



Merciful Jesus Council 17519 Summer Newsletter

July Catholic Observations



The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

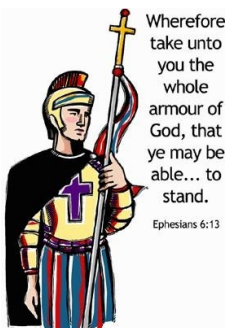
The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members.

July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both interior and exterior. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.

The summer Readings of Ordinary Time remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is also a journey, a great adventure towards union with Christ, the Beginning and the End of our journey. Each Sunday with its Easter renewal becomes a mile marker along the way, linking where we have been with where we are going. May the Precious Blood of Jesus sustain us as we journey to our true home, with Mary and the angels as our companions on the way.

Knight & Family of the Month

| | Knight of the Month | Family of the Month |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 |
| May-24 | Brad Krieger | Paul and Patricia Taylor |
| June-24 | John Corcetti | David and Beverly Toney |



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.



July Schedule of Events

July 3rd - Pork Butt Fundraiser pickup

July 4th - Independence Day

July 11th - Council 17519 Officer's meeting

Assembly 2420 Business meeting

July 13th - 4th Degree Exemplification

July 18th - Council 17519 Business meeting

(Induction of Officers &

Fraternal Benefits Night)

July 20th - Fraternal Year Kickoff



August Schedule of Events

August 1st - Council 17519 Officer's meeting

August 8th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting

August 9th - Night at the Races Fundraiser

August 10/11th - Knights Membership Drive

August 11th - Mercy Agape led by Knights

August 13th - Feast of Blessed Father McGivney

August 15th - Council 17519 Business meeting



September Schedule of Events

September 5th - Council 17519 Officer's meeting

September 12th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting

September 14/15th (tentative) - Silver Rose Ceremony

September 19th - Council 17519 Business meeting



2024-2025 Knights of Columbus Council 17519 Officers

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
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| Membership Director | Vacant / Need Volunteer |
| Life Director | Lee Donaldson |

July/August/September Knighthood Anniversaries

3rd Degree Knight Anniversaries

Willie L Allemeier - 2 years
 Roman Chomskis - 2 years
 John E Fluder - 26 years
 John D Kutsor - 28 years
 Mike Potter - 2 years
 David J San Miguel - 20 years
 Thomas W Harkins - 7 years
 John Steve Pabst - 6 years

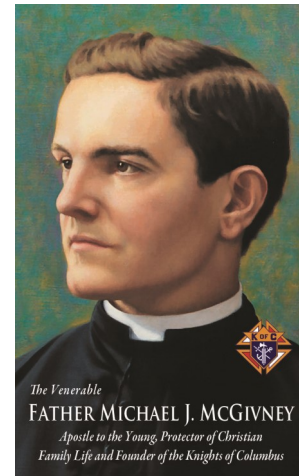
4th Degree Knight Anniversaries

Nathan E Sandmeyer - 4 years
 Frederick W Froscello Jr - 2 years
 Nicholas R Giordano - 35 years
 Charles E Krieger Jr - 16 years

Feast of Blessed Father Michael McGivney (August 13th)

Official Feast Day in the Catholic Church of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, patron and found of the Knights of Columbus. The feast is celebrated annual on August 13th across the universal Catholic Church. Bl. Fr. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 and passed away on August 14, 1890 (aged 38). His feast day is celebrated on the 13th because it falls between these two dates. Bl. Fr. McGivney was Beatified on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin (on behalf of Pope Francis). This Cathedral is the Diocese Seat for the Bl. Fr. McGivney's shrine that also was the final parish church he served at during his life as a Priest and also where he founded the Knights (Church of Saint Mary in New Haven, Connecticut). His Eminence Joseph W. Tobin was the American prelate of the Catholic Church at this time.

The Knights celebrate this event in honor of the life and humility of Father McGivney. Lookout for more information in the parish bulletin and KofC communications about participating in this wonderful celebra-



Silver Rose Participation from Council 17519 (Mid-September)



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Fourth Degree News

Honor Guards

May 1st

Another great service to the church and parish community of St. John was completed by Sir Knights of Assembly 2420. Seven Sir Knights sporting the complete ensemble of the Fourth Degree uniform answered the call as Honor Guards for the Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Steven J. Raica on Wednesday, 6:00 PM, 1 May 24 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Madison, AL. The Sacrament of Confirmation was bestowed on 92 candidates thus making them full members of the Church with a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love and practice of the Catholic faith. Prior to the start of the mass celebration, Bishop Raica took the opportunity to talk to all the confirmands in the Day Chapel. Congratulations to the parents and newly confirmed members of St. John and kudos to the Honor Guards for adding to the beauty of this celebration. A reception was held in the Parish Hall, upon completion of photo ops with Bishop Raica, the newly confirmed members and the rest of the clergy entourage.



May 19th

During the celebration of Pentecost Mass on the above date officiated by Father Bryan, he indicated that the celebration is akin to the birthday of the Catholic Church. It is, in fact, scripturally recorded, that at the first Pentecost, St. Peter preached his first homily foretelling the coming of the Holy Spirit. It was also on this day that he converted thousands to the Faith. Because of this, the day of Pentecost is considered the birthdate of the church. The music selections of the choir, the presence of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guards, and most importantly, welcoming four members of the parish to the full glory of Catholicism by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, indeed, highlighted this birthday celebration. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2420, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, listed below, for being a part of this celebration



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

No Honor Guards requests as of 1 July 2024

Upcoming Exemplifications:

4th Degree Exemplifications w/ Host Assembly Saturday, **13 Jul 24, 2:00 PM, St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, 220 Lincoln St. NE, Huntsville, Alabama 35801**

Color Guards and Chair Guards needed. See your Color Corps Commander or Faithful Navigator for details ASAP!



Holy Thursday 2024





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. Pursuing economic justice
5. Saving our global common home

**To be presented on July 18th during
the Knights Membership meeting!**

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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