

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"
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Knights Continue to Help St. Agnes Parish Financially

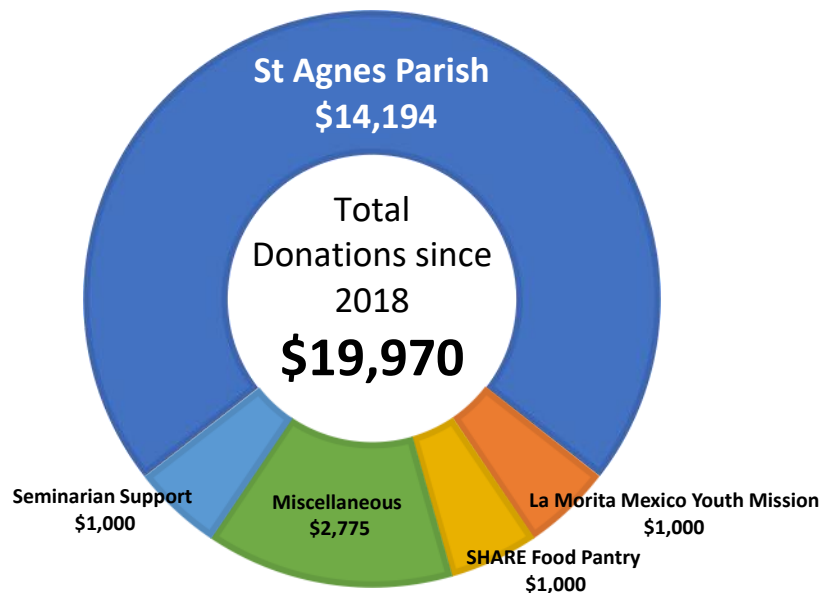
"But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing." (Matthew 6:3)

But sometimes, it is important and necessary to let your donors know where their money is going.

In late July, Grand Knight David Wood presented a check for \$5,000 to Fr. Johnson to help St. Agnes Parish during these unprecedented times. This was just another donation that our Council has made to the Parish and other local charities, which total nearly \$20,000 since the end of 2018.



↑ Grand Knight David Wood presents a check for \$5,000 to Father Johnson.





BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Thomas Kisak (RIP)
- 3 – Earl Head
- 7 – Wayne Schafer
- 10 – Lorenzo Ybe
- 14 – Lawrence Money

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Sumner & Veronica Peery – August 13, 1989 (31 yrs)
- Edward & Allison McGuirk – August 15, 1981 (39 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

- Grand KnightSK David Wood PGK925-458-0888
- ChaplainFr. Johnson Abraham510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand KnightSK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- ChancellorOpen
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
- Recorder.....SK Mike McDermott.....925-676-2384
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- AdvocateOpen
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside GuardWayne Schafer925-323-6518
- One-Year TrusteeOpen
- Two-Year TrusteeSK Frank Mazzuca PGK925-381-5624
- Three-Year TrusteeJohn Wright.....925-798-5962
- Supreme Field Agent.....Carlos Gutierrez415-517-7560
- District DeputySK David Schwartz PGK510-325-7810



SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 2 – St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, or St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- 4 – St. Jean Vianney (the Curé of Ars), Priest
- 5 – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 – St. Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs, or St. Cajetan, Priest
- 8 – St. Dominic, Priest
- 9 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr
- 10 – St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- 11 – St. Clare, Virgin
- 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- 13 – Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 – St. Stephen of Hungary
- 19 – St. John Eudes, Priest
- 20 – St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- 21 – St. Pius X, Pope
- 22 – Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 25 – St. Louis or St. Joseph of Calasanz, Priest
- 27 – St. Monica
- 28 – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Martyr

With Father McGivney, Favors Abound

DEVOTEES TESTIFY TO HIS POWERFUL INTERCESSION

By Gerald Korson

It was the miraculous cure of an unborn child from a life-threatening condition that cleared the way for Father Michael J. McGivney's beatification this October, but countless others who have sought his intercession attest that he has granted them favors as well.

Among those favors reported to the Father McGivney Guild comes one from Jeffrey Hawarden, a current District Deputy and Past Grand Knight of St. Theresa's Council 14615 in Little Egg Harbor, N.J., who said he survived a serious form of cancer last year due to the Knights of Columbus founder's intercession.

"I was diagnosed with Stage IV head and neck cancer with a 50/50 chance of survival," Hawarden said. "My brother Knights and I prayed daily for the intercession of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, asking for the good Father to intervene on my behalf, asking just to be able to survive."

The prayers gave him confidence. "I knew I was going to be okay prior to starting treatment," he said. After months of treatment, he got the "all clear" last October. "God is great," Hawarden said. "Prayers were answered."

John Palmieri, a Past Grand Knight of Father James F. Donaher Council 3733 in North Haven, Conn., was admitted to Backus Hospital in April and diagnosed with COVID-19. At high risk due to factors including age, diabetes, and a triple heart bypass, his situation was so critical that he was placed on a ventilator and put in a medically induced coma.

"I was told by a doctor that the chances for my recovery were less than 1 percent," Palmieri said. Three days later, his wife, Alana — who also contracted COVID-19 and was then in the recovery ward of the same hospital — was informed by a nurse that his condition had worsened.

"Alana had been praying and continued to pray to Father McGivney for my recovery," Palmieri said. "One night, two nurses brought my wife down to the ICU floor to say goodbye to me. They didn't think I was going to make it through the night. She refused to say goodbye and sat there, holding my hand and praying to Father McGivney."

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UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that you can advance to the Third Degree any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

To participate in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, you will need an invitation. To receive an invitation, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com.

Be sure, also, to tell your friends about the Knights and how easy it is get them started as new members.

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, April 11, 2021
- POSTPONED -
New date to be announced

Council Calendar of Events

- August 3 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.
- August 12 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- August 17 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.

Every Sunday – We need your help. Knights are need to assist with the distribution of Communion that takes place at the back doors of the church every Sunday from 10 to 11 AM. Please bring a mask. (A hat is helpful, too.)

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Another doctor even called their son to ask whether he had power of attorney, since they thought Palmieri was near death. Yet Palmieri rallied and survived. After 10 days on a ventilator and 18 days in the hospital, he was discharged on May 12. He is still on the mend, but he feels he is improving.

“I firmly believe it was by Father McGivney's intercession that I am alive,” he said.

Carole Rowland, a psychologist in Wyandotte, Mich., got a double dose of good news that she attributes to Father McGivney's influence. “I received the reconciliation with my sister, who finally contacted me,” Rowland said. “Also, my daughter-in-law got a good diagnosis for her breast cancer.”

Rajan Arasaratnam was having trouble selling his townhouse in 2018. A move to a condominium was necessitated due to his wife's health, but they had no takers, even after changing agents and dropping the listing price.

“The year 2019, we listed the house again,” said Arasaratnam, of St. Aidan's Council 11332 in Scarborough, Ontario. Success still eluded them. Utterly frustrated, he turned to Father McGivney for his intervention. The results astounded him.

“Trust me, the very next day, a lady came and offered our price, and the deal was closed in one week,” Arasaratnam said. “Since then, I pray to Father McGivney daily, and I am receiving small mercies even now.”

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Souza

– August 15, 2011 (9 yrs)

Francis Mazzuca

– August 17, 2015 (5 yrs)

Jeff McGallian

– August 11, 2018 (2 yrs)

Oscar Legaspi

– August 19, 2019 (1 yrs)

With Father McGivney, Favors Abound (Continued from page 4)

Bill Horoshak, of Frank A. Mancina Council 2583 in Eveleth, Minn., became a Knight a short time before the birth of his great-grandniece. When the little girl was born, it was found she had three holes in her heart along with cystic fibrosis.

“The physician said the small one would heal, maybe the middle one too, but the largest one would need surgery,” Horoshak said. “Because of the cystic fibrosis and low body weight, the surgery would have to wait until at least six months of age but [needed to be done] before 18 months.”

Immediately after his great-grandniece’s birth, Horoshak took the Father McGivney prayer card that he had received when he joined the Knights and began to pray daily for the founder’s intercession. He continued this prayer for a full year.

Her doctors marveled at the results. “After one year, they were amazed that all three holes were completely healed, and she didn't need surgery!” Horoshak said.

He continues to pray to Father McGivney daily with requests for favors for people he knows.

“Father McGivney's upcoming beatification proves to me that her miracle was because of Father McGivney,” he said. “It only increases my resolve to pray even more to ask his help with other matters.”

Palmieri, who resides just a few miles from where Father McGivney founded the Order, also finds his beatification meaningful. “To know that someone who walked and talked so close to where we live and has the chance to become a saint is a blessing,” he said.

Now settled in to his new home, Arasaratnam encourages others to take up devotion to Father McGivney to seek his intercession and advance his cause for canonization.

“Pray daily to Father McGivney, and keep the faith growing!” he said.

Gerald Korson, a veteran Catholic journalist, is a Knights of Columbus member in Indiana.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY... St. Agnes Parish Memorial Brick Order Form



Dear Parishioners,

St. Agnes Parish Catholic Community and St. Agnes Council 15344 of the Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer you and your family the opportunity to purchase engraved memorial bricks to be placed in front of the Parish's new *Memorial to the Unborn*, which will be located next to the statue of Mary.

The *Memorial for the Unborn* will become an important part of our Parish's history and a lasting tribute for loved ones and the engraved memorial bricks are a special way to honor your children, grandchildren, parents, special friends, as well as memorialize your loved ones.

The cost of each 4"x 8" brick is just \$50 and includes your personalized message of up to three lines engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology, ensuring long-lasting strength and durability in the engraving. Ordering is three easy steps...

STEP 1: Create the message for your brick:

- ◆ You may use any combination of lower and UPPER case letters.
- ◆ Bricks may contain up to three lines of 20 characters per line.
- ◆ Character count includes all letters, numbers, punctuation, and spaces.
- ◆ The example below has a total of 19 characters (15 letters, 1 punctuation mark, and 3 spaces.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Example –	T	h	e		R	.		S	m	i	t	h		F	a	m	i	l	y	
Please print clearly	Line 1 –																			
	Line 2 –																			
	Line 3 –																			

STEP 2: Fill-in your information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

STEP 3: Mail this form and your check:

Please make your check (\$50 per brick*) payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 15344** and mail with this order form to:
Gary Downs, 1756 Bishop Dr., Concord, CA 94521-2022. (*Each brick requires a separate order form.)

- ◆ We will submit all brick orders for engraving at one time once we have received orders for 100 bricks.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For questions contact: Carlos Garcia, 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net