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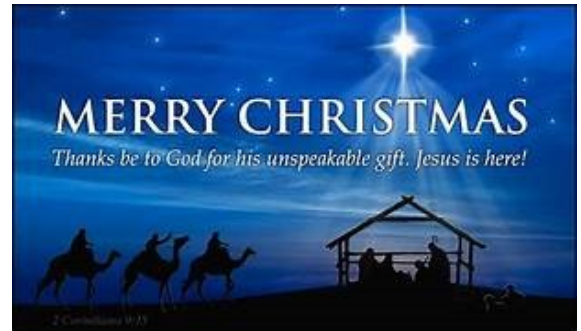
December 2021



## Grand Knight's Report



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Hello brothers, I pray that you had a great Thanksgiving and have a safe Christmas season. As Christmas is right around the corner, I'm encouraged that all of our good work is impacting people in a great way. I announced our KCIC poster contest to faith formation students last week and I mentioned how successful the Coats for Kids program was this year. Even the youngest classes understood how important it was for kids to have Winter Coats so we are making a real difference in our community. On page 5 is a Thank you note from a teacher at Mississippi Elementary school we gave some coats too. Keep the great work you're doing and God Bless you and your family this Christmas!

Don't forget to sign up and attend our Christmas party on Dec 14th. The Sign-Up genius link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FAFA92DABFE3-knights1>

I pray for you every night

Vivat Jesus!

**Andy Fischer, Grand Knight**



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Rev. Mike Sullivan**



Decades ago our family used to gather at Thanksgiving at one of my sisters who lived in the cites. After she moved away we came to the rectory here at St. Joe's. After the older generation died, we moved the date from Thanksgiving to summer at one of my nieces' homes in the area. When she moved away we changed locations again to Nevada and had to change dates once again. Traditions change over time. Places change. Sometimes even dates change. The one constant is that we invite family and friends to join us. The reason is to thank God for the people in our life. Even if your Thanksgiving celebration has had to change because of Covid, I pray you did remember to thank God for all of the good things you have received during this life. And, perhaps, even some of the unpleasant things because they help us make changes as we become the people we are today.

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With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at [www.KofCSurvey2021.org](http://www.KofCSurvey2021.org).

Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, and investment advisory services through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.



## **2021-2022 Council Officers**

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John Ruffing	Inside Guard	763 464-3240
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## **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

### **December**

14	KC Council Meeting -Christmas Party
25	Christmas
28	Officer's planning meeting

### Council and Assembly Memorial Mass

Our combined Council, Parish, and Assembly Memorial Mass on All Saints Day was well attended. A memorial chalice with all of the names of our fallen Sir Knights this year was presented to our former sponsored seminarian, Father Michael Reinhardt.



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Our second pancake breakfast of the year was a success financially and in able to provide a sense of community for the parish. Thanks to all who helped pull it off.



## RECRUITING

Have you asked a friend, acquaintance, or total stranger to join the Knights this week? You should, and direct them to **Knights.net** to join us on-line. Free first year dues have been extended through 2021. They can enter their personal information and use the code DFALSTAD to have their first year dues waived. Have them use your member number or 2743823 as a referral number so we know they are interested in our council.

Once they are an on-line member they can attend an in-person or on-line exemplification ceremony to become members of the council of their choice. Please direct them to **MNKNIGHTS.ORG** to register for a live video version of the exemplification almost every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm.



### Report of the Fourth Degree

The spring exemplification will be held at Breezy Point on April 30th. Please contact a 4th degree member of the council for information on joining us to become a Sir Knight.





All Catholic men and their families are invited to join a council with the Knights of Columbus through the online **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity!** Men are invited to join the Order while their families may observe the lessons presented and appreciate who we Knights are and what we do. Check with one of the officers to get the on-demand invite for your friends and neighbors. You can also advance to the third degree by signing up for this exemplification. Go to [MNKnights.org/About/Ceremonials](http://MNKnights.org/About/Ceremonials) to sign up for a live or taped program.

If you are interested in joining with your brother Knights next



year on Lake of the Woods we plan to leave on June 12th. Please contact John Jordan at 612 719-3834 for details. Cost is around \$600 for a 4 day trip with 2 days of fishing.

## Your Newsletter

Please forward articles, pictures, and suggestions for changes to the newsletter to Dan. This is your newsletter and you can include whatever you wish.



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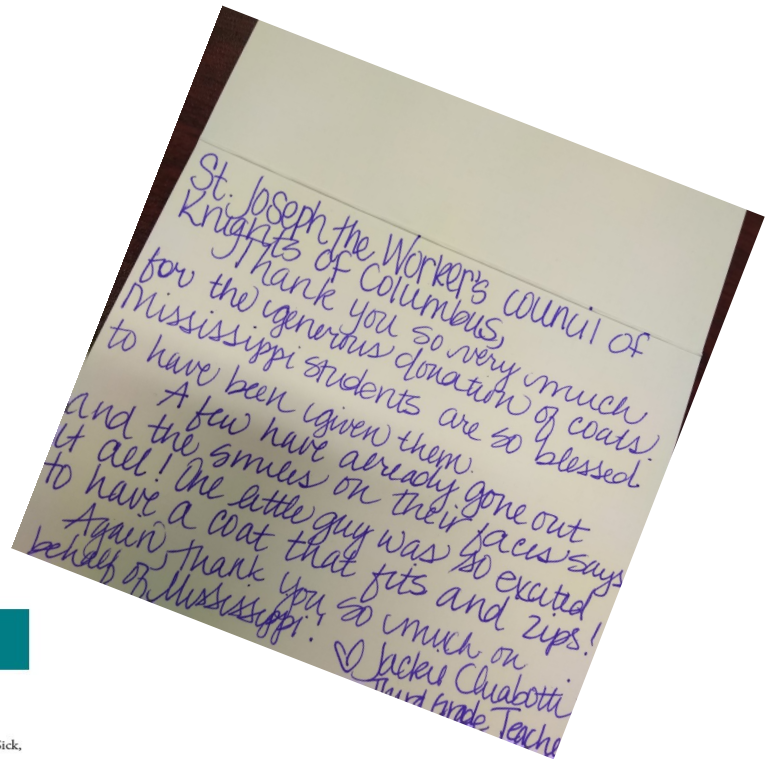
The council recently funded an endowment for future charitable giving with the goal of being able to provide for the needs of the community even in the event of an inability to raise funds. The earnings of this account will be dedicated to charitable giving each year, with the principal retained and invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors in a Donor Advised Fund.

If you would like to make a contribution to this fund we have \$1,500 in matching funds available to double your donation.

Please call or email Grand Knight Andy Fischer to make a pledge to this account. We can get the money via check or Venmo. And call your field agent Dan Falstad if you would like information on how the funds are invested or how the donor advised funds can be used for your personal planning.



December 14th is our Christmas meeting/ party. Please arrive around 6 pm for a quick meeting. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift and your favorite dish for a Potluck starting at 7 pm. Please sign up as we know how much refreshments to buy for this event (wine/beer). Copy this Signup Genius link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FAFA92DABFE3-knights1>



#### A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was rededicated with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabrizio di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.  
O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.  
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.  
Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.  
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The December membership meeting will be not streamed on Zoom at 7:00pm on December 14th since we are having the Christmas party immediately following. Please try to join us in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855838348?pwd=ZFdLcjlNyVGdZTEJJPVTljZ1djZTMrQT09>

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