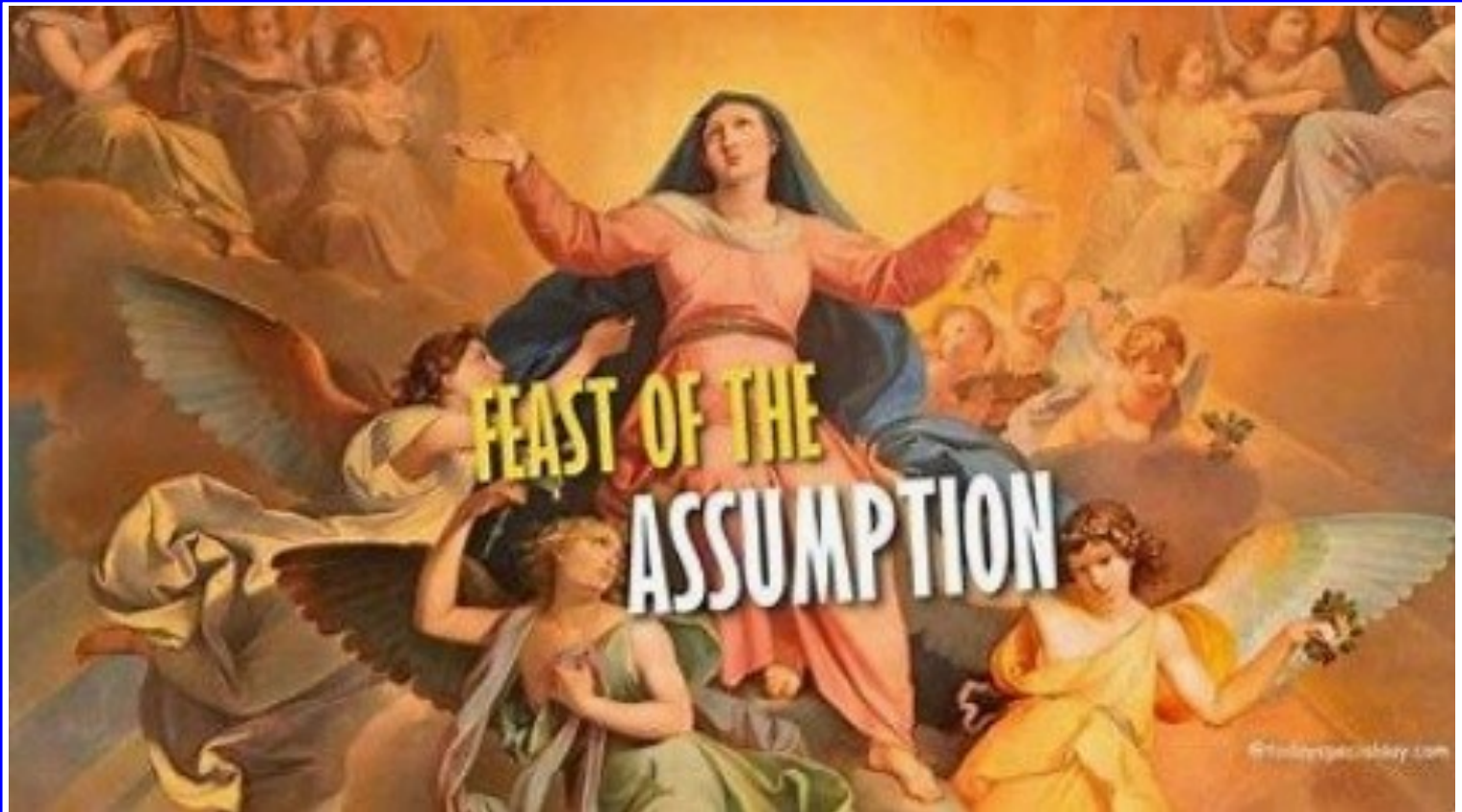


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Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.



August 2025

Council 15001

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Grand Knight.....Ed Fischer, GK
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Remember—One new member, per Council, per month.

This is the desire of the Supreme Knight. Can you help us make it happen?

As Catholics and as Knights of Columbus, we revere our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God as someone to whom we can pray for Her intercession to our Lord for the plea we ask.

Who does not look to the Mother as the consoling figure when we are in times of strife or difficulty. Many of us most likely have excerpts of situations when we pray to Mary and requested her help. Some, if not many, were answered. It is with that knowledge that we understand that Mary as Jesus’ mother is the one in whom we can seek the most comfort when we feel troubled.

A simple solution to many of our problems is to remember to “pray it out to sort it out”. When praying fervently, we no longer have to dwell on problems that are giving us concern. Deeply praying leaves only time to think about the prayers you are saying and leaves no space for troubles to interfere.

You may ask, “when do I have time to pray when I have bills to pay, work to do and life is going at such a rapid rate, I just don’t have time.” Unfortunately, that is a cop out. A simple prayer of “Thank you God for this day” is a short and nice prayer to start your day. Then, during the day when stress is at its most irritating pace, take a breath and say “Please God, I need help, please help me.”

Now that we once again remember to pray and to ask for help, that is also the time to help others. Helping others is a small payment for the help that God gives us. It is the act of our showing love towards our fellow man that allows God to continue to answer our pleas.

As we know, from our catechisms, that the two greatest commandments are: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

For Fraternal Year 2025-2026

The State Theme is:

With Rejoicing Hearts



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Grand Knight Report August 2025

Brother Knights,

As we continue our new Fraternal Year, I'm pleased to share both recent highlights and upcoming opportunities to deepen our fraternity and our faith.

Ed Fischer, GK

Welcome to Our New Brothers

On July 13, we initiated three new members into our Council: **Luke Fazio**, **Joevis Miguel**, and **David Nowell**. Please join me in extending a heartfelt welcome to each of them and to all our newer members who have joined over the past year. Our hope is that each of you will find this brotherhood to be a place of friendship, service and spiritual growth. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming activities.

First BINGO Night – August 23

Our first BINGO of the Fraternal Year will be held on **Saturday, August 23rd**. If you've never attended, this is a great chance to jump in. Whether you volunteer or bring friends and family to play, your presence strengthens our Council and helps support our charitable efforts. Tickets are **\$20**, available in advance or at the door.

Engage and Grow

Pope Leo XIII taught that "charity is the root of all good works." As Knights, we put our faith into action not only in large programs but through consistent small acts, like helping at BINGO, attending a Rosary, or showing up for Donut Sunday. These actions build our unity and strengthen our parish.

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reminds all of us that the Knights of Columbus is more than a service group, it is a **Catholic brotherhood formed for mission**. Our mission is lived through service, fraternity and prayer. I encourage each of you and especially our newer members, to participate more fully this year. When you do, you'll find that what you give comes back tenfold in fellowship, joy and purpose.

Complete Your SET Certification

A vital part of our mission is to protect the most vulnerable in our parish. **Safe Environment Training (SET)** provides valuable education and accountability to help prevent abuse of children and vulnerable adults. Given the many ways we serve at parish events, I'm asking every Knight to complete or renew their **SET certification** ASAP.

An Invitation to Engage

Whether you've been a Knight for a month or for decades, I encourage you to reflect on how you're engaging this year. Maybe it's time to attend your first BINGO night, volunteer for a Rosary or simply invite a fellow Knight for coffee after Mass. You'll find, as so many have, that when you give your time and presence, you receive even more in return: friendship, purpose and grace.

Thank you for all you do in service to our parish, our Council, and our Church.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Fischer
Grand Knight '25-'26, St. Paul's Council 15001
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COUNCIL 15001 NEWEST MEMBERS

The following were conferred as 3rd-degree Knights during a Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremony. Welcome to the St. Paul Knights brothers:

Fr. Aaron Agorsor • John Alejo Jr. • Mark Davis • Sam Hana
Anh Andy Hoang • Fernando Pedraza • Miguel Romero
Luke Fazio • Joevis Miguel • David Nowell

**PROTECT
OUR
CHILDREN**

Office of Child and Youth Protection and Safe Environment Training -
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

Making a Difference Together

<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

Safe Environment (SET)
Training is Required by all Diocese
staff and volunteers.
Please contact Salina in the parish
office 602-942-2608



We encourage anyone who has been a victim of abuse to call a local law enforcement agency.
For additional information about support services for those who have been abused, please contact
the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (602) 354-2396.

Thank you to all who have completed their SET (Safe Environment) annual training. We still have a way to go, so here is reminder. This year there is no exam but a good education video from Bishop Dolan and the Safe Environment Office.

Brother Knights,

Safe Environment Training (SET) provides valuable insights and accountability for protecting others, especially children and vulnerable adults, from abuse. As Knights, we are called to serve our parish and community with integrity and compassion. One way we fulfill this duty is by ensuring that we are trained and equipped to create a safe environment for all.

Given the many opportunities we have to serve within the parish, such as Donut Sundays, Ladies High Tea, and parish festivals, I am asking that each of you complete your SET certification or renewal within the next **two weeks**.

You can complete the training online through the Diocese of Phoenix Safe Environment website:
<https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

Thank you for your commitment to serving others and upholding the values we stand for as Knights.

We are sending this reminder to all Knights. If you have already completed your SET, thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Fischer, GK Council 15001

Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification

Council 15001 St. Paul Knights initiated three new members into the Council on July 13, 2025 in the St. Paul Chapel.

They are the three gentlemen in the front row center, from left: Luke Fazio (green shirt), Joevis Miguel and David Newell. St. Paul Knights attending the ceremony are back row from left: Brother Andy Picard, Past Grand Knight Tom Russell, Brother Manny Flores, PGK Francis Abijaoude, Fr. Bruno Cuario, PGK and Membership Director Dan McGinn, PGK Tom Nash, PGK Al Gillis, CUF Captain Ted Cherekos, Front row left: PGK Charley Billingsley and front row left PGK and Treasurer Phil Tabbita.



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Report on our July 13th, Blood Drive

St. Paul's Blood Drive reached 97% of the Donor Goal and 100% of the Product Goal.

We were successful in our efforts. We receive support from the Knights of Columbus members and their families, and from St. Paul parishioners.

Our efforts will save as many as 84 lives in our community hospitals. We had 38 people go through the interview process.

We had 30 successful donations. There were 24 whole blood donations, and 5 Power Red donations, and 1 Plasma Combo donation.

We are giving to our community a life-saving gift that cannot be achieved in any other way. We are grateful to all our donors.

Thank you,

Tom Van Buren and Gerry Surdakowski
Blood Drive Co-Captains, Knights of Columbus

St. Paul Catholic Church Blood Drive



**Every Drop Counts:
Be a Lifesaver Today!**

Join us in making a difference in the world.
Your act of kindness could be the reason
someone gets a second chance at life.

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Sunday **Next Date Will Be
Announced Later**

8am to 1pm

Conference Room



Sign up after all Masses
or scan QR code or schedule online
www.vitalant.org (code P1817)



Council will be visiting the Sunshine Soccer League this Sunday, July 27th, to present our annual donation.



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Four Generations of Catholic Men: "That's what Knights do!"

By: PGK Charley Billingsley

Celebrating the Baptism of Liam Roggenkamp (a potential future Knight of Columbus) are, from left: Proud Great Grandpa and St. Paul Knights Council 15001 Inside Guard Tom Roggenkamp, Fr. Jeff Burton, Tom's Grandson Michael (gray jacket), Great Grandson Liam with Tom's son Roy holding Liam.

The Baptism was at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Hammond, Ind.

Tom and his bride Karen are on a summer-long journey to visit family throughout the USA.



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LAUGH4HOPE
 Bringing Hope to the Community through Laughter
 a comedy night fundraiser

Friday, August 22, 2025 @7 PM
 Xavier College Prep
 Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center

For tickets now visit
Laugh4HopePhx.com

Call 602-682-7470 for Sponsorship or ticketing
Row Captain (10 or more guests) opportunities.

Proceeds to benefit Pro-Life Education:

Eric O'Shea

Carlos Oscar

LIFE CHOICES WOMEN'S CLINIC

PRO-LIFE EDUCATION

Dear Brothers,

Get ready for an evening filled with joy and laughter!

Our Council 15001 is proud to be a sponsor of the **Laugh4Hope**, an annual fundraising event which is dedicated to "Bringing Hope to the Community through Laughter." This special evening features amazing comedians and promises to be both entertaining and impactful.

All proceeds from Laugh4Hope directly benefit **Pro-Life Education at Life Choices Women's Clinic**, supporting their vital work in our community.

To make it easy for our members and friends to attend, Council 15001 has reserved **20 tickets** for this fantastic event. Tickets are **\$25 each**.

If you're interested in joining us for an evening of comedy and supporting a wonderful cause, please make your check payable to "**Council 15001**." We will then issue one consolidated check to Life Choices Women's Clinic.

For more details about Laugh4Hope, including the lineup of comedians and event specifics, please visit their official website: laugh4hopephx.com

We encourage you to secure your tickets soon, as they are limited! Please reply to this email to reserve your spot and arrange for payment.

We look forward to sharing an evening of laughter and hope with you!

Vivat Jesus!

Kirk LaPlante. PGK/FS



Breakfast with Sr. Henrietha Kokushoborola

Meet and Greet to celebrate her 25th year in ministry. If you would like to bring a card or gift there will be a basket available.

**Friday, July 25th
After 8am Mass**

St. Michael's Hall

ORDER:

Member of the Order of The Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Catholic Diocese of Bukoba

APOSTOLATE:

Currently, together with other nuns, she is doing her religious apostolate in a Health and Rehab Center of Auxilium Madona del Divino Amore, Rome, Italy.



Photographed above on the Feast of her 1st profession of religious vows, December 8, 2000 with her brother, Fr. Adeodatus.

Photographed on July 13, 2025



Council Members Celebrate Sister Henrietha's 25th Jubilee

By: PGK/FS Kirk LaPlante <dklaplante@gmail.com>

Knights of Columbus Council 15001 recently had the distinct honor of celebrating a significant milestone with **Fr. Adeodatus**: the 25th jubilee of his sibling sister, **Sr. Henrietha Kokushoborola**. Fr. Adeodatus graciously invited members of our Council to attend a special Mass and breakfast in her honor.

Sr. Henrietha is a dedicated member of the **Order of the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus** within the Catholic Diocese of Bukoba. Her 25 years of ministry are a testament to her unwavering faith and service.

Brothers **Charley Billingsley**, **Richard Rael**, and **Kirk LaPlante** represented our Council at the celebration. They were joined by fellow parishioners Dr. Sue Moravec and Dr. Pam Zapanta—making it a truly communal event.

It was truly wonderful for our members to reconnect with Fr. Adeodatus and share in this joyous occasion. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sr. Henrietha on her remarkable 25 years in ministry and pray for her continued blessings.



Jubilee Mass



Prince of peace courtyard.

Father McGivney is in the background



[Save the date! Friday September 19th Catholic Night at Diamondbacks.](#)

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Phoenix and Tucson for the annual Catholic Night on Friday, September 19 at Chase Field. On this night of fellowship, the D-backs will host the Philadelphia Phillies. More details of the event to come!

For every ticket purchased \$5 will be donated to the Catholic School Support 365!

All sales are final, no exchanges, returns, or refunds. Tickets based on availability.
This offer can't be combined with other offers.

For any questions about the event please contact Tatum Barstad at tbarstad@dbacks.com or at 602.462.4287.



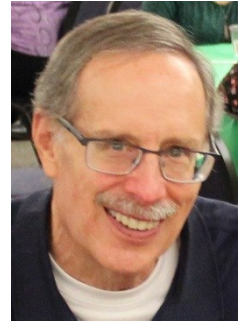
Rosary At Planned Parenthood

On Wednesday morning July 9th, a dedicated group of Knights of Columbus brothers gathered at the abortion facility in Glendale, their voices raised in prayer for an end to abortion. Led by Captain Mike Aguilar, the contingent included Brothers Charley Billingsley, Jim Soderlund, and Kirk LaPlante. Their intentions were clear: to pray for the end of abortion in general, specifically for the mothers arriving for appointments this morning, and for the conversion of the abortion facility workers.

The site was notably busy, with a steady stream of cars entering and exiting the parking lot. The abortion facility volunteers were also present, using their distinctive rainbow-colored umbrellas to shield individuals, mostly women but occasionally men, as they were escorted to and from the abortion facility.

Despite the usual dip in attendance due to summer vacations, the smaller group remained steadfast in their mission. The prayer vigil proceeded smoothly until the time came for the singing of "Ave Maria." It was, by all accounts, a less-than-melodious rendition. One might even imagine Our Lady wincing slightly at the sound! The absence of the angelic voices of Mary Hauer, along with Artie, who are enjoying their vacation in Iowa, was keenly felt.

Regardless of the vocal performance, the sincerity of the prayers offered was undeniable. The Knights of Columbus continue to be a visible and prayerful presence, standing for the sanctity of life and offering hope in a place of despair.





Join the 4th Degree



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriot Degree and how to join its ranks, contact your local Council, the Vice Supreme Master in your area or the Supreme Council today. For Council 15001, you may contact Sir Knight (SK) Gary Schulte or (SK) Ted Cherekos.

Each month, we would like to include news and notes about the 4th Degree of our Order. Several of our 15001 Council members also belong to the 4th Degree and are members of the "Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805".

Each "Degree" of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue with the three items being—Charity, Unity and Fraternity and the Fourth Degree being "Patriotism" or as it has commonly become known as "The Patriotic Degree".

The members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 11020 N 40th Street at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on 40th St., between Shea Blvd. and Cactus Rd.

Serenity Prayer

*O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, the sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

*Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever*

What does the 4th degree of kofc do

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, also known as the "Patriotic Degree," is dedicated to fostering the spirit of patriotism and promoting responsible citizenship. Members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, which has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.

They also participate in programs that support veterans and active military, and they are part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. The Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in their members and the community at large.

There are four Degrees of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



In more detail, these goals may be stated as:

To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.

To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.

To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of Republican form of government, and its democratic institutions.

To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.

To support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.

Therefore, it is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions, and others, and in the community, standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events, and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations on Remembrance Day.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025!



The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colors that recall the shades of the rainbow, as red, orange, green, and blue. The choice of colors is not random, just as the color of sacred vestments throughout the liturgical year is not.

Red symbolizes love, passion, and self sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians.

Orange expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith.

Green is universally recognized as the color of hope, growth, and rebirth.

Blue, finally, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquility, evoking the sky and spirituality and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent humanity, in its differences and similarities.

They proceed to embrace each other, expressing the solidarity and brotherhood that should unite the peoples of the world.

Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a Cross formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an anchor. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it." The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that glues us securely and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the Cross, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us?

The presence of small, agitated waves at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of all those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a long pilgrimage to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of our salvation promised by God.

Safe Environment Training (S.E.T.) S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT

All Knights,

Well, it's that time of year when we need to remind all our Knights that they need to prepare to complete our Safe Environment Training for 2024-2025.

For those Knights who have completed the course, already, thank you.

If you have completed the course, please send me your S.E.T. Certification ASAP: Salina Villanueva, svillanueva@stpaulsphoenix.org

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact the diocese directly using their phone number 602-354-2000 during business hours or go to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/support>.

If you are having difficulties setting up a new account, please contact Salina Villanueva for assistance and include:

- Your Arch/Diocese and parish or school
- Your phone number and availability for a call-back
- A description of where you are having difficulties

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knight of Columbus at St. Paul's. It is because of you that Council 15001 is one of the best, if not the best, Council in Arizona.

VIVAT Jesus

Charley Billingsley, Past Grand Knight



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PROMISE TO PROTECT
Image showing a group of colorful silhouettes of people of various ages holding hands.

Promoting the Domestic Church— Families

The Knights of Columbus Order has always been interested in the development of strong and vibrant families. To support this philosophy and to create an awareness of many of our parish families, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, located in New Haven, Connecticut started the “Family of the Month” program in 1978. The “Family of the Month” program has become a successful part of our “Faith in Action” program.

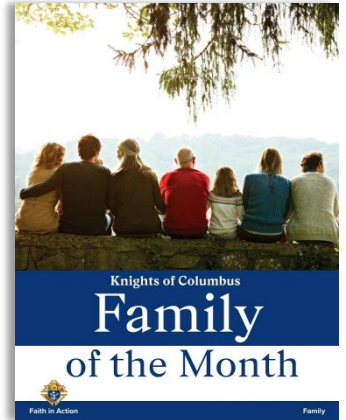
Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” Program promotes and recognizes families who outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, demonstrating Catholic family values, and how the family makes meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

Our Council has established a “Family of the Month” committee whose responsibility it will be to select a “Family of the Month”. The committee is made up of our St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council members and the St. Paul’s parish staff. We are working together to get recommendations for selecting a “Family of the Month”. Our “Family of the Month” committee is not looking for “Super Families”, but we are looking for families who live traditional Catholic family values like:

- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?

On the 15th day of each month — from August 1st through July 31st— the “Family of the Month” submissions will be drawn at random from entries received at our Supreme Council offices in New Haven, Connecticut. Each of the selected families will receive a special Holy Family gift and a personal letter of congratulations from our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. These items will be mailed directly to the family’s home address.



Family of the Year



Our “Family of the Month” Committee is also participating in selecting a “Family of the Year”. The “Family of the Year” selection process is the same as the “Family of the Month”. An eligible “Family of the Year” recipient must be a Knights of Columbus family that has been selected in the last 12 months. Our committee will consider whether the family has continued to show the traits of a strong Catholic family as well as their promoting the principles of our Church and the principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection from all those they have received from the Knights of Columbus State Councils.

The “Family of the Year” will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus

Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

If you know a Catholic family you would like us to recognize, please call our Family of the Month Chairman, Phil Tabbita, PGK, at 202-256-9642 or send an email to Ptabbita@apwu.org

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Disability Income Insurance

What is it?

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

Who needs it?

Disability income insurance helps protect your most important financial asset – your paycheck – so it should be an important part of every family’s planning. Long-term disability is much more common than other unfortunate circumstances that are commonly covered by insurance. Consider the fact that you face a 1 in 100 risk of losing your home to a fire [1], but a 1 in 4 risk of suffering a long-term disability.

Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability – nearly 11 million Americans are receiving federal disability benefits – more than 100 million Americans are without private disability income insurance. In addition, any disability income insurance you may have through your employer may very well be insufficient or contingent on certain circumstances (like worker’s compensation).



How does it work?

Knights of Columbus disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit amount over the course of a maximum benefit period (see below) designed to help replace the income that you would have otherwise received if you were able to work. You are free to use your disability income benefits in whatever way you see fit – just like you would with your own paycheck.

Knights of Columbus Disability Income policies also come with special features, such as the total, partial, or presumptive disability income benefits, which help protect against special circumstances. As an added bonus, our disability income insurance policies come with a waiver of premium provision, which waives your policy’s premiums while you’re suffering from a disability.

What options do I have?

Benefit Period

The maximum benefit period is the longest period for which monthly disability benefits are payable for any one period of a disability. The benefit resets once the disability concludes. You may choose from:

2-Year – Protect your paycheck with two years of disability income payments.

5-Year – Protect your paycheck with five years of disability income payments.

To Age 67 – Protect all your working years with disability income payments until you reach retirement age.

Monthly Benefit

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the monthly benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your income and subject to certain limits.

Elimination Period

Disability income insurance policies come with an elimination period, which serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Additional Features and Benefits

A number of special features and benefits – often called riders – are available on the Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products. For instance, the catastrophic disability rider provides an additional monthly benefit in the event of a catastrophic disability, and the cost of living adjustment rider helps your monthly benefit keep pace with inflation during a long-term disability.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

Tim Mowery

Field Agent

602-622-3983

Tim.Mowery@kofc.org



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Birthdays— August 2025

August 01	Anthony Vechiola		August 01	Kerran Pettit
August 04	Gary Parsons		August 05	Mary Weege
August 07	James MacDonald		August 25	Liz Curry
August 13	Steven Pettit		August 28	Kathleen Blome
August 13	Elier Rey		August 29	Lynn Brandt
August 15	Maurus Bachmeier			
August 15	Andrew Brule			
August 16	Andre Cerna			
August 21	Richard Diefendorf			
August 24	Paul Reeves			
August 29	Jacob Zamora			
August 31	Ken Ross			

NOTE: Wives' birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council.

*We would really like every member to complete this survey
so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available*

Our Knights In Action

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Dusting Angels, RCIA, teaching or assisting at Catechesis, prayer shawls, decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter, attending Degree ceremonies, and of course the picnic and Campus cleanup. These are only a few of the things we and our Families do.

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

July

2nd Wednesday P.P. Rosary _____

Servers _____

EM _____

Lector _____

Adoration _____

Other _____

August

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____

Servers _____

EM _____

Lector _____

Adoration _____

Bingo _____








Other: _____

Whether for Flu, RSV
or Covid, be Wise
and Immunize!



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Family of the Month/Donut Sunday	4	5	6 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room 	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	14	15 	16
17	18 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	19	20	21 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church 	22 	23 BINGO  7 P.M. O'Carroll Hall
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events For July/August 2025

August 2025

- Aug. 03 Family of the Month/Donut Sunday
- Aug. 06 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Aug. 13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood/Fr. McGivney Feast Day
- Aug. 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 18 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Aug. 21 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church
- Aug. 22 Laugh4Hope at Xavier
- Aug. 23 Bingo 7 P.M. O'Carroll Hall

September 2025

- Sep. 03 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Sep. 07 Family of the Month
- Sep. 10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Sep. 12 BINGO
- Sep. 15 Officers' Meeting In Conference Room 7 p.m.
- Sep. 18 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church

Covid/Flu Season is not over.
Remember: Hot water and soap
will shorten the life of a virus.
Also, wearing a mask may also
make a difference.



This applies to the Flu,
RSV Virus and Covid!

Attention All Event Chairmen: After your event, please ensure that photos are sent to your Newsletter Editor at tkarl@charter.net for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Prayer to End Abortion



We often discuss in the newsletters and during our General Meetings the need to have Rosary Sunday which is the second Sunday of each month. While many of you are able to take some time out of your valuable day, it would be a great example to yourselves, your family and your parish to make an appearance as often as possible. Every prayer is valuable to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is through Her that we ask for God's intercession to stop the needless killing of convenience that is occurring. So once again, we ask you to try to come to as many of the Rosary Sundays as possible during each year.

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my Brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

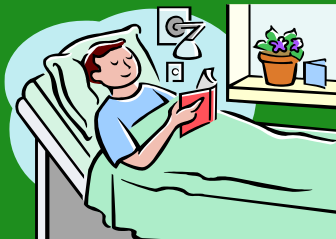
*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life
movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my Brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick of distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

Brothers Manuel "Manny" Flores, Luis Torres, James Wayne, Bob Waugh, Steve Pettit, Ray Rosetti, Ted Cherekos, Jim Soderlund, Mary Weege, Rebecca Cairo and Nadine Swartz.

Rest of the soul of Brothers who passed within the last year—Shawn Swartz, Bill Hintze, Bill O'Connell, George Mendell, Don Kolb, Thai Nguyen (Peter's son), Bernie "Butch" Cook and David Earl.



Also family members: Terra Billingsley, Sophia Billingsley (Daughter of Morgan and Makenna), Lila VanCuyk (wife of John), Diane Russell (wife of Tom), mother of Cathy Blome, Pat Long (wife of Ken Long), brother of Fr. Bruno, Matthew (son of Karen Roggenkamp), Irene Gramza and Paul Karl brother of Council Editor Tom Karl, as well as all the Widows of our Deceased Knights

*May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints
and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.*

Catholic Prayer For those who have passed

*"Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.
Your care guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.
Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,
their lives are changed but do not end.
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known only to You.*

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