



Knights of Columbus®

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE
COUNCIL 12072

JULY 2026

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Monthly Meeting — July 21st

The July meeting opened with the Rosary and prayers for the unborn, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Council meeting.

FAITH FORMATION

New Cor Small Groups Program

Brother Ty Talamo introduced Cor, the Knights of Columbus's national men's faith formation program — a small-group framework of prayer, formation, and fraternity. The council is piloting one small group of 10–12 volunteers, meeting weekly or every other week depending on schedules. Interested Brothers should contact Ty Talamo or Wiley Conn.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Parish Men's Kickoff — August 22nd

The parish Men's Kickoff Event is set for August 22nd, 8 AM–2 PM, in the cafeteria. Guest speakers Greg Raymond and Fr. Michael Luxbacher will both give talks, with breakfast, table discussions, and a barbecue lunch. Cost is \$20. Contact Ty Talamo: (504) 237-3226 ttalamo@capstoneinsure.com

MQP Men's Ministry
FALL KICKOFF
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
8 AM - 2 PM
MQP PARISH CENTER
\$20
PAY ONLINE OR
AT THE DOOR
Guest Speaker
Greg Raymond

MEMBERSHIP

New Fraternal Year

Membership efforts continue into the new fraternal year, with a renewed push on Facebook and other publicity to raise awareness of the council.

PUBLICITY

Getting the Word Out

The council is working to increase its presence in the parish bulletin, on Facebook, and through other parish communication channels, with a major push planned around Fish Fry season.

SATURDAY ROSARY — 7 AM

Attendance Keeps Growing

22–23 men joined this past Saturday in prayer for the unborn — the largest group yet. All are welcome for any portion of the hour.



R.U.N. MINISTRY

Mission Trip — September 16–20

An informational meeting for anyone considering the mission trip to Texarkana, Arkansas was held July 22nd. Volunteers are especially needed for the labor team. Members can join the ministry's mailing list via the QR code in the church bulletin — no commitment required.

FAITH FORMATION

Bible Timeline Study

Members are encouraged to start thinking about the Bible Timeline Bible Study, beginning in September.

RECOGNITION

Family of the Month

Frank and Mary Jo Oliveri were recognized as Family of the Month for their work with Vacation Bible School (VBS). The council has moved to awarding Knight of the Month only as needed, rather than every month.



Frank Oliveri receiving recognition as Family of the Month

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

Shining Armor Award

Brothers can request a Shining Armor Award card from the Grand Knight. Requirements include attending council meetings and programs, attending an exemplification, meeting with the council's insurance representative, and sponsoring one new member.

MINISTRY

Safe Environment Training Reminder

With youth soccer starting this fall and basketball this winter, Brothers working directly with kids at these events need current Safe Environment Training through the Archdiocese. Certain officer roles also require Knights of Columbus safe environment training.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Back to School Shopping Spree

The council held its annual Back to School Shopping Spree Saturday, July 25th at Walmart, helping 27 families get school supplies and uniforms. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help families keep track of totals — including several teens who pitched in and earned service hours.



Volunteers help families shop at Walmart

FAITH

Family Mass — August 9th

All Brothers and their families are invited to the Family Mass on August 9th, 9:30 AM. Knights should muster in the narthex between 9:00–9:15 AM, wear a sport coat and name

badge, and will process in ahead of the priest and deacon, with the Fourth Degree Color Corps present.

FACILITIES

Storage Area Update

Thanks to Brother Brad Johnson for donating an air conditioner for the storage shed. The council is also building out a new equipment storage area (with Principal/Brother Knight Tom Huck's approval) to better organize supplies used throughout the year.



Working on the new equipment storage area



A/C installed in the storage shed



Tightening the cafeteria tables and chairs

HELPING A BROTHER

Seminary Move

Congratulations to Brother Christophe Eldridge, accepted into Notre Dame Seminary. The council is looking for a few Brothers to help him move — details on date and items still pending. He's also giving away furniture he won't be taking; free to any Brother who could use it. Contact Wiley Conn.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Blood Drive

The council's most recent blood drive was the best attended yet; 43 pints were donated! Thank you to everyone who gave blood and volunteered, and to Andrew Greco for organizing.

FOURTH DEGREE

Exemplifications & Veterans Support

A Fourth Degree exemplification is happening November 21st in Baton Rouge. Brothers interested in joining the Fourth Degree are encouraged to reach out.



Darren Nunez has reached the Forth Degree and is a new Sir Knight. Pictured with Bill McCrossen and Lloyd Albert at his recent exemplification.

Jennifer Carter of Battle Scarred Motorsports will present at the September assembly meeting on how the assembly can support the group's mission of supporting veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Family Mass — August 9, 9:30 AM
- Parish Men's Kickoff — August 22, 8 AM–2 PM
- Italian Dinner Night — October (date TBA)
- Bible Timeline Study — Begins September
- Men's Day of Reflection — TBA (reconsidering a spring date)

PRAYERS — To add a name, email Nick Lonergan at nlonergan@yahoo.com

Ukraine & in Conflict

Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Khimyak
Rev. Oleh Kharyshyn and his family
All those in conflict around the world

Prayers for the Departed

Hugh King
Charles Bond
Linda Vernaci
Tootsie Park Jeansonne
Candy Fitch

Prayers for Those in Need

Susan Petro
Jerry Sustendal
Joan Childers
Bruce Bienvenu
Bruce Bivina
Dulci Heim
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Steve Fradella
Adam Greco
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Jane Kolb
Dale Lobell
Ronald Lobell
Richard Martin
Troy Mire
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COUNCIL DUES

\$50.00 annually, due July 1st. Checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 12072.

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KC APPAREL

Council shirts, hats, and aprons available through Backyard Printing — kc12072.itemorder.com/shop/home/.

Work T-shirts (\$20) are also available at meetings — cash only.

Contact Frank Oliveri: foliveri05@yahoo.com | 985-630-1753

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Required for all ministry volunteers with juvenile contact. Complete via Virtus online through the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Updated each August.

Contact Kari Doyle in the school office for assistance.

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Wear your badge at all events and Masses. It identifies you as a man of faith, character, and service — a Knight of Columbus.

TO JOIN

KofC.org/JoinUs — promo code BlessedMcGivney — Council 12072.