

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

March, 2019



Grand Knights Message



As Knights, we need to always be prepared. I highly recommended that we go to Confession as frequently as possible wearing our Knight shirts to lead the way. Keeping your Soul in a state of grace is more important than daily Mass. It does no good to worship and die with any kind of Sin particularly Mortal sin on our Soul. The cost is too great. I went weekly when I was a young man and have decided to go back to weekly. I will write a letter to the Bishop requesting him to instrument daily Mass & Confession..

Our Council faces a great Challenge in 2019/2020, I am praying that my IBS will allow me to complete my term as Grand Knight. I am also praying that the Holy Spirit touches someone to take over the leadership of our Council. Please pray with me. Those who have served before should consider another round.

One other thought, it is great to see those members who do not come to meetings, come out to serve at our functions. Tom Reno is and has been our greatest resource, scouring to find fellow Knights to serve. I wish him well on his new course to be close to children and grandchildren in balmy Michigan.

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How do I stay focused while praying the Rosary?

Our first task with the Rosary is to join Mary in each scene (mystery) presented. As we join her, we ask for her help and prayers as we gaze upon Christ. To bring this reality closer to our hearts, we can imagine ourselves standing with Mary. We are both looking at Christ in agony in the garden. We whisper to her to pray for us as we realize what is happening to Christ, and for us. We repeat our requests to her as both of us continue to engage with the mystery.

Regardless of where we find ourselves after our initial efforts to focus our prayer on Christ, there are several principals that can help us maintain our peace when our minds seem to wander off:

Distractions are Normal: Our job is to gently, by an exercise of our will, reject the distraction and turn our attention back to God. If we spend our entire prayer time turning back to Him, we have done well.

Christ is the Key: Whenever our hearts are drawn to Christ in any way, we should follow that inclination. Sometimes, we should follow it even to quiet contemplation where we discontinue our vocalization of the prayer and simply gaze at Him. If we are not bound by religious duty to complete prayers in any specific way, we are free to set these formal prayers aside when they bring us to the very reason and highest purpose of our efforts in prayer – to adore Him.

In the end, it is important that you rest in Him and His work on your behalf. Yes, you should strive for increased devotion and attention to Him in prayer. However, when our fervent hearts find frustration, it is a good sign that our general focus regarding prayer is off track.

Join the Knights in praying the Rosary

6:30 PM before the Council Meeting

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Food Collection Sunday

March 30 & 31

Before and after the Masses



The Food Collection Needs YOU!

The February Food Collection received \$1,174 and 1284 pounds of food.

Thank you to all who helped

The most important thing you can do is



Our Veterans selflessly served our Country for our freedom. Lets not take this lightly. Our Council honors our veterans two times a year by visiting the Veterans Home in Port Charlotte. This year on March 15 at 2:00 PM we will be visiting our Veterans, we will meet in the parking lot of the Parish Center at 1 Pm and car pool over to the home, we usually spend about an hour and a half at the home. We provide Payer Blankets, Ice Cream, Pretzels, Games and lots of fun. Bill Sanchez Plays Piano, Peter Spagnuolo plays Harmonica, Bob Eyers plays Guitar and Sam Mattoni plays Accordion, while the rest of the guys sing along .

You can also bring your Spouse, the ladies love making Ice Cream Sundays and sing along with the music.

So come on and join us and let our Vets know how much they mean to you

Vivat Jesus,

Peter Spagnoula

Not a Fourth Degree Knight? Why not?



See SK Ed Farrell or SK George Counes



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Jim Browning	Jean Maier	
Gail Clifford	Jan Panko	
Joyce Conniss	Kathy Radke	
Paul Dazyzga	Ron Scalfa	
Frank Filosa	Pat Reno	

Deceased

Michael DeBitetto
Please keep Joseph Brigham, and all the faithfully departed in your Prayers



Our Brothers Birthdays For March

Frank Wheatley	95
Thomas Barry	88
Michael Santoro	86
John Smith	84
Joseph Craven	82
Robert Tann	80
Francis Conwell	80
William Srofe	78
Eugene Clifford	77
John Vidas	75
William Finer	74
James Placek	73
Charles Short	71
James Stevens	69
Steve Beck	61
Steven Delany	61
Lucky Haynes	60
James Jerome	39

Our Brothers Anniversaries For March

Steven Ambrose	26
Howard Schneider	25
David Smith	23
Russell Allan	20
Edward Farrell	16
Frank Wheatley	16
Joseph Esgro	15
Mark Iannotti	14
James Jerome	14
Peter Valenti	13
Vito Adamo	9
Bruce Callahan	9
Robert Hackmeister	9
Ivan Skoric	9
James Worth	9
Harold Bumb	8
Marvin Bumb	8
Joseph Craven	6
Joe Ferreira	6
Vinnie Ferris	6
William Finer	6
James Krueger	6
Guenther Henning	5
Robert Stewart	5
Salvatore Vergona	5
Joseph Anselmo	4
Edward Gates	4
Gerald Liets	4
Robert Tann	4
James Young	4
Larry Middendorf	3
John Ozimek	3
Michael Santoro	3
Charles Short	3

HONORARY LIFE

John Horgan	58
William Weiss	57
Douglas Banting	37
Michael O'Brien	32



Membership:

5. Presume that a prospect is interested in being a part of the Knights and ask him to join.

Family, friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners all present recruitment opportunities. Ask each of these prospective members if he would like to join our council.

It doesn't get any simpler than that.

Vivat Jesus.

\Sam Mattoni, Membership

, , , Along the Way:

It's time again for the season of Lent, the beginning of the six weeks leading to the memorial of Our Saviors execution. It could be helpful for each of us to imagine that we have been given notice that we will die in six weeks. How might we change our lives?

Practically, we would "get our affairs in order" in consideration of those we will leave behind. Spiritually, we would strive to have our souls in the state of sanctifying grace when our own Good Friday arrives. Get to confession to obtain forgiveness of any sins that are on our consciences. Perhaps perform spiritual activities that gain for us plenary indulgences that will wipe out the punishment due to our sins. It is our last chance to make decisions that are pleasing to God since that is something only living humans can do. These will show our love and fear of God.

Let's think and act that way now because we don't know the day and hour of our own end of life.

March, 2019

Sunday,

**Coffee & Donuts
After Mass**

Tuesday, 12

**Rosary @ 6:30
Council Meeting**

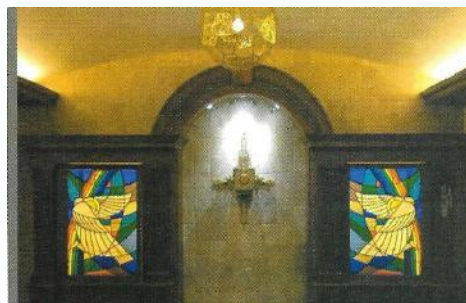
Saturday, 16

**St. Patrick Day
Celebration
Irish Coffee &
Scones**

Sunday, 24

**Corporate
Communion
8:00 Mass**

**Epiphany Cathedral
Adoration Chapel**



Come, Let Us Adore Him

The Adoration Chapel at Epiphany Cathedral was dedicated by Bishop Dewane on 1/31. Visitors are welcomed during the day from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday until security gate is installed and scheduled adorers receive their keys at which time it will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to all persons wishing to honor visit and adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Separated from the church proper, the setting designed to be a welcoming, quiet and peaceful, A perfect environment for prayer and to be in the presence of God.

It is located between the Church office and the school office, 310 Sarasota Street..

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HUGE THANK YOU TO
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Henry:

Fantastic drive yesterday! An enthusiastic, dependable blood drive chairperson is one of the keys to a blood drive's success and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for helping with coordinating the drive and saving lives in our community. I heard you were there encouraging donor participation, so thank you so much for your diligence!

We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in **18 units** of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 54 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors from your organization. We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude (see attached thank you flyer).

Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.

We look forward to working with you again and thank you for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission.

All the best,

Dawn Adams Miller

Account Representative



It has been a couple of months since we reported on the Sugar Bowl activities. In 2018 The Sugar Bowl assisted 36 families with 70 children with \$40,994.98 in aid. The bulk of the funds went to housing, \$34,159.39, The rest for utilities. Year to date we have assisted 9 families with 14 children with \$6,839.70 in aid. Again, the bulk of the funds went to pay for housing in the form of rent or mortgage payments.

These are families who have fallen on hard times due to an unexpected crisis such as illness, or an unexpected expense, that interrupted their ability to normally keep up with their expenses..

Q. What is personal sin?

In contrast to original sin, personal sin represents the sins that we individually commit and for which we are personally responsible.

We all have a general sense of what personal sin is—that it involves doing something wrong, something evil, something we should not do. However, theologians have studied the concept, and the Church has a refined understanding of what sin is.

Put in general terms, sin is *“an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another”* (CCC 387). *Stated another way, it is “an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods”* (CCC 1849).

In other words, we can become so attached to various good things—like pleasure, possessions, or popularity—that we make choices that put these things over the love we should have for God and for our fellow human beings. When we do this, we sin.

All sin involves an unloving choice based on disordered desire, or concupiscence. Originally, this word referred to any intense form of human desire, but in Christian thought it has taken on a special meaning. *“St. John distinguishes three kinds of covetousness or concupiscence: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life”* (1 John 2:16)” (CCC 2514).

This triple concupiscence subjugates man *“to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason”* (CCC 377).

When we are led by disordered desire into making unloving choices, the resulting sin will be one of two types: mortal or venial.

The first type is known as mortal sin because it produces spiritual death. It destroys the virtue of charity in our hearts, charity being the supernatural love of God that unites us to him spiritually. By being separated from God in this way, mortal sin puts us in a state of spiritual death.

“For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met: Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent” (CCC 1857).

The first of these conditions means that the sin must involve a matter that is grave in nature. *“Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother’* (Mark 10:19)” (CCC 1858).

Some sins automatically involve grave matter. This is the case anytime an innocent human being is killed and any time an act of adultery is committed.

If grave matter is present, there are still two other conditions that need to be fulfilled for a sin to be mortal. *“Mortal sin requires full knowledge and complete consent. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice”* (CCC 1859).

Various factors can diminish or remove the knowledge and consent needed for a sin to be mortal. *“Unintentional ignorance can diminish or even remove the imputability of a grave offense. . . . The promptings of feelings and passions can also diminish the voluntary and free character of the offense, as can external pressures or pathological disorders”* (CCC 1860).

When a person commits a sin and one or more of the conditions needed for it to be mortal are not present, the result is a venial sin (CCC 1862). Venial sins offend and wound the virtue of charity, but they do not destroy it, which is why they are not mortal (CCC 1855). They thus do not lead to spiritual death.

When our sins are mortal, however, our souls are in jeopardy, and we are in urgent need of God's grace.

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Knight of the Month



Bob Rueger

Family of the Month



Paul and Kathryn Krause

FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL RAFFLE

This year the Florida State Council gave our Council 250 raffle books, consisting of 12 tickets in each book, for a total of 3,000 tickets. The cost of each book is \$12.00. For each book sold, our Council gets to keep \$6.00 from that book. If we sold all 250 books, our Council would keep \$1,500.00 for our treasury.

Thus far, we have sold 55 books, totalling \$660.00, by which our Council will keep \$330.00. There remains 195 unsold books, which if sold, would total \$2,340.00, of which our Council would keep an additional \$1,170.00.

There is an Early Bird **Seller's** Drawing on March 9, 2019. To be eligible, books, monies, along with solicitor's bonus ticket (back of raffle books) need to be returned to Bob Burhoe or Bill Sanchez by February 25, 2019.

There is a total of \$45,000.00 in prizes. The 1st prize is \$25,000, the 2nd prize is \$10,000, the 3rd prize is \$5,000 and there are (5) \$1,000 prizes. The drawing will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Hyatt Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

This campaign ends in May. We only have (4) more Council meetings left to sell the remaining books.

If you wish to purchase raffle books, you can contact Bob Burhoe @ 941-460-6546 or Bill Sanchez @ 941-492-4666, or, purchase the raffle books at the Council meetings.



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Tickets are available at the council meeting or contact Ed Farrell at _____,

Make check payable to Assembly 1818.

March 2019

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Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 Membership drive after all masses
3 Membership drive after all masses	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10 8-10 Pancake Breakfast	11	12 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Council Meeting	13	14	15	16
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24 8:00 Corporate Communion	25 7:00 1st Degree	26	27	28	29	30
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