

Newsletter

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Upcoming Activities/Events (see below for details)

- Oct 17: Council Officers Meeting (note room change below)
- Oct 22: Baby on the Way 5K
- October 24: Financial Webinar
- Oct 29: 5th Sunday Rosary
- Nov 4-5: Special Needs ("Tootsie Roll") Drive at OLMC
- Nov 4: Food Packing Event
- Nov 6: Council Business Meeting
- Nov 11-12: Special Needs ("Tootsie Roll") Drive at SMG
- Nov 11: 4th Degree Exemplification (Evansville, IN)
- Nov 18: Spiritual Retreat
- Nov 18: 4th Degree Exemplification (Granger, IN)

Gratitude

Thank you to Chris Wrobel for coordinating the sales of nativity displays to promote the true meaning of Christmas, and to Dan Traub and Joe Gardner for setting up the sales website and keeping track of the purchases.

Thank you to Al Koeske for coordinating the annual altar servers appreciation luncheon, and to the crew that helped with setup and welcoming servers and their families at the event: Bob Giczewski, Andy Gothreau, Tom Simandle and Jack Woelfel.

Thank you to Larry Clark for coordinating the overnight prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, and to those additional knights who attended either the start of the vigil at 7:00 pm or our councils scheduled hour at 9:00 pm: Father Joe Vargese, Dan Dobson, LK Shinneman and Chris Lawlor.

Another thanks goes out to Larry Clark for coordinating the Rosary Rally, and everyone who was able to participate in prayer.

Thank you to all knights and families who assisted in making the St. Jude relic visit to SMG a success.

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.](#)

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), and **Life Flower Sales Co-chair** (co-lead an annual fundraising event to support pro-life causes; a commitment of a few days once a year). 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.

"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. Principles and Guidelines for Catholics during election season:
<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/barron/four-principles-for-catholics-during-election-season/>
2. How will we change the hearts and minds of a nation who, for over 50 years, has been indoctrinated by pro-abortion forces that the killing of unborn humans is normal? <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/abortion-unthinkable>
3. A nine-page summary of the unique features of Catholicism:
<https://www.catholic.com/tract/pillar-of-fire-pillar-of-truth>

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](#)

Council Officers Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., St. Maria Goretti, Parish Narthex (enter via door #5 or door #4 which are by the south parking lot off of 169th Street), 17104 Spring Mill Rd, Westfield, IN.

Door #5 is a direct entry to the parish narthex. If you use door #4, make a right at the first hallway and walk down to the narthex.

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. The primary focus of this meeting will be a discussion of the proposed council bylaws revision.

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](#)

Knights of Columbus Virtual Financial Webinar

Tuesday, October 24 at 8:00 p.m. EDT

Virtual Webinar Signup: [Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values - 1632361 \(webcasts.com\)](#)

Are you interested in learning how to align your financial decisions with your Catholic values? If so, consider attending a virtual webinar that will be led by Anthony Minopoli, President & Chief Investment Officer of Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. The signup link for the webinar is provided above. If you do attend, please also send a short e-mail to grandknight@kofc11044.org informing of your participation in the webinar. The council gets credit for every attendee, provided we submit a form to Supreme within 7 days of the webinar.

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

The annual Special Needs Drive, formerly known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive" or the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, will take place at OLMC on November 4 and 5 after each mass. Please volunteer 15 minutes of your time to hand out Tootsie rolls and accept any freewill donations that may be offered.

[Click here for OLMC signup.](#)

Food Packing Event

Councils 12177 and 3631 have requested assistance to pack 50,000 meals that will be provided to children and families in developing countries. The event will take place on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Hall of St. Michael the Archangel parish in Schereville, IN (1 West Wilhelm St.). For more information or to signup, please contact our Worthy State Faith Director James Prasopoulos at 219-775-5774 or kofcjsopsma12177@gmail.com.

Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN
Registration Deadline: November 4

This retreat was created specifically for the Knights of Columbus and for all Catholic men to help them realize their essential role as spiritual leaders in their families. The topic is *A Father's Heart: Celebrate St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family*. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Dave Caron, O.P. and Missionary of Mercy. Please click the link below to signup for the spiritual retreat. The deadline for registration is November 4.

[Spiritual Retreat Signup](#)

Business Meeting

Monday, November 6, 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.

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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4th Degree Exemplification

All 3rd degree knights are welcome to join the Sir Knight ranks of the 4th degree. Please contact Worthy Sir Knight Danny Pugh at dannyjpugh@gmail.com for more information. The upcoming exemplification dates are November 11 in Evansville, IN (St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Ave.) and November 18 in Granger, IN (St. Pius X Catholic Church, 52553 N. Fir Road).

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](#) 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

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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