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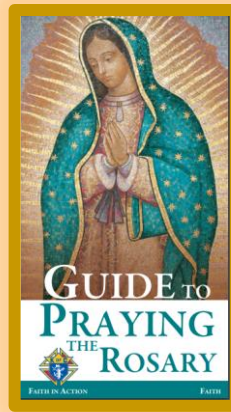
Month of the Holy Rosary



"Carry it always and pray it as often as you can"



"Vivat Jesus!"



5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY THE ROSARY

by Andrew Fowler

October has many traditions. There's post-season baseball, tailgating at football games, apple picking and, of course, Halloween. But most importantly, there is the Rosary.

As decreed by Pope Leo XIII, October is the Month of the Rosary. For Knights of Columbus, this has a special significance. When a man joins our Order, he receives a Knights of Columbus rosary – at 1.9 million members, that's a lot of rosaries. And praying the rosary is an activity that our members do communally as part of council life.

According to Catholic traditions, St. Dominic was given the rosary by the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1214 in the Monastery of Prouille.

Since then, it has become one of the Catholic Church's powerful tools of prayer. But why pray the Rosary? Here are 5 of them. One for every decade.

1) The Blessed Mother gave us 15 Promises if we prayed the rosary

Alanus de Rupe, a 15th century Dominican preacher, claimed that he was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave 15 promises to Christians who prayed the rosary, including the Blessed Mother's special protection and greatest graces, the light of God, a powerful armor against Hell, as well as dominance over misfortune.

2) To obtain world peace

"Continue praying the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you." This is what Our Lady of Fatima said to three children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto in June 1917.

The Blessed Mother visited the children in Fatima, Portugal from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917 a period that culminated in the Miracle of the Sun, otherwise known as, "The Day the Sun Danced."

3) Time to reflect on the Gospel mysteries

The rosary consists of the Apostle's Creed, the Hail Mary, the Our Father, the Glory Be, along with other prayers. However, in between each decade, we are invited to reflect on the [Mysteries of the Gospel](#): Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous.

In these mysteries, we rediscover, examine, and ponder the stories from the Gospel, and discover the real meaning of those events in the silence of our hearts.

4) Spiritual healing

And speaking of silence, another purpose of praying the rosary is to allow the repetition of the prayers enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

It is in that silence, we become more connected with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Not only that, but Jesus [reveals to us](#) that "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind."

But to do so, we must make time for Him. The rosary is the perfect way to make time to connect with God, and for spiritual healing. Take 15 minutes a day to be one with Him.

5) Prayer works!

The power of prayer is unspeakable. The answer to every prayer is a miracle, in and of itself. It is our lifeline to Him, to our souls, and to each other.

But the reason why October is the Month of the Holy Rosary is due to the power of prayer.

In 1571, Pope St. Pius V organized a group of Christian forces, known as the Holy League, in defense of an imminent invasion by the Ottoman Empire. Before a battle with the Ottoman fleet in the Gulf of Patras, in the Ionian Sea, the pope called on all of Europe to pray the rosary for victory. These prayers was answered, with the Holy League defeating the much larger Ottoman forces on October 7 at the battle of Lepanto.

To commemorate the victory, Pius V established the feast day of "Our Lady of Victory" – also known as Our Lady of the Rosary.

Hundreds of years after the battle of Lepanto, Pope Francis is now [calling](#) all Catholics this month to pray the rosary daily to "protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other."

So, in solidarity, let us pray to our most gracious advocate, the Blessed Mother, for peace throughout the world, and within our souls. It only takes 15 minutes.

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Living Rosary

Holy Mary Full of Grace

Please join us for this wonderful event to thank our Blessed Mother Mary and to ask her for guidance and protection.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

2PM – Holy Family Church

Fiesta Grounds

562 Atrisco Dr SW, 87105

Please bring your Rosary

Limited chairs available, please feel free to bring a chair for your comfort

... the Lord is with thee,



blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

We look forward to seeing you. God Bless You!

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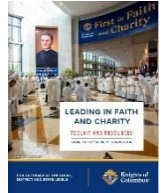
State Deputy Bernard Ela

October 2023

My Dear Brother Knights:

Post-Supreme Convention Toolkit for Outreach to Your Parish and Community

Please take a look at the wonderful toolkit (see attached) that local councils and districts can use to educate our own members and families about the Knights, as well as to educate prospective members in inviting them to join our great Order. Below are the interesting and useful topics in the toolkit:



1. TALKING POINTS
2. COR – PRAYER. FORMATION. FRATERNITY.
3. UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND
4. FAITH IN ACTION
5. FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES
6. GROWING MEMBERSHIP
7. AWARD WINNERS

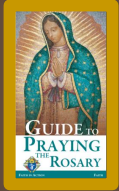
Please use this information for your next Church Drive and your next Council/District event.

“BE A SAINT... BRING OTHERS ALONG”

Vivat Jesus and Viva Cristo Rey!

Bernard L. Ela





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in advancing Father
McGivney's cause by
joining the Guild for
free and praying for his
intercession and
canonization.**

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PRAYER](#)

**May Father McGivney
intercede for you!**



State Secretary Anthony Salazar

October 2023

My brothers all,

There are still Councils that have not submitted their per-capita dues, I have resent the dues out to those councils that have not made their payment, please get those submitted in a timely manner, don't forget that there are also Supreme dues as well.

The Mid-Year and State Conventions will be upon us soon and to be seated at these Conventions your dues must be current. I would like to thank those councils that have submitted your dues, it is greatly appreciated.

It is good to see a lot of action going on around the state, as you brother knights continue your works of charity. Keep up the good work.

Anthony Salazar
State Secretary
State Membership
NMSC



State Treasurer Clinton “CJ” Deeley

October 2023

Hello Brother Knights!

I pray that you and your families are well.

This month is the Month of the Holy Rosary! According to [Catholic Culture](#) “The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch. Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for. His valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach is to others”. Pray the Rosary often!

Now is the time to review, your Councils forms to ensure everything is on target to get you to Star Council. Please keep your District Deputies apprised if there are still issues with Youth Protection Training.

I recommend that your council plan activities to keep Council Brothers engaged and new candidates will also see the activity. Show your Priest and Parish why the Knights of Columbus is a Great organization!

If there is something I can help your Council with, please don’t hesitate to contact me at NMSCTreasurer23-24@outlook.com

Pray the Rosary and recite the St Michael the Archangel and Blessed Michael McGivney prayers daily!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ

Clinton Deeley

NMSC Treasurer

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State Advocate Eric Kirby

October 2023

Worthy Brothers,

It has been great to see our councils leading the way forward with programs and membership drives. Everything we do is an opportunity to show and invite fellow catholic brothers to join our fraternal brotherhood. If your council has not completed a fraternal benefits night now is the time to focus on that.

Council who has a home corporation please read over the information located in the [home corporation's icon](#) at KofC.org. This information should answer most of the questions regarding council halls. If you have any questions, please ask before you move forward. This will save time, money, and frustration for all involved.

I would also like to thank everyone who was part of the State Fair Parade. Led by our Worthy State Deputy Benard and Lady Lisa, Worthy State Secretary Anthony and Lady Luana, Worthy State Treasure CJ and Lady Truty, Worthy District Deputy Cipriano, Knights on Bikes from Albuquerque, Ruidoso, and Las Cruces. Forgive me for the brothers I have left out.

If you have any questions or would like me to make any event or meeting, please reach out to me.

Thank you for all your hard work.

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State Membership Director Anthony Salazar

October 2023

My Brothers all,

New Mexico is currently moving at a snail's pace when it comes to Membership Drives and Exemplifications this month, my brothers we know there is plenty of activity going on around the state, so I ask that as you host these events you designate a couple of men as recruiters to speak to attendees about who we are, what we do and the benefits of becoming a knight.

As of 9/26/23, we stand 27th in the order at 19.00%, year to date we have brought in 87 new emembers and moved 59 new men into our Councils, we still need to bring in 371 men to reach our goal. We started the month in the top ten of the order and I know with a little effort we can get back up there.

The Central Regional is at 22.00% of their membership goal, followed by the Northern Region with 10.22% and Southern Region with 11.54%.

We currently have 154 emembers statewide, 54 in the Central Region, 39 in the Northern Region, and 59 in the Southern Region.

My brothers, as you can see there is still a lot of work to be done.

Congratulations to District Deputies 2 & 11 on meeting your 1st quarter quotas GOOD JOB BROTHERS keep pushing forward.

Anthony Salazar
State Secretary, NMSC
Membership Director NMSC



State Program Director Steve Budenski

October 2023

Brothers and their families,

I've been a member of the Knights for 30 years and I've seen many changes during this time. One of the positive changes is the appointment of Patrick Mason as Supreme Secretary.

Around 40 councils have not yet submitted their form 365 as of 8-29-2023. The New Mexico state council is working to improve each council and help some councils to regain active council members. In this article, I will focus on form 365. It is important to submit this form by June 30 every year, as per the new rule from Supreme. This change is a good move to get council members moving forward immediately.

To get members to take on the roles of chairman and directors in the council, it is important to know your team. The council only needs a program director, a family director, a community director, a membership director, a retention chairman, and an insurance promotion coordinator. If these positions are unknown at Supreme, safe environment training approval may not be given. Members who need safe environment training should see their GK or district deputies.

As someone who has been a program director for 20+ years, I know that directors and chairmen need help. Previous members should be asked to return and new members should be assigned to form 365. Only 6 required positions out of 14 need to be filled. These members should review their duties and new positions. The tools used by their predecessors are an excellent source of training for new members.

A suggestion for councils is to have an experienced member assist the chairmen and directors with inputting their activity online. A copy of it goes to the GK and the submitter. The program director can assign the activity to a FIA category - 4 activities in each of the 4 categories. Once Supreme receives form 365, it is stored in a database, which can be viewed by the SPD.

Form 365 is a crucial part of the council's administration for Star Council. Please contact your council District Deputy for confirmation of form 365. The District Deputy keeps track of your Star Council reporting with the required forms needed. This month is an information-sharing session on the council's administrative duties. Don't stress! Contact your District Deputy first, then me.

Thanks, brothers. God Bless, Vivat Jesus.



Faith in Action --Faith Programs

Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way. These programs arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily.

For Faith program resources, visit kofc.org/faith.



Faith in Action – Family Programs

The programs in this category are developed for families by families. Blessed Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in the faith.



Faith in Action – Community Programs

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. There is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one.

For Community program resources, visit kofc.org/community.



Faith in Action – Life Programs

The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II, 1995). The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

For Life program resources, visit kofc.org/life.



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Gospel for Oct. 22, Mt 22:20-21)

Above all things, we have a duty to do as Christ enjoined us and give “to God what belongs to God.” However, Catholics also have a moral duty to be good citizens and take part in their communities. As good citizens, we must work peacefully to ensure our laws are just. Let us never approve or ignore injustice in our societies, especially when human life or dignity is at stake.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

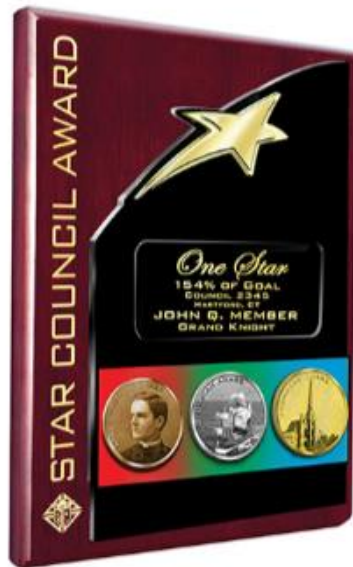
This month, I challenge you to make some specific effort to defend human life in your nation or your community — whether through charitable work, writing a letter, or praying outside an abortion facility. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program.

Questions for Reflection:

Have you become complacent about defending human life? Do you recognize the tragedy of legal abortion, but fail to do much about it? Do you remember in prayer those whose lives and dignity are compromised by unfortunate circumstances or the oppression of bad laws?

Star Awards

2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year

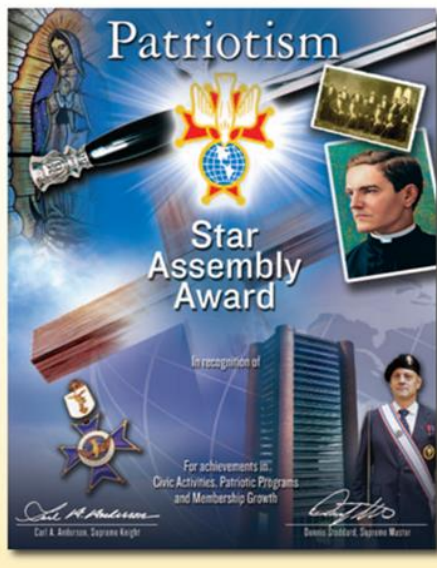


STAR COUNCIL

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit both the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728) and [Service Program Personnel Report](#) (#365). In the United States and Canada councils must also be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.

Prior to the end of the fraternal year on June 30, make sure that your council achieves the requirements to qualify for your awards. To view your quota and/or progress towards earning the Star Council Award, please log on to [Officers Online](#) regularly.

STAR ASSEMBLY



2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year

The Star Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs and overall excellence.

Membership Growth

Reach growth quota: 6% Net Membership Growth

Programs

Civic Award

Conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs

Submit the [Civic Award Application](#) (#2321) – Due 6/30

To Be A Patriot Award

[To Be A Patriot Award Application](#) (#TBP-2) – Due 5/31

Complete the form to enter the competition

Overall Assembly Excellence

- Publish a monthly Assembly Newsletter or Bulletin

- Submit Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the

Term (#186) – Due 7/1

- Submit Annual Assembly Audit Report (#1315) – Due 8/1

- Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – Due 1/31

Knights in Action

Welcome Brother James Truillo Jr.



Regional Director/District Deputy Chris Madrid Jr. traveled to Scottsdale, AZ to bring James Trujillo Jr. into St. Teresa of Avila Grants, Council 3683. James is in Scottsdale where he is receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer at the Mayo Clinic.

Please keep brother James in your prayers for recovery.

2023 New Mexico State Fair Parade





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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE FALL 2023 ROSARY VIRTUALLY EVERY EVENING
27 SEP – 5 NOV 2023 @ 8 PM MOUNTAIN TIME

JOIN VIRTUALLY USING GOTO MEETING: <https://meet.goto.com/980125213>
INSTALL THE APP BY GOING TO: <https://meet.goto.com/install> MEETING ID: 980125213
YOU MAY ALSO JOIN BY CALLING 1-646-749-3122 ACCESS CODE: 980-125-213
VIRTUAL ROOM & CALL-IN OPENS 5-10 MINUTES PRIOR TO START

NOTE: THIS IS FOR ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO PRAY THE ROSARY! THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IS HOSTING THE EVENT TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE FOR ALL TO PRAY TOGETHER & SAVE LIVES!

PLEASE E-MAIL INQUIRIES AND INTENTIONS TO: kofccouncil9504.kofccouncil9504@gmail.com

UNABLE TO JOIN US LIVE? PLEASE USE A PRE-RECORDED VERSION ON YOUTUBE DURING THE SAME DATES:

Search: [@CannonAFB Chapel](#) Then search: [40 Days For Life, Fall 2023](#)



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blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

We look forward to seeing you. God Bless You!

MASS ON THE MOUNTAIN

**Saturday
October 14, 2023
10:00am**

**Hyde Park Road
SR 475**

**Fr. Benny Sebastian
Officiating**

**Between Aspen Vista
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OCTOBER 20, 2023

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8 a.m. Shotgun Start
Post-Tournament Lunch and Prizes Served!

Paradise Hills Golf Course
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Fourth Degree



Master of the Fourth Degree Rudy Archibeque

October 2023

September is a very special Month, our mother Mary was born on the 8th.

It is the custom to celebrate the feast day of a Saint on the date of their death as that marks their " birth" into everlasting life.

Mary however, entered the world sinless, so we celebrate her birthday.

We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother too.

Today and everyday, let us call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany. Happy Birthday!

New Mexico was proud to host the John H. Redding Provincial meeting on Saturday the 23rd. Representatives from Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico were in attendance.



God bless you and yours

Rudy Archibeque

New Mexico Master of the Fourth Degree

2023 Provincial Meeting Albuquerque

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From Senior Marshal Chuck Dubois

October 2023

On September 27, 2023, Archbishop John Wester celebrated the Blue Mass at the Albuquerque Convention Center for all First Responders. Military, Police, Firefighters, and Correction Officers. The Knights of Columbus and other Color Guards were present.



From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

October 2023

The annual Special Olympic event was held on September 8, 2023, at the Curry County Event Center in Clovis, New Mexico. Hosting and providing the Friday evening dinner was Council 4205 Grand Knight Billy Garcia. Brother knights and spouses participated, assisted, and ensured the well-being of approximately 140 Special Olympians, parents, and friends. Along with the annual support provided by Council 4205, at the closing ceremony, a check donation of \$5,000.00 was presented to Special Olympics Coordinator Gary Jones. May our Lord Jesus continue to bless and keep all Olympians in good health.



On September 19, 2023, a 3rd Degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity took place in Portales, New Mexico at St. Helen's Church Newman Center. The event Presiding Officer was Grand Knight Jose Montoya of Council 8304.

Sometimes the statement Top Heavy is a term used lightly, however, in eastern New Mexico we are fortunate and blessed to have a large number of senior officers. In attendance were Rev. Deacon Paul Benoit, NM State Treasurer Clinton C.J. Deeley, NM State Advocate Eric Kirby, NM District Deputy #13 Max Pino, and Eastern NM District Marshal Ed Martinez.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my congratulations to our new Brother Knights: Andres Carbajal from Council 8304, and Jacob Cook from Cannon AFB Council 9504. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors, accompanied by everyday blessings.



Let us be mindful that October the 7th is the feast of our Lady and the month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Viva Jesus!

Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez
District Marshal
Eastern New Mexico

From VAVS Representative SK Steve Budenski

VAVS October 2023

I am asking for more knights and families to volunteer in the Knights of Columbus group at the Hospital and clinics in New Mexico. Contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in building 53 to donate items below and apply for volunteering at veteran's places. QR code at end of article to direct knights to the VA current needs list online.

Volunteer Service Department has changed to VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement. Note: on the cake have Assembly number and Happy Birthday Veterans. A flag can be on too if not costing extra.



Steven Budenski, Jose Austin & wife

- I want to thank Assembly 3462 FN Peter Lyle for the September Cake & Punch.
- Assembly 0682 FN Dan Martinez for October Cake & Punch
- Assembly 3309 Ron Karaskiewicz for November Cake & Punch

VAVS needs items below as of July 12th. **Note:** Use the QR code on this article that brings special needs for veterans at this hospital.

Facility Needs

- **Comfort items** – Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shave cream, combs, lotion, deodorant, and body wash are the most popular items. Both large bottles and travel sizes for all comfort items.
- **Clothing Items** – Men's clothing: white & black socks, undershirts (Med to 3XL), underwear/briefs (SM to 2XL), graphic T-shirts (Med to 2XL), jeans (waist sizes 30 to 38 and length 32 to 36), sweats of all sizes (top & bottoms). We are currently in need of belts, reading glasses, and bags/back packs in all sizes in good condition. Follow the link below or scan the QR code at the end of the status report to view our facility needs lists of all clothing items needed and the requested quantity for each. Please call ahead to see if these needs have changed.

Hospital Occupations & Careers Program (H.O.C. Students)

The 2022/2023 HOC program ended in May. The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) hosted the end of the year luncheon. Students and teachers all received awards and a gift from both CDCE, and ALA. Plans are being made for the 2023/2024 orientation sometime in early September.

Volunteer Awards Banquet

The Volunteer Awards banquet took place on June 30th at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel and was attended by 105 volunteers, guests, and staff. Several volunteers received awards, and many won door prizes and jazz themed centerpieces. Service awards were given out for hours logged in FY 2022, October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022. All remaining service awards will be available for pick up until September 30, 2023.

Summer Youth Program

The 2023 Summer Student Volunteer Program began with orientation on June 5th. There have been no scholarship applications received for this year due to COVID. The current balance of the scholarship fund is \$7,723.00. Funds are still needed to keep the scholarship program going. The cost to sponsor a student and receive credit for their hours is \$150. If your organization is interested in sponsoring a student, please write your check out to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and earmark it for the VA Student Scholarship. Donations will count for credit to your organization for 2024.

Operation We Care

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2023 Operation We Care (OWC) Project. Monetary donations are needed to furnish Veterans that are in need with a frozen turkey or ham during the Christmas holiday. We are also in need of \$25 gift cards from local grocery stores to assist Veterans with their holiday needs. Walmart gift cards are preferred as we assist many Veterans who live in rural areas of NM where local grocers such as John Brooks, Smiths, etc. may not be available. We will however accept gift cards to any local grocery store. In 2022 we provided 190 Veterans with a frozen turkey or ham and thanks to the generous donations, all 190 received a \$25 gift card. Anyone interested in donating to OWC Project can contact the CDCE office at 256-2771 for more information.

Volunteer Vacancies

Clothing Closet – Wednesday 9am to 1pm
Patient Transporters – Various days & times
Popcorn – Fridays 8am to 12pm (requires two Volunteers)
Shuttle Drivers (VA Campus) – Various days & times
Red Coat Ambassadors – Various days & times
Compassionate Contact Corps – Currently 25 Veterans on the waitlist needing Volunteers

If you have anyone interested in any of these positions please contact Wayland Strickland, 505-256-2771.



New Mexico State Council Calendar

October 2023

October 2023						
SUN Oct 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
				Degree 4227 Lamy		
8 Drive 13596 Our Lady of Guadalupe	9 8pm NMSC Officers' mtg	10 Degree 804 Las Vegas Degree 10365 Pecos	11	12	13	14 Drive 14452 Holy Family 2pm Rosary Rally Holy Family
15 Drive 9105 San Martin de Pores A	16	17	18	19	20	21 Drive 14410 St Jude
22	23	24	25 7pm Northern District DD's MTG	26 2pm SDs' mtg w/RGD in afternoon 7pm Central Region DDs' mtg	27	28
29 Degree 3683 St Teresa Grants	30	31	Nov 1	2 Degree 4227 Lamy	3	4

[Click to see the Calendar online](#)



From First Lady Lisa

October 2023

What a wonderful opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to witness to the crowd lined up at the New Mexico State Fair Parade in Albuquerque on a Saturday morning early September. Our float was unashamedly Pro-Life and Catholic!

Thank you to District Deputies **Cipriano Valdez** and **Johnnie Chavez** for organizing the float and especially to **Luanna Salazar** and **Trudy Deeley** for decorating it.



May God's blessing be upon all of you and your family!

Your Sister in Christ,
Lisa Ela



From Lady María Cortez

San Francisco's Extraordinary Cathedral



The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption covers two city blocks at the top of a windswept hill not far from San Francisco's urban center, and is a distinctive city landmark. It seats 2,400 people, with standing room for 1,500 more. The first original cathedral was built in 1854 and still stands today (now known as Old Saint Mary's Church). In 1891, a second cathedral was constructed but was destroyed by arson in 1962. The present-day cathedral was commissioned just as

Vatican II was convening in Rome. San Francisco's cathedral was built to honor Mary's unique role in God's plan for human salvation. Her model of discipleship as expressed in Scripture is the unifying theme of the **seven Marian shrines** in St. Mary's Cathedral.

While older churches were built with devotional alcoves and side chapels and altars, St. Mary's **Marian shrines** are set like jewels around the perimeter of the cathedral interior, inviting visitors into public reflection and prayer. The openness of the shrines in the sanctuary reflects the communal spirit of prayer established by Vatican II.

The shrine sculptures were completed and installed, one at a time, between 1981 and 1996, and are anchored to the walls of the niches by custom-designed structural supports that create a "free-floating" effect over simple kneelers (all photos shown here are by Dennis Callahan/Archdiocese of San Francisco).

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas

This is the most prominent shrine, and the most visited. Pilgrims from around the globe, especially those with origins in the Americas pray to the "Queen of the New World" and lay flowers at her feet year-round.



Visitation

Mary is seen serving Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah; Mary herself is with child. "Mary is carrying the King of Kings in her womb, but Jesus has come not to be served, but to serve..."

Flight into Egypt

This scene from Christ's infancy was considered especially appropriate for a new cathedral in the United States, where many have found safe refuge from violence, persecution and poverty in their home countries. "Trusting in God's providence, symbolized here by the angel, Mary and Joseph follow where God leads."



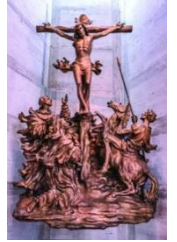


Wedding Feast at Cana

As wedding guests in Cana, Mary motions to Jesus that the wine has run out. Jesus initially declines His mother's entreaty, telling her that His time had not yet come, but is ultimately moved to act by His mother's faith as His disciple.

Crucifixion

This shrine sculpture is a reflection of St. John's theology linking Jesus' death and resurrection with the birth of the Church. The sculptor captures this by portraying the death of Jesus in the context of victory through resurrection. No nails hold the feet of Jesus to the cross, and no crown of thorns appear on His head, a hint that liberation from death has already begun. A soldier is poised on horseback, ready to pierce the side of Jesus, from which blood and water will pour forth, a symbol of the sacramental life of the Church.



Pentecost

After Jesus' ascension to heaven, Mary and the twelve Apostles receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, thus commissioning them to preach the Gospel to all nations. Built into this sculpture is a glass case to hold the holy oils blessed in the cathedral at the annual chrism Mass.

Assumption

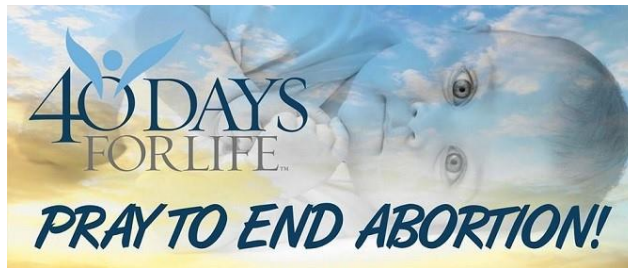
This was the first shrine commissioned for the cathedral. While not recorded in Scripture, the tradition that Mary shares in the victory of her Son in both body and soul is found indirectly in the First Letter to the Corinthians (15: 22-24) and other Scripture passages.



*Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough St. @ Geary Blvd.*



Culture of Life



Your presence on the sidewalk is often the last chance for the child in the womb to be saved. Last Fall, two women told us that they changed their mind about getting an abortion when they saw all the people out there praying. We had a total of 44 saves and turn-aways in 2022 as a result of sidewalk counseling and prayers from the sidewalk. See the **attached flyer** for more information and the **schedule below** for the requested days of prayer for Albuquerque parishes, churches, and religious organizations ...

If this is your first time participating in 40 Days for Life, I would recommend going on **Friday mornings**, when there usually are many other Pro-Lifers there to pray and support the sidewalk counselors in front of the Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo Blvd. Also, one of our lead sidewalk counselors, **Philip Leahy**, is at the abortion mill at 522 Lomas Blvd on Tuesday through Friday mornings, and [CareNet](#) often brings their mobile ultrasound van to the Alamo abortion mill located at 10151 Montgomery Blvd. They would also greatly appreciate your prayers and company!

If at any time you don't feel safe on the sidewalk, then please don't stay, try another location or contact me - Curt@defendinglife.org or [Project Defending Life](#) at 505-266-4100 and we can let you know other ways to help the moms and save babies.

In his letter from August 15, [ArchBishop Wester](#) says ... "**we must do all that we can to support the mother and to help her sustain the right to life of her child**". Please continue to support your local pregnancy resource centers, sidewalk counselors, Pro-Life organizations, and 40 Days for Life!

Thank you,
Brother SK Curt Kuper
505-385-6048



From Wednesday September 27th – Sunday November 5th our pro-life community in Albuquerque will unite with cities across America and around the world for a massive, coordinated, pro-life mobilization. This is an effort to bring together people of all faiths to pray for an end to the loss of pre-born human life and for the healing of those affected by abortion.

***40 Days for Life* is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:**

- 40 days of prayer & fasting
- 40 days of peaceful vigil
- 40 days of public witness

A prayer campaign for those who respect the dignity of all human life and strive for justice for the poorest, most vulnerable, and the least of God's children – the pre-born

Join us in peaceful prayer between 9 am and 3 pm daily at these Alb. locations:

- Planned Parenthood abortion mill at 701 San Mateo NE
- Alamo Women's Clinic at 10151 Montgomery Blvd NE
- Southwestern Women's Options late-term abortion mill at 522 Lomas Blvd NE

Sponsored by Project Defending Life, 729 San Mateo Blvd, Alb. NM 87108

For more information visit us at www.40daysforlife.com

You can also send an email to Dominique@defendinglife.org or Curt@defendinglife.org or call **Project Defending Life** at (505) 266-4100

Fall 2023 Schedule, 40 Days for Life Requested Days of Prayer

Alb. Catholic Moms, 10/3, 10/20
 Annunciation, 10/6, 10/31
 Ascension, 10/10, 10/20
 Assumption, 9/28, 10/24
 Adat Yeshua, 9/29, 11/1
 Calvary Alb, 9/29, 11/3
 Calvary Belen, 10/4, 11/4
 Calvary East, 10/3, 11/3
 Calvary Rio Rancho, 10/4, 10/31
 Christ the King Anglican, 10/20
 Cross Christian Fellowship Rt.66, 9/27, 10/20
 Eastern Hills Baptist, 9/30, 10/18
 Estancia Valley Parish, 10/28
 Faith Bible Church, 9/28
 Grace Fellowship, 9/28, 10/19
 Heights Cumberland, 10/26
 Holy Child Tijeras, 10/28
 Holy Family, 10/10, 11/1
 Holy Ghost, 9/28, 10/25
 Holy Rosary, 10/4, 10/20
 Hope Evangelical Free Church, 10/2
 Immaculate Conception, 10/5, 10/23
 Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10/7, 10/21
 Incarnation, 10/10, 11/3
 John XXIII, 10/18, 11/1
Knights of Columbus, 10/6, 10/26
 Legacy, 9/29, 10/24
 Nativity, 10/5, 10/21
 New Beginnings, 9/27, 10/20
 Newman Ctr UNM, 9/29, 10/17
 Olive Tree, 9/29, 11/1
 OLO Belen, 10/7, 11/4
 OLO Fatima, 10/10, 10/24
 OLO Guadalupe, 10/9, 10/30
 OLO La Vang, 10/16
 OLO Mt Carmel Moriarty, 10/28
 OLO Perpetual Help, 9/29, 10/27
 OLO Sorrows Bernalillo, 9/30, 10/25

Prince of Peace, 10/13, 11/3
 Queen of Heaven, 10/13, 10/26
 Risen Savior, 10/6, 10/27
 Sacred Heart, 10/10, 10/31
 Sagebrush, 9/29, 10/24
 San Clemente, 10/13, 11/4
 San Felipe de Neri, 10/5, 10/27
 Sangre de Cristo, 10/11, 10/30
 San Ignacio, 10/11, 10/30
 San Jose, 10/16
 San Martin de Porres, 10/23
 San Ysidro in Corrales, 10/12, 11/4
 St. Alice Mountainair, 10/28
 St. Anne, 10/28
 St. Bernadette, 10/3, 10/17
 St. Charles Borromeo, 10/12, 11/2
 St. Francis Xavier, 9/27, 11/2
 St. Edwin, 10/2, 10/27
 St. John Vianney, 10/6, 10/24
 St. Joseph on the RG, 10/19, 11/2
 St. Jude Thaddeus, 10/3, 10/17
 St Therese, 10/11, 10/25
 St Thomas Aquinas, 10/13, 10/31
 Surrendered Hearts, 9/27, 10/20
 UNM Students for Life, 9/29, 10/17

In his letter from August 15, [ArchBishop Wester](#) says ... **"we must do all that we can to support the mother and to help her sustain the right to life of her child"**. Please continue to support your local pregnancy resource centers, sidewalk counselors, Pro-Life organizations, and 40 Days for Life!

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

Host a fundraiser for a pregnancy resource center or maternity home after an upcoming March for Life. Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes can be found by searching through databases available at heartbeatinternational.org, birthright.org and pregnancycarecanada.ca – among others. Visit kofc.org/asap for resources.

Preganacy Centers in NM	Mailing Address	City	Phone
Birthright	3228 Candelaria NE	Albuquerque	505-262-2235
Birthright	609 N. Butler Ave.	Farmington	
Birthright	203 Manzaneras Ave #16	Socorro	575-835-4236
Project Defending Life	729 San Mateo Blvd NE	Albuquerque	505-266-4100
Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	621 N. Main	Clovis	(575) 935-5433
New Beginnings Caring Pregnancy Center	108 W. Hagerman	Carlsbad	575-885-0848
New Life Pregnancy Center	PO Box 43	Taos	575-758-2899
Open Arms PC	PO Box 3579	Truth or Consequences	970-799-4792
Pregnancy Help Center of Artesia	610 W. Quay Ave	Artesia	575-736-6400
Right to Life of New Mexico	2413 Wyoming Blvd NE	Albuquerque	(505) 881-4563
LegacyPregnancy Resource	1100 E. Llano	Hobbs	575.942.2567
Southern NM Outreach	1222 N. White Sands Blvd	Alamogordo	575 434-5525
Origins	2704 Southern Blve SE	Rio Ranch	505-891-1430
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Los Cruces	PO Box 1865	Las Cruces	575-526-6242
Turning Point A Pregnancy Help Center	3201 S. Main Suite C	Las Cruces	575-520-1147
Care Net of the East Mountains	21 Main St Suite 202	Edgewood	505-281-5408
Care Net Pregnancy Center Rio Rancho	2451 Monterrey Rd	Rio Rancho	505-896-2305
Care Net Pregnancy Center Los Lunas	601 Main SE, Ste 26	Los Lunas	505-565-3838
Chaves County Pregnancy Resource Center	PO Box 3611	Roswell	575-623-1217
Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center	120 Boardman Dr	Gallup	505-722-7125
Our Lady of Guadalupe Gift of Life Center	811 St. Michael's Dr. Suite 103	Santa Fe	505-988-1215
Life-Way of Lincoln County	270 A Country Club DDr	Ruidoso	575.973.0088
Restarting a CPC			719-439-3116
Grace Place Pregnancy and Health Center	4801 N. Butler, Ste 3102	Farmington	505-327-4747

Hosting a baby bottle drive?

K of C branded baby bottles are available for order on [Supplies Online](#) in the Faith in Action's Pregnancy Center Support folder.

March for Life

Share the Supreme Knight's urgent invitation to this year's March for Life with your council and fellow pro-life advocates using this [link](#).

COR "Evangelization and Formation for the Men of Your Parish"

Officers Online Access An explanation of access by role and information on logging on to Officers Online can be [found here](#).

New and seasoned council officers will benefit from officer training sessions. Register now to get the skills you need to run a successful council and make a difference in your community. View our [Online Training Schedule](#)

Training sessions are recorded and made available to view on demand after the live broadcast. Click [here](#) to view the complete list of on demand training videos.

Important 2023 Tax Information -Review the [memo](#) from our Legal Department explaining the tax filing obligations of all councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States.

During September and early October, two portraits will be mailed to Financial Secretaries in the United States and Canada. The mailing will include a portrait of Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly (Photo by Michael Collopy) and the official beatification image of Father Michael J. McGivney (Painting by Chas Fagan © Knights of Columbus) for use in your council chambers.

Verify and update member contact information on the Member Management application available at [Officers Online](#). The grand knight might have the most current email addresses for all members, but it is important that any changes in member phone, address or email should be recorded at both the local and the supreme council level.

View the short [training videos](#) on how to get the most out of Member Management and Member Billing.

Review the [Public Relations and Publicity Guide](#) (#2235) for tips on promoting the good works of your council and attracting new members. This is a great way to expand the impact your council can have in the parish and community.

Review the Faith in Action [Program Forms Reference Guide](#) (#11172) for form submission details on all programs. Please note that RSVP and Food for Families applications **should be submitted as soon as possible after donations are made.**

The Supreme Council is happy to announce an exciting program of membership incentives for the 2023-2024 fraternal year for jurisdictions, district deputies and grand knights*. [Click here](#) for all the details

If your council's annual accounting period ends Dec. 31, then May 15 was the deadline to submit the proper [IRS form 990](#) (US Councils only). Ensure that this paperwork was filed.

Confirm your council submitted the [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) (#1728). Every dollar and hour count towards telling the [collective story of our Order](#).

Guidelines for Council Meetings —Section 124 of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus requires each subordinate council to hold at least two regular meetings each month.

- One is a Council meeting for all members. The purpose of this meeting is to build fraternal spirit, to share information, to strengthen formation in the faith, and to present matters that require the vote of council members.
- The other monthly meeting is an Officers' Planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to plan programs, develop budgets, pay approved bills, prepare motions, discuss new ideas, and deal with other necessary matters. Council officers, directors, and chairpersons are required to attend this meeting. This meeting is open to any council members who wish to attend.

[Click here for the guidebook for Council Meetings](#)

[Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#) - [Donate in the United State and Canada](#)

[Become a Faithful Citizen](#) This is an opportunity to defend your values by getting involved in various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues that impact Catholic morals and teaching. Currently, this program will focus on United States public policy. You can sign up for this program and receive a monthly e-newsletter by clicking on the button below.

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Copies of the 2023 edition of the Vivat Jesus prayer planner are available through Supplies Online. [Watch this video](#) that shows what Vivat Jesus is and how it can be used.

Complete your [Safe Environment training](#) and confirm that your Program, Family and Community Directors have done the same. Members will automatically be removed from their director positions if they do not complete the required training within 45 days of appointment. Council and member status can be checked using the Reports tab on [Officers Online](#).

RSVP Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Contact your State Vocations Chairman and visit kofc.org/rsvp to learn how your council can sponsor a seminarian or postulant.

Knights of Columbus agencies are offering new financial informational webinars for 2023. Click [HERE](#) to find a seminar offered in your jurisdiction. Promote your online seminar to your members and encourage them to register today.

[2022-2023 NMSC Directories](#) [Click here](#)

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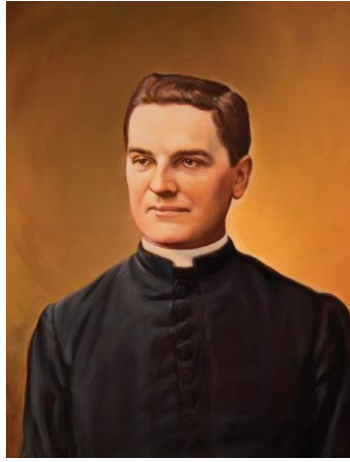
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Are there men in your parish and community who have yet to join your council? Do you wish that more of your current members were engaged in the work of the council? Would you like more council members to be comfortable asking another man to join the Order? Your agent stands ready to help you with all these things and more. Reach out to him today to start a discussion on how you can partner for success.

The Knights of Columbus is pleased to bring you another selection of virtual webinars. We are excited to sponsor live webinars featuring industry-leading speakers, sharing their knowledge and experience with financial services. Visit the link below to learn more about the event(s) in your area. These complimentary events are inclusive to our Knights of Columbus members' friends and family – please invite those in your community who may be interested in learning more.

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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 I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:
The Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

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Blessed
Michael McGivney

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Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against
the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.





Knight's Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order.

Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy

Divine Son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify
in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize
those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always
aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged,
and our Order appreciated.

Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion,
of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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