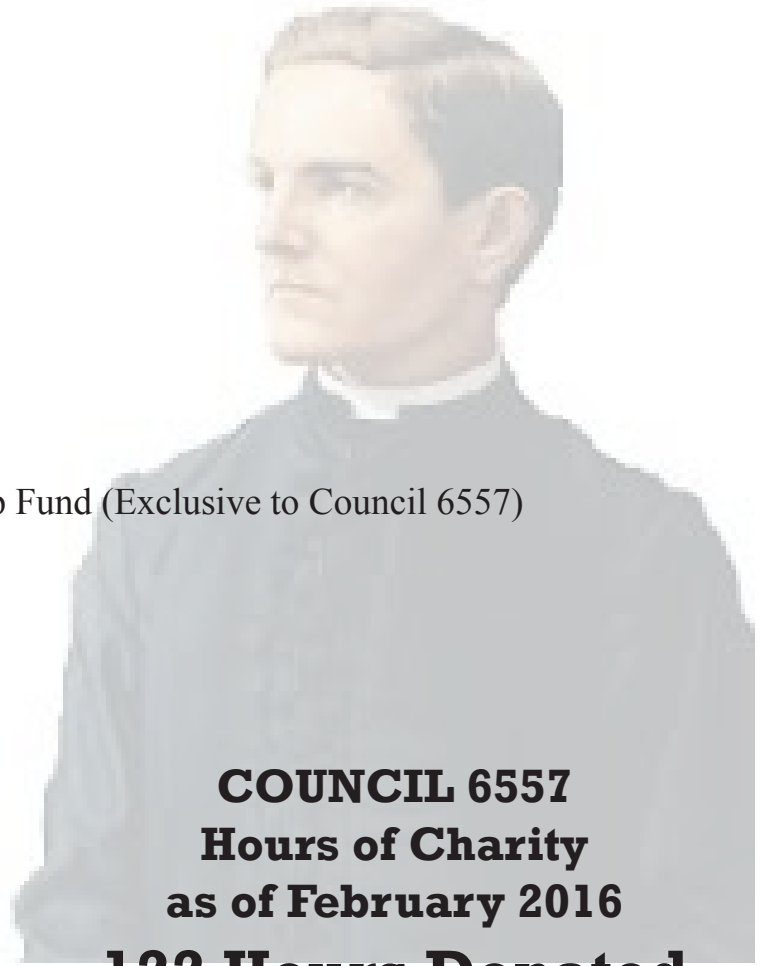
If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life.

These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight with Council 6557.

We are a band of brothers, dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. We do a lot of fundraisers because we have already committed to helping the following charities:

### **COUNCIL 6557 YEARLY CHARITY OBLIGATIONS**

St. Simon and Jude Parrish Support  
St. James Parrish Support  
St's. Simon & Jude Pro Life  
St. James Pro Life  
Boy Scout Troop 589  
Cub Scout pack 1234  
Clergy Night Celebration  
Annual Cardinal Dinardo Golf Fundraiser  
Brookwood Community  
Catholic Daughters  
Convalescent Bingo  
Herman Konczewski Memorial Scholarship Fund (Exclusive to Council 6557)  
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston  
Loaves and Fishes Downtown Houston  
Mowers of Faith  
Montgomery County Food Bank  
Northeast Assistance Ministries - NAM  
Operation Military Embrace  
Pregnancy Assist CTR  
Spring Assistance Ministries  
Seminarian Support  
Special Olympics  
State Charities  
Tamina Community Center  
Ultrasound Program  
USO  
Visit with Veterans at the VA Hospital  
Wheelchair Mission



**COUNCIL 6557  
Hours of Charity  
as of February 2016**

**122 Hours Donated**

**\$2,745**



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**SQUIRES**  
*Youth Organization.*

The emblem of the Squires symbolizes the ideals which identify a squire. On the arms of a Maltese cross are the letters "P", which represents the physical development necessary to make the body as strong as the spirit; "I", which stands for the intellectual development needed for cultural and mental

maturity; "S", which represents the spiritual growth and practice of our faith and "C", which stands for the development of citizenship and civic life. The larger letters: "C", representing Christ and also Christopher Columbus; "S", the Squires; and "K", the Knights of Columbus, by whom the Squires program is sponsored, are intertwined in the center of the cross. They are the three foundations of the program.

The Latin motto, "Esto Dignus", encircles the emblem.

Translated into English, it means "Be Worthy."

On January 23 & 24 of this year we held a recruitment drive at St. James where 28 young Catholic men heard the calling to become Squires! When he announced his Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time), in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promise of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this Jubilee of Mercy: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of Joy!

The Knights of Columbus in Texas lead the nation in many good things. Texas holds the largest amount of Squires, Dallas Diocese holds the second largest amount of Squires and our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston boast the largest number of Squires in the country!

Dates to look forward to:

February 6th, 2016 6:00 p.m. Squire Orientation at St. James

February 28th, 2016 3:00 p.m. Squire Investiture at St. James

Contact Kirk Raines  
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## BIRTHDAYS

### February

1	Charles Pace	6	Timothy Johnson	17	Dr. Robert Neville
2	James Kersh	6	Paul List	17	Eric Salley
3	Paul Hawkins	7	Tommy Anderson	20	Joe Kubeczka
3	Fr. Mathew Thottiyil	7	Dennis Johnston	20	Robert Taggart
4	Bobby Andrews	7	William McKee	22	Vincent Kubeczka
4	Gerald Mulvihill	16	William Motiska	25	David Selby
5	Foster Allen			25	James Rottman

### **RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!**

Be sure to invite people out to see us, and when you get a chance to speak to a Catholic gentleman show them what we do! What you do is really pretty awesome - TELL SOMEBODY!

### **YOUTH**

My Brothers, thank you for your continued support of Scouting. According to the Cubmaster for the Cubscouts, twelve new first graders alone were recruited this fall and along with other recruits the pack is over 30 kids. Our Boy Scout Troop has grown from 8 boys when it started to 28 boys and that is not including the boys who have graduated from high school and all are in college. We are finishing out the year at Winter Camp in Navasota which will run from December 26th through December 31st.

There are nine boy scouts attending and two of our older scouts will serve on staff for the week. We have had multiple camp outs this fall but our most memorable included a six mile canoe trip down the San Marcos River north of Lockhart. Some of the boys had never seen clear, green water in Texas. I ask for your continued prayers for our boys safety.

Fraternally Yours  
 John Tatman, PGK  
 Scoutmaster

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### **FOURTH DEGREE**

We had a full turn out for the first Corporate Communion this year at St. James The Apostle. A special Thank You to John, Bill & David and all the Sir Knights who made this turn out a success!!! We are starting this year STRONG! After the mass we met at Tequila Patio for an excellent breakfast buffet and enjoyed the fellowship of brother knights.

### **VA ASSISTANCE**

The goal of the VA Assistance Committee is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. We meet once a quarter and venture down to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX to mingle with the veterans and take them to mass if they choose to go.

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## **FAMILY COMMITTEE**

We are looking for a knight to be the Chairman of the Family Committee. Responsibilities include gathering info on all the young families and getting info to them about family nights and programs. If you have a family or know a family, let this be your big start. Keep track of events so you can get our families together and grow our council family. Kids love doing stuff where other kids are doing stuff.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

January has been a vs very busy month for the council. We observed the Mass for Life which was held at the Charismatic Center as we observed the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. The Mass was followed by a Pro-Life March to the Planned Parenthood Facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway which happens to be the largest abortion clinic in the Western Hemisphere. Our great city of Houston is known for a lot of things, but this monstrosity is something we don't need to be known for. Please keep Praying the Right to Life and be the Voice of the Voiceless and those that were not given the opportunity for that Right.

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on February 20, 2016 at St Anne Catholic Church 2140 Westheimer Rd Houston, Tx 77098. Mass will be at 8:15 am followed by a Rosary at the Houston Wom-

en's Center located at 4820 San Jacinto.

Your Brother In Christ

Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr

Pro-Life Chairman

## **FISH FRY**

Lent is upon us brother Knights. Beginning February 12th, St James will be hosting a weekly Lenten Fish Fry, put on by the Knights of Columbus, Friday's during Lent from 5:00:pm to 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church. You can volunteer to help prepare the food, cook the food, package the food and for clean up. The dates are as follows:

2/12/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00
2/19/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00
2/26/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00
3/04/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00
3/11/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00
3/18/2016	3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00

## **HOME ASSOCIATION**

JFMHA Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Any new business please contact John Groneck (Groneck@msn.com) at least one (1) week prior to the next meeting. State your business/proposal and estimated costs and benefits to Council 6557.



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## SCHOLARSHIP

Our Council will award four Knights of Columbus Herman J. Konczewski Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 in 2016. The Scholarship is available to high school seniors for use during the 2016-17 freshman year at college. Applications will be available in early January and due March 15.

### CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and related to a member of Council 6557 (living or deceased) in good standing, or a registered member of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James Parish.
2. Applicant must be sponsored by a member of Council 6557 in good standing, living or deceased, or registered parishioner of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James. Sponsor or relative can be the same person.
3. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale, or a GPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 point scale, or a GPA of 5.0 on a 6.0 point scale during his/her high school years.
4. Achieved a minimum of at least 1180 (M+R) on SAT or 26 on ACT.

5. Must be enrolled or enrolling to attend an accredited college or university during the 2015/2016 school year as a full time student.
6. A two part essay totaling no more than 500 words or less. Part I – “Why I wish to pursue a college degree” and Part II “What I am doing to practice my Catholic Faith” will be submitted with the application
7. All available OFFICIAL and most recent high school transcripts (including current grades, class ranking, and overall grade point average) and copy of your SAT (M+R) or ACT test scores will be required to be submitted.

For application or additional information contact:  
Bill Moeller, [billmoeller78@gmail.com](mailto:billmoeller78@gmail.com) or  
(832)594-4980.

## FUNDRAISING

We are always looking for opportunities. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore. If you are interested in becoming the a member of this committee please contact the Grand Knight David Polasek [dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net)

## WELCOMING

The Welcoming Committee is Chaired by John Groneck and needs some support. All new Knights are automatically part of the Welcoming Committee. The committee is tasked with introducing new members to committee chairs and programs. Knights start in the Welcoming Committee and quickly get involved in council operations. Contact John at:  
[john.e.groneck@exxonmobil.com](mailto:john.e.groneck@exxonmobil.com)

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2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

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- 3. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale, or a GPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 point scale, or a GPA of 5.0 on a 6.0 point scale during his/her high school years.**
- 4. Achieved a minimum of at least 1180 (M+R) on SAT or 26 on ACT.**
- 5. Must be enrolled or enrolling to attend an accredited college or university during the 2016/2017 school year as a full time student.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church that you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of relative in Council 6557 if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to member (son, niece, grandson, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (son, grandson, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Best SAT or ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges / Universities being considered: \_\_\_\_\_

Will pursue Academic Major in: \_\_\_\_\_

List scholarships awarded and dollar amount \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Academic Achievements (academic awards, honor society)

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School extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Activities or service you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Related Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies and special interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Places of employment (high school years), beginning with most recent to include positions and dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: You may use additional sheets as needed to complete any of the above.

**Application must include Items 1 – 4 below or the application will be considered incomplete.**

1. Disclosure Statement
2. A two part essay totaling no more than 500 words or less. Part I – “Why I wish to pursue a college degree” and Part II “What I am doing to practice my Catholic Faith”
3. All available OFFICIAL and most recent high school transcripts (including current grades, class ranking, and overall grade point average).
4. Copy of your SAT (M+R) or ACT test scores

**Applications must be postmarked to the Scholarship Chairman Bill Moeller (832-594-4980) no later than March 15, 2016.**

Please include a self-addressed post card with stamp if you wish an acknowledgment of receipt of your application.

Scholarship winner’s sponsor will be notified by April 15 and awards will be presented at the May 2015 Council Family Night dinner.

If you are selected as a winner, your social security number may be required.  
Mail the completed application with attachments in the following order:

1. Disclosure Statement
2. Two part essay
3. Official Transcripts
4. Copy of SAT (M+R) or ACT Scores

**Mail completed application packet to:**

**Scholarship Committee  
Knights of Columbus Council 6557  
29327 SOUTH PLUM CREEK DR.  
SPRING, TX 77386-2302**

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

I hereby declare that the information provided on my application for scholarship is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that I will use the scholarship funds, if awarded, solely for the purpose of paying for books, lab fees, and tuition costs, related to the pursuit of obtaining higher education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Application Form Approved January 14, 2016



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## OTS

The OTS or Old Town Spring Committee is comprised of several brother knights who have taken up the task of managing a section of the OTS responsibilities. Event responsibilities include the Beer Booth, Parking at 'Steve's Lot, Preservation lot and the railroad lot as well as kitchen staff and cashiers. When you volunteer with us for an OTS event, you will get filed into one of these categories and will report to your fearless leader each day of the event that you have volunteered to work. These are the team leaders, and they will assign members to their team and manage the work parties:

Kitchen Staff – David Foltyn

Beer Booth – Harold Schambach

Steve's Lot – Eric Twardowski

Preservation Lot – Ed Varosky

Railroad Lot – Ronnie Husky

Cashiers – Dan Armbruster

## VISIBILITY

Recently at one of the meetings it was mentioned that we (KofC) do not have a lot of visibility at SSJ. I find that an interesting comment from the standpoint that if you look at the congregation in SSJ you will find that both priests, two of the deacon's, most of the lectors, most of the extraordinary ministers and most of the ushers are members of our council and it goes much deeper than that in the various organizations. I think



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where we have dropped the ball is that we do not wear our badges, pins, shirts to church to bring attention to ourselves. I would like to suggest that we have our members wear their KofC pins, badges or shirts when and where possible to announce that we are a large part of the SSJ community. Having attended St. James yesterday I feel the same situation applies there as well. Three of the four ushers are members of our council along with Fr. Samperi and Deacon Art Zepeda at that mass.

To carry it one step further and to assist in recognition of the KofC at SSJ I am asking that brother KofC and their wives sign up to assist with the "Fellowship after the Mass's". I think most of our members are aware that Fr. Pat is big on fellowship after mass. Currently SSJ has coffee and donuts after each Sunday morning service. I think that they pass out cookies at the evening mass. I am asking our SSJ members to sign up for whatever mass they attend to pass out the donuts / cookies etc after their mass. They are using a team structure of four people, one person is designated the team captain. It is expected that you would only be called upon to do this perhaps every 2-months so it is not a weekly request but rather one every 8-weeks or longer if we have a lot of people sign up. Peggy Micko is heading up this ministry and will contact the team captain the week before their team is up. I do hope that we will have a big response for this ministry by YOU our members and your wives. Once again this is for the guys and the girls so we should get a lot of teams to assist SSJ. By the way this will give us additional exposure as we can wear our colors while handing out the donuts and we can also have KofC information on one of the tables. What I need from you is the following:

- 1> your name and your wives,
- 2> mass that you normally attend,
- 3> phone number,
- 4> e-mail address to contact you.

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## VISIBILITY (CONT)

One last thing this should not mess up your day:  
 The donuts / cookies will be in the room, you will have to make coffee for the next mass and clean up after your mass. You will be in and out in less than 30-minutes, your assistance on this is endeavor is very much appreciated. Please respond as soon as you can as Peggy is in the process of putting together the master list. If you have any other questions or comments please give me a call.

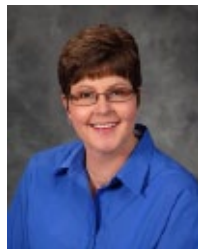
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## DEGREE TEAM

Committee is responsible for our ceremonials. There are parts that have to be memorized and delivered to the council during our ceremonies, and it just requires someone that can memorize lines. If you can act or have been on stage before, you must sign up, you'll really enjoy bringing new knights into the council. To volunteer to help or perform a role, contact Mark Votsmier at: [Votsmier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Votsmier@sbcglobal.net)

## KITCHEN

The kitchen staff hopes all Brothers are enjoying the meals that are prepared for business night and family night. Please remember that on Family Night, please bring a side dish or dessert. Your help is greatly appreciated. Brothers, if you enjoy the KC dinners, please do not forget to leave a donation in the "kitty".



## The 'B' Team

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## CHARITY

KofC #6557 Charity Committee Information:

Your Council has had a "Charity Committee" since our inception in 1974. The majority of requests come from members. We also receive requests from the community, diocese, church, supreme, state, etc.

Currently we have a large number of dedicated charities that we donate monies to. These charities are what we call line items and we expect to fund them with our fund raising events throughout the year. At this time these annual charity expenses include American Wheel Chair Mission, Brookwood Community, Interfaith Community Clinic, Montgomery County Food Bank, Sts. Simon & Jude and St. James, Pregnancy Assistance Center, Seminarian support, Special Olympics, Pro Life, USO, Tamina Community Center, State Charities. and many more.

In the past, back in the late 70's, it was proposed that we make a big splash in the community. It was suggested that we let our charity funds build to possibly purchase an ambulance for one of the local volunteer fire departments at a cost of over \$50,000. Certainly this would have given us a lot of notice and accolades in the local community and would have been a worthy cause. After much deliberation it was agreed that rather than make one large donation every couple of years we could help more people and programs with the shotgun approach of many smaller donations and a lot more giving to good causes. This policy or philosophy has been our direction since that time.

Members should be aware that in addition to the line items we also have requests to fund numerous causes throughout the year. These request are presented to the charity committee who evaluate them and then pass them on to the officers at the officers meeting then to the floor for an up or down vote. We have been limiting these requests to a dollar amount not to exceed \$500 to allow us to support as many requests as pos-

sible. A few years ago it was agreed that we would concentrate our donations to the local area. There have been a few exceptions but for the most part our donations are now supporting worthy deeds in our backyard. As you are all aware the number one principal of our order is charity it is what we are all about.

Larry Hawkins

cell (713) 823-5290

Hm (281) 367-3128

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Be sure to invite people out to see us, and when you get a chance to speak to a Catholic gentleman show them what we do!

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## BOWLING

The League is on its Christmas break and will resume bowling for the second half on January 5, 2016. The winners of our first half are "Boanerges" in first place with 44 wins, "Pin Cutters" in second place with 42 wins, and "Wholly Rollers" in third place with 39 wins. Great Bowling!!!!

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## ST. JAMES

St James is in need of ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please contact Deacon Oden at [dcnray@stjta.com](mailto:dcnray@stjta.com)

## FOOD DRIVE

St James will be having a monthly food drive every 3rd Sunday of each month. Please bring new non-perishables which have not yet reached their expiration date. This benefits those most needy in our community.

Brother Knights following the fish fry join St James parish in the Via Crucis as we all strengthen our faith and prepare for Easter, Vivat Jesus!

## VIA CRUCIS

The meaning of the Way of the Cross  
The Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem  
The Way of the Cross is not a work of erudition. It is essentially a devotional exercise, a means which men and women can use to make contact with God, to adore Him, to thank Him, to increase their love for Him. Devotion to the sufferings of Christ, is particularly recommended for all who wish to live "upon the model of that charity which Christ showed to us when he gave himself up on our behalf" (Eph 6,2).

**John Flanagan**

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Finally, what really matters is to follow Christ on the Way of the Cross of his Passion, as humble companions.

The First Station - Jesus is sentenced to death

The Second Station - Jesus is given the Cross

The Third Station - Jesus falls for the first time

The Fourth Station - Jesus meets His Mother

The Fifth Station - Simon the Cyrenian helps carry the Cross

The Sixth Station - Veronica wipes Jesus' face

The Seventh Station - Jesus falls for the second time

The Eighth Station - Jesus talks to the women of Jerusalem

The Ninth Station - Jesus falls for the third time

The Tenth Station - Jesus is stripped of His garments

The Eleventh Station - Jesus is nailed to the Cross

The Twelfth Station - Jesus dies on the Cross

The Thirteenth Station - Jesus is taken down from the Cross

The Fourteenth Station - Jesus is laid in the Sepulchre

The Fifteenth Station - Jesus rises from the dead

## INSURANCE

### Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

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But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

Open enrollment is coming for most of you. Allow me to conduct a full review of your coverage so we can close any gaps you might have and, at the same time, protect your insurability. Call me today!

Agent Name: Jose R. Oviedo

Phone: (832) 910-5061

Email: jose.oviedo@kofc.org

## BINGO

The Bingo Committee meets every third Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960. They host the Bingo games and offer commerraderie and fun to the elderly in our community. Contact Mickey Manore at: mmanore@comcast.net

*Next visit is: Tuesday FEB 16th*

## RETENTION COMMITTEE

Brothers,

The second notice for our Annual Dues has already been sent out. If you have not received either an e-mail or USPS dues mailing please contact our Financial Secretary Pete Palasota to update your contact information.

If you are unable to pay your dues or know of a member who is unable to pay their dues (or should be under the Disability Exemption Program) please contact our Grand Knight David Polasek, Financial Secretary Pete Palasota, or PGK Jim Ledwig.

All of our members are important! Together, let’s continue the charitable work of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.

God Bless,

Jim Ledwig PGK

Retention Committee Chairman



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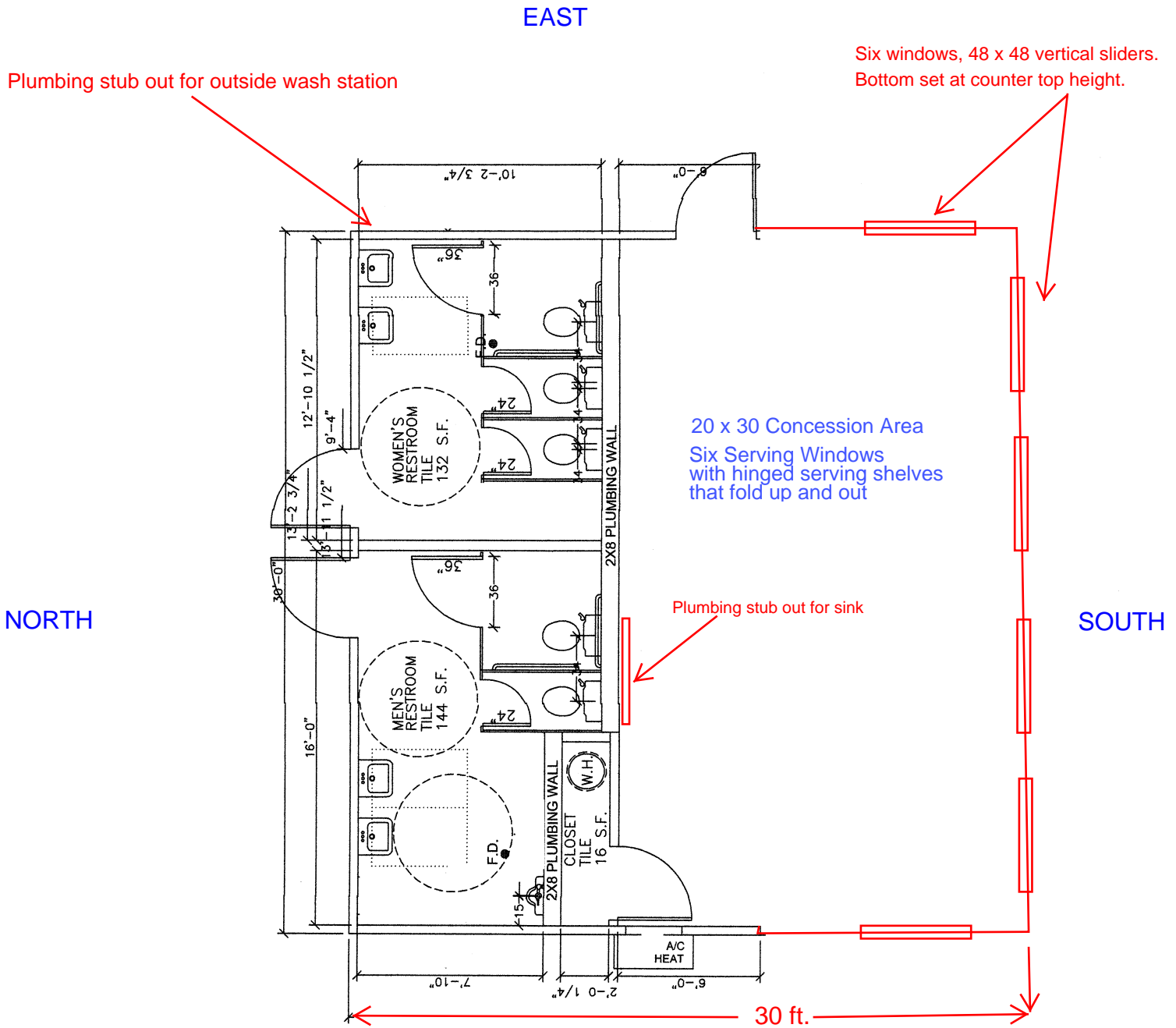
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# RESTROOMS and CONCESSION BUILDING

Size: 30 feet by 30 feet

Base: Set on concrete pads and one building block high



Install (1) 8 x 10 wood deck with ADA compliant ramp and (1) 4 x 4 wood deck



Activity Schedule

FRI Feb 12	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
TUE Feb 16	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
FRI Feb 19	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
THU Feb 25	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome (White Elephant)
FRI Feb 26	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
SAT Feb 27	Big Top Vintage Market Parking Cars OTS - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
SUN Feb 28	Big Top Vintage Market Parking Cars OTS - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
THU Mar 3	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
FRI Mar 4	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
SAT Mar 5	Pet Fest or Wine Fest (No details as of this printing)
SUN Mar 6	Pet Fest or Wine Fest (No details as of this printing)
SUN Mar 6	VA Visit 7:45 AM Lowes Parking Lot
THU Mar 10	1st Degree at Council 6557
THU Mar 10	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
FRI Mar 11	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
TUE Mar 15	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
FRI Mar 18	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
THU Mar 24	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
FRI Mar 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Apr 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Apr 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Apr 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
MON Apr 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Apr 28	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU May 5	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU May 12	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE May 17	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
WED May 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU May 26	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU Jun 2	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Jun 9	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE June 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Jun 23	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
SAT Jun 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Jul 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Jul 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Jul 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center



## Bishop Nold Council 6557

Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.

For updating, please contact

GK David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net 281-350-1921

PGK Bill Moeller billmoeller78@yahoo.com 832-594-4980

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list 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.*

### **We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:**

Caroline Castro, mother of PGK Bob Castro – recovery from fall (Dec 3)

Barbara Cupial, wife of SK Jerzy Cupial – medical tests (Jan 5)

Greg Hasselberger – motorcycle accident broken arm recovery

Richard Nash's Brother-in-Law Heart Attack recovery, (Jan 21)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo - hospice

Our Country and Religious Liberty

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Pope Francis

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our Cardinals and our Church

Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians

Pat (cancer) and Mike Aaron proposed by Danny Spurlock

George Adams (Health)

Cathy Barcello, proposed by Terry O'Donohue (kidney cancer)

Barbara Barnes, proposed by SK Dan Armbruster

Teresa Bratcher, daughter of SK Robby Westbrook (cancer)

Joyce Becker - Alzheimers

Brian Berger, proposed by GK Jim Ledwig (Crohns Disease)

Kathy Binkle (Cancer) and Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Donna Cymbala (cancer)

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Shirley Elliott wife of Brother Jack Elliott (cancer)

Amy Evans, Chuck Keesee's daughter, (progressive paralysis)

Kim Finnerty (cancer) wife of Jerry Finnerty

Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller

Maria Jose Garcia de Romero, sister-in-law of Terry O'Donohue, Leukemia

Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason

Linda Gonzalez (lung cancer) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512

Frank Hodel (Alzheimer's)

Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker

Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman



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PRAYER LIST



Dave Johnston (cancer)  
Jessie Klosterman (health) granddaughter of Herman Konczewski  
Michelle Koenig (cancer)  
Tom Kurland (Health)  
Paul Ledwig (Cancer)  
SK Jerry Leiker (Health)  
Helen Van Keulen (Stage 4 Breast Cancer) wife of Field Agent Daryl  
Beryl Lucia (ALS) proposed by SK Dennis Pomonis  
Susan Marong (Cancer) proposed by Steve Kane  
Gretchen Manchester (Blood Disorder) David and Judy Polasek niece  
Rose Merrill (Alzheimer's), sister of SK Rudy Charest  
Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa  
Paul Moarman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield  
Jean Morgan (cancer), sister of Mike Cali  
Elsey Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil  
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer  
Carmen Oviedo (liver cancer) wife of Field Agent Jose Oviedo  
Servando Osorio, friend of Terry O'Donohue, liver cancer, 3 months to live, and young family  
Karen O' Sullivan (Multiple Sclerosis) cousin of Robert P. O' Sullivan  
Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)  
Karyn Posella (back pain) wife of Rick Reed  
Margaret Romeo (Health)  
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue  
Anthony San Miguel (Brain Cancer), proposed by Mark San Miguel  
Jaime Sepulveda (Parkinson's disease)  
Richie Spurlock (Health recovery)  
Verna Strickland, founding parishioner Sts S&J, losing her eyesight and hearing  
Bobbie Torguson (Cancer)  
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)  
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)  
Lillian Trahan (Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma of the blood)  
Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law  
SK Walter White (health)  
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

**We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:**

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ a may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

**Family / Friends**

Romeo Ortiz Brother-in-law of Don Hollis  
Karen Potter, wife of Tony Potter  
Henrietta Siragusa, wife of Charlie Siragusa  
Edward Trahan, Brother of Mike Trahan