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Advent: Waiting in Hope

GIVEN THE CONTOURS OF OUR

American lifestyle perhaps one of the most difficult things we do is wait. Why? Because everything is instant. We can cook a hot dog in seconds. We can see a website load with great speed. We can use the express checkout line. We can click a button and choose same day delivery. We can use TSA lines at airport security. We can see a printer spit out a sheet of paper in no time at all. We are doers, getting things done, checking things off the to-do list. This is why we find it difficult to wait.

But we still have situations where we just have to wait, don't we? Waiting in a drug store for a prescription to be filled. Waiting to see your doctor. Waiting in group eight to board the airplane. Waiting for the results of a medical test. Waiting for someone to give us a ride. Waiting for the elevator. Waiting for the clothes dryer to finish its cycle. Waiting at an intersection with long traffic lights. We wait only when we have to. But how well to we wait?

It would appear that many Americans don't believe that the sun is the center of the universe. They believe that they, themselves, are the center of everything. This means that everything has to be their way.

No one and nothing else are important. They want to control things... even the uncontrollable. Waiting to get their way is agony. This is what happens when they take God out of the center and put themselves in that place.

When we look at the readings presented to us by Mother Church during the season of Advent most are about waiting. Noah had to wait until the water subsided at the end of the flood. Jonah waited in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights. Abraham and Sarah do not conceive their only child until they are in their nineties. The Israelites endure 400 years of slavery before Moses brings them to freedom. The people of God wait for generation after generation for the arrival of the Messiah. Mary had to wait for nine months before giving birth to Jesus. The apostles waited three days before the discovering the resurrection of Jesus. All of these people in the Bible had to wait. However, they waited with hope. Implicitly they understood, even during difficult times, that God had something great in store for them.

The goal of Advent, therefore, is hopeful waiting. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us could go to a retreat center for all twenty-four

days of Advent? Distractions would be minimal. In this time of waiting we could come to understand our place in the world anew. We could renew our understanding that we are not at the center of everything. We could let God be God, placing God at the center of our lives. We would understand ourselves as creatures loved by God. This was that stance of all the Biblical characters that will be presented to us through the readings in the season of Advent. It should be our stance, too.

But how do we arrive at hopeful waiting? Could we add something to our Advent prayer sessions? Could we add sitting in the quiet. Yes. Just sitting in the quiet and wait like all of the great believers in the Bible did. And in time can we discover, as spiritual author Richard Rohr states, "Your life is not about you. It is about God. It is about a willing participation in a larger mystery." Then we will be ready to welcome the birth of Jesus in history and in our individual lives.

Merry Christmas!



FIRST LADY THERESE AND I are wishing all of you a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving Day and a Merry Christmas with family and friends.

We have much to be thankful for this year with hundreds of new men coming on board to ensure our State and our Order continues to grow and can

maintain our good works for many more years to come.

Thanks to all of you, the Wisconsin Jurisdiction is having a great start to the first half of the new fraternal year. Through your efforts we achieved our first quarter July – Sept. goal of 253 new members. You exemplified 156 new members in October and 120 new members as of November 25. Add on an additional 276 new members and now we have a year-to-date total of 529 new members! **Great work, Brother Knights.**

We have been encouraging councils to schedule and hold more church drives. While these efforts were lacking last year, it's obvious by the numbers above that your efforts are yielding positive results. For those councils that have yet to schedule church drives, now is the time to start. We are here to help if needed in assisting your council with this activity. We want all the councils to be active members in Team Wisconsin.

We need to continue maximizing our efforts to help us get a head start for December as we have until December 31 to enroll 75 new members to meet our 2nd Quarter goal. Despite the challenges of the upcoming holidays and many commitments, I know I can count on you to go out and recruit more men for our councils.

We are holding our Winter District Deputy organizational meeting from December 5–7 in Stevens Point where we will officially install our District Deputies, present awards, and review our progress to date and determine what is needed going forward.

Our search for new District Deputies is starting to yield men stepping up and I am happy to welcome an additional 3 new District Deputies: Thomas Pionke for District 54, Brian Matthys for District 83 and Larry Ford for District 87.

Please thank these men when you meet them next. I am still in need of more men to step forward. I ask you to prayerfully consider it and, if you're interested, reach out to me so we can discuss the great opportunity this position offers.

If you are that person or know of another brother knight that exhibits dedication & leadership abilities and believes in the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney and the Knights of Columbus and wants to be part of our team to help our councils grow and adapt to the necessary changes in how we operate. Don't delay, Call today!

90 DAY SPECIAL OFFER – TRY IT OUT – TAKE A TEST DRIVE - KICK THE TIRES – READ BELOW

I am still offering the option for men interested in a District Deputy position to agree to a 90 day no-obligation assignment as my official representative in the District you reside in. The primary goal of the District Deputy is to help his assigned councils achieve Star Council status with our support. Councils achieving Star Council status are growing and keeping Blessed Father McGivney's mission alive!

Vivat Jesus!

**CHRISTMAS IS FAST**

APPROACHING! Decorating, shopping and baking, I love it all, especially the baking. During the hustle and bustle, I sometimes struggle to remember the real meaning of Christmas, but thankfully God gives me the reminder at each Mass. During the Creed, when we come to the words

“...by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man...” we bow. We bow because we humbly call to mind how great is His Christmas gift to us: the Incarnation. The most sacred event in the history of humankind. The moment God becomes Man. Thankfully, Christmas is fast approaching for us to remember this sacred event!

Focusing on my State Secretary job, I want to share with you Brother that on Saturday, December 6th, we will distribute the Convention packets to the District Deputies. Please review the contents and mark the important deadlines on your Council calendar now. I will

try to get several reminders and tips on how to plan/prepare for the Convention.

To begin, **who should go?** According to the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Chapter II, State Councils, section 12(a) State Councils shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight, actually residing in the state or jurisdiction, from each subordinate council in good standing. The reason behind that rule is simple, the Council has already identified these men as leaders and capable of representing your Council at the State Convention. At the Convention they will be asked to elect State Officers, elect the Wisconsin delegates to the Supreme Convention, receive the reports the State Officers and Committees and adopt policies and programs for the good of the Order as well as transact other business as needed. Please take this first step seriously so your Council is appropriately represented.

From Lady Rebecca and myself as well as our kids and grandkids, please accept our sincere wishes for a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

Viva La Cristo Rey!

Vivat Jesus!



NOVEMBER WAS A FANTASTIC month for Online Membership. As of November 19, 76 e-members joined the order in Wisconsin. Since July 1, we have brought in 321 e-members in Wisconsin. This is an increase of about 90 e-members compared to the same time last fraternal year. Thank you to all of the Councils that are consistently using the e-membership to bring new men into the order.

Now that we have all of these e-members, we need to make sure that we are getting them Exemplified and into Councils. Since July 1, we have about 160 e-members that have been assigned to a Council, but have not yet taken an Exemplification or joined a Council. While in person exemplifications are preferred, if schedules are not working out, please use the On-Demand Online Exemplification to get these brothers into your Councils and then invite them to get involved.

Cards with the QR Code to join online are available from Supreme. These can be very helpful when inviting men to join. Your Diocesan Membership Directors and District Deputies should be able to help you get these cards if you need them.

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils PROSPECT tab and if you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy.

REMINDERS

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab. Should you experience any difficulty with this process, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you.

Supreme presented a Webinar in December on Transferring online members to council membership which you can access [here](#).

Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your council's records. If you must use a Form 100, scan it and email it to Supreme, keeping the original for your council records. Since Form 100's must be manually processed at Supreme, they can lead to data entry errors and delays. Utilizing e-membership or the **Candidate** tab for new members are the preferred ways to bring in new members. **The date field is the date they were exemplified by your council. Once you enter those dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me. I am in your State Directory.

Vivat Jesus!

PROSPECT TAB

Shows you e-members that have joined online via the Supreme app. The date field is used to transfer them into your council when they have completed their exemplification. With e-membership, new members enter their own data and confirm their membership, and then they receive an e-mail from Supreme. These e-members are then part of the state council, and get assigned to a local council. Until the local FS enters the exemplification date, these members remain part of the State Council. Local councils get credit for them when the exemplification date is entered by the FS to transfer them into your Council.

Clicking on this blue box will take you to the Prospect training.

CANDIDATE TAB

Used when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member. The Candidate tab can best be described as an online Form 100. The candidate tab training covers new members and transfers into local councils.

Clicking on this red box will take you to the candidate training.

ONLINE CEREMONIAL

Click on this box to take you to the **Online Ceremonial** invitation site.



WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES a joyful Christmas and a blessed holiday season!

As our State Deputy shared, membership is thriving, and that's thanks to each of you. Your dedication and hard work have made it

possible to achieve our first quarter incentive, and we're already on track toward reaching 50% in the second quarter.

Our new approach to membership is working, but continued success depends on us staying active with church drives and keeping communication strong across our councils. Even though recruiting slows during the holidays, I have full confidence that together we will accomplish our goals.

Thank you again for your devotion to the Knights of Columbus. May this season bring peace,

joy, and renewed energy for the great work ahead.

Vivat Jesus!

**You asked. We delivered.
Now, will you?**

***Fraternal Year 25/26 Schedule for
GA-sponsored FBE (7:00 pm CST)***

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, January 29

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, March 26

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, May 28

Wednesday, June 24

Mark your calendars and make plans.

Remember to invite the **entire** parish, making sure to get the invite in the church bulletin.

Get Educated.

Get Credit.

Have FUN!

HISTORY BOOK UPDATES

For the latest details on your KC Council 25/26 Faith in Action History Book authoring, please view our State Historians video message under the Forms section of the State KC Website.

PASSING THE TORCH

Building Tomorrow's Leaders. Together.

AS THIS YEAR WINDS DOWN, I find myself thinking about what keeps our Order strong. It isn't the number of meetings we attend or the reports we submit — it's the men who step forward, answer the call to serve, and inspire others to do the same. Across Wisconsin, in both our Eastern and Western Districts, I see that spirit alive in councils and assemblies alike.

Everywhere I go, I meet Knights who are the backbone of our parishes — the ones who set up the fish fry, run the food drive, stand watch in the Honor Guard, or quietly mentor a younger member. Yet too often, it's the same handful of men carrying the load. Our challenge isn't that we lack good men; it's that we haven't always asked them. The next generation of leaders is already among us — in our pews, in our councils, and yes, in our own assemblies.

I still remember my first invitation into the Fourth Degree. It wasn't a sales pitch or a checklist. It was a brother Knight who saw something in me and said, "You'd be good at this." That one personal invitation changed my life in the Order. It gave me a sense of belonging and a deeper way to live my faith in service to God and country.

That same opportunity exists for every council in Wisconsin. Our Patriotic Exemplifications are more than ceremonies; they are moments of renewal where men rediscover why they joined the Knights in the first place. This winter and spring, we'll be hosting exemplifications in Manitowoc (January 17), De Pere (April 11), and Marshfield (April 25). I and Western District Master Duane encourage every Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy to work together in inviting Third Degree members to take that next step. If your council or assembly sponsors even one new Sir Knight, you've helped secure the future of the Fourth Degree.



For our council leaders, consider this: every new Knight should see the Fourth Degree not as a "someday," but as a goal to strive toward. Talk about the honor, the service, and the public witness of our Color and Honor Guards. Show them that patriotism and faith are not separate virtues. Show them that they are one expression of Catholic manhood.

For our assembly leaders, remember that recruitment isn't about numbers — it's about example. When a Sir Knight appears in uniform at a parish Mass, funeral, or civic event, he sends a message without saying a word: ...We serve with faith and dignity." That kind of visibility draws others in.

As we now move through this Advent season, let us take seriously its call to prepare — not only for the coming of Christ, but for the future of our Order. Advent reminds us that renewal begins with invitation and grows through accompaniment. This is our moment to recommit ourselves to forming new leaders: to mentor, to encourage, and to entrust real responsibility to the men who are ready to step forward. If each of us invests in even one new brother, our councils, assemblies, and communities will enter the new year stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Vivat Jesus!

ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

Hope Life Center, Wausau; CareNet Dane County, Madison; Lillies of Hope, Grafton; and First Choice PRC, Marshfield. Congratulations to Council(s) #1069, #4586, #4520, and #1799 for your leadership on these ultrasound initiatives. If your council would like to help, please send your checks to:

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NEED HELP WITH ULTRASOUND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

There is a great pro-life organization out in Yelm, Washinton (state) called [4US](#). They will help with **25%** of the cost of the ultrasound. **Yes**, that is **half** of your council's obligation! Here's their [website](#).



SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have agreed to have boots on the ground for all Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI) statewide events. Please help get the word out to your members to volunteer!

BOWLING

Join us for Special Olympics Wisconsin State Bowling Tournament at Dale's Weston Lane's on **December 6-7 in Weston, Wisconsin!** From a volunteer standpoint, I don't think it can get any more fun than this. Get your men there to volunteer and bring the whole family! Special Olympics of Wisconsin will put your whole family to work. It's a lot of fun!

ASAP GRANTS

Hopefully the month of October left your council's checking account **empty** after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area. For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. But, you have to [apply for it!](#) It is always best to apply online. If you need help, let me know and I'll walk you through it. You can also provide me with the information and I will apply for you online! There are only two forms you need, [Donation Receipt Letter](#) and a [W9](#).

CHOOSE LIFE WISCONSIN GRANT FUND

Any pro-life pregnancy center or maternity home can apply for a grant from Choose Life Wisconsin, the Choose Life Plate People! Apply [here](#) any time. You can also purchase Pro-Life license plates. The more plates we have on the road, the more the pro-life message will be shared, and the more money there will be for the Pregnancy Resource Centers. The extra \$25 you pay for the plate is **tax deductible** if you itemize on Schedule A. More information [here](#).

Vivat Jesus!



AS THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER has passed, the celebration of "Thanksgiving" and the feast days of "All Saints & All Souls" are in the books. The Gratitude Month has come and gone, although our council's Family Programs continue! Please continue to promote all of our ten Family Programs. If you need a reminder, I've posted some below with links.

- > [Food for Families](#)
 - > [Remembering Our Faithful Departed](#) There is also another "New" program called
 - > [Quinceanera Support](#).
 - > [Family of the Month](#) (Form 10784). **NOTE:** We do **not** need to enter a family each month, but it would be a worthwhile gesture to promote it the "Family of the Month" program in your councils.
- Please take time to look at this worthwhile program as there are some very dedicated families within our Parishes in which we could choose from.

We are now gearing up for the Christmas season and just as "Our Holy Family" guided us, we **MUST** also guide our families. This action is paramount to being a Knight of Columbus. There are numerous Family Activities which are noted below. Please just click on the link for more information on each; they are as follows:

- > [Consecration To The Holy Family](#)
- > [Family Fully Alive](#)
- > [Family Prayer Night](#)
- > [Family Week](#)
- > [Good Friday Family Promotion](#)
- > [Keep Christ In Christmas](#)

REMEMBER: For all your Family programs, you need to file the "Form 10784" soon after you complete each activity while still fresh in your minds. Upon completion of the form, it will automatically be submitted to Supreme; you will then receive the completed form in a PDF format which you will need to send to this [address](#). Please CC your District Deputy and keep a copy for yourself.

In closing for this festive month, my family and I would wish you all a safe & blessed Christmas! I believe that's all for now. Until we meet again, take care, stay healthy, and God bless us everyone!

Vivat Jesus!



EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

November 16, 2025
Brookfield, WI





TICKET SALES should be well underway and sold tickets starting to roll in to the council charity chairman.

With the Christmas season just around the corner we will all be gathering for Christmas celebrations with our employers, fraternities

and family. What a great opportunity to share the joy of offering the charity raffle tickets and sharing the good news of what your council does with their proceeds by **giving to those in need!**

First, turn-in reporting is mid-December to your Diocesan Coordinator. Please remember to use the updated report form provided in the packets distributed at your Diocesan Huddle/Tour back in September.

Continue to do the good work your council does in making a difference in the lives of those who need our help. Many charity grant requests come across my desk each month and it is my hope to give each one of them the opportunity to receive our charity.

The greatest give of charity man has received is the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ coming down from heaven for our salvation.

"In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum" & "Verbum caro factum est"

Wishing you and your families a blessed and holy Advent and Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus!

"Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbor."

+ St. Aelred of Rievaulx

JOIN THE FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY GUILD



Honor His Legacy. Advance His Cause.

Strengthen Your Faith During the Jubilee Year of Hope.

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope, Catholics everywhere are called to renew their faith and walk more closely with Christ. What better way to respond than by drawing inspiration from our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who gave his life to strengthening families, building parish communities, and bringing hope to those on the margins.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild, you can (1) support his cause for sainthood and pray for his canonization, (2) deepen your spiritual life through his intercession during this Jubilee of grace, and (3) Publicly witness to our Catholic hope as a member of his spiritual family. Membership is free and open to all who believe in his mission. Guild members receive inspiring newsletters, spiritual reflections, and invitations to special devotions honoring Blessed McGivney. Let's help make our founder a saint.

McGivney Guild Chairman
Jack Wrbanich, PSD



As you are reading this we will be in the Advent season of the Church. The Advent season is the preparation period for the coming of the Lord or Christmas celebrating the birth of Our Savior. During this period of preparation Supreme has made two new programs for our Councils and our Families to help prepare for the coming of Christmas. Last month I introduced you to Imitating Saint Juan Diego. this month we will look at another new program ¡Viva Cristo Rey! As our next newsletter will be in 2026, I want to wish all our Knights and their Family a holy and merry Christmas season and trust you will keep Christ as the center of your celebrations.

¡VIVA CRISTO REY!

Translated to English Long Live Christ the King which was the battle cry of the Catholics in Mexico when the government was trying to eliminate the Catholic Church in Mexico. In 1905, the first Knights of Columbus council was established in Mexico. and within five years, it had become *the* symbol of all things Catholic in Mexico. In 1917, the new constitution set the stage for the persecution for the Catholic Church and began a revolution. By 1918, Mexico had 400 Knights, which grew to 51 Councils and 6,000 Knights by 1924. Some 200,000 people were killed or martyred by the government by 1930. On May 21, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized 25 of these martyrs, including six Knights from this time period from Mexico.

This program celebrates the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs including many Knights who fought against religious persecution. Councils are encouraged to ask for the intercession of the Mexican Martyrs by going to Mass, praying the nine-day novena leading up to their feast days, and spreading devotion to these saints and blessed throughout your community. Please consider this program centered upon May 21st the feast of the Mexican Martyrs, The Feast Day of Christ the King, or November 20th the feast commemorating the Martyred Knights in Mexico. However this program can be done at any time to fit into the Council and Parish schedule. For more information see the [Supreme website](#).

THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

We are continuing with this program but repeated issues have been reported, seemingly related to communication. Just this week, I received a call from a troubled new Grand Knight. He wanted to know what to do with the **icon** he just received. The first question I asked him was if he received flock notes. The second question was if he received the state newsletter? The final question was if he had a District Deputy? The answer was no to these questions, a situation that has not been uncommon in my experience.

Please help each other so we can solve this as a team, like we learned in the lesson of Unity. If you are scheduled to have the **icon**, please contact the council **before** you and **after** you at least a month in advance. Also, contact the council that currently has the **icon** to get an idea of what supplies you probably will need to order. This assures you the **icon** is on its way and acts as a reminder for everyone to prepare for the Icon and get questions answered before the last minute.

Review the [Supreme Council's web page](#) on the **icon** to start your preparations. Determine what your council's needs will be. Some councils have gone through over 500 prayer cards while others barely went through 100. While the prayer booklets should be returned at the services they are still vanishing quickly. I strongly suggest you order as many Prayer Booklets #5050 as you expect at your services as well as the Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Cards #11520. You may also want to purchase the Sacred Heart Litany Prayer Card #613.

Finally if you have questions do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in my signature as well in the State Directory.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS – BIBLES

Yes we are still selling both the YCAT and Complete Bibles. I had been assured web site was repaired, and I should now be getting notice of all online sales again. I can also take your orders directly by email as listed below. Credit cards are best ordered through the Web Site but Councils without Credit Cards can best order directly from me and pay with check when the Bibles are delivered. Both Bibles are being sold for \$12.50 each, payments need to be made out to Wisc. State Council K of C.

Vivat Jesus!

CAMPING ASSOCIATION NEWS

Make your reservation now to enjoy the association's discount for our 37th Annual Camporee. Join us for a fun filled family weekend of **June 26–28, 2026**, at the Whitetail Bluff Campground in **Cassville, Wisconsin**. Cassville is located in the south west corner of our state.

Our membership of about 60 families has been gathering around the state for 36 continuous years. Last year's camporee in Bayfield was attended by 26 families. We enjoyed the weekend that included Mass being celebrated by Bishop Powers, bingo, day trips to enjoy the activities around the area and a wonderful chicken supper. Madeline Island and the boat trips on Lake Superior were extremely popular.

If you are a member of the Wis K C Campers make your reservation directly with the campground, but remember to register with our Sec/Treasurer. A regular mailing was recently done that included the registration form. You can also get a copy of the registration form on our face book page (WI KC Campers).

New members are always welcome.

For a great weekend, make your reservations now.

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Have You Had Your Oil Changed?

Joshua Hopper

AS I WAS SITTING DOWN TO WRITE THIS ARTICLE, I was getting my oil changed. While I waited, I remembered something I heard in one of Matthew Kelly's presentations. He spoke of the importance of regular confessions.

To present a rough paraphrasing of his talk, he gave an analogy of a car wash. Once your car is washed, you avoid puddles, you keep more distance from other vehicles and, in general, are more careful driving. You also how frustrating it is when it rains right after you had your car washed.

However, over time your car starts to collect dirt and grime anyway. Little by little, the things that seemed really big slowly become little. You grab some books from the library and put them in the back seat. You end up leaving them in the car, saying "I'll take care of it later." Likewise, it's Sunday morning and you grab the church bulletin. You give it a quick skim and toss it on the floor, thinking you will take care of it later. Meanwhile, napkins, food crumbs, money, and all sorts of items get tossed in the back and left for later.

This doesn't bother you at first

because it happens little by little.

However, one day, you look back there and are blown away that it has become so messy. What do you do?

You take it to the car wash and start the process all over again.

Matthew Kelly was drawing a parallel to the sacrament of confession. When we go to confession, we are extra cognizant of our actions, but over time we become lackluster in our steadfastness. We start to slip into sin. One sin doesn't seem like much so we "leave it for later." Over time the sins grow until we feel a heaviness in our hearts that we can no longer endure and go to confession. We need to clean our souls once again.

As we enter into this season of Advent, this new beginning of our liturgical calendar, I would like to remind and encourage you to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Better, make it a monthly or even a weekly appointment. Don't let sin live on your hearts, minds, and souls for too long.

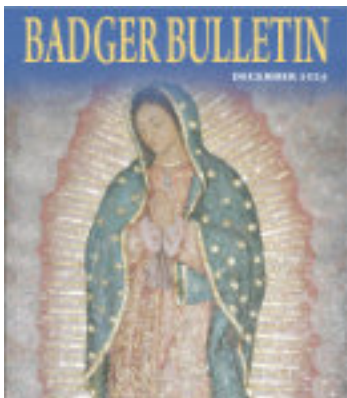
Get your car washed or your oil changed—whichever one you prefer!

Vivat Jesus!



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Keep articles below 500 words.
- Submit word docs to **kc2055pr@gmail**
- Send photos separately, clearly labeled, with credits.
- Prioritize quality content with articles.
- Proofread thoroughly for spelling and grammar.
- Avoid double spaces after periods.
- Be punctual! Late submissions will be excluded from future publications.



ON THE COVER: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In December of 1531, the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego. Since then, it has become one of the most well-known and beloved marian apparitions in the Catholic faith. Diego's original *tilma* now hangs high about the altar of the Guadalupe Basilica protected by bulletproof glass and low-oxygen atmosphere. Pope Leo XIII granted the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe a canonical coronation on October 12, 1895. Her feast day is celebrated on December 12.

In service to One.

In service to all.

