



Merciful Jesus Council 17519 Spring Newsletter

April Catholic Observations



By Tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of April to the Holy Spirit. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

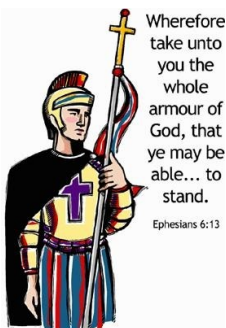
On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting."

But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom

forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

Knight & Family of the Month

	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Nov-23	Doug Tremblay	Deacon Ken and Judy Kubica
Dec-23	Douglas McKenna	Jim and Madeline Reyers
Jan-24	Mike Bowie	Giles and Deborah McDaniel
Feb-24	Larry Ryan	Jeff and Elizabeth Olynick
Mar-24	Ronald Rodriques	Chris and Lisa McFarland
Apr-24	Patrick Ryan	Barney and Kathy Bellard



Each "Knight of the Month" and "Family of the Month" are carefully selected by the Knights based on the time, talents, and treasures that are humbly offered to our wonderful parish. It is a great pleasure to recognize such individuals for their contributions and dedication to helping grow Mercy Parish into an inviting Catholic community for our families and friends.



April Schedule of Events

April 2nd - April Fraternal Benefits Seminar

April 4th - **Council 17519 Officer's meeting**

April 11th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting

April 18th - **Council 17519 Business meeting**
(Officer Final Nominations)

April Fraternal Leadership Webinar

April 19th-21st - Alabama State Convention Atmore, AL

April 23 - Council 17519's 4th Anniversary



May Schedule of Events

May 2nd - **Council 17519 Officer's meeting**

May 4th-5th - Mercy Parish **Blessfest!**

Click [here](#) for volunteer information!

Signup to help cook [here!](#)

May 9th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting

May 12th - Mother's Day

May 16th - **Council 17519 Business meeting**
(Officer Elections)

May 27th - Memorial Day



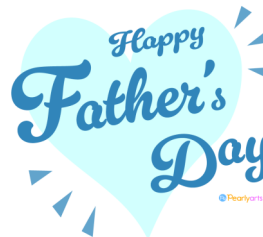
June Schedule of Events

June 6th - **Council 17519 Officer's meeting**

June 13th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting

June 16th - Father's Day

June 20th - **Council 17519 Business meeting**



2024-2025 Officer Nominations are open!

This is a listing of current offices that are open for nominations. All positions are 1-year terms except Financial Secretary which is a 3-year term. These nominations must be voted on, so if you are interested in getting more involved in our council by stepping up to an officer role, please reach out to our nominating committee

Office	Elected/Appointed
Grand Knight	Elected
Deputy Grand Knight	Elected
Chancellor	Elected
Advocate	Elected
Treasurer	Elected
Recorder	Elected
Warden	Elected
Inside Guard	Elected
Outside Guard	Elected
1 year Trustee	Elected
2-year Trustee	Typically moves to 1-year Trustee pos.
3-year Trustee	Typically moves to 2-year Trustee pos.
Financial Secretary	Appointed by Supreme to 3-year term on recommendation of GK & Trustees
Chaplain	Appointed by GK, DGK, and Trustees
Lecturer	Appointed by GK
Program Director	Appointed by GK Reports to DGK
Faith Director	Appointed by GK Reports to Program Director
Family Director	Appointed by GK Reports to Program Director
Community Director	Appointed by GK Reports to Program Director
Membership Director	Appointed by GK Reports to Program Director
Life Director	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Vocations Director	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Health Services Director	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Public Relations Director	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Recruitment Cmte - #1	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Recruitment Cmte - #2	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Recruitment Cmte - #3	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Retention Chairman	Appointed by and reports to GK.
ID Drive Chairman	Appointed by and reports to GK.
Disaster Response	Appointed by Community Director Report to Community Director & GK.
Leave No Neighbor Behind	Appointed by Community Director Report to Community Director & GK.

New & Advanced Knights

Sep-23	Nov-23
Chris McDaniel (N)	Deacon Kenneth Kubica (N)
Matt Mandeville (N)	Jason Favero (N)
David A. Gruis (A)	Brendan Mayer (N)
Gerald Pietrzyk (A)	Jacob Putman (A)



(N) New 3rd Degree Knight

(A) Advanced from 1st Degree to 3rd Degree

April/May/June Knighthood Anniversaries

3rd Degree Knight Anniversaries

Tom Childress - 2 year
 John Corcetti - 2 year
 Ben Pickens - 4 years
 Mike Bowie - 18 years
 Jason Puckett - 15 years
 Jesse Soto - 4 years
 Aaron Stumbaugh - 3 years
 Richard Rice - 27 years
 Pedro Rodriguez - 17 years

4th Degree Knight Anniversaries

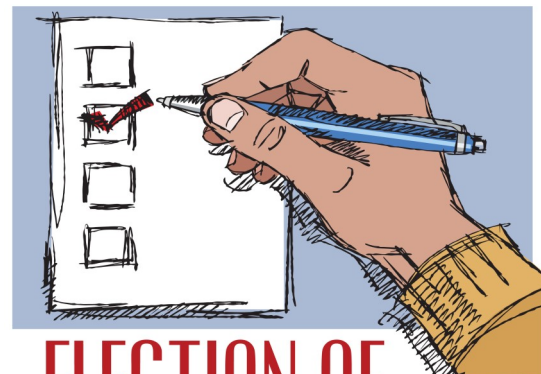
Valter R Cipollari - 6 years
 Chuck Dobbs - 6 years
 Charles Folin - 21 years
 Al Guerra - 6 years
 James Leonard - 9 years
 Jesus Miguel Mata-Mariscal - 6 years
 Jeffrey Olynick - 21 years
 Michael Alan Reid - 13 years
 Adolfo Ruiz Jr - 3 years
 Greg Stefanovic - 20 years
 Jeffrey Davis - 4 years
 Robert Fox - 8 years

Tod Paul Hunter - 4 years
 Gary Jerauld - 4 years
 Gary Suckow - 10 years
 Michael Taylor - 4 years
 Doug Tremblay - 2 years
 Deacon Rick Tuggle - 4 years
 William King - 17 years
 Dan Frische - 18 years
 Mike Mclean - 13 years
 Deacon Tony Padron - 4 years
 Kevin Rodriguez - 18 years
 Brian Tyrrell - 13 years

Officer Elections in May

We will conduct election for Council Officers during our regular business meeting on May 16th. Financial Secretary, Council Chaplain, and Lecturer are not elected positions, but all the others are. If you want to know about the individual officer roles and responsibilities please click on this document link: [Officer Duties](#).

If you are interested in serving or still have questions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members: Dan Frische or Greg Stefanovic. Remember that it's ok to have more than one nominee per position - it offers choices to the membership.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Fourth Degree News

Honor Guards

As Honor Guards, Thirteen Sir Knights in complete 4th Degree uniform added to the beauty and grace and solemnity of the special 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass celebrated by Father Bryan on the above date. The celebration was highlighted by washing of the feet of 12 parishioners by Father Bryan and Saint John's new Associate Pastor, Father Thomas. Another highlight was the procession of the Holy Sacrament around the main Sanctuary, through the vestibule and finally placed in the tabernacle in the Daily Chapel. The presence of the Honor Guards augmented the great presentations of the full choir accompanied by music instrumentalists enjoyed by the congregation that packed the main sanctuary and overflowed into the vestibule.

No Honor Guards requests as of 1 April 2024



4th Degree Exemplifications

Sir Knight Chris L. Gorman from Council 10232 is the newest Fourth Degree Member assigned to Assembly 2420. He was one of fifteen Third Degree Knights exemplified into the Fourth Degree program on 27 Jan 24 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoover, Alabama. Sir Knight Chris is flanked by Sir Knight Joe McCarty on the left and Sir Knight Steven Broussard on the right. All are members of Assembly 2420, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Madison, AL



Upcoming Exemplifications:

Saturday, 13 Apr 23, Daphne, AL. Details Pending
Saturday, 27 Apr 23, Russellville, AL (Spanish Ceremony). Details Pending.

*Color Guards, Flag Bearers and Chair Guards needed!!!
See your Color Corps Commander or Faithful Navigator
for details ASAP!*



For more information about Assembly 2420, please visit their [website](#) or checkout their most recent [newsletter](#)!







If you have pictures of Knights in Action you would like to see in the next newsletter, please send them to:

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Merciful Jesus Council #17519
Madison, AL

Good Morning!

I'm reaching out to share some wonderful news with you and your family.

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors LLC ("KoCAA"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Knights of Columbus, launched a series of Model Portfolios, utilizing our suite of faith-based mutual funds, specifically for Catholics. These investment solutions were designed to allow Catholic investors an opportunity to grow their assets without compromising their faith and values.

Please note that mutual fund investing involves risk. Some mutual funds have more risk than others. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate and shares when sold may be worth more or less than the original cost.

KoCAA's family of mutual funds follow the investment guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ("USCCB"). The five themes included in these guidelines are:

1. Protecting human life
2. Promoting human dignity
3. Enhancing the common good
4. Pursing economic justice
5. Saving our global common home

So, whether your goal is to save for college, buy a home or prepare for retirement, you can be confident that your investments align with your personal values.

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