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March 2026

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

We are now almost two weeks into Lent. We are reminded to take the time to prepare for the Resurrection of Christ at Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The sixth chapter of the *Gospel according to Matthew* provides how these three pillars of Lent are rooted in the Scripture.

Matthew 6: 3-4 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father sees in secret will repay you.

Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

Matthew 6:17-18 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be

fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.

This month, we welcomed three new Brother Knights to the Knights of Columbus and our council. Thank you, Joe Bauer, Shawn Walsh, and Chris Warren, for saying yes to serving the Catholic Church and our brothers and sisters in the community through the various Knights of Columbus initiatives. A big thank you goes to all Brother Knights who helped with our latest membership drive, especially those who provided a testimony before a weekend Mass on how your membership with the Knights of Columbus has helped grow your faith. I also appreciate the work of our Exemplification team, always ready when called.

The month of March will have several opportunities to take part in important KC Council 1143 initiatives. From a Food and

Household Items Drive to benefit the Ed-Glen Pantry on March 7 (8am to 12 noon at either St. Boniface parking lot of St. Mary's parking lot), to promoting the culture of Life in the Southern Illinois region (Rosary for Life on March 14, Illinois Pro-Life March on March 19, 40 Days for Life on March 28), and the popular Lenten Fish Fry (every Friday during Lent), let us continue working together as a brotherhood of Catholic men.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE JANUARY 31st

Only 1/3 of the members have paid their dues. Please pay your dues ASAP.

MONTHLY FISH FRY

March 6th Team #4, March 13th Team #1, March 20th Team#2, March 27th Team #3
4:30-7:30 pm

March Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jerry & Stephanie Kapp - 51	23	Gary & Helen Newton - 67
1	Joseph & Diane Gassiraro - 29	30	Tom & Cindy Orscheln - 41
18	Edward & Jeanne Collins - 48	31	Robert & Colleen Nelson - 59

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

March Birthdays

1	Christopher Bray	20	David Berczek
3	Sergio Cortes	22	Collin Perry
3	Andy Wasser	22	Dr Nathan Vuagniaux
5	Peter Galinski	24	Dale Coleman
5	Matt Rakers	25	Dennis Hessel
7	Bill Beutel	25	Ralph Kostyshock
7	Gregory Goin	25	Gerald McGivern
7	Padrick Mulligan	27	James Kohlfeld
8	Michael Sullivan	27	Luke Piarowski
9	Tom Johnson	28	Greg Frese
11	Charles Berkel	28	Jeffrey Wiedman
11	William Stullken	30	Gerald Meznarich
13	Donald Lask	30	David Viox
17	Dr Michael Lask	31	Jay Kohlmler
20	Christopher Amick	31	Jeremy Wildhaber



Calendar of Events March 2026

March Calendar of Activities

March 1 (11am-4:30pm)	KC BBQ (at the Hall)	March 14 (9am)	Rosary for Life at St. Mary's
March 3 (7:30pm)	Assembly 225 meeting	March 14	KC Council 1143 Scholarship deadline
March 4 (5-6pm)	Holy Hour (St. Boniface Church)	March 18 (5-6pm)	Holy Hour (St. Boniface Church)
March 6 (4:30-7:30pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 4)	March 19	Illinois Pro-Life March (in Springfield, IL)
March 9 (7pm)	Council 1143 meeting	March 20 (4:30-7:30pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 2)
March 7 (8am-12 noon)	Food and Household Items Drive (St. Boniface parking lot; St. Mary's parking lot)	March 23 (7pm)	Council 1143 Officers Planning Meeting
March 13 (4:30-7pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 1)	March 27 (4:30-7:30pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 3)
		March 28 (7am-7pm)	40 Days for Life

Knight of the Month

March 2026 Knights of Month: Matt Agustin and Rob Savant

Matt stepped up to coordinate the highly successful Father and Daughter Dance. He led a very committed team of Brother Knights, family, and friends to make the Father and Daughter Dance a memorable one for those who attended. Matt continues to play his violin with the St. Boniface Adult Choir during Sunday Mass.



Despite some challenging issues, Rob stepped up to do what he is famous for: cook the best pasta for the Father and Daughter Dance and helped with making the brats to be used for several council initiatives. Rob serves as the Outer Sentinel for the assembly and is a valued member of the St. Boniface Adult Choir.

4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Worthy Sir Knights,

As March begins, we find ourselves deep in the penitential season of Lent. This is a time for reflection, sacrifice, and renewed devotion to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Our Assembly calendar has been intentionally quiet to allow for spiritual focus, but our members have been far from idle, as our Assembly's spirit of fraternity is alive and well at the Council Fish Frys.

It has been inspiring to see so many of our Sir Knights "trading the baldric for an apron" to support our local Councils. Whether you are breading fish, clearing tables, or simply sharing a meal with your family, thank you for supporting these vital Lenten traditions.

I am incredibly proud to announce that Assembly 225 received the 2025 Civic Award. This honor is bestowed by the Supreme Council for outstanding

performance in conducting patriotic programs. It is a testament to your dedication to our veterans, our civic involvement, and our visible presence in the community over the past year. Thank you to every Sir Knight who helped us achieve this milestone; your "Patriotic Degree" spirit is truly making an impact!

I challenge and invite my Brother Knights to join us! Keep an eye out for upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification dates for any Third Degree brothers looking to join our ranks. The next Exemplification of Patriotism on the schedule in Illinois will be Saturday, June 27, 2026 at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Northbrook, IL hosted by Bishop Hillinger Assembly #1595.

May this Lenten season bring you and your families closer to our Lord as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones



Take the next step—become a 4th Degree Knight!

From Our Field Agent

Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple of weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipated when their income fluctuates – for example, if your salary changed, or if you retire and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family than you planned.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a

range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month.

Reach out to me and let's get together and talk.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Sullivan



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Faith

Ora Pro Nobis (Pray for Us)

Saint John Paul II stated that praying for the souls in Purgatory is the "highest act of supernatural charity". The souls in Purgatory rely entirely on the prayers of the living, as they can no longer help themselves.

Anyone interested in participating in this new program is asked to include in their daily rosary the soul of a departed Brother Knight, friend or family member. At the beginning of each month, we will provide a list of names to include in your rosary intentions for every day that month.

To participate in this daily rosary for Holy Souls, please email or text Brother Knight Jim Jatcko at jjatcko@hotmail.com or 618-803-0570.

Ora Pro Nobis (Daily Rosary Intentions for the Faithful Departed)

March 1 - Neil Joellenbeck	March 17 - Kimberly Deters
March 2 - Tim Gebke	March 18 - Benna Denué
March 3 - Jerry Doll	March 19 - Robert Bucks
March 4 - Larry Luebbers	March 20 - Laurence Theriault
March 5 - Milt Gerstenecker	March 21 - BettyJane Voss
March 6 - Jack Springmire	March 22 - Lloyd (Tom) Harmon
March 7 - Allen Hawkins	March 23 - Rob Dane
March 8 - Jeff Litterst	March 24 - Jim Hickman
March 9 - Cornelia Wall	March 25 - Len Gebke
March 10 - Charlie Foos	March 26 - Joyree Chura
March 11 - Maurice Gutzler	March 27 - Cletus Rattermann
March 12 - Virginia Boll	March 28 - Gary Schmidt
March 13 - Tom Burns	March 29 - Dave McCausland
March 14 - James Zupanci	March 30 - Chris Doll
March 15 - Ralph Luchtefeld	March 31 - Ed (Buck) Buchanan
March 16 - Richard Trame	

If you would like to add an intention for a departed Knight, family member or friend for the month of April, please email jjatcko@hotmail.com by March 15.

Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

Pope John Paul II (1920-1962)

Come and enjoy some peace and quiet in the presence of our Lord. Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Boniface Adoration Chapel on March 4th and March 18th, from 5:00-6:00pm.



PRO LIFE

Rosary for Life - 9:00 am on March 14th at St. Mary's Parish

Each month, on the second Saturday of the month we gather to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring an end to abortion. May—October we pray outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City and November—April we meet at St. Mary Church, 1802 Madison Ave. Edw to pray the rosary. This event is not limited to just members of the Knights of Columbus. Bring your spouse, your children and your fellow parishioners.



Council 1143 day of prayer at the Hope Clinic in Granite City for 40 Days for Life is on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Our Council is responsible for having at least 2 members, family or friends present between 7:00– 7:00pm to

pray for the end of abortion. If you are able to fill a one hour time slot, please contact Tom Tucker (cell is (618) 741-8930). Thank you to those who volunteer their time to pray for those affected by

Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield ...

Thousands of anti-abortion advocates will descend upon Springfield March 19, 2026 to March for Life in the post-Roe era. Our council will meet at the HALL at and carpool to Springfield to participate in this event. Last year only two Knights from our Council attend. If possible take a few hours from your day and attend this event. Show your support for Right to Life and you will get more out of it than you put in.

10AM - Mass for Life, hosted by the Diocese of Springfield. Registration details will be shared when they become available. Registration is required—go to <https://www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/> to register and for more details

1PM - The Rally

Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building, 401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701

2PM - The March

3PM - Lobbying

5:15PM - Mass, hosted by the Canons Regular at: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL 62703



FAMILY

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Family of the Month

March 2026 Family of the Month: Paul and Barb Pizzini

Paul and Barb are active parishioners of St. Boniface Church. Paul serves the council in multiple ways and is always ready to volunteer in whatever capacity. He is the council Recorder for the last two years and this year took the position of leading our Highway Cleanup crew. Barb is a member of the St. Boniface Handbell choir which provides music and prayer support at some of the week-end Masses.



COMMUNITY

Food and Household Items Drive – March 7, 8am to 12 noon

(St. Boniface parking lot on corner of Fillmore and Vandalia; St. Mary's parking lot)

On March 7, the council will be collecting food, household, and hygiene items for the Glen Ed Pantry. There will be two locations, one in St. Boniface and the second in St. Mary's.

Requested Items: sugar, vegetable oil, diced tomatoes, canned fruit, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti O's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, men and women deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent. Cash donations will also be accepted, to be used to purchase fresh produce.



Knights of Columbus Council 1143 2026 Scholarship Application

Council 1143 is accepting application for scholarship to Fr. McGivney Catholic High School and a senior going to college next year. The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award. The size of the award is based on the amount of money available and the number of qualified applicants.

The applicant must be a graduating senior at a local high school and be planning to attend an accredited 2 year or 4 year college or university.

All students whose Father or Grand Father are (or were at the time of death) a member "in good standing" in the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143 or Assembly 225 are welcome to apply. Awards will then be based on service to community and church and/or extracurricular activities and answers to the questions below. The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee has final authority over all awards.

The applicant, after approval, must supply the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee with a copy of his/her letter of acceptance for payment of monies which will be issued jointly to the student and to the school of enrollment.

The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee requests (if possible) that a representative be allowed to present this award at the high school awards night.

The application forms are on the following pages. There are separate application for the high school and college scholarships.

All applications must be submitted by Saturday, March 14,2026.



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Assembly 0225

Father McGivney Catholic High School Scholarship Application

This scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award. The size of the award is based on the amount of money available and the number of qualified applicants. The applicant must be a graduate of or graduating from any accredited grade school and must be enrolled as a freshman at Father McGivney Catholic High School. The applicant must also be a child or grandchild of a member (in good standing for at least one consecutive year from the date of the application deadline) of Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143 and/or Edwardsville Assembly 0225.

TO APPLY: Completed applications must be postmarked by **Saturday, March 14, 2026**, and mailed to:

Edwardsville Knights of Columbus
Scholarship Committee
7132 Marine Rd.
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Applications may also be emailed by **Saturday, March 14, 2026**, to: ldg@knappohlgreen.com

STUDENT INFORMATION: (Note: Please type or print) Part 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of grade school you are currently attending: _____

Please answer the following questions (attach additional pages if necessary):

In what ways (please give examples) have you loved as Jesus has taught us to love by helping members of your family, your friends, your neighbors, your church, or even strangers?

Why do you believe that a Catholic education is important? _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Father McGivney Catholic High School Scholarship Application (Part 2)

All information included in this scholarship application will be held in strictest confidence by the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee.

FAMILY INFORMATION: (Note: Please type or print)

Father or Grand is a member of Edwardsville KC Council 1143 or Assembly 225. Knight's name: _____
Membership # _____

Is the applicant a member of St. Boniface Parish or St. Mary's Parish in Edwardsville? Parish: _____

Number of children in family: _____

Number of Siblings: Older: _____ Younger: _____

By signing below, I/We agree to the following:

- The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee has permission to discuss all aspects of this application with the parish priest and/or deacon and with grade school administrators and teachers.
- All decisions by the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee are final.
- All statements contained in this application are true and correct.

Parents Signatures: Father: _____ Date: _____
 Mother: _____ Date: _____



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award. The size of the award is based on the amount of money available and the number of qualified applicants.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (part 1)

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STUDENT INFORMATION: (Note: Please type or print)

Name: _____
(Last, First, Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (part 1 continued)

Please complete the following (attach additional pages if necessary):

Provide a summary of your service to church and community and/or your involvement in extracurricular activities, highlighting your specific contributions to the activity or organization, especially any work at Knights of Columbus sponsored events.

List high school honors that you have received.

Question 1: How can you help the Knights of Columbus further their principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism?

Question 2: How do you plan to improve the lives of others and to make the world around you a better place?

Question 3: Why should you be selected to receive this scholarship? In other words, write your own question and answer it (be sure to state the question clearly before answering it).

What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

What major course of study do you plan to pursue? _____



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Part 2)

FAMILY INFORMATION: (Note: Please type or print)

Father or Grand is a member of Edwardsville KC Council 1143 or Assembly 225. Knight's name: _____
Membership # _____

Religion: _____ Church/Parish: _____

Number of children in family: _____

Number of Siblings: Older: _____ Younger: _____

Number of other family members who will be in college during the next four years _____

By signing below, I/We agree to the following:

- All decisions by the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee are final.
- All statements contained in this application are true and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents' Signature: _____ Date: _____