



Knightly Newsletter

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Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of May I remind you that this is one of two months in which we honor our Blessed Mother, and we do so in two ways: by serving our parish and our community; and by prayer, especially by praying the Rosary. Because our world is in such a sad situation with wars, violence, and a general disregard for human life, we need to remember how Our Lady of Fatima called for us to pray the Rosary daily as a sure road to bringing peace to our families, our communities and to the whole world. Let us take Mary at her word and commit to the daily Rosary either individually or as a family at this time. For sure our mother will hear and answer our prayers.

Fr. Dick Morse
OSFS Council Chaplain

KNIGHTS CORNER

Sometimes we Catholics are accused of *worshipping* Mary. Of course, that's nonsense and so we should ask our so called 'bible believing' friends why they don't honor our Lord's mother as scripture does, such as in Rev 11-12. Even Jesus gave his mother so much respect that he started his public ministry upon her words "do whatever he tells you". Jn 2:5. No, we Catholics have the right idea about our mother, Mary. There are some great resources to learn more about our faith and about our devotions, such as the [Catholic Answers](#) website, or the book by Tim Staples, "[Behold Your Mother](#)".



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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Brothers,
Let's all give our Council Chaplin and Parish Pastor a big congratulations and thank you. Fr. Morse will be retiring after this month and moving to the Midwest. Father, we are sad to see you go and we will miss you. At the same time, we are happy for you and wish you well. You've served the church, our parish and our council well for many years and you deserve to take a break. "Well done my good and faithful servant!" Please pray for us and we will continue to pray for you.

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Lilly, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 29 [2nd Harvest Food Distribution](#)
May 1 Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
May 8 Mother's Day
May 10 Council Meeting
6pm Rosary, Meal, Meeting @7pm
May 14 *Into the Breach* Men's Breakfast
May 14 Fr. Morse Farewell Party
After Sat 5pm Mass, FLC
May 21 Wine & Cheese after the Sat Mass
May 22 Doughnuts after Sunday Masses
May 27 [2nd Harvest Food Distribution](#)
May 28 *Into the Breach* Men's Breakfast

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

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| Steven Aguilar 3 rd | Ted Hartman 11 th |
| Fr. Marcelino 3 rd | Scott Lucas 17 th |
| Frank Bracco 6 th | Armando Reza 25 th |
| Kyle Jones 9 th | |

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Please pray for brothers Bob Neathery, Richard De Antonio, and for wives Jeraldine Goeken and Debbie Santillanes.

For additions, deletions, corrections or current status, please call your Chancellor, Danny Costello.

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus & John Aguilar)

[Into the Breach](#) is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges us to wholeheartedly embrace our masculine virtues in a world in crisis. Our council began hosting this men's breakfast in March on Saturday mornings, and so far, 20-30 men have been attending. We're viewing and discussing the KC [Into the Breach](#) video series and will continue this on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 7:30 to 9:00am in the Parish Center.

In May, we'll meet on the 14th and 28th. Just show up. This is open to all men (whether or not a KofC brother, parishioner or Catholic). Invite your relatives and friends. Each session is independent, so its OK if you've missed any past sessions. Come anyway.



"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land."
Ezekiel 22:30

Family (Pete Simoncini)

We are working on some ideas for family events this summer:

1. Family Rosary. Let's teach our kids about this great, traditional devotion.
2. A Summer BBQ. -a purely social event for all Knights and families. We'll announce a date and place as soon as we get that settled.
3. Movie Night. Either out to a theater or in the FLC.
4. A baseball game. Maybe we can go as a group to either a minor league (Modesto Nuts or Stockton Ports) or to an Oakland A's or SF Giants game.

Let's get our families together and have some good summer fun!

Community (Gabriel DeLariva & Louie Rodriguez)

We're mainly focused on setting up the tootsie roll drive right now. There's more news to come on that.

Life (Robert Poncini)

Standing With Moms in Need

"Every human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value. This must always be proclaimed anew with the courage of the Word and the courage of actions. It calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members." –Pope Francis on the 25th Anniversary of [Evangelium Vitae](#) (March 25, 2020).

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), a statement was sent out highlighting the above words from Pope Francis, while affirming the value of every human life as our nation awaits the U.S.

Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case.

Furthermore, some take-aways for us from the letter, exhorts all the faithful to recommit and redouble our efforts to:

- Accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies (see initiative such as [Walking with Moms in Need](#))
- To ensure our Catholic parishes are places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth.
- To be witnesses of love and life by expanding and improving the extensive network of comprehensive care including pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and Catholic health care and social service agencies
- To redouble our advocacy for laws that ensure the right to life for unborn children and that no mother or family lacks the basic resources needed to care for their children.
- To proclaim God's mercy after abortion and compassionately accompany women and men who are suffering after an abortion.

To read the [USCCB's statement in full click here.](#)
God bless.

To get involved with any of your council programs, please contact the Program Director or Mark Tomlinson.