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Kirkwood Council 2117

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April 2025 Newsletter

Grand Knight Message

We are about halfway through Lent, giving us a great opportunity to do some self-reflection. At the outset of Lent, most of us made a commitment to engage in prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving. How is that going? Have you been able to keep your commitments? For the second half of Lent, can you increase your sacrifice to come even closer to the Lord as we prepare for the Resurrection?

During Advent, the world seems to revolve around Christmas (even if in a secular way), which can help us keep focus on the birth of our Lord. By contrast, Lent in the secular world is focused on things like March Madness, spring sports, tax season, etc. There is nothing inherently wrong with these activities, but it requires a little more self discipline on our part to make sure that we are appropriately participating in the Lenten season and preparing for the coming Easter season.



Upcoming Events Calendar

Visit Council website Calendar (www.kofc2117.org) any time for most current event information

April 2025

Thur	3	New Member Exemplification Ceremony (<i>St Peter - Knights Room</i>).....	7:00 pm
Thur	3	Officer Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Fri	4	St Peter Fish Fry (<i>St Peter School Gym</i>).....Opens at	4:30 pm
Mon	7	Men's Night of Lenten Reflection (<i>St Peter</i>).....	7:00 pm
Wed	9	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Thur	10	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary).....	7:30 pm
Fri	11	St Peter Fish Fry (<i>St Peter School Gym</i>).....Opens at	4:30 pm
Sat-Sun	12-13	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>).....	All Masses
Sun	13	PALM SUNDAY	
Fri	18	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sun	20	EASTER	
Mon	21	K of C Council #2117 Scholarship Program - Application Due Date	
Mon	28	St Louis Chapter Meeting.....	7:00 pm

May 2025

Thur	1	Officer Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Wed	7	Assembly 565 - 4th Degree Meeting.....	7:30 pm
Thur	8	Business Meeting (6:30pm - Social, 7:10pm - Rosary).....	7:30 pm
Sun	11	MOTHERS DAY	
Sun	11	Mothers Day Rose Sale - benefiting Birthright (<i>St Peter</i>).....	AM Masses
Sat	17	ARMED FORCES DAY	
Sat-Sun	17-18	Man-the-Can for St Josephine Bakhita Food Pantry (<i>St Peter</i>).....	All Masses
Mon	26	MEMORIAL DAY	
Thur	29	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Fri-Sat	30-31	St Peterfest.....	Time Slots

April Knight Birthdays

6 Jerry Meier
7 Joseph Lorms
10 Patrick Barry
11 Stephen Hartmann



12 Zach Bevins
12 Robert Kreutz
24 Ben Krueger
24 Mark Ryan

CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

Spot an error? Your big day missing? Please email corrections to kofc2117editor@gmail.com

Knight of the Month

At the March business meeting held at St Gerard Majella, GK Tony Jarboe presented Brother Knight **Tom Foy** with the Knight of the Month award.

Tom was awarded Knight of the Month for his dedicated efforts stepping up to serve as Financial Secretary for Council 2117 after most recently filling the role of Council Treasurer

Tom's reliable attendance and active participation in officer and business meetings and enthusiastic service at various Council events make him a truly deserving Knight of the Month.



Meet Your Brother Knight

One of our most recent new Brother Knights, Ryan Bolinger, is likely recognized by many of you for his musical talents at St Peter Church...here is his introduction and a chance to know more about our new Council member.



I am the St Peter in Kirkwood Director of Music and Liturgy. My wife, Tracy, and I have been at the parish for over 10 years as of 2024. We were married in 2015, and have 3 children: 7, 5, and 3 years old. We currently live in Oakville but hope to move closer to Kirkwood in the next few years!

I was raised in Affton (went to Bayless High School), and attended Southeast Missouri State, where I received degrees in music education and music performance. From there, I went to Webster University, where I earned a masters degree in music composition. I always assumed I would be a music teacher, and while I did teach a few years early in my career, I ended up working for the Catholic church, starting at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO.

After a few years in Perryville, I felt the call to convert to Catholicism (I was raised Missouri Synod Lutheran) and went through RCIA in 2012 while I was the Director of Music at St Ambrose on the Hill. When my father passed away suddenly, I changed course and went to New York City to pursue a music director position in theater. While playing for the theater was a ton of fun, I came back a year later, and ended up at St Peter in 2014, where I still am today!

My family has been blessed to be at St Peter and we have met so many wonderful people. I look forward to being a Knight and doing my best to further Father McGivney's legacy of charity!

2025 Scholarship Program Underway

The 6th Annual Kirkwood Council 2117 8th Grade Graduate Scholarship Program is now underway! Application packages are out and the final date for submission is April 21.



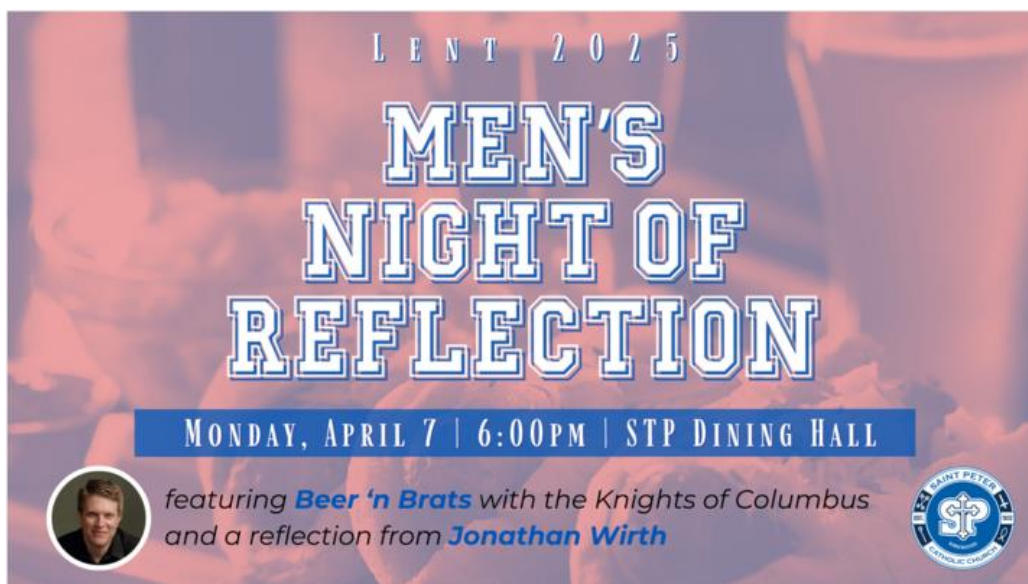
Our Council will again be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to ten graduating 8th grade students from our three served parishes who will be moving on to Catholic high schools in the fall.

If you know of any families with qualifying students, be sure to mention this program to them. With the high cost of Catholic high school education, our scholarship can be a welcome award.

St Peter Men's Night of Lenten Reflection – Monday April 7

St Peter Church will again be presenting a Lenten night of reflection for the men of our parishes.

Jonathon Wirth will be leading the service and Kirkwood Council 2117 will again be providing beer and brats for the attendees. This is always a deeply meaningful program that can focus your spiritual preparation for Easter, and we encourage all members to attend!



8-10 brothers will be helping with serving brats and refreshments and helping with set up and cleanup. Most of the crew is assembled but you can contact Keith Beardslee (keith.beardslee@gmail.com) if you would like to help.



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