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Newsletter of Monsignor Leech Council 4472

And Holy Family Assembly 3281



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## **WORDS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT**

Brothers, I was just looking back at the time I have spent as a Knight of Columbus. It has been over seven years, and obviously a lot has happened with our Council, our Parish, and in our World within those seven years. Throughout all of this, when I look at the members of our organization I see the strength of our bond as brothers and as Catholic men on a local, national and international level , and it gives me great hope about the future.

My goal as your Grand Knight is for our Council to take part in many, many more events such as the one that we had just a few weekends ago as brothers, as family, and as a community. I know there are numerous opportunities for us as a Council to get together, to grow, and to prosper like never before. So, brothers of Monsignor Leech Council 4472, I challenge each one of you to bring me your ideas and what you think we can do as brothers to grow our council into the future. Bring all your ideas to the table, and let's keep the momentum going and the morale up.

Our next Officers meeting will be Wednesday August 28th at 6pm in the Church Hall. All Officers are asked to attend.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have, and with great anticipation for what is yet to be. Bless us with a sense of unity, a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart.

Please guide our efforts to embrace our tradition and build our future.

We believe our goals are rooted in your word and in your work.

May we remain one in you. Lord God strengthen us and bless us with your presence, now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

### **Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes**

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**Brother John Hayden, Brother Lee Ayuso, Brother Paul Bachemin, Kathy Bachemin, Mary Ann Becnel, Brother Morton Davis, Brother Charles Erickson, Anne Erickson, Brother Roy Gamez, Betty Gamez, Brother Chuck Giroir, Brother Keefe Hecker, Brother Rod Malburg, Brother Justin Pletsch, Brother Walker Saussy, Brother Mickey Bishop, Brother Don Smith, Jean Smith. Repose of the Soul of Brother Warren Doussan Sr.**



**On Wednesday August 25th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will hold a Officers Meeting at 6pm in the Parish Hall. All Officers are asked to attend.**

**The Chaplet of Devine Mercy will be prayed on Friday September 6th and Friday September 20th, at the Chapel of St. Paul. The services will begin at 3pm. Please plan on attending.**

**Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will meet Tuesday September 3rd in the Parish Hall. The meeting will start with Rosary at 6:15pm followed by a meal at 6:30pm and the Council meeting at 7:00pm. Please plan on attending.**

**On Sunday September 8th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Monthly Corporate Communion at the 8:30 am Mass. We will have a prayer at the Monument to the unborn at 8:10am. Coffee and Donuts will be served after Mass.**

**Msgr. Leech Council 4472 will hold a Officers Meeting, Wednesday September 25th at 6pm in the Church Hall. All officers should attend.**

**Sunday September 29th is the Fifth Sunday in September. Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will be hosting The Fifth Sunday Rosary immediately after the 8:30am Mass. Please join your Brother Knights in Praying the Rosary to honor our Mother Mary.**

## July Family of the Month

Father Truong Trinh





## **Holy Family Assembly 3281**

**Thanks to Faithful Navigator Don Smith, PFN Greg Niolet, Sir Knight Rodney Keel, PFN Tony Dias del Valle, Sir Knight Patrick Burke, Sir Knight Daren Freeman and Sir Knight Steven D'Angelo for serving in the Honor Guard at Sir Knight Joe Spence's Funeral.**

**Congratulations to Assembly 3281 on attaining 200% of their 2023-2024 Membership Goal. Assembly 3281's Membership Goal was 3 New Members and we recruited 6 New Sir Knights. Assembly 3281's 2024-2025 New Membership Goal is 3 New Sir Knights.**

**The Price of the Fourth Degree Uniform will increase to \$475.00 on September 1, 2024. The Current price for the uniform package is \$449.00. If you would like to order your Uniform contact Faithful Comptroller Greg Niolet for more information.**

**Thursday August 22nd, Holy Family Assembly held its first Social Gathering at Hooks Restaurant . The gathering was attended by ten members and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Faithful Navigator Don Smith for starting this quarterly event.**

### **Introducing our New State Master of Mississippi**

**Beginning on September 1, 2024**

**William "Bill" Clark**

**District Master of Mississippi**

**Bienville Province**

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## **Happy Birthday,**

Louise Vrazel 9/1, Henry Stiller Jr. 9/4, Jason Kurschenheuter 9/6, Rev. Michael Austin, 9/8, Cyndi Kouba 9/10, Alexander Kooney 9/10, Rodney Malburg 9/11, Lena Farr 9/13, Allison Alarcon 9/15, Betty Gamez 9/15, Andrew Schatzle 9/17, Megan Smith 9/19, J C Fowler II 9/19, Leo McDermott 9/22, Richard Allard 9/23, Lorraine Miller 9/25, Christopher Smythe 9/25, Anne Reaver 9/27, Juanita Kuhnert 9/30.

## **Anniversaries**

Christopher & Lila Smythe 9/2, Joe Garrett Jr. & Cathy Garrett 9/24, Adam & Julie Gamez 9/25.

## **Ladies Auxiliary News**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 10th 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Church Hall. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our auxiliary, please feel free to attend the monthly meeting or contact Mary for more information at 228-493-4184 or [maryniolet@gmail.com](mailto:maryniolet@gmail.com).

## **Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Insurance Representative**

**Brother Luke McClure Assistant General Agent**

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**Brother Knights Enjoying a Shuckers Game**

**L to R Brother Frances Walker, Brother Don DeMetz, Brother Rick Allard**

**Brother Peter Furz and Brother Jay Williams**



**Help**

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**Volunteers Needed**

**Msgr. Leech Council 4472**

**Looking for Brother Knights**

**To Visit Home Bound**

**Knights**

**Message From Our Faith Director**

**Brother Don Smith**

**I would like to start a new Faith Ministry. I am looking for a few Brother Knights who would like to serve on this new ministry. I am looking for some Brother Knights who can visit our homebound Brothers and spent some time with them, to give them companionship while they are homebound and express our support for them. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please give me a call at 504-236-0868.**



**Brother Knights having Breakfast after Mass**

**Honoring Blessed Michael McGivney**

**L to R Brother Stuart Farr, Brother Tony Diaz del Valle, Brother Greg Niolet,  
Grand Knight Brother Christopher Smythe and Brother Andrew Koslosky**



**Note from our 2024 Harry Hull Jr. Scholarship Winner**

**Elleigh James Burge**

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for giving me a scholarship to CLA. I am very honored to have been chosen for this donation. I love to be able to serve and use the gifts God has given me.

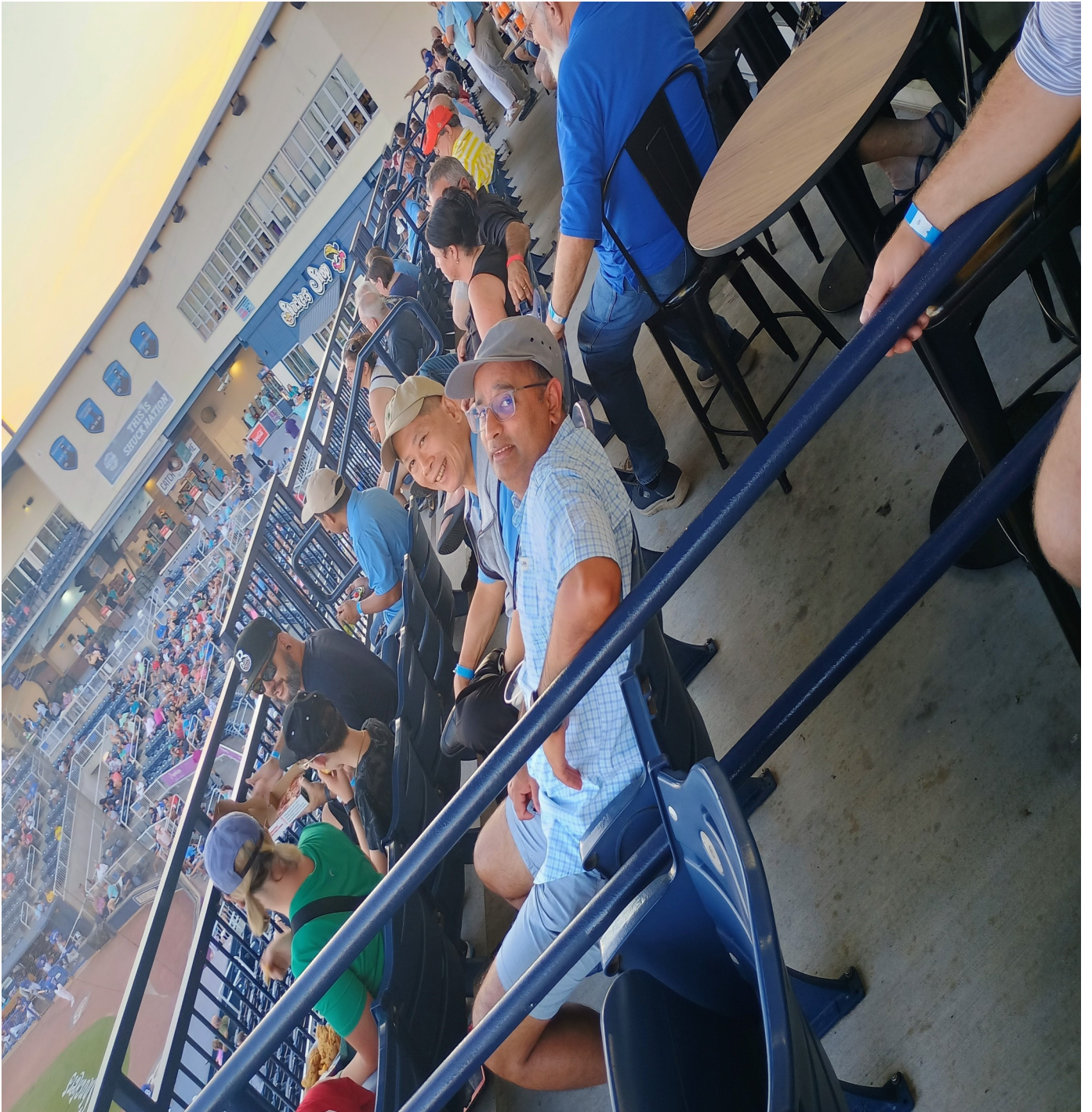
From,  
Elleigh James Burge

**Years of Service**

**Elvis Gates Jr. 9/6/2002 22 Years, Sean Anthony 9/17/2013 11 Years, Charles Wormeley 9/2/2015 9 Years, Blain Robin 9/22/2016 8 Years, James Molsbee 9/11/2022 2 Years, Aliejah Smythe 9/10/2023 1 Year, Jeremy Davis 9/13/023 1 Year.**



**Our Priest enjoying the Shuckers Game**  
**Father Dom Bosco and Father Truong Trinh**



## Michael Joseph McGivney

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852—August 14, 1890) was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

The cause for his canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996; in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue". On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis announced that McGivney had been approved for beatification, which officially occurred on October 31, 2020.

### Early Life

He was born to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut, brass mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at 13 to work in one of the brass mills' spoon-making departments.

### Studies

In 1868, at the age of 16, he entered the Seminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. He continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, near Niagara Falls, New York (1871-1872) and at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College, in Montreal, Quebec. While in seminary, he and other seminarians formed a baseball team and McGivney was a "naturally talented ballplayer". He had to leave the seminary, returning home to help finish raising his siblings after his father's death in June 1873. McGivney later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, Maryland; he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, by James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore at the Cathedral of the National Shrine of the Assumption.

### Founding of the Knights of Columbus

From his own experience, McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the father and wage earner's untimely death. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance, in the event of the men's deaths, to their widows and orphans. The organization developed as a fraternal society. McGivney was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.



McGivney spent seven years at St. Mary's then became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston in 1884. He died from pneumonia at the age of 38 in Thomaston on the eve of the Assumption in 1890.

The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating to 1937 during the Great Depression. As of 2013, the order had more than 1.8 million member families and 15,000 councils. During the 2012 fraternal year, the order donated \$167 million and 70 million man-hours to charity.

By 2020, the order reached the 2 million member mark. During the 2022 fraternal year, the order donated \$185 million and 49 million man-hours to charity.

## **Cause of Beatification and Canonization**

In 1996, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford opened the cause for canonization, an investigation into McGivney's life with a view towards formal recognition by the Catholic Church of his sainthood. Gabriel O'Donnell is the postulator of McGivney's cause. He is also the director of the Fr. McGivney Guild, which now has 150,000 members supporting his cause.

The diocesan investigation was closed in 2000, and the case was passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Vatican City, On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing McGivney's heroic virtue, thus declaring him as "Venerable."

As of May 5, 2015 a miracle attributed to McGivney's intercession was under investigation at the Vatican. On May 27, 2020, the miracle attributed to the intercession of McGivney was approved by Congregation for the Causes of Saints and authorized by Pope Frances. The Miracle involved the healing of Michael "Mickey" Schachle in his mother's womb after being given a zero percent chance of survival by doctors at Vanderbilt Medical Center in 2015.

On October 31, 2020, the beatification Mass of Michael McGivney was celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin presiding on the Pope's behalf.



# September 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2 Labor Day	3 Council Meeting 7:00pm	4	5	6 Devine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm St. Paul's Chapel	7
8 Corporate Communion 8:30am Mass	9	10 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16 Int'l. Day Of Democracy	17 Citizenship Day	18 Cheeseburger Day	19	20 Devine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm St. Paul's Chapel	21 Saint Matthew
22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25 Council Officers Meeting 6pm	26	27	28 Nat'l Sons Day
29 Fifth Sunday Rosary 9:45 am	30					