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Knights in Action Highlight



The Port-A Pit Chicken dinner fund raiser was extremely successful. Our work can truly make a significant impact on veterans' lives. The dedication of brother Knights who collected money, prepared dinners, packaged them, and delivered them was truly remarkable. This event would have been challenging without their support. Over \$3,000.00 was made to support our Veterans. Outstanding job FN Tony Palozzolo for your dedication to our Veterans and for your leadership as Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Triad Assembly 2282 for leading this fund raiser.



Robert	Smith	3-Jul
Michael	Showalter	3-Jul
Elliott	Shaffer	3-Jul
Michael	Mazza	8-Jul
Jerome	Hamziuk	10-Jul
John	Vynalek	11-Jul
	Reidy-	
Robert	Bialobok	12-Jul
Edward	Voitus	12-Jul
Paul	Sandlin	12-Jul
Phillip	Murphy	16-Jul
Daniel	Brown	17-Jul
John	Roberts	19-Jul
Gerald	Bryant	21-Jul
Erik	Lilje	21-Jul
James	Florack	22-Jul
	Gonzalez-	
Alvaro	Parra	23-Jul
Robert (Bart)	Hernandez	23-Jul
John	Boyton	24-Jul
Steve	Winter	27-Jul
Demetrio		
(Roger)	Orden	27-Jul
Thomas	Beck	28-Jul
Kenneth	Vaden	28-Jul
William	Fields	29-Jul
Nicholas	Roberts	29-Jul
Michael	Roberts	29-Jul
Christopher	Fox	31-Jul



Father and Son Event – Saturday, August 9 The Knights of Columbus Council 9499 will be hosting a Father and Son Event on Saturday, August 9, beginning with 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church, followed by a delicious breakfast in our Family Center. This is a special opportunity for grandfathers, fathers, and sons to spend meaningful time together and make lasting memories as summer winds down. There is no charge to attend. Pancakes will be served— including blueberry and chocolate chip—and maybe even a special surprise! Remember to plan your day around this event - we hope to see you there!



Community Spotlight >>>>



Knights Of Columbus

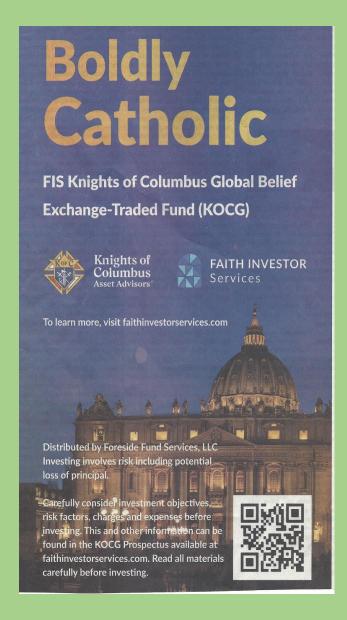
2025 Dash Signup

- **I.** Need four participants.
- II. Arrive at the ballpark at 5:00 PM; leave at around 8:00 PM>
- III. We have 12 different dates:
 - 1. Wednesday, August 13.
 - 2. Friday, August 15.
 - 3. Wednesday, September 3.

Knights of Columbus will be holding Food for Families food drive at Holy Family starting on August 2^{nd} thru August 9^{th} with a Drive by food collection on August 9th from 9 am -1 pm at Holy Family.

Look for more information in the future to sign up to volunteer for this event.





For Catholic investors, it can be a daunting task to build a potentially strong-performing and diversified investment portfolio that follows all the guidelines issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (https://www.kofcassetadvisors.org/kadvs/en/resources/usccb-investment-guidelines-and-the-catholic- investor.pdf) (USCCB). Companies and securities can undergo change on a daily basis, and the everyday investor may not be aware if a company falls out of alignment with Catholic beliefs and teachings, due to the significant time and research often required to track these developments.

As a welcome solution, Faith Investor Services (FIS) has teamed up with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors

(https://www.kofcassetadvisors.org/kadvs/en/index.html) (KoCAA) to create a Catholic faith-based exchange-traded fund (ETF)-the FIS Knights of Columbus Global Belief ETF (ticker KOCG). The fund will contain a range of securities that follow all applicable USCCB guidelines, enabling Catholics to potentially invest without worry that their holdings will ever contradict their faith.

ETFs, in general, can potentially provide many benefits for a portfolio by offering diversification and liquidity. However, it may be difficult for Catholic investors to find attractive ETFs that avoid investing in companies that don't represent Catholic values. KOCG represents a unique opportunity for Catholic investors to align their investments with their beliefs.

This ETF will be actively managed by KoCAA, which can reallocate the portfolio if a company's business practices deviate from the investment criteria set forth by the USCCB. Expert financial professionals, dedicated to investing within the bounds of the Catholic faith, will constantly analyze KOCG holdings to help investors potentially profit while deploying their capital morally, making it the most pure-play investing option for the Catholic community.

FIS and KOCAA also aim to provide "value through values" by ensuring their funds are invested in companies committed to sound ethical, environmental, social, and corporate governance practices. For investors, this means knowing their money is being used to help companies that make a positive impact on their communities and the world, a pillar of the Catholic faith. FIS and KoCAA prioritize socially responsible investments. These screens all fall in line with Catholic values, and will build on the USCCB guidelines to potentially ensure the capital invested by helps support companies doing good work.

FIS and KoCAA intend for KOCG to offer investors global diversification via securities in U.S., international and emerging markets. KoCAA will actively seek and invest in securities that have above-average investment potential, with the goal of providing long-term capital growth and income. In summary, by investing in the FIS Knights of Columbus Global Belief ETF, Catholics can act on a great opportunity to grow their wealth, while supporting companies that promote the Church's values and reflect Catholic faith.

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

When I was in High School and College I ran track. In the days leading up to each meet, I would work hard in practice to make sure that I was ready for the Meet on Saturday. No matter how hard I worked during the week, there was always a period of apprehension regarding whether I was "ready to go" come Saturday. Typically, this feeling peaked about 20 minutes before each race. It always fell away as soon as the starter's gun went off, but the moments leading up to that were filled with apprehension and tension. What does this have to do with the Knights of Columbus Councill 9499? Well, as I write this, we are roughly 48 hours away from my first formal responsibility as Grand Knight, the Monthly Membership Meeting. Am I nervous? Yes. Do I think I am ready? Yes. Will I be OK? Probably... I am fortunate to follow John Brown into the role that he expertly handled the past two years, however, that also means I have "big shoes to fill". I appreciate all of your support and encouragement as I step into the role I have been "training for" the past two years.

We closed the Fraternal Year out with a bang! Many thanks to Joe (and Linda) Michalski for coordinating the Wives Appreciation Event at Medaloni Cellars. The weather was great and the event was well attended. A couple of days later we closed out the year with a New Member Exemplification and Annual Awards Dinner double header. Congratulations to our new members and to our award winners, Tony Giarla (Rookie of the Year), Mitch Miller (Knight of the Year), Joe Michalski (Golden Knight of the Year) and the Brown / Winfrey Family (Family of the Year).

Things will be fairly quiet as the new Fraternal Year starts with the only major event being Officer Installation on July 20th (3pm in the Chapel). However, be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Father / Son Breakfast on August 9th.

I hope you and your families all had a wonderful July 4th Weekend! I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming days.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Chris McGuire

Your help is needed now more than ever!



Catholic Charities has an ongoing need for financial support. This need is exemplified by some of the following information.

Over 500,000 pounds of food has been distributed in our Diocese, including almost 265,000 pounds in the Winston-Salem/Greensboro areas. This effort helped over 10,000 Men, women and children, including 1,450 families in our area. As it becomes more difficult to acquire additional food, especially during this inflationary period, the Agency is working overtime to assure that every family needing food or other services is able to receive them.

Mental health, Senior, Refugee and other programs are checking on their patients, assisting them with access to information and resources, applying for appropriate benefits, and ensuring that children are completing school assignments and doing well emotionally.

Veteran Services case coordinators continue to ensure that Veterans are stable. Catholic Charities is also providing supportive services specifically to very low-income veterans their families at risk of homelessness, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness among our veterans.

Your Support

If you would like to make a donation, you can go online at www.ccdoc.org or by sending a check to Catholic Charities of the Triad, 1612 East 14th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27105. As always, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

DONATIONS NEEDED Holy Family Church along with Catholic Charities is seeking donations of personal care items as well as non-perishable food items in response to an increased need in the community. Donations can be dropped off 9 am – 5pm Mon - Fri at Catholic Charities office on 1612 14th Street Winston-Salem, NC.

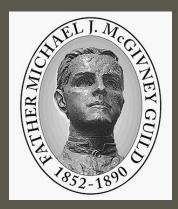
Spiritual Message >>>>

July - The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus



One of the great devotions in the Catholic Church is the honoring of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. This devotion is deeply connected to the Passion of Jesus and recognizes the immense sacrifice He made for the salvation of humanity. The shedding of His blood is central to Christian faith, symbolizing redemption and eternal life. This devotion is also intimately linked to the Eucharist, where Catholics believe the blood of Christ is made present and is consumed during Mass under the appearance of wine.

O Precious Blood of Jesus, infinite price of sinful man's redemption, both drink and laver of our souls, Thou who dost plead continually the cause of man before the throne of infinite mercy, from the depths of my heart I adore Thee, and so far as I am able, would requite Thee for the insults and outrages which Thou dost continually receive from human beings, and especially from those who rashly dare to blaspheme Thee. Who would not bless this Blood of infinite value? Who doth not feel within himself the fire of the love of Jesus who shed it all for us? What would be my fate, had I not been redeemed by this divine Blood? Who hath drawn it from the veins of my Saviour, even to the last drop? Ah, this surely was the work of love. O infinite love, which has given us this saving balsam! O balm beyond all price, welling forth from the fountain of infinite love, grant that every heart and every tongue may be enabled to praise Thee, magnify Thee and give Thee thanks both now and forevermore. Amen.



Father McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who will be beatified soon. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.



As always, stay safe out there. Carry your rosary and pray it often. Don't forget to wear your name badges at Knights of Columbus and Parish functions. Let people know who you are. Let it be a reminder of the constant presence and good works of the Knights of Columbus throughout the Church.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH JUNE 2025 Paul Sandlin

Faith in Action is an excellent way to describe Council 9499's June 2025 Knight of the Month. Paul Sandlin is involved in almost every aspect of the celebration of the Liturgy each weekend. As a member of the Liturgy Committee, Paul is actively involved in the planning of the Liturgical year, helping to ensure that all aspects of our weekly liturgy, as well the Christmas and Easter Seasons, are planned and executed flawlessly. After helping plan on the Liturgy Committee, Paul then communicates all this information to the Mass Coordinators which he leads, as well as serving as a Mass Coordinator at 9:15 Sunday Mass each weekend. This communication is critical to the flawless execution of Mass each weekend. As Mass Coordinator, Paul wears many hats, including preparing the Credence Table and Altar for Mass, ensuring that all Usher, Eucharistic Minister and Readers are checked in, and cleaning all of the vessels that are used during Mass, afterward. Paul is also a member of the Holy Family Choir, singing at one Mass each weekend as well as other important events at Holy Family. For these reasons, it is an honor that we present Paul Sandlin as our Council 9499 Knight of the Month for June, 2025.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH JUNE 2025 Hank and Tina Rudge

Let it be known that Council 9499 Family of the Month for June 2025 is a couple who are very active serving our parish family and the Triad community. Hank and Tina Rudge work tirelessly to support our Parish and the Community at large. Hank is an active member of our Knights of Columbus Council #9499. Likewise, Tina gives her time and talent to support the work done by the Parish Columbiettes. Both Hank and Tina are Ministers of the Sick and Homebound and Eucharistic Ministers. Both give their time and energy to Catholic Charities. Tina is a member of the Flame of Prayer Cenacle. Their contribution to serving the Triad Community is also noteworthy. Hank is a member of the Watchmen of the Streets who provide help to those living on the streets. Tina, again has devoted her time to help make the Triad Honor Flights a success. For their service to Holy Family Parish and to the community, Bishop Greco Council 9499 proudly recognizes Hank and Tina Rudge as our Family of the Month for June 2025.









Faith in Action >>>

This Month

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

Faith
Fifth Saturday Rosary – Aug 30th

Online Rosary: The council is continuing to conduct a weekly online rosary via Zoom. The Rosary is said on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. As we start to transition back in-person, we hope to continue the online rosary on the weeks that we don't have a regularly scheduled general meeting. Contact PGK Gregg Eisenmann (ironmen4@twc.com) for more details

Spiritual Message from Bill Casey

Hello brother knights here is a biblical insight. Did you know the Old Testament's Book of Psalms is filled with prophecy related to Jesus Christ? Yes, Jesus can be found in the Old Testament! Specifically, the words in the Nicene Creed "according to the Scriptures", refer to verses in the Psalms. This Creed phrase goes on; "He rose again ... and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father."

For rise from the dead prophecy see:
Psalm 15[or16]:9 -11, Psalm 29[or30]:3-4,
Psalm 70[or71]:19-24, Psalm 85[86]:13,
Psalm 114[115]: 8-9. The other two actions also have psalm verses ---- next time!

Spiritual Enrichment Group -

Look for an email from Chris Parker for the next Spiritual Enrichment session starting up again in the fall.

Chris Parker Vivat Jesus!

Life

Sidewalk Vigils for Life: Planned Parenthood of Winston-Salem performs abortions on Tuesdays and Fridays. On these days, members of our council and other local faith groups in

Parenthood clinic on Maple Avenue. For more information contact Joe Rogers (Life Director).



We are all called to protect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death Pro-life ministries and organizations Council 9499 supports.
birthrightws.com theyarenotforgotten.com triadcoalitionforlife.com triad pregnancy care, foreverywomen.org salempregnancy.org
For more information about their services

Family COMMUNITY

Winston Salem Dash games

- 1. Wednesday, August 13.
- 2. Friday, August 15.

please visit their web sites.

3. Wednesday, September 3.

Food for Families – Aug 2nd – 9th

Father-Son Breakfast – Aug 9th

Leave No Neighbor Behind: It is important that we find ways to stay connected and live up to our guiding principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The Council is contacting our Brothers, especially our older Brothers who may not regularly access the various technological tools commonly used today. We want to know that you are well, and very importantly, we want you to make us aware of any needs you have. Your Brothers stand ready to assist you. If you or another Brother are in need or simply want



"The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin." "

1 John 1:76

AMB

Brothers, as we bring our year to a close, you still have an opportunity to assist LAMB's mission of helping provide for the "Least Among our brethren". If you were unable to participate in any of our fund-raising activities this year, and would like to make a personal donation, please bring it to the monthly General Meetings. If you refer to make a donation online or by credit card, you can visit https://kofc9499.org/payment/ and scroll down to "Make a Charitable Contribution" section.



Field Agent's Message >>>

Our Field Agent is Miguel Flores from Council 10504 who is assigned to District 11. Please direct your insurance questions him or to our Grand Knight John Brown, Council 9499, Financial Secretary Mike Brown, or District Deputy (Pat O'Doherty).

If you are not an insurance member, then please consider becoming one today.







Financial Secretary's Update

Please Pay Your Dues: Dues notices for 2024-2025 have been mailed. If you have not paid your dues for this year, you can visit kofc9499.org/payment/ to pay online.

If you have any questions or comments about budget or financial matters, please contact Mike Brown, Financial Secretary at browonefs@gmail.com.

At 12/31/2024 the Council has 314 Active Members. There were 84 Insurance Members—75 Honorary and Honorary Life Members. Our Goal for this year is 15 new Members—8 new Members have joined so far.

Visit <u>kofc9499.org/payment/</u> to pay online.

The Good of the Order Prayer List

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may I help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Father James Stuhrenberg, our pastor.
- Father Peter Maza, our parochial vicar.
- Please pray for Pope Leo the XIV who was recently elected Pope.
- Please pray for SK Bob Smith's nephew Thom McCarthy who is having health issues. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Please pray for Steve Koehler who is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Please pray for Brother Brian McGrail, who is back in the hospital with complications.



Please pray for Brother Mike Facciolo and wife Treva who are currently residing at Vienna Village Assisted Living Facility.

Please pray for Brother Paul Hopgood's daughter Paige. She has been very sick this summer. She was diagnosed with catatonia and this is part of what we call Kleefstra Regression. She is also having surgery on Friday 8/30 to install a VNS to hopefully help with her seizures.

Please pray for Brother Brian Sternecker for an undisclosed personal request.

Please pray for Brother Paul Dixon, who is undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.

Please remember in your prayers our Brother Phil Doerr. Phil is having surgery to remove a tumor from his spine, due to a recently diagnosed cancer. Please pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery

Please pray for Betty Smith, wife of PGK Sir Knight Bob Smith. Betty recently fell and fractured a hip. Betty had already been struggling with COPD and mobility issues. Betty was placed into palliative care at Forsyth Hospital. Please keep Betty, Bob, and their family in your prayers.

Please pray for Jack Ritzel. He is a senior at Bishop McGuiness High School and he was seriously injured at a lacrosse game. He is currently in ICU. Chris and Heather Parker are close friends with his parents Deb and Derek. Please keep Jack in your prayers during this most concerning time.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Kate Cavanaugh, daughter of Brother Bob Cavanaugh who recently passed away. Please keep the Cavanaugh family in your prayers.



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Leave No Neighbor Behind

Do You Know Someone in **Need of Assistance?**

<u>Email</u>

seen several cases of Brothers stepping up to help an elderly parishioner, a widow, or member of the community.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight.

If you know someone in need, then let us know so that we can **help them.** Thank you for service!





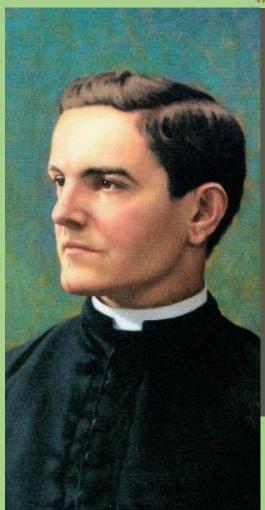
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Closing Prayer...

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor we now present for those who are ill and in distress.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Upcoming Events >>>

- Council meeting July 8th at 7 pm
- Installation of new Officers July 20th 3 pm at Holy Spirit Chapel
- Food for Families Aug 2nd 9th
- Father-Son Breakfast Aug 9th
- Father McGivney Feast Mass Aug 13th
 12:30 Mass

To learn more about these and other upcoming events, visit our website at <u>kofc9499.org/calendar</u>.



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