

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924  
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## Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

I eagerly await the tears of sorrow when you hear I am leaving the Grand Knight position, ha ha! I will, however, be around to help in any way I possibly can. I cannot tell you how blessed I have been to be able to serve you to the best of my ability. What a wonderful group of devoted men we have in our council.

No wonder our District Deputy Michael Costanza states, "Our council can be counted on to do it all." It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know so many of you and I am proud that together we have made Star Council every year so far, and I am sure we will obtain this in 2023. It is important however, that you attend two fraternal nights, June 12th @ 6:30pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes & June 14th @ 6:30pm @ Our Lady of Mt. Carmen in Osprey.

So, at our meeting on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, brother Rick Kuertz will be nominated for Grand Knight and brother Eric Bisighini will be nominated for Deputy Grand Knight.

As you may know June is the end of our fiscal year so, please pay your dues if you haven't done so. Please contact our Financial Secretary, Bill Morris, who will assist you with the process. Our food collection is the weekend of June 24th & 25th so please volunteer.

Brother Dave Tura, chairman of the golf outing on November 4th, 2023 requests that every brother find one sponsor and this will make his job and that of the golf committee much easier.

I want to take this time to express my sincere gratitude to all my fellow brothers for all you do to build the Kingdom of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Bowes, GK



## Council 9924 Board 2022-2023

### Grand Knight

*Ron Bowes 412-965-1983*

### Deputy Grand Knight

*Nick Catone 717-818-3167*

### Chancellor

*Greg Young 401-256-2036*

### Treasurer

*Robert Rueger 941-493-4927*

### Advocate

*Peter Spagnuolo*

### Recorder

*Robert Burhoe 941-460-6546*

### Warden

*Rick Keurtz 513-896-1107*

### Inside Guard

*Larry Middendorf 513-884-1559*

### Outside Guard

*Dick Sheldon*

### Lecturer

*Jay Junkus 630-842-3618*

### Trustee 3 Year

*Bill Szyper 704-776-0041*

### Trustee 2 Year

*Dave Tura 978-837-0692*

### Trustee 1 Year

*Frank Mayle 330-575-6828*

### Chaplain

*Father Saji*

### Financial Secretary

*Bill Morris 214-244-9464*

### Field Agent

### District Deputy

*Michael Costanza 941-400-7416*



## **Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed**

Jim Collins  
Patrick Burke  
Dennis Putman  
Scott Sheldon  
Armand Padula  
Ray Callahan  
Dick Maier



## **Remembering Those Close To Us**

**Robert Chapman, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, passed away.**  
**Clareanne Lanktree, wife of Dan Lanktree**

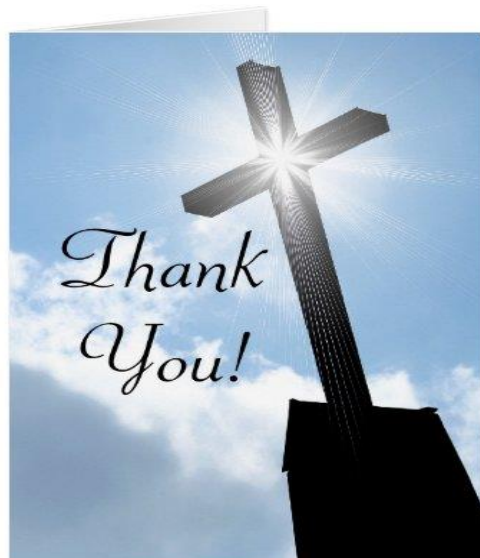


## **Prayers For Those Close To Us**

**Demi Espinoza, Daughter of best friend of Manny Delgado, who will undergo heart surgery soon**

**The soul of Irene Fischer, wife of Larry Fischer**

*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.*



## A Special Thank You from Larry Fischer

I am very grateful for the Knights of Columbus presence at my wife Irene's funeral at Our Lady of Lourdes Church recently.

It was very consoling to my family.

Thank you.

Brother Larry Fischer

April 2023  
Dear Knights,  
Thank you for your continued  
generous support & prayers.  
Please know you & your  
families are in my prayers.  
Thank you for all you do  
for us seminarians, for the  
Diocese & for the church.  
God bless you,  
Pat Long



# 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 10, 2023


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

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to thank you for your recent donation of \$ 647.00. Your continued support helps us feed week after week those in most need in the Glades County.

May the Good Lord continue to bless all the members of the Knights of Columbus and your families.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Marcial Garcia  
Pastor



# CELEBRATIONS



## BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Vincent Sheehy	89
William Salomone	88
Peter Spagnuolo	86
John DallaMura	85
James Bosley	84
William Tarr	81
Richard Anderson	80
Joseph Maguire	79
Walter Pannone	76
Lawrence Tobias	76
Edmund Jones	76
David Russell	75
Robert Mello	73
Alfred Miller	73
Frank Mayle	72
Arthur Sech	71
Charles Woodrum	71
David Schwartz	71
Anthony Giardullo	69
Janusz Jancarz	67
Stephen Marrone	66
Edward Pollock	64
Kevin Broughton	59
Mike Winn	54

## ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Edmund Guszkowski	65
Peter Rodriguez	55
Ronald Bowes	52
Jeffrey Drop	40
Richard Sheldon	33
Michael Cleary	32
Gary Tessitore	27
John Finn	23
Paul Krause	12
Saji Ellickal	6
Joseph Hayduk	4
Charles Peck	2

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** – Ed Jones 240-507-0800

**Retention** – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

**Culture of Life**- John Yaglenki 941-408-7558

**Publicity** - Jim Palermo 941-493-3424

**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



## May Food Collection

**\$1,661 in donations and 780 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.**

**Special Thanks to Bobby Whiting and Joe Pustizzi**



# Knight of the Month

**Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, presents the Knight of the Month Award to Eddie Jones**





# New Members

Gary Smith – Lavallette, NJ

Bob Rinda – Raleigh, NC (via NYC-NJ)

Tim Marzano - Phillipsburg, NJ.

# Transfers

Kyle Hill – Ft Myers Beach, FL

Mark Crews – Zanesville, OH

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

**Ed Jones – Membership Chairman**

## Special Message from Grand Knight, Ron Bowes



**Dear brothers in Christ, Kudos to Jim Palermo for getting our council in the Columbia Magazine, May issue, page 27 – literally tons of food. Thanks Jim.**

**We now have 19 new members thanks to Ed Jones.**

**Our next meeting is Tuesday June 13th and we have have no candidate for Grand Knight. I took the initiative and called brother Eric Bisighini in Connecticut and asked him if he would be GK in October when he returns. He graciously accepted. So, with your approval, I will remain GK during the summer until Eric takes over in October. The vote will be at the June meeting.**

**Thank you for all you do.**

**Ron Bowes  
GK**

# 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.

**Congratulations to Council 9924 especially  
Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, and Membership Chairman,  
Ed Jones, for leading us to 16 gain new members  
this year.**

**Our goal was 15!**

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



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

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church, we have two very special areas that's dedicated to greeting parishioners and offering religious items that enhance our knowledge of the catholic faith. Volunteers are doing what Our Lord has asked us to do and to go out and spread word of our faith.

We need your help in the Upper Room and the Basement.

Please consider giving a little of your time to volunteer before and after mass. The commitment of time is minimal but it so rewarding.

You will have the opportunity to meet with parishioners that are searching for information for themselves or for someone else. You don't have to have any special qualifications to volunteer only be willing to greet other parishioners and show them what we have.

Please call or text Cheryl Palmer 518-527-0812 to learn how you can help.

# Circle of Life Golf Tournament

**Our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Pelican Pointe**



**In order to achieve our goal of \$30,000 we need all brothers to successfully recruit one business to contribute funds to help drive us to our goal.**

**Dave Tura**



June<sup>a</sup> 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Council Meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	2	23	24 Food Collection
25 Food Collection	26	27	28	29	30	

# One Blood Drive



## Message from One Blood Representative

Dawn Adams Miller

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to supporting blood drives at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, in addition to being a lifesaving blood donor. While during season, our hospital partners need more blood than out of season, the off season is more challenging as donations drop making it difficult to collect all the blood that hospitals need for their patients. This May is proving to be exceptionally challenging, with collections beginning to drop in April. It's been an unusual time for us, compounded by the hurricane and the pandemic ending, likely with many other factors impacting donations.

We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in **14** units of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means **42** 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 Knights, as well as OLOL Parish, and please pass along our gratitude.

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.

## Our next scheduled blood drive is **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

In September, we offer donors a \$20 e-gift card and a OneBlood Cancer Awareness T-Shirt (subject to change).



CASEY CHARLEN

DEAN EVAN

DEAN JACQUELINE

MORRIS KATHRYN

VINCI LOUIS

CONLAN MARY

KRAUSE PAUL

KEAN THERESA

HAGERTY VINCENT

MURPHY EDWARD

VONSALZEN HENRY

WARD JOHN

WARDZINSKI LISA

PALERMO MARSHA

ROBERTS PATRICIA

CASTAGNOLI SUE

MARKOVYCH VASYL



 [facebook.com/myoneblood](https://facebook.com/myoneblood)

 [youtube.com/onebloodvideos](https://youtube.com/onebloodvideos)

 [twitter.com/my1blood](https://twitter.com/my1blood)

[oneblood.org](https://oneblood.org)

Henry Vonsalzen

# Pro-Life Update



## The Depopulation Bomb – Ray Ross

The most dangerous existential risk to mankind today is depopulation. There are few voices making us aware of the issue. Elon Musk in numerous appearances along with online tweets has warned that we're on a steep depopulation trend that is heading to a **sudden and irreversible population collapse**. This, he says, is a far greater danger to civilization than global warming. By the time those 21 and under wake up and see what is happening, they're going to be stuck in the 'birth gap trap.' They'll be called on to start having larger families while needing to support a huge number of retirees expecting retirement benefits. As dedicated pro-life/pro-family supporters, we need to be keenly aware of this issue.

Abortion, of course, has played a huge role in the U.S. population decline with over 63 million babies aborted in the U.S. since *Roe v. Wade*. Despite our struggle against abortion, most of us are unaware of the stealth threat of depopulation. In their book,

*Empty Planet: The Shock of Global Population Decline*, Dr. Darrell Bricker and John Ibbitson describe the “fertility trap.” In order for a country to sustain its population, women must average 2.1 children. In 2020, the U.S. fertility rate was 1.7 down from 3.7 in 1960. Europe’s rate is 1.5, Japan’s is 1.3. China has recently increased the number of children a family can have from 1 to 3, but their birth rate has only increased slightly. China’s population is expected to decline by half over the next 25 years. While we thought Japan was going to be first to face population collapse, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore have birth rates of 0.8.

Our culture focuses on self-love, career fulfillment, and the risks of long-term commitment. Transgenderism is pushed by the media, corporations, the government and even our schools. Some are foregoing having a family because they’re worried about climate change, or nuclear war. Couples today aren’t having children because “they don’t want to.” In so many ways our culture pushes an anti-family message.

In early May Harrison Butner, star place kicker for the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs, gave the commencement speech at Georgia Tech, his alma mater. In the speech, he told the 2023 graduating class that the best advice that he could give them “was to get married and start a family” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM6PD5ydXec>. Marriage and family, he says, give purpose to our lives and make us better people. “I don’t care if you have a successful career...In the end, no matter how much money you attain, none of it will matter if you are alone and devoid of purpose.”

God created Adam and Adam found himself alone. Then God created Eve so that they could love and be loved. God’s plan for us is for us to love and, in giving love and being loved, to be fulfilled. His plan for us is to be “fruitful and multiply.”

Not long ago, my oldest grandson was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. His response was “I want to be a dad.” Music to my ears.



## 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**

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[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**

**Honorary Life Members can make a donation to the  
 Seminarian Fund online OR by sending a check to FS Bill Morris**

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### Confirmation of Contact Information on File

Venice/SW Florida Address

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Email Address

Cellphone Number

Wife's Name and Phone Home

Phone Number



# June

## Month of the Sacred Heart



[Catholicculture.org](http://Catholicculture.org)

**The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost.**

**In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.**

**Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.**

**Excerpted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy***

# Pray For Ukraine

