

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:

Holy Week begins Monday, April 3rd and ends Sunday, April 9th when our Savior rose from the dead. The Triduum is the summit of the Liturgical year. It includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. I hope you all plan to attend church services on these days.

This month should be interesting and rewarding with our membership chair Ed Jones holding our membership drive on April 1st and 2nd. Please sign up online. We only need a few more new members to reach our Goal, so please reach out to your friends and neighbors.

There is a virtual fraternal benefit night on April 26th at 7:30pm. I have signed up so we only need at least six more men to be given credit. I'm also setting up one more benefit night at our parish center and I will notify you of the date. Completing these two requirements puts on track for our fourth Star Council award in a row.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank brother Henry Von Salzen for his outstanding work in setting up our successful blood drive. I would also like to thank brother Tom Reno for his dedicated service in setting up the tables for our Irish Pub Night. I would also like to express my gratitude to so many of you who take the time to make our council one of the best in Florida.

And finally, please mark these dates down on your calendar. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th. Our Pancake Breakfast is April 23rd, and our Food Drive and 5th Sunday Rosare are April 29th and 30th.

Once again thank you for all you do.

Ron Bowes, GK



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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

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Remembering Those Close To Us

Debbie Doorenbos, wife of
Knight Ron

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.



St. Michael Outreach Center

317 N 6th Ave. Wauchula, FL 33873

Phone: 863-222-3198

February 20, 2023

Mr. Ron Bowes Grand Knight
Our Lady of Lourdes Council, No. 9924
1301 Center Road
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On behalf of St. Michael Outreach Center Food Pantry Program and its volunteers, I would like to thank everyone involved with the Knights of Columbus Council 9924 at Our Lady of Lourdes for your generous support of our program. I would like to recognize your ongoing funding, and the monthly food collection that comes month after month and year after year. You are truly a witness of Christian generosity. Without your assistance we would not be able to continue our work. I am indebted to everyone who supports your efforts in aiding our community in providing food for needy residents of Hardee County.

I also ask for continued prayers for St. Michael Parish and our Food Panty Program. Your prayers are important for the success of our mission.

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 Jesús Ruiz Alarcoz, SSVM
St. Michael Catholic Church

CC: Rev. Jay Jancarz, Pastor

CC: Rev. Frank Dewane, Bishop



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Frank Bertoni	84
Thomas Festa	83
Duffy Daugherty	81
Matthew Soldano	80
Michael O'Brien	79
Daniel Shaughnessy	78
Herman Schmitt	77
William Szyper	76
John Finn	76
Robert O'Brien	75
James Winslow	74
Christopher Clair	73
Michael Nevinger	71
Larry Middendorf	70
Patrick Rapp	64

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
John Powers	59
Donald Armagnac	56
Laurence Fischer	56
Thomas Kanapky	55
Bruce Simon	55
Duffy Daugherty	55
Robert Chapman	53
Salvatore Trofi	53
Daniel Shaughnessy	50
Joseph Schmenk	49
James Young	43
Thomas Kirkpatrick	41
Walter Pannone	34
John Chiumento	32
Herman Schmitt	31
Thomas Meehan	17
Brian O'Malley	9
Albert Meyer	8
John Dalla Mura	7
John Dean	7
Robert Rueger	6
Robert Crowley	5
Ronald Nodzon	5
Richard Potson	5
John Kopinsky	5
John Negro	3
Charles Woodrum li	3
Gregory Young	2
Richard Ventresca	2
Christian Rodriguez	1
Robb Costa	1
John Prisco	1

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

Retention – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life- John Yaglenki 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



March Food Collection

\$2,942 in donations and 725 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 Tom Reno



New Members

John Pacheco
Joseph Pustizzi

**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.

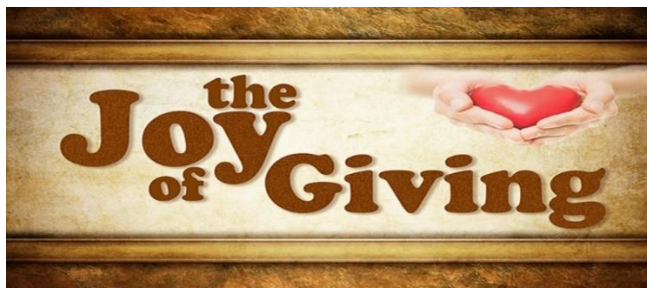
<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001756>

Bill Morris, FS

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 7 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.



“And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.” Thessalonians 3:13

The following brothers volunteered for March activities.

March Food Collection March 25th & 26th

Eric Bisighini
James Collins
Kieran Day
Lawrence Tobias
Bob Whiting
Jerry Lietz
Bob Breen
John Prisco
Ed Cassidy
Vince Hagerty
Thomas Festa
Paul Cacciatore
Michael Milak
Justin Junkus
Stefano Ragozzino
Robert Moran
Rick Anderson
Frank Bertoni
Chuck Woodrum
Tony Dolejs

March Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 12th

Dave	Krystie
John	Harrison
Mike	Pote
George	Bevis
Tom	Davis
Jim	Young
Daniel	Lanktree
Eric	Bisighini
George	Counes
Paul	Cacciatore
Michael	Milak
Tom	Davis
Bob	Burhoe
Giuseppe	Ragozzino
John	Chiumento
Michael	OConnell
Bob	Moran
Eddie	Jones
Vinnie	Ferris
Frank	Bertoni

Irish Pub Night Set-Up Wednesday, March 22

Ron	Bowes
Tom	Reno
Ed	Cassidy
Bob	Breen
Eric	Bisighini

Membership Drive



April 1-2

Please click the link below to sign up

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

Ed Jones – Membership Chairman

Pancake Breakfast

April 23

After 8 & 10 am masses

Sign up information coming soon.

Dave Christie

John Harrison

One Blood Drive

March 19 Results

The Knights of Columbus 9924 did it again!

The largest Blood Drive ever from OLOL parish.

29 pints collected.

There are more than 29 names because some perspective donors did not qualify for various reasons. However, they showed up and were willing to donate!

Henry Vonsalzen

Pro-Life Update

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* reversed *Roe v. Wade* by determining that any abortion decision rightfully belonged to the states. Now for the first time we have the opportunity to protect the pre-born through our state laws.

Since that decision, twenty-four states have banned abortion or are likely to do so. As John Yaglenski explained in our last meeting, Florida Republican lawmakers on March 16 voted to advance bills in both houses that would ban abortion after six weeks. This would tighten the existing 15-week ban on abortions that was passed last year. The proposed bills would also prohibit the use of government or educational funds to finance abortion travel outside of Florida. Please contact your state legislators and let your voice be heard.

On Monday, March 22, 2023, the Supreme Court by an 8-1 vote struck down the ruling that allowed abortions for minors without parental notice.

While this was another positive step forward, the pro-abortion forces are unrelenting.

Currently, the biggest threat to the unborn is the Food and Drug Administration's push to distribute the abortion pill through the largest pharmacy chains in the country (CVS, Walgreen's and Rite Aid). Thus far, letters and petitions to these large corporations, except for Walgreen's, have fallen on deaf ears. Walgreens, a couple of weeks ago took these pills off the shelves in 20 states. While 16 of the 20 states have banned the use of the pill, four have not. In short, some progress has been made.

Medicine abortion involves the use of two drugs (mifepristone and misoprostol) which supposedly can be used up to 12 weeks of pregnancy. Over half of all current abortions involve the use of these drugs.

Mifepristone blocks the action of progesterone which the mother's body produces to nourish the developing child. When progesterone is blocked, the lining of the uterus deteriorates and blood and nourishment are cut off. The baby then dies inside the mother's womb.

Misoprostol (also called Cytotec) causes contractions and bleeding to expel the baby from the mother's womb.

Live Action founder, Lila Rose, said about these pharmacies, "They are no longer a healthcare company but an abortion company. It is disgusting and repulsive to the American people that a pharmacist preparing allergy and blood pressure pills will now be packaging and handing out deadly poison intended to kill children."

This change to medicine induced abortions in so many ways escalate the threat to the unborn. The Knights of Columbus and the pro-life movement now must deal with this monumental challenge.

There is a pill available which will reverse the abortion pill if taken shortly after a women takes the abortion pill. If you would like to learn more about the abortion pill reversal go to WWW.40daysforlife.com. You can also learn about the serious side effects from taking the abortion pills.

Ray Ross

Irish Pub Night



Over \$6,000 was rasied that will be used for kitchen upgrades!

A wonderful evening filled with world class entertainment. A special thank you to **Ron Bowes** and **Tom Reno** for making this possible!

Knights of Columbus

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

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

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

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

Confirmation of Contact Information on File

Venice/SW Florida Address	Seasonal Address
Email Address	Cellphone Number
Wife’s Name and Phone Home	Phone Number

Easter

Acts 3:15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Mark 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.