



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Brother Knights.

October has been an exciting time to be a member of Council #2031! We have had many great activities that have brought our members together working in the spirit of fellowship!

Our council hosted the rosary in the church each Monday at 5:30 pm for the Month of the Holy Rosary. We were very pleased with the turnout. Thank you to Brother Rick Dubois for leading this important spiritual activity.

We had two particularly busy weekends in the month of October: 1)The Knights performed all of the ministries at the Saturday 5 pm Mass on October 14. That same evening we celebrated an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, welcoming three new members to our council. Congratulations and welcome to our newest Brother Knights: **Hector Baraoidan, Randy Halliday and Steve Piontek.**

2)The following weekend we undertook a yard cleanup project for senior parishioners on Saturday October 21. Then on Sunday October 22 we held another successful brunch. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these projects. This is a true indication of the spirit of fraternity at work within our council! It was particularly nice to see some of our newest Brother Knights helping out at the brunch. Thank you Brothers Randy and Steve!

We also have had several bingos in recent weeks. Thank you to Brother Gary Colbow for spearheading this activity and to all who come out to help.

We were also pleased to host a Mass for the anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney on October 31.

We will be holding one combined meeting for the month on **November 1.*

November is the month of remembrance. We remember the deceased brothers of our council in a special way with our annual Memorial Mass on **November 8**, held in conjunction with the CWL. The mass will be followed by a banquet (mass 5:30 pm, supper 6:30).

Some other upcoming events to add to your calendar:

- We are also planning another Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Admission Degree) following the 5 pm mass on **November 4.**
- The Knights will continue to undertake all of the ministries for one of the weekend masses each month. The next opportunity to do this will be **November 12** at the 9 am mass. Please say yes when Brother Rick Dubois asks for help.
- Brunches will be held after both Sunday masses **November 19.**

Thank you to Fr. Antony for his ongoing support. Please keep our ill and deceased Brother Knights in your prayers. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fraternally,
Keith Hayward GK

DEP. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Peace Be with Us Brother Knights,
Embracing The Catholic Christian Essence in November

As November draws near, us Catholic Christians have a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful and spiritually enriching traditions that extend beyond the secular "trick or treat" activities associated with Halloween. The Knights of Columbus, committed to upholding the core values of the Catholic faith, play a crucial role in preserving the essence of Catholic Christian celebrations during this sacred month. In this article, we will explore how Catholics can celebrate November properly while incorporating the key

traditions and practices of the Church, supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Participate in Mass

November begins with All Saints' Day, a solemn celebration of all known and unknown saints. Attending Mass on this day and throughout the month is an essential part of embracing the Catholic Christian essence of November. It is a time to honor the saints, reflect on their virtues, and reaffirm our faith.

Visit Cemetery and Create an Ancestor's Altar

Instead of partaking in Halloween festivities, spend time at the cemetery, particularly on All Souls' Day. Praying for the souls of your loved ones and all the departed while lighting candles is a beautiful and meaningful tradition. At home, create an ancestor's altar, adorned with photos of deceased family members, saints, candles, and prayer cards. This sacred space serves as a daily reminder to honor and remember those who have passed away.

Read the Lives of the Saints

Deepen your spiritual journey by reading and reflecting on the lives of the saints. Their stories of faith, virtue, and unwavering dedication to God can serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement in your own life.

Acts of Charity

In line with the Knights of Columbus' principle of charity, commit to acts of kindness and service throughout the month. Reach out to the less fortunate, volunteer at your parish, or support local charitable organizations. By embodying charity, you continue the legacy of the Knights in your community.

Thanksgiving Feast with Gratitude

Thanksgiving, celebrated at the end of November, provides an opportunity to express gratitude for faith, family, and community. Begin your Thanksgiving meal with a prayer of thanks, reflecting on your blessings and the importance of gratitude in the Catholic tradition.

Family Prayer and Reflection

Gather your family for nightly prayers and discussions during November. Explore the lives of the saints, share stories about your departed loved ones, and pray together for their souls and the needs

of the world. This practice fosters a sense of unity and faith within your family

Educate the Younger Generation

Pass down the rich Catholic traditions of November to the younger generation. Engage children in family prayers, age-appropriate discussions about the saints, and the significance of All Souls' Day.

Avoid Halloween Excesses

While some may still engage in Halloween activities, strike a balance by avoiding excessive focus on costume parties and trick-or-treating. Ensure that the spiritually enriching aspects of November remain the central focus.

We, Catholic Christians are presented with an opportunity to deepen our faith, remember our loved ones, and express gratitude. By embracing the traditions and practices rooted in Catholic values and beliefs, we can ensure that this month is a time of spiritual growth, reflection, and genuine celebration, in alignment with the core principles of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Jonathan Rosas - DGK
State Cultural Diversity Chairman

THE THEOLOGY OF ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY



All Saints Day and All Souls Day are two important liturgical celebrations in the Catholic Church. These solemnities provide an opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the theological concepts of sanctity, intercession, and the communion of saints. All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1st, honours the saints who have been officially canonized by the Church, while All Souls Day, observed on November 2nd, commemorates the faithful departed.

All Saints Day, also known as the Solemnity of All Saints, is a celebration of the sanctity of the Church's holy men and women who have lived exemplary lives, often performing miraculous acts or enduring martyrdom for their

faith. The concept of sanctity lies at the core of this celebration. It is the belief that individuals can lead lives of exceptional holiness and devotion to God, serving as role models for the faithful. The lives of these saints are seen as a testament to the transformative power of God's grace and the potential for spiritual growth and salvation within the Christian journey.

Catholic theology emphasizes the role of the saints as intercessors. The Church teaches that the saints, having lived virtuous lives, now enjoy the beatific vision in heaven, where they are in the presence of God. Consequently, they can intercede on behalf of the living, presenting their prayers and supplications to God. The saints are believed to be powerful advocates, helping believers in their spiritual journeys and addressing their petitions. This intercession, based on the theology of the "communion of saints," reinforces the idea that all members of the Church, whether on earth or in heaven, are interconnected and share in a common mission of salvation.

All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day dedicated to praying for the souls of the deceased. Catholic theology asserts that not all who die enter heaven immediately. Many souls may require purification before being admitted to God's presence. The doctrine of purgatory, is a fundamental element of Catholic theology and is deeply intertwined with the observance of All Souls Day.

The Catholic Church teaches that the faithful departed who are in purgatory need the prayers and offerings of the living to help alleviate their temporal punishments. The prayers offered on All Souls Day are seen as a way to assist these souls in their purification process, helping them achieve full communion with God. This theological concept reflects the Church's understanding of God's mercy and the belief that prayer and acts of charity can have a positive impact on the spiritual state of the deceased.

Both All Saints Day and All Souls Day underscore the Catholic teaching of the "Communion of Saints." This concept highlights the interconnectedness and unity among the members of the Church, whether they are living on earth, in purgatory, or in heaven. This communion extends beyond the boundaries of time and space, demonstrating the enduring nature of the faith community.

Fraternal Lecturer,
Steven Boucher

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ACTION



New candidates observe closely to instructions given by Degree Team.



KofC Degree Team and candidates



Ready for action.



Knights in action at the podium.



AND THE WORK IS ALL DONE!
Rejean Houle, Keith Hayward, Gary Colbow, Wayne Exner, Ken Olshewski, Ted Osicki and Henry Kweens.

LEAF RAKE



PROGRAMS



October was another busy month of activities. We have 3 new members in our council, successful brunch, bingo, Yard cleaning and more.. Thanks to everyone that has participated in the activities.

Let us continue serving our parish and community

Activities for November:

- 1 - Combined planning and general meeting – 7.00
 - 4 - Admission degree after 5.00 pm Mass
 - 8 - Deceased member's Mass and supper – 5.30
 - 19 - Parish brunch – 8.00
 - 24 - Family prayer 7.00
 - 25 - Articles for the Word due
 - put up, Keep Christ in Christmas signs – 9.00
- We have not received the new bingo schedule for November yet

Fraternally,
 Rejean

FROM OUR EDITOR

To our new members who joined us from Canora. our council to publish birthdays of members and wives, as well as anniversaries in our monthly newsletter.

To accomplish this, I need the following information from each new member: WIFE'S NAME AND BIRTHDAY(M/D), and your WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (D/M/Y). Please e-mail this information to me in confidence. I also need your e-mail address (In confidence), so that I could send "The Word"(in living color) to your computer, saving paper and postage.

Does anyone know the new address of Brother Ivan Bilsky and Donald Probe?

A GLASS OF MILK

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness." He said, "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many year's later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went into see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent

to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "Paid in full with one glass of milk" (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands." There's a saying which goes something like this: Bread cast on the waters comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place. And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Angeline Sherman | 16 – Joe Swejda |
| 3 – Orest Machushek | 18 – Evelyn Loster |
| 5 – Marcy Osicki | 18 – Sona Son Joseph |
| 5 – Denis Obrigewitsch | Justine |
| 7 – Debbie Hayward | 19 – Doreen Rathgeber |
| 7 – Shelley Slogotski | 20 – Terry Yaremko |
| 10 – Henry Kereliuk | 23 – James Caudle |
| 11 – Wayne Exner | 26 – Bill Yaremko |
| 13 – Cheryl Loster | 27 – Jonathan Rosas |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 – Elmer and Margaret Matisho
- 7 – Elliot and Donnalyn Graf
- 9 – Dr. Daniel and Verna Wassill
- 9 – Edwin and Christina Gemena (25th)
- 12 – Jerrold and Ann Malinowski (40th)
- 12 – David and Sandra Sutter
- 14 – Alfred and Lillian Labas
- 25 – William and Vivian Uy