

Knights of Columbus Council 9924
1301 Center Road
Venice, FL 34292

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

Daniel Stanley was so kind to give us a copy of Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly. I read the entire book during adoration, thanks to brother Peter Spagnuolo, and thoughts of all my brother knights who perform holy moments every week. You are an example to the whole community of how to work in collaboration with Almighty God.

If you haven't read this book, I highly recommend it.



March is a really busy month for us so please volunteer and do what you can. I am asking every brother to make every effort to attend the Irish Pub Night so we can help Father Jay with important projects that are necessary. It will be a great time for all of us to get together.

Here is the list of our monthly activities in March:

- * March 12th is our **Pancake Breakfast**
 - * March 17th is **St. Patrick's day** - coffee & scones
 - * March 19th is our **Blood Drive & our Corporate Communion** with the CCW after 8am mass
 - * March 22nd is our **Irish Pub Night**, 7pm, Parish Hall
 - * March 23rd is our **Scholarship Dinner**
 - * March 25th & 26th is our monthly **Food Collection**
- This month presents so many opportunities for holy moments so take advantage of them.

Please pray for our sick and deceased brothers and have a happy holy Lent.

P.S. Remember our meeting is **Wednesday March 15th** & not Tuesday because of OLOL's Bible study group.

Ron Bowes, GK

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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

Dennis Putman
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Remembering Our Deceased

Michael O'Brien

Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

As the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again.

As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving.

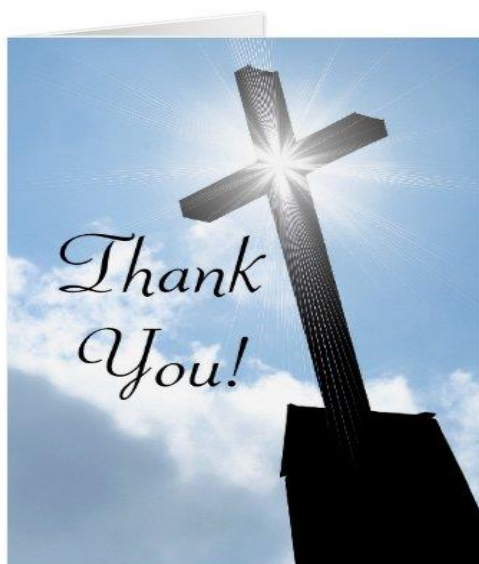
Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world.

With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.



Amen.

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





POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY

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

For the attention of Knights of Columbus Council # 9924,

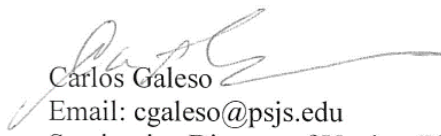
Dear Mr. Robert,

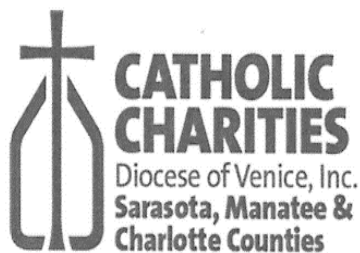
I have taken this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for the financial support I have received from the Knights of Columbus Council # 9924. Undoubtedly with your great help, I can continue my priestly formation, but at the same time, you and your family become a reason for my personal prayer so that God showers spiritual and material blessings on you at all times.

God every time is near you and with you, day and night, in all your activities, God always is present in your life. In that sense, I invite you not to leave him alone and not forget him. Please, you can consider thinking of him continually, adore him immensely, and live and die with him. This is the most important and true occupation for a Christian, shortly, this is our trade. I will ask this grace for you; earnestly ask the same for Knights of Columbus Council # 9924 who are in Our Lord.

I hope to see you someday. In the meantime, you are in my prayers daily and I commend you to the Blessed Sacrament at the seminary's chapel Pope St John XXIII.

Most humbly,


Carlos Galeso
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Seminarian Diocese of Venice, Florida
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Avenue
Weston, MA, 02493



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Eduardo Gloria, Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2023

Mr. Bill Morris
Knights of Columbus 9924
1301 Center Rd
Venice, FL 34292-3810

Dear Mr. Morris,

Please accept this acknowledgment of your donation of \$819.00 supporting the Arcadia Food Bank, received on 2/6/2023.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to answer more than 20 thousand calls for help from people who reached out to us last year.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and know it's because of gifts like yours that allow us to continue to assist the mother and her infant who comes to us with no place to live and no way to care for her baby safely. Because of you, families experiencing a crisis can receive the boost they need to return to self-sufficiency. Your generosity directly affects those that are hungry, those without hope, those that are lost, and the elderly population that deserves respect and compassion.

We thank you and greatly appreciate your generosity and are confident that together we can continue to *provide help, create hope, and serve all.*

Be Well,

Eduardo Gloria
Chief Executive Officer



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Francis Conwell	85
Charles Peck	84
William Srofe	83
Eugene Clifford	82
John Vidas	80
James Placek	78
Peter White	78
Richard Potson	78
Larry Keener	76
Joseph Connors	76
Charles Short	76
Robert Smialek	75
David Tura	75
James Stevens	74
John Negro	74
Giuseppe Biancaniello	74
Tony Dolejs	74
Dennis O'Brien	68
Steve Beck	66
Kevin O'Brien	65
Lucky Haynes	65
Stephen Mcintegart	65
Eric Skleder	56
John Tosado	51

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
John Janisse	54
Michael O'Brien	35
Paul Cacciatore	30
Peter Casamento	29
Howard Schneider	28
Edward Farrell	19
Mark Iannotti	17
Peter Valenti	16
Anthony Giardullo	16
Ivan Skoric	12
Alfred Miller	11
Marvin Bumb	11
Harold Bumb	11
Joe Ferreira	9
Vinnie Ferris	9
Guenther Hennig	8
Robert Stewart	8
Salvatore Vergona	8
Larry Middendorf	6
John Ozimek	6
Charles Short	6
William Stahl	5
Stephen Swanson	5
Eric Bisighini	4
Edmund Cassidy	3
Mike Winn	3
William Salomone	2
Lawrence Tobias	2
Vince Gelsomino	2
Cornelius Carr	1
David Russell	1

Red denotes 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 Donor –Henry VonSalzen 631-672-1803

Membership - Armond Padula 941-786-6316

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Culture of Life- John Yaglenski 941-408-7558

Publicity - Jim Palermo 941-493-7918

Food Service – John Tosado 610-428-9292

Food Collection - Eric Bisighini 860-899-8785

James Collins 917-837-8698

Cross & Compass – Ray Pronko 858-880-8376

Backpack – Mike Milak 941-380-7248

Insurance Promotion

Vocations Chairman - Greg Walsh 941-681-2438

Council Prayer Tree -

Fourth Degree - Ed Farrell 941-445-5697

Visitation - Rick Kuertz 513-430-4330



February Food Collection

\$3,766 in donations and 1,015 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, presents the Knight of the Month Award to Mike Malik



Family of the Month

Mike & Kathy Malik



Columbian Award

Presented to Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, by District Deputy, Mike Costanza



This award recognizes excellence in the 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)

New Members

Ron Galiano – Pittsburgh, PA



Transfers

Vinnie Maisto – Brooklyn, NY
Ray Ross – Merrimack, NH

**Welcome to Council 9924. We look forward to
your contributions!**

Council Merchandise



If you would like to order a Council shirt or ballcap, please click on the link below. We have sizes Small through XXXL.

Shirts are \$25 or \$28 depending on size and optional embroidery of your name on the shirt is \$3. Ballcaps are \$20.

If you have misplaced your name badge, please let me know.

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001756>

Bill Morris, FS

Knight Times



Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Help us achieve our goal of 15 new brothers for this fiscal year. As Grand Knight Ron Bowes has stated on several occasions, talk to people you see in church and invite them to join us and experience the joy and rewards of giving and brotherhood. We are all recruiters! **We have 6 new members so far.**

We are always in need of ushers for most masses, volunteers for food collection and readers for the 5th Sunday Rosary.

Volunteers needed for Pancake Breakfast on March 12 after 8 & 10 am masses

Volunteers needed for Corporate Communion on March 19 after 8 am mass

Volunteers needed for set up and clean up for Irish Pub Night on March 22.

Volunteering



Just a reminder, we are still supporting Taylor Ranch School with over 100 backpacks each week. In 2022, our members and support organizations donated \$24,000 on behalf of the Knights Council 9924. Due to Covid, we no longer do offsite packing. At the same time, we are no longer collecting donations from the community to support the program through All Faiths Food Bank. Donations on behalf of the Knights of Columbus are to be sent directly to AFFB. Please don't forget our kids and make out your checks to All Faiths Food Bank and send them to 8171 Blaikie Court, Sarasota, FL 34240.

AFFB is always in need of Volunteers in both Sarasota as well as at numerous Food Distribution Sites in the County.

If interested in volunteering or any questions on the programs, please contact Mike Milak at 941-380-7248, mmilak33@gmail.com



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Pancake Breakfast after 8& 10 am masses	13	14	15 Council Meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Coffee & Scones After 8 am mass	18
19 Corporate Communion with CCW Blood Drive	20	21	22 Irish Pub Night	23	24	25 Food Collection
26 Food collection	27	28	29	30	31	

Pancacke Breakfast



March 12

After 8 & 10 am masses

Click on this link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA4AD2BA6FB6-pancake>

Dave Christie

John Harrison

One Blood Drive



Sunday, March 19

8:30 am – 1:00 pm at OLOL

Hit ctrl/click on this link to reserve a time.

[OneBlood](#)

All donors will receive*: - \$20 eGift Card - OneBlood T-shirt - Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Henry Vonsalzen

Corporate Communion in Partnership with CCW

Sunday March 19th

Church Hall after 8 am mass



The theme of this year's gathering will be
"Preparation for Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement"
presented by Fr. Shawn Monahan from the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat & Spirituality Center.

A special Pancake/Waffle Breakfast will also be served by our very own Knights Breakfast
Crew before the presentation. Please click on the link below to reserve.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA4AD2BA6FB6-corporate1>

Irish Pub Night

March 22



The Knights of Columbus Presents

IRISH NIGHT

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Center

Starring
ANDY COONEY
"IRISH AMERICA'S FAVORITE SON"
The New York Times

and The Irish Guinness Band
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 • 7PM

with Special Guest
KATHY DURKIN

It's "Irish Night"!

Andy Cooney once again brings a show surrounded by the finest in Irish Entertainment! This is a show that showcases Ireland's Music, Song, Comedy and Dance as only Andy Cooney can bring it as he has for over 25 Years! Ireland's King of Blarney George Casey will have the audience bellied over in laughter as we warm up for the greatest month for the Irish!

1301 Center Rd, Venice, FL 34292
BYOB, Food or Snacks • Tickets: \$45 (Tables of 8)
Purchase Tickets online: ollvenice.org
Call the Parish Office: 941-497-2931 or Ron Bowes: 412-965-1983

All Italians encouraged to attend!

Tootsie Roll Drive



**The tootsie roll team collected \$11,004.50 in donations.
This will be split between 5 local Charities.**

**Thank you to all the brothers that participated to make
this event a success!**

Bob Burhoe - Co-Chairman

Mike Milak - Co-Chairman

Dues Notice



Knights of Columbus

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL, No. 9924
1301 Center Road, Venice, Florida 34292

Council 9924 Dues Notice - July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

To pay with a Credit Card online, click on the link below and then click on “Home” at the top

[Give \(wesharegiving.org\)](https://wesharegiving.org)

ANNUAL DUES \$35.00
Optional - Seminarian Support \$15.00

\$35.00
\$15.00
\$50.00 (recommended)

Our Council supports 3
Seminarians, with a
quarterly donation of \$300,
or \$1,200 per year. Your
donation of \$15 will help
ensure that our Council can
continue to support our

If paying by check (payable to KofC Council 9924): mail to:

William Morris, Financial Secretary
1606 Monarch Drive
Venice, FL 34293

St. Patrick



Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest. According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands. Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, even though snakes were not known to inhabit the region. Tradition holds that he died on March 17 and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.



Pray For Ukraine

