

## September 2025

As we begin September with Labor Day, let's remember those who have gone before us who worked so hard to make this the best place to raise a family with true faith as its forefront.

Let's take time to remember that the items on our table has been provided through a merciful and loving God. We are so very fortunate to have those gifts which God allows us to use to better ourselves and those around us. Always continue to keep your love of Country and God in your thoughts, but always remember to make God first above all else.





## September 2025

### Council 15001

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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 we celebrate Labor Day we once again may remember the saying “They who labor in the vineyard of the Lord”. Most of us however, will think more about the BBQ meal, ear of corn, potato salad and camaraderie of our friends and family on a holiday. But where is God in all this?

Well, I guess you would start your meal off with a prayer of thanksgiving to help remember it is God who provides the bounty of the food in front of you.

Too often we forget about the important things and dwell more on the time at hand when we are having fun. But, we can incorporate the fun into something more meaningful when we make ourselves available by helping others. When we help out at bingo or serve on the altar or help with decorating the church, we are offering ourselves to serves the Lord. This is the vineyard that we are talking about.

Now that school is back in full swing, are we doing our part to ensure that our children and grandchildren are receiving the right material for their growth? Yes, we send them to school and rely on the teachers to educate our kids. But what else are we doing? Are you too busy with Monday night football or other events to help these children with their homework? Also, how about church?

While the pastor is working on teaching us what the bible says and how we should pattern our lives, do you think it is only the pastor’s responsibility to ensure our children, as well as ourselves, are made more aware of our faith?

As Knights of Columbus, we need to be able to enjoy the fruits of our labor and enjoy a football game, but not at the expense of other necessary things like ensuring that our families are taken care of both physically and spiritually. While you know you need to clothe your family, do you also ensure that you clothe them spiritually by praying together? Do you say grace before each meal—together? As Knights I truly hope that we do!

### **For Fraternal Year 2025-2026**

**The State Theme is:**

**With Rejoicing Hearts**



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Ed Fischer, GK

## **Grand Knight Report**

Brother Knights,

As Labor Day approaches, we have a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the sacred value of our work—and on how our labor, when offered in faith, becomes a path to holiness.

### **Labor as a Divine Vocation**

Saint Joseph, known as St. Joseph the Worker, shows us that honest, humble labor is not merely a means of earning a living—but a participation in God’s creative mission. Though Scripture records no words from Joseph, his silent service as a carpenter and guardian of the Holy Family reveals how “work becomes prayer, mission and communion with God.”



Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1) to highlight the dignity of labor and the Christian affirmation that honest work, done with integrity and love, participates in God’s redemptive plan.

### **Reflecting on Labor Day**

This Labor Day, let us honor St. Joseph, a builder, craftsman, and artisan whose skilled labor provided for the Holy Family while sanctifying ordinary work.

Our own work, whether in our professions, in volunteering or within our homes, can be transformed into an offering that builds God's Kingdom. As Bishop Barron and others reflect, through Christ’s Incarnation, even the most ordinary labors are redeemed and elevated.

A Challenge and Invitation - Let us honor Labor Day by:

- ◆ Viewing our daily work as a way to glorify God and serve our neighbors.
- ◆ Advocating for dignity and justice in all workplaces.
- ◆ Offering even the humblest task as a prayerful act.

Like Joseph, we can strive to “work with love and dedication—even in the ordinary—and glorify God through it.”

### **Upcoming Knight Activities**

Please mark your calendars for these fellowship and service opportunities:

- Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood – September 10th – Let’s come together in prayer and witness.
- May our work, like that of St. Joseph, be undertaken with humility, dignity, and faith, in service to God, family, and parish.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Fischer

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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 Knight complete their SET certification or renewal.

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

## Coincidence? Or a small miracle?

In our faith, we often say there are no coincidences—only God’s hand at work in ways we may not fully understand. However, sometimes His miracles are grand and unmistakable; other times, they’re small, quiet moments that touch our hearts and remind us of His presence. At this month’s BINGO event, we witnessed one such “small” miracle that left us reflecting on the beauty of kindness and God’s mysterious ways.

Our late Brother Bill Hintze’s Family Trust generously donated \$1,000.00 to support our Council’s charitable efforts this week, a testament to his ongoing commitment to our mission. Bill’s sister Joanne, and his niece Erin, were among the lively crowd at our BINGO night, bringing their warmth and enthusiasm to the event. Erin invited a friend from work to join, someone who has been navigating a challenging season in life. This friend arrived unprepared for our cash-only event, and without money for a BINGO card or even a bite to eat.

What happened next was a beautiful display of the generosity that defines our Knights of Columbus community. Joanne, ever compassionate, handed over cash for a BINGO card. Another person at their table followed suit, ensuring Erin’s friend could join the fun. Yet another individual stepped in to cover the cost of food, making sure she felt welcomed and cared for. These small acts of kindness set the stage for something remarkable.

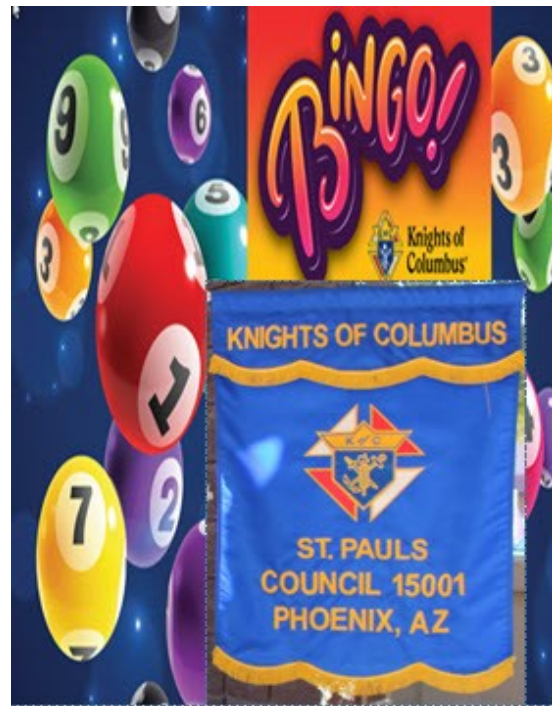
As the evening unfolded, an extraordinary thing happened: *all three* of these generous individuals—Joanne, the second person at the table, and the one who bought food—each won one of the BINGO games that night. The odds of this happening? Truly a staggering 0.00406, or roughly 1 in 246. Coincidence? Or a small miracle?

Erin’s friend, deeply moved by the experience, saw it as God rewarding their gestures of kindness. Joanne, always with her unwavering faith, believes God was using these moments to show her friend that there is still good in the world—that she is seen, valued, and loved by those around her.

This story reminds us that God works through us, often in ways we don’t expect. A simple act of sharing a few dollars became a powerful moment of connection, hope, and faith. It’s a reminder that every small gesture counts and that God’s love can shine through even a lively night of BINGO.

Let’s carry this spirit forward, Brothers, as we continue to serve our community with open hearts. Who knows what other “small” miracles await us?

Our next BINGO event is currently scheduled for **Thursday, November 20th**. We encourage all Brothers to volunteer or play and participate in the next BINGO miracle!





**BINGO!**

Knights of Columbus

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 23rd

**WHERE:** O'Carroll Hall  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m.

- \$20 for 3 BINGO Cards
- 15 Games
- 50/50 Raffle
- Refreshments and Snacks Sold







**The MEN OF CHRIST**  
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 GATHERS WEEKLY IN ROOM 5/6 & DAILY ON ZOOM & WATCH TOP CATHOLIC THEOLOGIANS, PROFESSORS & APOLOGISTS ENGAGE!  
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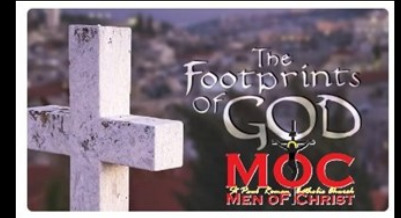
Men of Christ

**ALL MEN of ST PAUL are Men of Christ!**

FALL PROGRAM is COMING SOON!

September 11th - December 18th

"Footprints of God"



**PORTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH**



*St. Paul Roman Catholic Church*  
 Northville



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# 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY DATES



- ANNUAL MASS AT MARY, QUEEN OF FAMILIES FEAST DAY AUGUST 22
- GOLDEN WHEEL RAFFLE LAUNCH: DECEMBER 2025
- 9 DAYS OF GRAND NOVENA (6:30PM) JANUARY 16-24 2026
- ANNUAL PARISH DAY – HIGH MASS WITH BISHOP JANUARY 25, 2026
- JUBILEE GALA DINNER – SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026
- JUBILEE GRAND CARNIVAL – SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 18-19, 2026
- JUBILEE SOUVENIR BOOK – AUGUST 1-2, 2026
- BLESSING OF TREE OF LIFE – AUGUST 23, 2026
- LAUNCHING 5-YEAR PASTORAL PLAN – AUGUST 22-23, 2026
- THANKSGIVING MASS 50<sup>TH</sup> PARISH CANONICAL ERECTION (1976)  
AUGUST 26
- GOLDEN WHEEL LEGACY RAFFLE DRAWING – AUGUST 30, 2026
- BURNING MORTGAGE CONTRACT CEREMONY – AUGUST 30, 2026



# Discover the Saints. Serve the Poor. Deepen Your Faith.

Get ready for an unforgettable journey — registration is now **OPEN** for our Spring 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy!

**Dates: March 6–15, 2026**

This unique journey blends pilgrimage and mission, offering a rich spiritual and cultural experience. You'll visit some of the most beloved holy sites in Italy—Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome, Pietrelcina, and Lancia—while also engaging in meaningful mission work that serves the local community.

Trip highlights include:

- Daily Mass with trip chaplain Fr. Steven Oetjen
- Guided spiritual reflections
- Visits to the Basilicas of Saints Francis and Clare in Assisi
- The Holy House of Loreto and the Sanctuary of Saint Michael
- Praying before the incorrupt body of Saint Padre Pio, a modern-day saint & mystic
- St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and more
- Daily breakfast and either lunch or dinner included
- Comfortable, centrally located accommodations
- Catholic tour guides and private bus transportation
- Professional support from ProRome Tour Managers

Join us for a life-changing experience rooted in faith, service, and fellowship. With limited availability, we encourage you to reserve your spot today!

Base Cost: \$3,495 per person (Land Only)

🔗 [Click here to register](#) now or to learn more about this amazing trip.

If you have any questions or need help with next steps, just email me — I'm here for you!

In Christ,

Sincerely, Michelle

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Discover the Saints. Serve the Poor.  
Deepen Your Faith.

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**Save the date! Friday September 19th Catholic Night at Diamondbacks.**

Brothers,

We're organizing a group to attend Catholic Night at the Diamondbacks on Friday, September 19. To secure the group ticket rate of \$52, we need at least 15 attendees. The tickets are located on the home team side, between third base and the home run pole. The D-backs will host the Philadelphia Phillies.

Additionally, a \$5 donation will go towards Catholic School Support 365. DGK John Blome is leading this event and will handle the ticket purchase and distribution. Please make arrangements for your payment to John before the tickets are purchased. You can contact John at [jtblome@gmail.com](mailto:jtblome@gmail.com) or 623-363-7740. Purchasing the tickets as a group gives us the opportunity to sit together.

Looking forward to a fun night together!

Vivat Jesus!

John Blome



## 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](mailto: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 of a diverse group of people holding hands in a circle.

## **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.

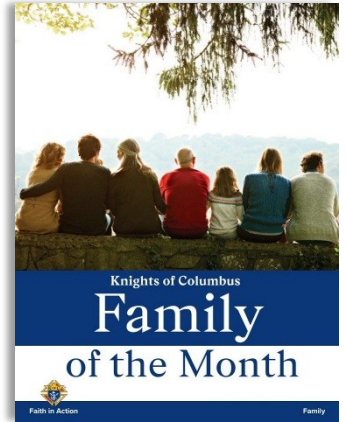
### **Family of the Month**

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](mailto:Ptabbita@apwu.org)

## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**

### **Why We Offer Insurance**

It may seem counter-intuitive that a Catholic organization, and one of the world's largest charitable organizations, would be placed in the life insurance business. But it's not odd at all. Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of the Knights of Columbus mission since the beginning.

Two Problems, One Solution: In the drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney. On numerous occasions in his life, Father McGivney witnessed the devastation wrought by the untimely death of a breadwinner. As a young seminarian, Michael was forced to leave theological studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. Without his father's income, the family was unable to provide any support to Michael financially, and he was only able to continue his studies after receiving a scholarship from the local bishop.

Less than a decade later, Father McGivney, then an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., faced a similar situation. One of his parishioners, Edward Downes, Jr., was also forced to quit the seminary and he returned home to New Haven to support his mother and twelve siblings after his father died unexpectedly.

In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that their families would not be able to properly care for and support them. The Downes' were able to account for most of their family members, but were facing the very real prospect of losing their three teenage boys unless each had a guardian to sponsor and stand for him in court, and provide \$1,500.00 to back the claim to guardianship.

On Feb. 6, 1882 – the very same day as the first organizational meeting for what would then become the Knights of Columbus – Father McGivney appeared in court to stand as guardian for Edward's brother Alfred. The court then accepted, and Father McGivney was satisfied with the outcome, but not with the recurring nightmare of financial hardship.

"Even though he was only a young man," his biography, Parish Priest, says of Father McGivney, "he was filled with a lifetime of anger and frustration at the sense of doom that settled over nearly every family that lost one of its wage earner... On the afternoon of February 6, he was more determined than ever that what had happened to the Downes family need not happen to anyone else."

The Mission Begins – And Continues In that spirit, Father McGivney set off with "entrepreneurial zeal" to found the Knights of Columbus. In his own words, Father McGivney wanted the organization to "unite the men of our Faith throughout the Diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for a decent burial, and also to render pecuniary assistance to the families of the deceased members."

The initial system of "life insurance" designed by Father McGivney was a simple one, a pass-the-hat system through which each member could help support his brother Knights.

As the organization grew so too did the insurance program. The pass-the-hat system was transformed into one of the largest and superior rated life insurance programs in North America. The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$113 billion of life insurance in force; over 40 years of superior ratings from A.M. Best; and 18 consecutive years of sales growth, but all that is secondary. What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering and providing the financial protection for Catholic families. 2020+ is not 1882. Times are different. But even for those families who feel they may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service.

That's why we offer life insurance. It's not for the \$8 billion in annual sales volume, or the \$113 billion in force, or the two million policies on the books. It's not the amount that counts, but the impact of those dollars. It's the homes saved, the college tuitions provided, the Catholic funerals paid for, and the families shielded that create the legacy of protection that would make Father McGivney proud.

It's those things that are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program.

Contact your dedicated Knights of Columbus field agent – who is himself is also a brother Knight – and see what we might be able to offer to you and your family.

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Field Agent

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**Birthdays— September 2025**

September 08	Morgan Billingsley		September 04	Cindy Abijaoude
September 10	Charles Krauss		September 04	Nancy Kolb
September 17	Atie Hauer		September 13	Sharon Sindorf
September 19	John Smith		September 16	Linda Replogle
September 20	Reggie Alilonu		September 21	Mary Catherine Schumacher
September 23	Christopher Theut		September 23	Le Nguyen
September 27	Nelson Mayo		September 29	Mary Kay Parsons
September 30	James Gibson			

**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**

**September**

Safe Environment Training \_\_\_\_\_  
 Knights at the Diamondbacks \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**October**





Arizona Rosary Bowl \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers \_\_\_\_\_  
 EM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lector \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 General Meeting  7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	4	5	6
7 Family of the Month/Donut Sunday	8	9	10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	11	12	13
14	15 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	16	17	18 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				30

## Upcoming Events For August/September 2025

### 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. 15 Officers' Meeting In Conference Room 7 p.m.
- Sep. 18 Assembly 1805 Meets at 7:00 pm St. Joseph's church

### October 2025

- Oct. 01 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Oct. 07 Donut Sunday/Family of the Month
- Oct. 08 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room
- Oct. 15 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Oct. 18/19 Arizona Rosary Bowl
- Oct. 20 Officers' Meeting In Conference Room 7 p.m.
- Oct. 23 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](mailto: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, David Earl and Robert Benincasa.



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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