

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924
July 2022*



Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

As we begin a new fiscal year let us not be complacent or satisfied with what we have accomplished in the past. Let us have a renewed commitment to our primary goal of charity. Let's not be passive Catholics or passive knights and just do the minimum but strive for perfection as Jesus called us "to be perfect like my Father in heaven is perfect." In reality we know He was telling us to be our best and to do our best.

I want to remind you all that I am remaining Grand Knight until a qualified brother decides to take the position. I promise you I will do my best to keep our council the quality organization it is now.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 12th and we begin our new schedule with the officer's meeting at 5:00pm, rosary 5:30; dinner 6:00 – 7:00; and meeting 7:00-8:00pm. Please plan to attend.

Speaking earlier of not being passive Catholics, let's not be passive pro-life advocates. Some issues have priority as Jesus pointed out in last Sunday's gospel.

Roe may have been eliminated but not abortion. Remember, human beings are not disposable. They are God's greatest gifts to us.

Vivat Jesus,
Ron Bowes, GK

Please note our new Meeting time !!

5:30 Rosary

6 :00 Dinner

7 :00 Council Meeting



Council 9924 Board 2021-2022

Grand Knight

Ron Bowes 412-965-1983

Deputy Grand Knight

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Chancellor

Greg Young 401-256-2036

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Trustee 2 Year

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Trustee 3 Year

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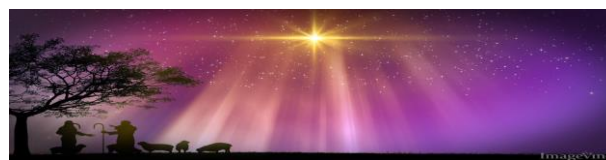
Michael Costanza 941-400-7416



Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

Bob Rush
German Gutierrez
Mike O'Brien
Dick Maier

Scott Sheldon
Ray Callahan
Patrick Burke



Remembering Our Deceased

Thomas Berry Alfred Roy



Along the Way by Bob Eyers

... Along the Way

The Supreme Court decision to finally say there is no constitutional right to abort babies at will, in no way changes the morality of abortion. The church teaches that abortion is and always has been killing a living human being. The court did not cite that as their reason for reversing their former ruling.

But we Catholics rejoice that at least there is no longer a federal law that permits abortion at will. This is a gain since we always would prefer those secular laws gibe with Catholic teaching, and for the most part, they do. When they do it is easier for citizens to make moral choices.

The court might have said that science shows that life begins at conception of a new human being with unique DNA, different than that of the mother, and that the new person has a right to life.

When I was a young man, we prayed for the conversion of Russia. Since the Roe decision, we have been praying for an end to abortion America and the world. Even though we have this court decision, we must continue to pray that the morality of abortion be fixed in the hearts of all people, so we are better able to do the right thing regardless of legal permission to do otherwise.

Thank You!

Thank you letters from those receiving donations from Council 9924. Here are the rewards of our charitable work and commitment to those in need.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Epiphany Cathedral / Our Lady of Lourdes Conference
1301 Center Road, Venice, FL 34292

May 16, 2022

Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924
Attn: Grand Knight Ronald T. Bowes
1301 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

Your recent donation

Dear Grand Knight Bowes:

Thank you and the other members of Council 9924, for your generous donation in the amount of \$5,000. Without contributions such as yours, we would be unable to fulfill, in the tradition of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, our mission of serving those who are needy and suffering.

Respectfully yours,

Larry P. Smith
Conference President

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

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Special Olympics
Florida



May 25, 2022

Knights of Columbus Council #9924
1301 Center Rd
Venice, FL 34292-3810

"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt."
~Athlete Oath~



Dear Champion:

Thank you for supporting Special Olympics Florida! Your gift of \$1,515 is truly appreciated.

The Special Olympics mission remains as vital today as it did when the movement was founded in 1968. More than a single event, Special Olympics Florida provides year-round sports training, health exams, and athletic competition in 24 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Our athletes and their families are never charged a fee for participating, which is why your gift is so impactful.

Your generosity enables people with intellectual disabilities to build confidence and share joy through the experience of competing in sports. Because of your support, we can continue our mission and transform fear, stigma, and oppression into possibility and opportunity.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of athletes in our community.

Sincerely,

Sherry Wheelock
President & CEO

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Special Olympics Florida
1915 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont, FL 34711
Tel 352-243-9536 **Fax** 352-243-9568 **www.specialolympicsflorida.org**

Created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

24065 US Highway 27
P.O. Box 1109
Moore Haven, FL 33471
Phone: (863) 946-0696

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission

May 11, 2022

Our Lady of Lourdes
Knights of Columbus Council #9924
1301 Center Rd.
Venice, FL 34292

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf of St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to inform you that we have received your generous donation of \$ 681.00 (Six hundred eighty-one dollars).

This opportunity is taken to thank all the members of the Knights of Columbus and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for your continued support and hard work to raise the funds to help those most in need.

Sincerely,


Rev. Marcial Garcia
Pastor



St. Michael Outreach Center

317 N 6th Ave. Wauchula, FL 33873

Phone: 863-222-3198

May 23, 2022

Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Lourdes Council, No. 9924
1301 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

On behalf of St. Michael Outreach Center Food Bank Program and its volunteers, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 9924 at Our Lady of Lourdes, for your continued support of this essential program. I would like to recognize not only your most recent generous check of \$681.00, but also for all the generous donations you have given us over the years. I am humbled and grateful for your organization's continued assistance to our community. This assistance enables us to further our mission of providing food for needy residents of Hardee County.

I also thank the members of the Council and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes in Venice for keeping St. Michael Parish and our Food Panty Program in your thoughts and prayers. Your prayers are a critical and important part in supporting our work.

I ask God to bless all the members of the Council and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please know of my continued prayers for you and your families.

May Jesus keep you all close to His Most Sacred Heart,



Sr. Maria Gema de Jesus Ruiz Alarcoz, SSVM
St. Michael Catholic Church

CC: Rev. Jay Jancarz, Pastor
Our Lady of Lourdes, Venice, FL



May 26, 2022

Mr. Palermo
 Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council #9924
 1301 Center Rd
 Venice, FL 34292-3810

Dear Mr. James Palermo,

As the pandemic has continued – along with the financial fallout – the generosity and compassion of our donors has been an inspiration to all of us at All Faiths Food Bank. Thanks to hunger heroes like you, students won't go hungry over the weekend or during breaks from school. With your gift of support, we will have the resources we need to lift children, families, seniors and veterans from poverty and help them enjoy a healthier tomorrow.

Your donation to All Faiths Food Bank is deeply appreciated. Your gift of \$7,000.00 for the Backpack Program at Taylor Ranch Elementary, which was received on May 19, 2022, will be used to provide healthy solutions to end hunger in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

The pandemic has shone a bright light on just how prevalent food insecurity is in the country and our region, while deepening the economic crisis for those who were already at risk. Although hunger has long been an issue in our area, COVID-19 caused historic numbers of people to need food: in 2021, 17 million meals were distributed.

Our programs and initiatives not only provide nutritious food but also help families gain long-term food security, enjoy better health outcomes, and achieve self-sufficiency. Your generous support makes this important work possible.

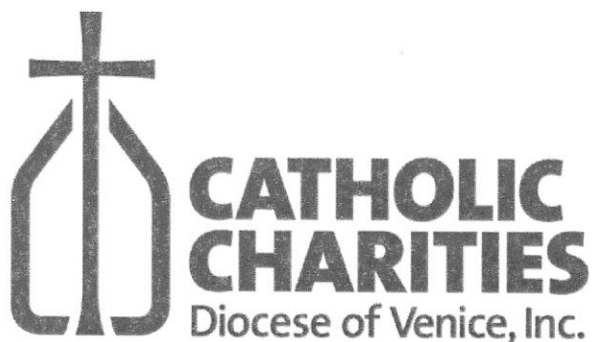
With appreciation,


 Sandra Frank, J.D.
 Chief Executive Officer

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📞 941.379.6333 🌐 allfaithsfoodbank.org 📍 8171 Blaikie Ct. Sarasota, Florida 34240

A Member of Feeding America



Our Mother's House

June 21, 2022

To the Knights of Council 9924,

On behalf of the mothers and children at Our Mother's House, I would like to thank you for your donation to our program. Your generosity assists us in the provision of educational programming that aids our moms as they strive to attain self-sufficiency.

With sincere gratitude to you all,
Joyce Scott
Program Director

To the Knights,
Thank you very much
for all that you
do for the Church.
I am eternally grateful
for God in my life!
This Scholarship will
help me pay rent in
the future.

God bless you all,
Faige McKay

THANK YOU

SO VERY

MUCH



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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission

June 15, 2022

Our Lady of Lourdes
Knights of Columbus Council #9924
1301 Center Rd.
Venice, FL 34292

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf of St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to inform you that we have received your generous donation of \$ 672.00 (Six hundred seventy-two dollars).

This opportunity is taken to thank all Knights of Columbus members and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for your continued support and hard work to raise the funds to help our community.

Sincerely,


Rev. Marcial Garcia
Pastor



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name

Age

David	Burger	95
Thomas	Kanapky	94
James	Kelly	93
Guenther	Hennig	91
Robert	Crowley	89
Peter	Rots	88
Theodore	Drabin	86
Robert	Elie	85
Edmund	Guszkowski	84
Thomas	Parsons	80
John	Staas	80
William	Barrett	79
Peter	Valenti	79
John	Peters	78
Salvatore	Vergona	77
James	Quinnan	76
Michael	O Connell	73
Thomas	Kirkpatrick	71
John	Gallagher	70
William	Morris	67
Ronald	Doorenbos	64
John	Luchansky	62
Patrick	Ewing	61
Matthew	Michelini	24

ANNIVERSARIES

Name

Years

Frank	Lofaro	68
James	Stevens	53
Kieran	Day	35
Lee	Smutz	18
Robert	Lauser	13
James	Fox	13
John	Luchansky	13
Michael	Suhowolak	6
Ronald	Beech	5
Joe	Browne	5
Dennis	Stoll	5
Dennis	Vance	5
Thomas	Galek	1

***Note: Life Members**

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director – Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Community - Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director – Bob Burhoe 617-899-3109

Family Director - Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Blood Drive – Henry Von Salzen 631-672-1803

Membership - Open

Retention – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life - John Yaglenki 408-7558

Publicity - Jim Palermo 493-3424

Food Service – Dave Kristie 941-416-7294

Food Collection - Eric Bisighini 860-899-8785

James Collins 917-837-8698

Cross & Compass – Ray Pronko 858-880-8376

Backpack - Jim Palermo 403-3424

Insurance Promotion - Mark Ueblacker 268-1565

Vocations Chairman - Greg Walsh 681-2438

Council Prayer Tree - Robert Evers 614-946-4225

Fourth Degree - Ed Farrell 445-5697

Visitation – Dennis Putman 316-616-4488



June Food Collection

**\$1,811 in donation and 512 lbs of food collected.
Thanks to all who donated their time and money.**

Columbian Award

District Deputy Michael Costanza presents Grand Knight Ron Bowes with the Columbian Award!



This award recognizes the excellence in our council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award the council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

**Grand Knight Ron Bowes presents *Knight of the Month:*
*Bill Syzper***



One Blood Donation Drive



Thank you to all who participated in the June 12th blood drive. We exceeded our goal of 16 donors and had 18 individuals give the gift of life. Each donation can save up to 3 lives!

Message from Henry Vonsalzen:

Our next blood drive is scheduled for September 11.

As this is Patriots Day, we will be offering our Limited Edition 9/11 T-Shirts with a \$20 e-gift card. We will also have our traditional September Cancer Awareness T-Shirt/Sock combo for those that prefer. Because this is Patriots Day, I would anticipate participation from outside the church as well.

Our projection for this next drive is 16 again, but I will keep watch on the sign ups and request additional support if the appointments fill. Please let me know if, as it gets close, you hear chatter in the community indicating a large turnout. Our goal is always to collect what we hoped for, but we also don't want to turn away donors, especially when hospital needs are high.

Suggested Viewing by Grand Knight Ron Bowes

***Dr. Peter Kreeft | 10 Lies of Contemporary Culture |
Commencement Address at Franciscan University***

Peter Kreeft is a professor of philosophy at Boston College. A convert to the Catholic Church from Calvinism.

He has been a major literary force in the world of Catholic apologetics for several decades. The author of over 70 books.

His commencement address is very enlightening and humorous.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7FtUlnIXd0>

July^a 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting Planned Parenthood Walk	13	14	15	16 Ordination Mass 11:00 am Epiphany Cathedral
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 / After mass food collection 31 st - 5 th Sunday Rosary	25	26	27	28 Assembly 1818 @ 7pm	29	30 After mass food collection 30 th - 5 th Sunday Rosary

Special Calendar Event

July 16th Ordination Mass



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 8, 2022

Mr. James Lakatos
James.lakatos@icloud.com

Dear Mr. Lakatos,

The Diocese of Venice is blessed in very many ways. One of our blessings is the Christian view and commitment of the Knights of Columbus.

With this letter, it is my pleasure to invite the Knights and wives to attend the Ordination of Transitional Deacons Christian Chami, David Portorreal and Michael Young to the Priesthood on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

This Ordination Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Your kind presence and support would be greatly appreciated.

It is my hope to see you and the Knights at the Cathedral for this important occasion in the life of the Diocese of Venice. Please let my office know how many Knights and wives will be attending this event by emailing Marianne Marziano at marziano@dioceseofvenice.org or calling her at (941) 441-1128 by July 6, 2022.

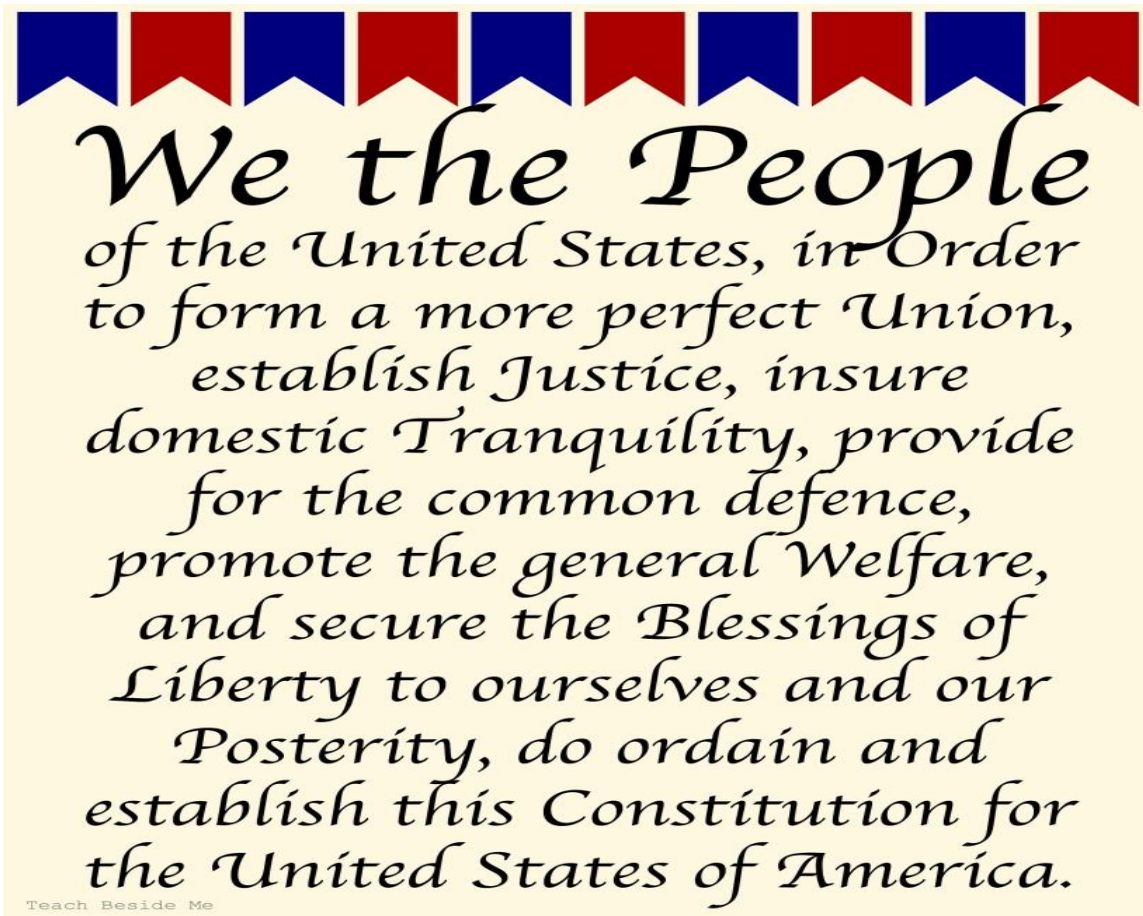
This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

FJD/mm

Happy Independence Day



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Pray For Ukraine

