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Christ, Prince of Peace Council 12986 – Manchester. MO

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE COUNCIL # 12986

**Monthly Membership Meetings** 

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM Christ, Prince of Peace Church Basement Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2020 Rosary at 7:00 PM

**Monthly Planning Meetings** 

First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM Christ, Prince of Peace Church Basement Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Council Officers

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Bill Davis - 314-503-5677

See the end of the Newsletter for the complete list of all Officers and Program Directors.

## Grand Knight's Column

Congratulations to our past Grand Knight, Vince Klein, and the team for achieving the Columbian Award and the Founders' Award for the 2019-20 Fraternal Year.

These awards are given to those councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, service to the Community and the Church.

Thanks for all you do for our Order, your Parishes and Communities. Keep up the great work of service and remember to remain Membership Active.

The Knights have traditionally celebrated the family foundation by hosting Events on any fifth sunday in a month. Please join us for our Traditional Fifth Sunday Family Activity this month on Sunday August 31. We will host a parish wide Virtual Rosay in the afternoon. More information will follow.

Are you looking for ways to have your family, kids and grandkids do more productive community activities during this quarantine period? Check out the Sandwich Ministry in this newsletter.

Vivat Jesus! Kurtis Suellentrop

P.S. Save the date for our Golf Outing on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Missouri Bluffs Golf Course..

# Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

No Events are scheduled

## CPOP KofC Website Prayer Requests



Do you or know someone or do you have a special intention that needs to

be prayed for?

One of the great features of the CPOP KofC Website is ability to submit a prayer request. By clicking on the link below you can write a Prayer Request for a family member, friend, fellow KofC Brother or for a special intention. The request can be viewed by anyone who accesses the website. Take advantage of this great opportunity.

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## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Tim O'Connell - August 2nd Chris Jacob – August 2nd Bill Lenger – August 3rd Eric Danker – August 3rd Mark Landrum - August 4th Michael Ancell - August 6th Fred Denny - August 8th Mike Lerch – August 9th Brendan McKelvey - August 10th Phillip Everitt - August 11th Sean Noonan – August 14th Ted Wenk – August 20th Ron Huelsmann – August 21st Richard Perez, August 25th Jim Grelle, August 29th Luke Chickey – August 30th David Nieters - August 30th

## **July Council Meeting**

Even though we are still in the throes of the CoronaVirus Pandemic we were able to conduct the Rosary and the Installation of officers for the Fraternal Year of 2020-2021 on July 15th. We met outside at the Statue of Mary for the Rosary at 6:30 PM. Attending the Rosary were PGK Dan Brady, Gavin Brady, Warden John Diderrich, Tom Henning, DGK Marty Hood, Ron Huelsmann, PGK Greg Mathiesen, Outside Guard Carl Schiley, Rod Schnurr, Mike Shea, GK Kurtis Suellentrop, Jim Thole, Chancellor Greg Westrich, Ron Jacober (via Zoom).

In addition to the above, attending the Council meeting and Officer Installation were New District Deputy Bill Davis, Chaplain Fr. Chris Dunlap, Inside Guard Mike Banton, Lecturer Brian Cahill, Dave Galli, Ron Hogue, Treasurer Bill Lenger, Tim Lenger, Dick Schenk, Stas Wolak and Ric Zamora.

The Minutes from this meetings and previous meetings can be seen in the Members Only section of the Council website at

HTTPS://KOFCKNIGHTS.ORG/COUNCILSITE/MINUTES.ASP?CNO=12986

## **Membership Report**

# New Ceremonial for Admissions, Unity and Fraternal Degrees

Degree ceremonies impart lessons that inspire men to serve. This new ceremony teaches our time-honored principles in a way that is appropriate for today. It presents the lessons of charity, unity and fraternity in powerful contemporary language. It will significantly enhance a man's first impression of the Order. It will do the same for his family and friends.

To better understand the ceremony, please view the following link where the Supreme Knight presents the reasons for the change and the process that developed it. The link includes a video of the ceremony. https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification.

This new ceremony will replace the current Admissions (1st Degree), Unity (2nd Degree), and Fraternal (3rd Degree) ceremonies. Any current First-Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus who views this ceremony either in person or via a video or on-line presentation will be upgraded to a Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

This is the biggest change that most Knights will ever see. Supreme Council and the Missouri State leadership emphasize that the principles and mission of the Order remain the same. All Knights are on this journey together. The path to follow is faith in action.

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, it has become necessary to conduct this new Unified Admissions Degree in an On-Line format. Please visit the link above to view the new initiation. Once you have completed the initiation, contact Financial Secretary, Mark Jansen or Grand Knight, Kurtis Suellentrop so that you can receive credit for attending.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE <u>CPOPKOFC.ORG</u>

The Christ, Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 12986 has a website. This website has some great features:

- Members can submit Prayer Requests
- Members can update their information (Member number and password are required)
- Event Calendar for the current and future months with links to Sign-up Genius for volunteer opportunities
- Current and past newsletters
- Upcoming events will be displayed on the Home page
- News and Announcements section to highlight current and past activities by the Council
- In Memoriam section that will pay tribute to members of our council and other prominent Knights that have passed on.
- Photo Gallery that will provide pictures from past Council events.
- Links to the Christ, Prince of Peace Church Website, State and Supreme Council KofC Websites, 4th Degree Assembly Websites.

The website can be accessed by anyone. However, to view the Members Only section will require a login - *Your KofC Member ID and Password – Your 10 digit birthday MMDDYYYY*. (You can find your member ID on your current membership card).

We ask that you access your personal information in the Members Only section to verify that all the information is correct. If any information is not correct or is missing, please make the necessary updates.

Feel Free to contact any member of the website team, (Mike Shea, Mike Lerch, Tom Matusofsky, Greg Mathiesen). Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

## **Knight of the Month – July**

The Knight of the Month for July is awarded to Jeremy Bright for stepping up to take over the Recorder role and completed the 6/23 Member meeting minutes for our June meeting before he got the position and he even got any formal training!

## Family of the Month – July

The Family of the Month for July is the Wolak Family for generously and diligently helping to usher the 8:00 AM masses and clean the pews with their three sons, Neil, Ben, and Ryan.

## **CPOP 2020 Golf Outing**

THE MISSOURI

The 2020 CPOP KofC Will be held on Monday, October 19th at Missouri Bluffs Golf Club in St. Charles.

Reserve this date for an enjoyable 4-person scramble event that is open to everyone. Open to individuals, friends,

relatives, clients, employees, co-workers and family.

Make it a fun group competition within the same family or company. Lunch, golf, and liquid refreshments and snacks included.

Consider a Hole Sponsorships, donation for Auction or Gift Bag items. Our website is being updated to provide additional details with easy registration and payment being available.

Your participation is appreciated in this important fundraiser for the continued charitable and community activities.

Thank you.

Vincent Klein, Chairman, CPOP Golf Tournament Committee 314-753-7758 mrvincentklein@gmail.com



## **Felice Cuores**

Brother Knights,

Due to the Corona Virus Concerns, the Remaining Felice Cuores Dance parties have cancelled.

On a related note, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has placed additional requirements on volunteers who are involved in children or vulnerable adults. The new program is called *Prevent and Protect*. Several new things are required. Go to <u>preventandprotectstl.org</u>. All of the following are accomplished on the site.

- Register onto the site
- Submit New Background Check
- Complete "Protecting God's Children" training
- Complete "Mandated Reporter" training
- Complete "Code of Conduct" training
- Sign "Code of Conduct||"

If you have already done the Protecting God's Children training you need not do it again. Registration is straightforward. The only tricky part that I found was how to sign the registration. The two online training requirements ("Mandated Reporting" and "Code of Conduct") are each 20 minute interactive videos.

Mike Leonard

Council 12986 Felice Cuores Committee Representative

### **Archdiocese of St. Louis Protecting God's Children**

Link: https://www.preventandprotectstl.org/

This program is required for all Council members that are involved in any activity that involves children, teenagers, disabled, handicapped. This would include but not be limited to:

- Basketball Freethrow
- Soccer Challenge
- Essay and Poster Contest
- Kickball Tournament
- Oktoberfest
- Fish Frv
- Felice Cuores
- Donut Sunday
- any other activity where children can be present.

## **Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program (KofC Supreme)**

Link: http://kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/index.html

This program is required for the following Council Members:

- Grand Knight
- Program Director
- Community Director
- Family Director
- All other members are encouraged to take the training as well. Please note that if a member is later appointed to one of the roles listed above, that member may be required to retake the training in that role.

Both of these programs involve a background check and a series of on-line training topics. In order to be compliant with both the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Knights of Columbus, both programs must be taken and completed by the KofC members.

## Helping Hands - Solidarity & Community Outreach



Solidarity & Community Outreach is the name given to our effort to work in solidarity with the Knights of St. Peter Claver (KPC) and the African American community in community outreach efforts. Currently we are involved in two projects.



The painting project at St. Matthew's Church has been delayed until January, 2020. At that time, we'll follow up with the grand knight from the St.

Matthew's KPC and schedule a suitable date.

The tree mulching and clean-up of church grounds at St. Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist is scheduled for the spring of 2020, hopefully in March or April. We are currently working with the pastor, Fr. Steve Giljum, on the exact date.

Both projects are currently on hold because of the coronavirus

## Sandwich Ministry



With the closing of schools and all archdiocesan parish group activities, families in the inner city are more in need than ever, particularly for food that was usually supplemented for their children by the schools.

For many years, the CPOP Sandwich ministry has been providing sandwiches twice a month for soup kitchens and food pantries, and the need continues to grow. Bev Young and Pat Ackerman have taken over this ministry. This is a wonderful way to follow Jesus' command to "feed the hungry".

At their bequest, I am asking each brother Knight to prepare one sandwich loaf and drop it off in the church basement refrigerator by Monday noon (before the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday). Would you please do this? If we all participated, that would be over 200 loaves!!!

### Here are the guidelines for the Sandwiches:

- Peanut butter/ jelly
- Any deli meat, chicken, turkey, ham, salami, bologna, cheese
- No condiments, lettuce, mustard, mayonnaise This is very important
- Any type of bread
- Please put individual sandwiches in a sandwich bag and put all individual sandwich baggies back into the original bread loaf wrapper.
- Label the bag PPJ, Bologna, etc.
- Please drop-off the sandwiches in the Church Basement (There is a Refrigerator with a Sandwich Ministry sign) any time before the delivery dates and times.
- The sandwiches are delivered to the soup kitchen and food pantries (2nd and 4th Tuesdays after the 6:30 AM Mass and Wednesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass)

Let's help Bev Young and Pat Ackerman and their team help others.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry – They are looking for volunteers to help deliver the sandwich packages, please call Bev Young at 636-227-4070 or Pat Ackerman 314-965-5084, or please click on the following link https://forms.gle/7om3TFGq9didRpww6.

# **Christ, Prince of Peace Faith-In-Action Apostolate**



A New Apostolate: Faith in Action CPOP is not limited to Church walls or geographic boundaries but rather by our parishioners and their needs. There are so many of us who require occasional and often emergency help as we face the challenges of daily living. That is why we are forming an apostolate called Faith in Action. This program is broad-

based and designed to help parishioners when they are least able to help themselves. The focus at this time is as follows:

- SIMPLE HOME REPAIRS minor work or maintenance type tasks
- \* YARD TASKS chores such as leaf raking, snow shoveling, grass cutting, bush trimming TRANSPORTATION doctor appointments, treatments, physical therapy, or to Church
- NON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE offer breaks to caregivers of the elderly, handicapped or children SHOPPING small grocery orders, pharmacy, meals
- OUTREACH phone calls and visits

We are excited to offer this new ministry and need you to help make it successful! Please contact us if you feel you could use some assistance or know a person or family in need of help. Also, contact us if you would like to become part of the Faith in Action team providing your skill set and time when and where you can.

Please call Deacon Pat Belding at 314.223.4488 or email: pbelding6@gmail.com or Dick Schenk at 314.330.5567 or email: dschenkjr@msn.com.

## Leave No Neighbor Behind

The Knights of Columbus are offering "Leave No Neighbor Behind" facemasks. You can get yours here (<a href="https://www.knightsgear.com/featured-leave-no-neighbor-behind">https://www.knightsgear.com/featured-leave-no-neighbor-behind</a>).



The demand for the masks has far exceeded our initial inventory so we ask for your patience as we ship these out as quickly as we can.

Our standard lead time for this item is now about 5 business days from when your order is placed.

\$9.95

## **Into the Breach Discussion Series**



Into the Breach is a 12-episode video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. This video series seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. It is inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix.

Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Each episode runs approximately 12 minutes.

Much of our modern culture is beset by misunderstanding and contention about what it means to be a man. Many men receive mixed messages concerning who they are and what their role is. Into the Breach contends that men are made for greatness and the true expression of that greatness is to be heroically virtuous—and that Catholic masculinity means to have character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage, in imitation of Christ.

The 12 episodes are titled: Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare, Evangelization, and The Cornerstone.

The goal of Into the Breach is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be.

The videos can be used for individual personal enrichment and for group discussion. The series is an extension of the Knights of Columbus' existing Faith in Action program. Faith in Action is the program model of the Knights of Columbus. Through its 32 programs, Faith in Action seeks to help its members and councils make a meaningful difference in the lives of their families and

communities. Into the Breach was created to encourage discussion between men about the topics presented and are ideal for small group discussions, as well as for individual viewing. To facilitate small group discussion, each episode will be accompanied by a reflection guide. This reflection guide can also be used for individual reflection on the series.

This video series will be added to the CPOP Adult Formation Programs as one of the Small Faith Communities.

## **CPOP Adult Formation Programs**

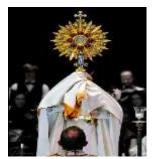
#### **Small Faith Communities**

Introduced in the in the Parish Strategic Plan and discussed at the Parish Mission, during Lent of 2020, Parishioners are invited to participate in a book study as part of Small Faith Communities. These small groups will meet weekly during Lent to discuss and share in the journey of the selected book as an opportunity to continue our faith formation and to continue our pursuit of regular encounters with God. There is still time to sign up for a Small Faith Group before Lent starts. Visit the Parish Website <a href="https://christprinceofpeace.com/groups">https://christprinceofpeace.com/groups</a> or contact Tony Philips in the Parish Office for more information.

### **Parish Retreat**

Mark your calendars now for the first ever CPOP Parish Retreat. Being held November 13, 14 and 15, 2020, this new opportunity to grow deeper in our faith and to engage in the real and intense love God has for each of us on an individual basis. This is a unique event where CPOP Parishioners will be directly involved in the development and presentation of a retreat designed specifically for fellow Parishioners. More information will be provided in the coming months such as location, times., etc. but be sure to save the date, it's certainly an opportunity you won't want to miss. Feel free to contact Ryan McCarthy (rpatrickmccarthy@gmail.com) if you'd like to learn more.

# **Eucharistic Adoration – Benediction – Rosary prior to our Monthly Council Meetings**



#### A Higher Purpose

Encourage deep personal encounter with God. Knights of Columbus councils work with their pastors to organize a regular Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration. Prepared for the men of the parish, this Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by St. Joseph or Knights of Columbus founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, and various other aspects as decided by the council.

#### **Overview**

The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today – especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more..

Through the efforts of our assistant Chaplain, Deacon Pat Belding, with the cooperation of our Chaplain and Pastor, Fr. Chris Dunlap, the usual Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration will be extended on the Third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 PM until about 6:50 PM with Benediction until 7:00 PM. Following Benediction, The Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM, with the General Council meeting beginning at 7:30 PM. All Knights are asked and encouraged to arrive at 6:30 PM (or earlier) for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction and the Rosary.



#### Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus, Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junipero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacks on statues and history. They are increasingly attacks on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.

However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s. spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all

Vivat Jesus!

Carl A. Anderson Supreme Knight

Knights of Columbus 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510











## Religious Information Bureau



Please see the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk in the Church Gathering Space alongside the Religious Information Bureau Pamphlet Rack.

#### What is the Domestic Church?

It is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering prayer.

It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, "In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith."

It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.

It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it.



# Knights of Columbus Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain



## August 2020

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Gospel for Aug. 23, Mt 16:18)

That's quite a promise! Christ established Peter as the head of his Church on earth, with his teaching authority and the guarantee that hell itself would not defeat it. How we practice our faith in word and deed influences the moral and spiritual formation of others — our family, friends, fellow parishioners and neighbors. With the help of God's grace, fathers have a sacred role to protect their families from the devil's assaults. May we all take seriously this responsibility to be a "rock" of the

Catholic faith in our domestic churches, parishes and communities.

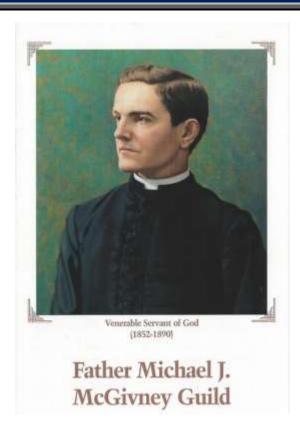
## Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to join with others — family, friends, brother Knights — in praying the rosary for the intention of remaining steadfast in the faith. Second, I challenge you to encourage members of your parish to stand firm in the faith by starting or promoting the Faith in Action Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program at your church.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you regularly lead your family in prayer by saying grace before meals, reciting the rosary, reading Scripture or practicing other devotions? Do you openly discuss the Catholic faith so that your children know and understand the faith and its truth, goodness and beauty? Do you pray for your wife and children that God may protect them from the attacks of the devil?

# Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. McGivney Guild - Cause for Sainthood



### Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Knights of Columbus established the Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney (1852-1890). The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model today for both Catholic laymen and priests because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the people of his parish. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and active in building a civilization of love.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. To join, fill out the attached application and mail it to the address given. There is no charge to enroll, and you need not be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of his cause for canonization. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Holy Spirit guide us at each step along the way. Welcome to the Guild!

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, click on the link below that will take you to the Father Michael J McGivney Guild website and registration form: http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html

### Fr. Michael McGivney to be Beatified

# We all received some very special & wonderful news. It was only 138 years in the making.

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

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.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

Please check out this website link for additional details:

https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/for-the-media/michael-mcgivney-closer-to-sainthood.html

## **Knights of Columbus Faith-In-Action Service Programs**

"A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, or neighborhood in which you live. However, a successful K of C program is more than the words you see written here or in any Supreme Council publication. It's more than a suggestion at a meeting. A program needs people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in a way that works."

If you are not now actively involved in our council activities or if you want to increase your involvement, now is a great time to become an active member. If you are not interested being the director of a program or a committee, you can become a member of a committee. The four Principles upon which the Knights of Columbus were founded are:

- Charity: To share our time, talents and treasures with those in need.
- Unity: To work together to accomplish deeds not achievable individually.
- Fraternity: To aid our Brother and his family
- Patriotism: To serve and honor our country in the Church and in the community.

All of the Programs and committees are formed around these principles.

*Faith-In-Action* makes clear the roles and requirements of all Supreme Council-recommended programs. It offers a stronger call to action, better inspiring Knights to lead their families and parishes in quality, faith-filled family programs. It is divided into four categories of programs: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

They represent our main priorities as an Order: The primary goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the Catholic **faith**. We also emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal **family** plays in modern society. Additionally, a critical part of our mission as Knights is to spread a spirit of charity and service throughout our **community**. Finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to "be committed to the defense of **life** in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II).

- 🏶 Faith -
  - RSVP Refund Support Vocation Program
  - Into the Breach Men's Discussion Program
  - Religious Information Bureau (RIB)
  - Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
  - Rosary Program
  - Holy Hour
- Community -
  - Coats for Kids
  - Leave No Neighbor Behind (Parish Faith-In-Action)
  - Helping Hands (Solidarity Community Outreach and Personal Care Packages)
  - Youth Basketball Free-throw
  - Youth Essay and Poster Contest
  - Youth Soccer Challenge
  - Annual CPOP Parish Golf Tournament
  - Lenten Fish Fry
- 🛡 Family -
  - 5th Sunday Family Mass and Breakfast
  - Donut Sunday (January & July)
  - Food for Families (Sandwich Ministry)
  - Family of the Month
  - Oktoberfest
- Life -
  - Mother's Day Roses
  - Felice Cuores Social Activity for Developmentally Handicapped Adults
  - Special Olympics
  - Drive for the Developmentally Disabled (Tootsie Roll Drive)
  - Christian Refugee Relief

## Being a Knight & Serving a Ministry

Brother Knights, our parish (Christ, Prince of Peace) is extending an invitation to you to sign up and become more active in your church. Most if not all of you attend weekend mass and you must have noticed by now, that there are some gaping holes our ministry ranks of Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EM). Lectors, Choir, and Sacristans. None of these positions are difficult but they are very necessary to help keep our Church and inviting place to come and worship.

Since you are attending mass anyway, please think and pray about which position[s] you feel you can best serve and let me know. I will be happy to put you in the que for whichever ministry[s] you choose. Here is a short description of each position:

- **Usher:** Arrive at mass 15-20 minutes before each mass. Put on your KOC name badge. Greet your fellow parishioners and hand them a worship guide. Assist in distributing the baskets at the collection and then help bag the offerings to be put into the safe. Following mass, hand out the weekly bulletins. There is no special training involved.
- **EM** (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist): Apply hand sanitizer and stand at the base of the alter until after the celebrant consumes the precious blood and then proceed to the back of the alter to receive communion and then you receive either a plate or a cup. Go to your assigned spot and distribute either the body or blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no special training involved.
- **Lectors:** You will be assigned either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Go up to the Ambo and deliver the message in a thoughtful and reverent manner. If you need special training in public speaking, let me know and I promise you it will be painless and rewarding.
- Choir: If you can sing, please contact Greg Mathiesen.
- Sacristan: This position sets up the necessary items that the celebrant requires to celebrate Mass, i.e.; Cups, Plates, Cruets, Purificators. This position does require some training but again, it's minimal. Arrive 15-20 minutes early.

## **Become a Knights of Columbus Insurance Member**



Are you an Insurance member of the Knights of Columbus? Did you know that it was our Founders mission to ensure the financial protection and preparedness of every member and their families? In case you have not yet availed yourself of this tremendous opportunity, please read the below article.

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 17th consecutive year of insurance sales growth in 2017, issuing more than \$8.4 billion of individual life insurance.

On November 3, 2015, the Knights of Columbus also surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force, cementing its position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy, said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. ... We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted and with our 15th consecutive year of sales growth, we have.

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus was named a Worlds Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute. The Knights was one of only three companies to receive that designation in the life insurance category. In

September, the Knights of Columbus also earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), by ratings agency A.M. Best for the 40th consecutive year.

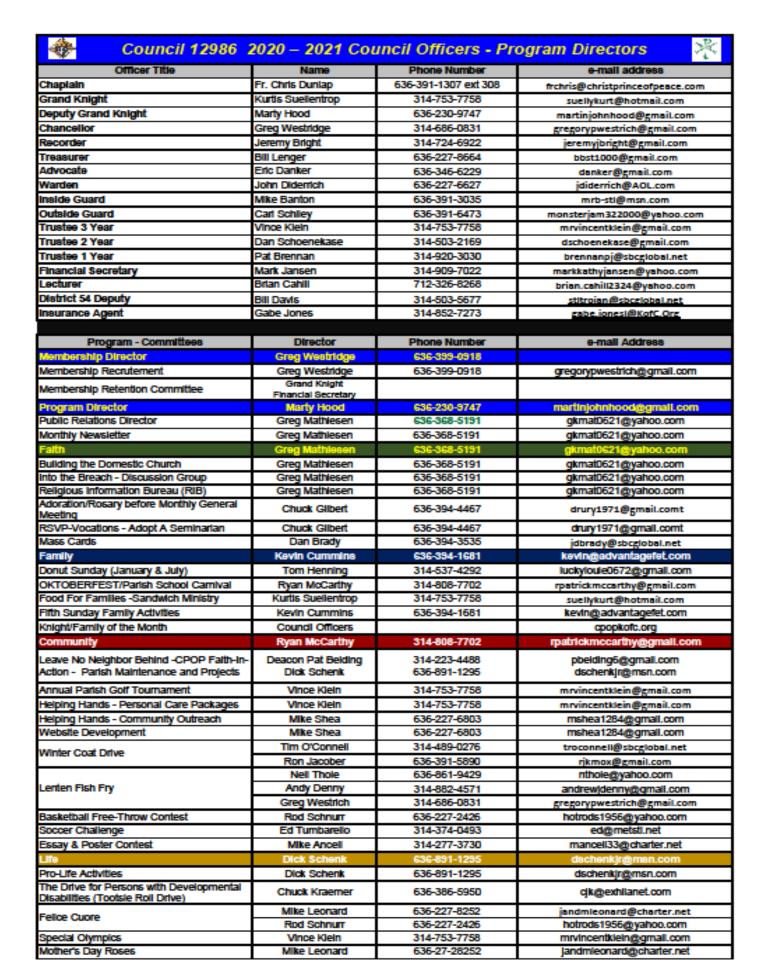
Utilizing its professional field force of more than 1,500 agents across North America, the Knights of Columbus "which has one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry" offers a product line especially designed to meet the needs of Catholic families. The line provides life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies.

Please contact our local Field Agent **Gabriel Jones**, <a href="mailto:gabe.jones@KofC.org">gabe.jones@KofC.org</a>, 314-852-7273

Sincerely,

Gabe Jones





## Christ, Prince of Peace Council 12986 Prayer Card

At all of our Council Meetings, both General Council meetings and Officer's Planning Meetings we will be reciting 3 prayers, *A Prayer for our Parish*, *A Prayer for Vocations*, *and a Prayer for Peace*. These prayers have been printed on a special prayer card that will be passed out prior to our meetings. The prayers will be recited at the beginning of the meeting and end of each meeting, before the closing prayer. This prayer card will also be included in in the monthly newsletter.

## Christ, Prince of Peace Council 12986 Prayer Card

## Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have chosen the parish as the place where your people encounter you in our daily lives.

We are grateful for all of your good gifts. Please fill us with the joy that can only come from your love, a love that was poured out on the cross for us. Filled with your love, we strive to be transformed into disciples dedicated to you, our parish community, and the world.

Christ, Prince of Peace, Here our prayer.

## Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayer of St Francis (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; in pardoning that we are pardoned; and in dying that we are born again to eternal life.