



Knights' Notes – Aug '26 Issue

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Serving Holy Trinity, Historic St. Patrick's, St. Mary's parishes & St John Paul II Newman Center

CLUBROOM HOURS

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 10pm

Saturday: 11am – 10pm *May stay open later if there is sufficient business.*

KEY DATE REMINDERS

• **Saturdays, Burgers and Corndogs!**

- Aug 3rd, Knights Rosary at HSP
- Aug 6th, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Aug 6th, Council mtg, 6pm
- Aug 13th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- Aug 15th, Assumption of Mary
- Aug 20th, Council mtg, 6pm
- Aug 24th, Memorial of St. Bartholomew

HOLD THE DATES

- Sept 5th, Labor Day **Special Menu**
- Sept 18-20, Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place.

Let Jim, any officer, or Terry know of someone Sick or Deceased to have name put on a prayer list. They should be affiliated with the K of C.

IN GOD'S CARE

All those faithfully departed in June safely in the Arms of God.

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Visit us at: <http://www.kofc574.com> for previous Knights Notes, Parishes, and more. Contact GK Jim Smith at 309-530-5703 or jsmith1002@aol.com for a printed Newsletter.

Club Ph: 309-828-9671

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Grand Knight Report-

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

First of all, I guess you are stuck with reading my ramblings for another year. Sorry about last month, but due to the death of my brother-in-law I was out of town and didn't have access to any computer devices. I found out how reliant we are.

I also learned a valuable lesson regarding estate planning. We are not invincible, and EVERYONE NEEDS A WILL, AND BENEFICIARY PLANNING! Talk with Matt Koeniger.

I also rediscovered the answer to the often-asked question "WHY JOIN A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION like the Knights of Columbus"? This question is asked all the time when I encourage Catholic men to join us. What does my membership bring?

THE ANSWER IS:

UNITY: When you join the Knight of Columbus you are embraced by the entire organization of over 18,000 councils worldwide, that combine to share their prayers with yours. Our prayer network has helped me enormously.

FRATERNITY: When you become involved with an organization and participate in events you create friendships that last a lifetime. The Knights of Columbus family have become my closest friend in the past 25 years.

CHARITY: Without being a member of the Knights of Columbus, it is sooo easy to forget to help those in need. REMEMBER THAT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE THAT WILL BE HELD ON SEPT. 18-20.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND, AS ALWAYS, LET'S CONTINUE TO GET IT DONE ON DUNN !!!!

Jim Smith: Grand Knight (309) 530-5703 jsmith1002@aol.com

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Please plan to attend our next meeting on Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 pm. The school supply drive is off to a great start. We are planning to deliver school supplies BEFORE school starts this year.

We will continue our conversation on a second delivery based on the inventory we have collected. Thanks all – see you next week – Tina

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6 Kevin Killian	21 Phil Hudson
7 Edward Condon	21 Andrew Rippy
9 Francis Quinn	21 Randy Trees
9 Roger Longman	22 Bernard Wright
10 James Smith	23 Douglas Gordon
10 Thaddeus Hughes	24 David Busch
10 Mark K Jones	25 Brendan Lee
11 Mike Gibbs	26 Daniel Deneen
12 David Kraft	26 Donald Mc Hugh
13 Father McGivney	30 Thomas Aranowski
15 James Kellogg	31 Lawrence Weller
15 David Kistner	
16 James Kelley	
18 John Sciutto	
18 John Buttitta	
20 John Buscher	



Burgers and Corndogs

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Saturday's



Tootsie Roll Drive - Sept 18,19,20.

The **Intellectual Disabilities** or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus does. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning and life needs. The 2026 - 2027 Annual Drive will be held September 18, 19, 20.

Jim Smith, Grand Knight, Chairman...

Donate Time: help for a few hours on Sept 18, 19 and 20 to staff locations in town. Sign-up Sheets will be up at the club the first week of August.

Donate Money: copy and paste this link
<https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/id>



Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Aug 3rd at the Historic St Patrick Church.

We will recite the rosary and have time for group discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904... **Yes, I plan to attend**



Labor Day Pork Tenderloin Sandwich & Fries Special

Come join Tyler Williams & Mike Boylen as they cook a special lunch menu from 11:30 to 1:30 on Saturday Sept 5th for an early Labor Day Celebration!



Happy Labor Day Weekend

No Burgers or Corn Dogs on the 5th.



4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Our next Meeting will be Thur, August 13th at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant, Blm, 6pm.

Please let Scott know if you will be attending.

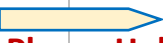
Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904 with yes, if plan to attend / no, if not.

Buffet – Pay at the Register.

Key MEMBER Contact Information

Grand Knight: Jim Smith	Warden: Charlie Kunkel
Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Scudder	Outside Guard: Dan Carmany
Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich	Trustee: Roger Petri
Chancellor: Mike Buttitta	Trustee: Tyler Williams
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	Trustee: Chris Larson
Recorder: Martin Walker III	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Inside John Hickey	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President
Advocate: Martin Walker IV	

Aug 2026**Club Phone: 309-828-9671****We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property**<https://www.facebook.com/people/Knights-of-Columbus-Council-574>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.			29	30	Happy Hour 31	11:30 - 1:30 Aug 1 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Tony & Mary Thompson
	2 Knight's Rosary 3 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	4	5	6 Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 7	11:30 - 1:30 8 Burgers & Dogs Crew: John Braucht
9 	10 	11	12	13 4th Degree mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 14	11:30 - 1:30 15 Burgers & Dogs Assumption of Mary  Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
16	17	18		19 Council Mtg 6pm Ask Someone to Join	20 	11:30 - 1:30 22 Burgers & Dogs Crew: TBD
23 	24 Feast of Saint Bartholomew 	25	26	27 	28	11:30 - 1:30 29 Burgers & Dogs Crew: TBD
30	31	Sept 1 Coming in Sept  Please Help	2 Be a Yellow Vest 	3	4	5  Labor Day

Saint Bartholomew

The Feast of St. Bartholomew commemorates the life of Jesus' disciple Bartholomew. St. Bartholomew is thought to have been from Galilee and was probably one of Jesus' first followers.

Traditionally, Bartholomew is believed to have been a Jewish law scholar who was a close friend with the apostle Philip. He is credited with converting many to Christianity, in particular in Armenia as well as parts of India and Asia Minor.

Assumption of Mary

Commemorating her ascension into heaven, Catholics believe that Mary, the Virgin mother, never physically died and ascended into heaven.

Mary, as the mother of God, lived a life without sin. Since Mary and Christ were both without sin she was raised to heaven just as Christ was. This belief started the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

In the US Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation unless it falls on a Saturday or Monday. This was decided by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the US on Dec 13, 1991. Nevertheless, all the faithful are encouraged to attend mass on this day this year but are not obliged.

August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The heart of Mary is a motherly heart, a heart full of love and mercy for her children. The heart of Mary is also the channel through which all the graces of God flow down to us.

She is "our life, our sweetness, and our hope."

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full?

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception.

I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations!

I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask for his continued intercession for our work. In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable.

Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate. But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Koeniger to schedule a time to meet. Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings. 309-533-5667 or e-mail matthew.koeniger@kofc.org. Thank you!

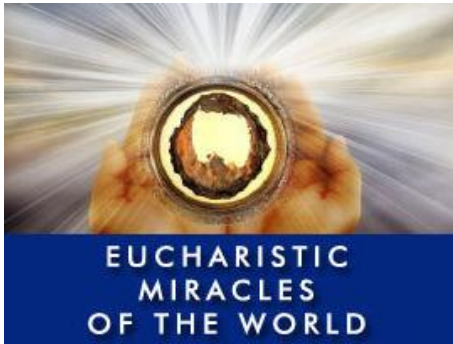
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This is Your **Newsletter**

Please make suggestions for content by calling Mike at 309-830-6824. If you know of someone that is sick, injured, or has died, please let GK Jim Smith know at 309-530-5703 so we can add them to our prayer list and the Board at the Club.



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ's blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God behind the physical world, reminding us there is more to our existence than we can understand with our 5 senses alone.

Eucharistic Miracle of **ST. PETER DAMIAN**

ITALY, ELEVENTH CENTURY



A sorceress asked a woman to bring her a consecrated Host. The woman went to Mass and during Communion she managed to hide a Host in her handkerchief. The priest noticed what happened and ran after the woman and ordered her to show him what she was hiding. The woman opened the handkerchief, and to their surprise they saw that half of the stolen Particle had been transformed into Flesh and the other half looked like the Host.



St. Peter Damian



Hermitage of Fonte Avellana, where St. Peter Damian lived

In his *Opuscul. XXXIV; Patrol. Lat.*, tom. CXLV. col. 573, St. Peter Damian, a Doctor of the Church, describes an important Eucharistic miracle of which he was a direct witness. We present the Italian translation of the episode as the Saint himself describes it: "This is a Eucharistic event of great importance. It took place in 1050. Giving in to a horrible temptation, a woman was about to take the Eucharistic Bread home to use the Sacred Species for sorcery. But a priest noticed what she had done and ran after her, taking away from her the Host she had sacrilegiously stolen. Then he unfolded the white linen cloth in which the sacred Host had been wrapped and found that the Host had been transformed in such a way that Half had become visibly the Body of Christ, while the other Half preserved the normal look of a Host. With such a clear testimony, God wanted to win over unbelievers and heretics who refused to accept the Real Presence of the Eucharistic mystery: in one half of the consecrated bread the Body of Christ was visible, while in the other the natural form, thus highlighting the reality of the sacramental transubstantiation taking place at the Consecration."

Eucharistic Miracle of **SCALA**

ITALY, 1732



In 1732 for more than three consecutive months there appeared signs of our Lord's Passion in the consecrated Hosts. This marvelous event took place during exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament in the monastery of the Most Holy Redeemer of Scala in the presence of numerous testimonies, among whom was St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, the great Doctor of the Church.



Venerable Maria Celeste Crostarosa



Interior of the monastery church



Monstrance of the miracle



Monastery of the Most Holy Redeemer, Scala

The venerable Sister Maria Celeste Crostarosa founded the Monastery of the Most Holy Redeemer together with St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori. Every Thursday the Most Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the monastery for public adoration. From September 11, 1732, for three consecutive months, during the solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the signs of the Passion of Christ appeared in the Host contained in the monstrance. All this can be confirmed not only by the nuns and the people but also by Bishop Santoro of Scala and by the Bishop of Castellamare. The apparition occurred also in the presence of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori. Bishop Santoro wrote a letter to Bishop Simonetti, Apostolic Nuncio of Naples, in which he described all the details related to the visions that took place in the Sacred Host that had been exposed. In turn, the Nuncio forwarded the letter to Cardinal Barbieri, then Secretary of State.

Annual Church Picnic

Friday July 31st

Looking for something to do this Friday evening? Join us in the Holy Trinity Basement for the annual HOLY TRINITY & HISTORIC SAINT PATRICK Church Picnic from 5pm to 8pm.

Enjoy great food including smoked pulled pork sandwiches, brats, burgers, hot dogs and lots of side dishes. There will also be games, treats, and friendship. We hope to see you there!!



In service to our parishes since 1901 Fr. John D. Ring Council #574 will also be providing adult beverages



Thurs., August 27, 2026

Take Action Luncheon, 11:30-12:30 at The DoubleTree. Lunch is free, but guests must register. This is Faith in Action's opportunity to raise name awareness, raise funds, and recruit new volunteers. Please consider hosting a table and inviting friends or clergy who may not yet be familiar with the vital community work carried out by FIA volunteers. The link to register is <https://bnfia.org/event/2026-take-action-luncheon/>

Annual Mum Sale – Sale online now! Taking orders until August 28, 2026. Choose from 3 sizes at <https://bnfia.org/event/2026-mum-sale/>

Group Volunteer Training: Normally the 1st Tues/month at 1:00 pm; however, in July it will be the 3rd Tuesday: July 21, 2026, 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm at Normal ARC



Hi! My name is Ashley Miller, I have been a parishioner at Holy Trinity since I was baptized! I currently serve as a FOCUS missionary in town at Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Heartland Community College. Our mission with FOCUS is to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples, especially on the college campus. At a time when students are searching for their meaning and identity and often looking in the wrong places, we get to introduce them to Jesus through Bible studies, sacraments, mission trips, retreats, etc. To be able to live out our mission freely, we rely 100% on the

generosity of mission partners, people like you! If you are interested in being a part of this mission by supporting monthly or one time, or interested in hearing more, please contact me at email or phone, or see my giving page below. Thank you so much, know of my prayers for you, and please pray for me! May God bless you.

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Curious about the craft beer brewing process? Join us for a tour of the Destihl Brewery, 1200 Greenbriar Dr, Normal, IL on **August 25th**, at 5:30pm. The cost for the tour is \$15.00 and includes tastings and a souvenir glass. Dinner after the tour at the brewery on your own.

Reservations and payment must be received by August 19th, 2026.

Make checks payable to YOUNG AT HEART and mail to: Mary-Margaret McHugh, 406 Northridge C.C. Est., Normal, IL, 61761