

Newsletter

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Upcoming Activities/Events (see below for details)

- Oct 2: Council Business Meeting
- Oct 4: St. Jude Relic Visit to SMG
- Oct 6-7: Overnight Prayer Vigil (40 Days for Life)
- Oct 7: Altar Servers Appreciation Luncheon
- Oct 14: Rosary Rally (America Needs Fatima)
- Oct 14: Disaster Early Response Team Training
- Oct 17: Council Officers/Directors/Chairs Meeting
- Oct 22: Baby on the Way 5K
- Oct 29: 5th Sunday Rosary
- Nov 4-5: Special Needs (Tootsie Roll) Drive at OLMC
- Nov 6: Council Business Meeting
- Nov 11-12: Special Needs (Tootsie Roll) Drive at SMG

Gratitude

Thank you to Worthy Sir Knight and Faithful Navigator Steve Thomas for volunteering to be the Gibault Envoy for the council.

Thank you to Worthy Sir Knight Larry Clark for leading another successful flower sale to support pro-life causes. Also, many thanks to everyone who volunteered to unload flowers from the truck or sell flowers throughout the 3-day event: George Ceryak, Dan and Jody Dobson, Fred Eberbach, Carlos Fernandez, Joe Gardner, Al Koeske, Chris Lawlor, Gary Martindale, Anthony Papay, Michael Rhoads, Tracy Scott, Bob Shocklee, Bob Spech, Mike St. Amand, Steve Thomas, Dan Traub, Matt Van Dyke, Roger Walton, Jack and CarolAnn Woelfel, and Chris Wrobel.

Thank you to Worthy Sir Knights LK Shinneman and Matt Van Dyke for their leadership in supporting the OLMC Ministry Fair and the K of C youth Soccer Challenge. Of course, many thanks to the knights who volunteered to man the K of C membership table and help run the Soccer Challenge: Mark Borowiak, Bill DeBone, Dan Dobson, Carlos Fernandez, Chris Lawlor, Tim Parmer, Harold Roberts, Mike St. Amand, Jim Shewmaker, Bob Spech, Neal Stock, Jack Woelfel, and Chris Wrobel.

Council Support Needs

Special Needs Drive

The annual drive to support people with special needs will take place on Nov 4-5 at OLMC and Nov 11-12 at SMG. Please signup to hand out Tootsie rolls and collect any freewill donations after the mass(es) of your choice.

[Click here for OLMC signup.](#)

[Click here for SMG signup.](#)

Council Overnight Prayer Vigil

Please attend the overnight prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood on October 6. The time slot for our council is 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. but, as your schedule allows, you may attend other times between the hours of 7:00 p.m. October 6 to 7:00 a.m. October 7. Please contact Worthy Sir Knight Larry Clark at clarklw@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

Rosary Rally

All are invited to participate in community prayer to spread the message of Fatima ([The Message of Fatima \(vatican.va\)](http://TheMessageofFatima.vatican.va)) - praying the rosary for peace, performing penance for the salvation of souls, and making reparation for offenses against God. The rosary will be prayed starting at noon on October 14 in the OLMC parking lot.

Adoration at OLMC

There are two council-supported adoration slots that need to be filled: Wednesday's from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday's from 11:00 p.m. to midnight. Please prayerfully consider signing up for one or both time slots. Please contact our Worthy Lecturer, Phil Lopresto, at (330) 340-3140 to sign up or request further information.

Program/Activity Leads

The council is in need of knights who can volunteer to lead or co-lead a council program. Programs include **Family Director** (current focus is support of organizations that provide food and other necessities to those in need; a commitment of a couple hours per month), **Life Flower Sales Co-chair** (co-lead an annual fundraising event to support pro-life causes; a commitment of a couple days once a year), and **Lenten Dinners Co-chair** (co-lead the planning and execution of the Lenten dinners at OLMC). Please prayerfully consider supporting your council by taking on additional leadership responsibilities. If you are interested in learning more about the Family Director role, please contact grandknight@kofc11044.org. If you are interested in learning more about the Life Flower Sales co-chair position, please reach out to Worthy Sir Knight Larry Clark at clarklw@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested in learning more about the Lenten Dinner co-chair position, please reach out to Worthy Sir Knight Joe Gardner at jgardnerin@yahoo.com.

"Cor Ad Cor Loquitur" (Heart Speaks to Heart) Helping Knights Become Witnesses and Protectors in a Secular Culture

Cor is a 2023 initiative from the Supreme Council to promote Catholic faith teachings along with each Council's regular business of charity and Church support. Council 11044 has

implemented *Cor* as a regular article in this newsletter, to remind the membership of current OLMC and SMG faith formation opportunities, to serve as a basic apologetics refresher, and to emphasize Knights' roles as visible members of a world-renowned Catholic men's organization.

Faith Review (click on links to learn more)

1. Is it wrong to accept your employer's health insurance which covers abortion?
<https://www.catholic.com/qa/would-it-be-wrong-to-sign-up-for-health-insurance-that-covers-abortion>
2. What to think about gay "pride?"
<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/fellows/the-dark-side-of-the-rainbow/>
3. Do US Bishops have a unified response for Catholic politicians who support immoral issues? <https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/family/story.php?id=86353>

If there are specific faith topics you would like to see addressed in the newsletter, please contact Worthy Sir Knight Mike St. Amand at mikestamand@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Opportunities (click on links to learn more)

SMG: [Adult Bible Study - Our Story: A Bible Refresher for Catholics](#)

SMG: [Ablaze Catechist Formation - Encounter & Invitation](#)

SMG: [Bible Basics](#)

SMG: [Men's Faith Formation Series - Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love](#)

OLMC: [Fall Bible Study](#)

OLMC: [That Man is You \(TMIY\)](#)

OLMC: [Lions of God](#)

OLMC: [St. Paul School of Evangelization](#)

Business Meeting

Monday, October 2, 6:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Joseph Room, 14598 Oak Ridge Rd, Carmel, Indiana

The rosary will be prayed starting at 6:45 p.m. followed by the core business meeting. Please help shape the council through your attendance and participation.

St. Jude Relic Visit to SMG

When: October 4, 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Where: St. Maria Goretti, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, Indiana

A relic of St. Jude will be available for viewing and veneration. SMG will be the only stop for the relic within the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be an usher, guest attendant, attendant at table selling religious articles, parking lot attendant, or manning the first aid table. This is a wonderful opportunity to get your family members involved too. Several volunteer spots remain open. Please signup for a 2-hour shift at smgonline.org/relichelp.

Overnight Prayer Vigil (40 Days for Life)

When: Friday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, October 7, 7:00 a.m. The time slot for council 11044 is 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: 86th St. and Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis, IN (8590 N. Georgetown Rd.)

Please join the Indiana Knights of Columbus in a prayer vigil in support of 40 Days for Life. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. The time slot for our council is 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6. Of course, you can participate at any hour based on your schedule and availability. Father Joe Vargese (OLMC) plans to lead the opening hour (7:00-8:00 p.m. October 6) of the all night vigil.

Altar Servers Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, October 7, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Joseph Room, 14598 Oak Ridge Rd, Carmel, Indiana

The council is hosting an appreciation luncheon for the altar servers from OLMC and SMG. If you are interested in learning more about the luncheon, please contact Worthy Knight Al Koeske at awkoeske@gmail.com.

Rosary Rally (America Needs Fatima)

Saturday, October 14, Noon

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Parking Lot, 14598 Oak Ridge Rd, Carmel, Indiana

Please participate in the annual Public Square Rosary Rally. Feel free to invite family, friends and acquaintances. To learn more about the Rosary Rally, please click the following link.

[Rosary Rally Central](#)

Disaster Response Team Training

Have you thought about joining the Knights of Columbus Disaster Response Team?

Early Response Team (ERT) training will be held on October 14 at the Jasper Council #1685 Hall at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Bill McDonald at mcdonaldkofc@gmail.com for more information.

Council Officers/Directors/Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., St. Maria Goretti School, St. Augustine Room (enter via door #4 which is by the south parking lot off of 169th Street), 17104 Spring Mill Rd, Westfield, IN

All brother knights are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion regarding council needs and activities, and plans for the next council business meeting.

Baby on the Way 5K

Sunday, October 22, Noon, Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville, IN 46062

The O'Connor House is hosting a 5K race to support its mission of providing a Christian home to help single, pregnant, homeless women improve life for themselves and their children. This year's race will take place at Guerin Catholic High School and will begin at 12:00 p.m. The race is open to adults and children of all ages and abilities, with a special fun-run for children to participate in. To register or learn more about the 5K, please click the following link.

[Register for Baby on the Way 5K](#)

5th Sunday Rosary

Sunday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rosary Garden, 14598 Oak Ridge Rd, Carmel, IN

Please join fellow knights and families in praying the rosary. Invite a friend or parishioner. Immediately following the rosary, all are welcome to attend mass at 5:30 p.m.

Special Needs Drive at OLMC

Saturday, November 4 (after 5:30 p.m. mass)

Sunday, November 5 (after 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. masses)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 14598 Oak Ridge Rd, Carmel, Indiana

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Special Needs Drive at SMG

Saturday, November 11 (after 4:30 p.m. mass)

Sunday, November 12 (after 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. masses)

St. Maria Goretti, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, Indiana

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Volunteer Driver Program

One of the greatest obstacles faced by adults with disabilities is not being able to drive. Not having transportation that is easy to navigate or within financial means significantly limits one's ability to integrate into the community, leaving a large percentage of individuals feeling isolated and lonely. If you have an interest or a calling to become a volunteer driver or would like further information, please send an e-mail to rides@villageofmerici.org, call (317) 292-9408, or visit the [Village of Merici](http://Village of Merici website) website. Any volunteer time, whether a little or a lot, would be appreciated greatly.

Council 11044 Shirts and Unite4Life Shirts

Are you interested in purchasing a council 11044 polo shirt?

Are you interested in purchasing non-council apparel to support pro-life causes?

The Knights of Columbus shirts are for members of council 11044. The Unite4Life shirts may be ordered for anyone. Net proceeds benefit pro-life causes. Please click the link below and order your shirt(s) today.

[Order a Shirt](#)

Project Outdoor Nativity Scene (PONS)

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing an outdoor nativity scene to help promote the true meaning of Christmas, please go to <https://kofc11044.square.site>. Sales end on October 8. Please contact Worthy Knight Chris Wrobel at christopher_wrobel@yahoo.com with any questions.

OLMC PTO Eclipse Glasses Sale

Did you know that there are two upcoming eclipses in Indiana? There will be a partial one on Saturday, October 14, 2023 and a total eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. As a service to the parish, the OLMC PTO is sponsoring an eclipse glasses sale for the low price of \$1/pair of glasses. The glasses are from one of the five approved vendors of the American Astronomical Society. Please contact Ann Heilman at lifeisgood94@att.net to request your custom order and arrange delivery. Thank you for supporting the PTO.

Important Note (from [Safety | Eclipses – NASA Solar System Exploration](#))

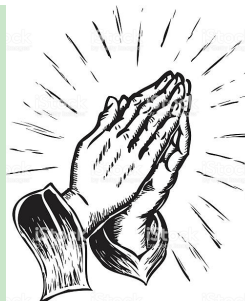
Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without **specialized eye protection** for solar viewing. Viewing any part of the bright Sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury.

Prayer Intentions

If you have prayer intentions that you would like included on this list, please send an e-mail to grandknight@kofc11044.org.

- For Larry Clark
- For Bill Huser
- For Richard Kolic
- For Jack Woelfel

- For the souls and families of the recently deceased
- For continued healing for Olivia Van Dyke
- For those fallen away from the Church
- Medical emergency and medical professionals
- Our priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers
- Our military
- Our government leaders
- Our neighbors and brother knights
- All other brother knight's special intentions



Feedback

Your feedback regarding the council is important and desired. Remember, this is your council. Please share any comments you may have by submitting feedback through e-mail to grandknight@kofc11044.org, or attend a council meeting.

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