



# KNIGHT NEWS



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## From the Grand Knight

*To say this last month for me has been a whirlwind is an understatement. I celebrated my 30th anniversary with my wife Donna. My grandson James Vincent was born. I have a project at work that is nearing its due date that I have been working on for 6 months. We had our golf outing. I have been traveling for work and to Denver to take care of my parents. That's life. We all go through it; we all must deal with it.*

*I found myself forgetting an important thing (or at least what should be.) I need to stop and PRAY! Not pray for help but pray to thank God for all that he has given me. God has given me so many gifts and so much grace in my life. Do bad things happen? Yeah! But if I really look, I have a pretty good life. I have a roof over my head. I have family and friends that love me. I don't go to bed hungry. I have a vehicle to get me where I need to go. Many, even in our own community do not have these luxuries, what some consider basic needs. It can really make you think. How can I do better to help those in need.*

*As Knights of Columbus, we serve our church and our community. By serving those in need we are serving God. It's right there in Matthew 25:40 "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

*I am extremely proud to be part of our order and especially part of Sacred Heart Council 822. We do so many good things. Thank you for all you do! Keep up the great work...*



**Vivat Jesus,**

**Jeff Christian, Grand Knight**



**Join us each month at 6:45 before the Council meeting to recite the Holy Rosary with your Brother Knights! Contact Ethan Apsley for details. If you don't have a rosary, we'll give you one!!!**

## POPE LEO XIV RECEIVES K OF C LEADERS IN AUDIENCE

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori met with Pope Leo in a private audience at the Vatican on July 4. The visit was an opportunity to inform the Holy Father about the Order's works of charity and faith formation, and to assure him of the Knights' prayers for his Petrine ministry.



# MY THREE FAVORITE POPES

*The recipient of this year's Knights of Columbus Essay Contest prize is Amy Onofre, a junior at Shelbyville High School. She will receive dinner for herself and her family along with representatives from the Knights later this month in the Pope Room at Buca di Beppo. Her essay follows.*

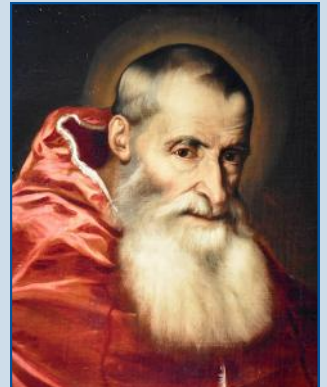
Behind the closed doors of the Sistine Chapel the Conclave commences, which is a series of secret ballots between the Cardinals of the Catholic Church, then white smoke appears from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. *Habemus Papam!* (A Latin phrase that means *We have a Pope!*) is announced to the whole world. There are 267 Popes that have led the Catholic Church. Of those 267 Popes my top three favorite Popes are Pope Francis, Pope Paul III and Pope Benedict XV.

To start, one of my three favorite Popes is Pope Francis because Pope Francis has made amazing miracles and gave hope to millions of people, for example Julia Bruzzese, a 12 year old child diagnosed with Lyme and tick-borne disease and her health was declining. At the time she received a call from her former principal that she was trying to get a hold of tickets to see Pope Francis at the JFK airport tarmac the following day. Julia states that when she got that call she had a spark of hope that night and the following morning she received the news that her whole family will be able to attend. Later she asked Pope Francis to bless her with a miracle and Pope Francis placed his hands on her head and then after her blessing she was bombarded with cameras and she was all over the news and she received generous donations and support from the whole world. Julia is now able to live her life and is on her way to becoming a doctor. Although she wasn't blessed with the miracle of being able to walk she was blessed with other miracles. Therefore Pope Francis is one of my favorite Popes.

Next, one of my other favorite Popes is Pope Paul III because he stood up for what was right. For example Pope Paul III stood up for the rights of Indigenous people. Pope Paul III states that he opposes the enslavement of Indigenous people and says that Indigenous people should not have their rights of liberty and possession be taken away from them even though they are outside the faith of Jesus Christ. And states that in fact no human should be enslaved or robbed of their freedom no matter their spiritual beliefs. This being the reason why Pope Paul III is one of my top three favorite Popes.

Lastly, my third favorite Pope is Pope Benedict XV because he was known as "the pope of missions." Pope Benedict XV stated that having weapons to destroy each other is awful (this being the World War I happening) and Pope Benedict XV was one of the first to recognize the flaws of peace within the *Treaty of Versailles* and he thought of the treaty as vengeful and tried his best to make peace within nations. Pope Benedict later gave support to the Save the Children fund, which combated against starvation of children in Germany and former Austria-Hungary. These reasons are why Pope Benedict XV is one of my favorite Popes.

In conclusion these three Popes are my top three favorite Popes because they were kind, [and] wanted to bring peace and hope for the world.





### CAKE POPES and BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

St Joseph Catholic School 5th graders celebrated the birthday of Pope Leo XIV by decorating sweet treats with edible markers and candy wafer *zucchetti*, creating "cake popes." The students also wrote birthday greeting cards to His Holiness. Photos from the event along with the cards will be forwarded to the Vatican.

The event was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #822, and was shepherded by pastor Father Mike Keucher, Knights program director Michael Daniels, teacher Kristen Laker, and volunteers Pam DeBaun and Annette Rayburn. The pops were made and donated by Grand Knight Jeff Christian's daughter, Anna.

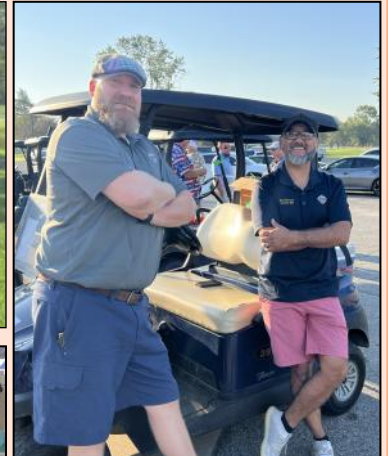


### October Knights Golf Outing Raises Funds for Church, Council

The October 4 golf outing at Blue Bear Golf Course drew three dozen golfers and more than a dozen volunteers and friends for a day of fellowship, fraternity, and golf. The event was a fundraiser with the majority of the proceeds going to the St Joseph capital campaign and the remainder to the Council for ongoing and future charitable events.

The winning foursome was "Team Lancaster" comprised of Pat Lancaster, Steve Lancaster, Joe Duffy, and Kent Apsley.

Watch the video below from Flocknotes at <https://youtu.be/KYJSeDoQrj0>



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Gaye McKenney



### IN RE: ABORTION

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion.

This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion ... is gravely contrary to the moral law" (No. 2271).

To be sure, knowledge of human embryology was very limited until recent times. Many Christian thinkers accepted the biological theories of their time, based on the writings of Aristotle and other philosophers. Aristotle assumed a process was needed over time to turn the matter from a woman's womb into a being that could receive a specifically human form or soul.

In 1827, with the discovery of the human ovum, the mistaken biology of Aristotle was discredited. Scientists increasingly understood that the union of sperm and egg at conception produces a new living being that is distinct from both mother and father. Modern genetics demonstrated that this individual is, at the outset, distinctively human, with the inherent and active potential to mature into a human fetus, infant, child and adult.

Thus modern science has not changed the Church's constant teaching against abortion, but has underscored how important and reasonable it is, by confirming that the life of each individual of the human species begins with the earliest embryo.

### IN RE: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. ... I renew the appeal ... to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary. - St Pope John Paul II

When Cain killed Abel, God did not end Cain's life. Instead, he sent Cain into exile, not only sparing his life but protecting it by putting a mark on Cain, lest anyone should kill him at sight (Gn 4:15).

Each of us is called to respect the life and dignity of every human being. Even when people deny the dignity of others, we must still recognize that their dignity is a gift from God and is not something that is earned or lost through their behavior. Respect for life applies to all, even the perpetrators of terrible acts.

[Punishment] ought not go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity: in other words, when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent. St Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (*Evangelium Vitae*), 1995.

*The most commonly recognized saint of the pro-life movement is **St. Gianna Beretta Molla**. An Italian Catholic pediatrician, she died a week after giving birth to her fourth child, choosing to preserve the life of her child even at the risk of her own.*

***Our Lady of Guadalupe** is seen as a special patron due her appearance as the only pregnant Virgin.*

***St Dismas**, known as the "good thief" who, while being crucified alongside Jesus, repented and asked for forgiveness, is an example of the power of God's salvation to the very end of one's days. **St. Nicholas of Myra** risked his life to stop an execution, freed the condemned, and later absolved him of his sins.*

*There are countless other Saints who have stood for the unquestionable right to life of **all** persons - let us emulate them!*





# Opportunities for Fraternity

## BINGO

We always need volunteers to help out at Bingo on Thursday evenings. Volunteers help to sell pull tabs, collect and pay out money, assist game players, and help set up and clean up. If interested, contact John Schoentrup at (317) 364-1942.

## SATURDAY MORNING CARDS

Fellow Knights, do you like to play cards? Join your brother Knights on Saturday mornings each week for card games. we start about 8am and play til early afternoon. The club serves lunch from 11 to 1.

# A Call to All Men

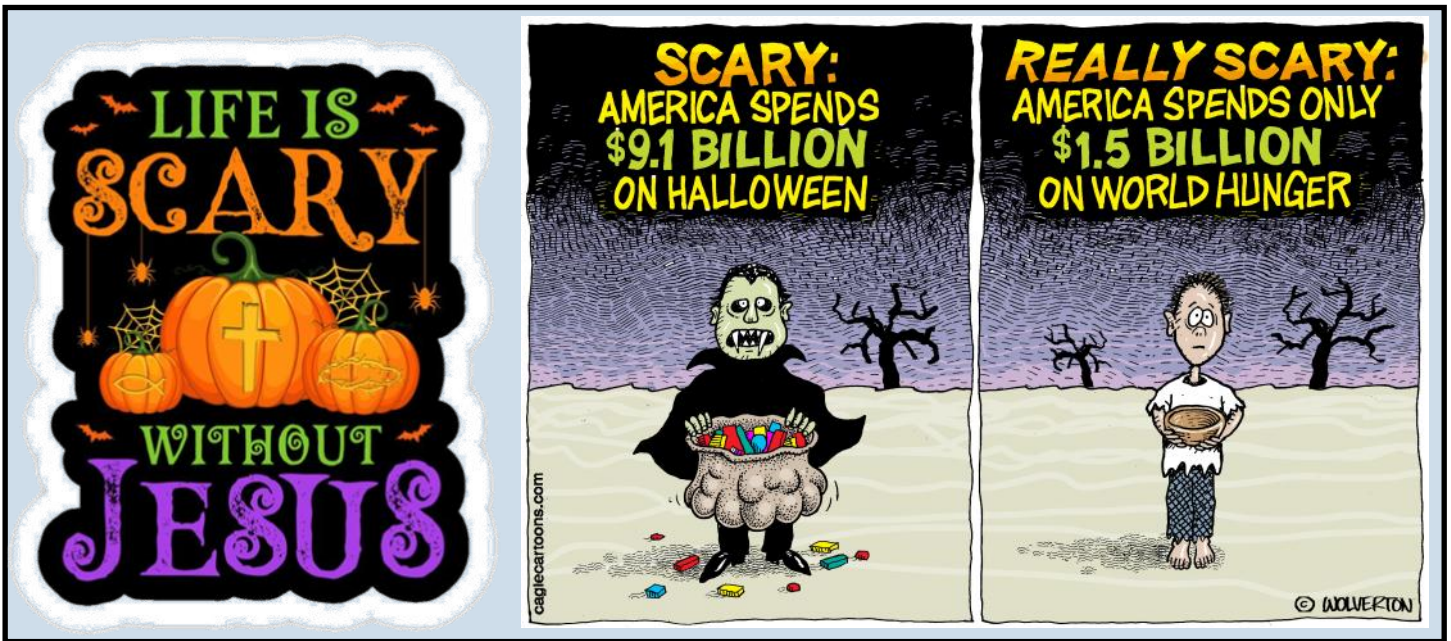


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## A Knights of Columbus Initiative

Starting October 14 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the  
Columbian Homes Building

**THE COR GROUP WILL MEET EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY, 7-8PM. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME - YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A KNIGHT TO JOIN US.**



### Sacred Heart Council 822 Knight of the Month

The Knight of the month for September is a Brother Jim Boksa!

Jim is that Brother that always seem to show up at almost all our events to help. He is very active with Council events as well as a regular volunteer at the club.

He is the kind of guy that does not seek attention for his service. He is there in the background but makes a huge impact in our community. He is one of the most humble guys I know. Like it says in James 4:10

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Jim Boksa, I know you will be exalted.

Congratulation, and thank you for all that you do!

- Jeff Christian, Grand Knight



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# **ROSARY FOR LIFE**

***Saturday, Oct 18 - 4:30 pm  
St Joseph Parish***

***Join us for a Rosary for Life  
before Mass at St Joseph  
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***The Joyful Mysteries and***

- A Prayer for the Rosary for Life***
- A compilation from Pope Leo XIV on the evils of abortion***
- A compilation from Pope Benedict XVI against euthanasia***
- A compilation from Pope Francis opposing capital punishment***
- A Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life***



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Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers.

"Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner," Father says. "Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Father turns to the other brother and says,

"Then you must be...."

"Yes," says Brother Francis. "I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."



## Your Council and Your Impact



***Whether it's Knights dues, Friends of Gibault membership fees, donations, proceeds from dinners and events, as well as some proceeds from charitable gaming and Hall rentals, the monies collected by the Knights is reinvested in the community and the Church.***

*In order to continue these good works, we rely on you! Thank you for your dues, donations, and support!*

### Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #822

Meeting at Columbian Homes, 413 E South St, Shelbyville, IN 46176 - tel: 317.398.9914  
Monday-Friday, 3p - close; Saturday, 9a - close



### Your 2025-2026 Council Officers

<b>Grand Knight:</b> Jeff Christian (also serves as Retention Director)	<b>Chaplain:</b> Father Mike Keucher
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b> Mark Welch	<b>Chancellor:</b> Jim Boksa (also serves as Membership Director)
<b>Financial Secretary:</b> Patrick Bohman	<b>Recorder:</b> Michael Daniels (also serves as Program Director)
<b>Treasurer:</b> Mark Beck	<b>Advocate:</b> Steve Goebel
<b>Warden:</b> Edgar Flores <b>Inside Guard:</b> Angelo Dellapenna	<b>Outside Guard:</b> Ethan Apsley (also serves as Evangelization and Faith Formation Director)
<b>Lecturer:</b> Randy Foreman (also serves as Family Director) <b>Community Director:</b> Jim Kozinski	<b>One Year Trustee:</b> John Schoentrup <b>Two Year Trustee:</b> Dan Weaver

### Recurring Events

*We can ALWAYS use more volunteers for these events!*

- » 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month: Council business meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month: Columbian Homes meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » Wednesday nights: choice of wings or shrimp dinner (6-8p), drawing & 50/50 raffle.  
1/2 order (5 pc w/fries) - \$9; Full order (10 pc w/fries) - \$13; Fries only - \$2. Open to the public.
- » Thursday nights: BINGO! (6:30p). Open to the public.
- » Friday nights: dinner (6-8p) - Open to the public.
  - Oct 3: (Kim Knight) - Smoked pork chops and sides - \$12
  - Oct 10: (Greg Hall) - Fried chicken and sides - \$12
  - Oct 17: (Edgar Flores) - Steak tacos / Chicken fajitas and sides - \$12
  - Oct 24: (Steve Lancaster) - Ribeye steaks, baked potato, salad - \$18
  - Oct 31: (Kim Knight) - Smoked pork chops and sides - \$12
- » Saturday lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, breaded or grilled tenderloin - \$6; with fries, - \$9. Open to the public.

Please email story suggestions to our Recorder, Michael Daniels, at [mdanielscmh@gmail.com](mailto:mdanielscmh@gmail.com).



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, dedicated to promoting charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and supporting Catholic causes and families. Founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus welcomes practicing Catholic men aged 18 or older who are in union with the Holy See.

*We are Men on a Mission, committed to a Catholic brotherhood that is changing the world. For more information, visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.sacredheartcouncil822.org](http://www.sacredheartcouncil822.org)*



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