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## Easter: The Heart of Our Faith and Mission

**FOR CATHOLIC MEN**, and especially for members of the Knights of Columbus, Easter is not simply a date on the calendar—it is the very foundation of our faith and our mission. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ proclaims that sin and death do not have the final word. From the empty tomb flows the hope that animates our lives, our families, and our service to Church and community.

The Easter Triduum draws us deeply into this mystery. We walk with Christ through suffering and sacrifice on Good Friday, wait in faith-filled silence Holy Saturday, and then rejoice as light overcomes darkness at the Easter Vigil. In rising from the dead, Christ restores humanity's relationship with the Father and offers each of us the promise of new life. As St. Paul reminds us, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:17). Because He has been raised, our faith becomes courage, action, and joy.

For Knights of Columbus, Easter renews our commitment to live out the principles on which our Order was founded: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Resurrection challenges us to be men of hope in a world

often marked by division and discouragement. United with the Risen Lord, we are called to serve generously, defend the dignity of human life, strengthen our families, and stand with those most in need.

Easter also reminds us that authentic Christian discipleship always moves outward. The Risen Christ sends His followers to make disciples of all nations, to forgive, to heal, and to serve. In the same way, the Knights are sent beyond council meetings and parish halls into the wider community. Whether through charitable works, support for vocations, aid to the persecuted, or assistance to widows, orphans, and those facing hardship, our service becomes a living witness to the power of the Resurrection.

Finally, Easter gives us joy—a joy rooted not in ease or comfort, but in the certainty that Christ walks with us. As Knights and Catholic men, may we carry the light of Easter into our homes, parishes, and neighborhoods. Strengthened by the Risen Lord, let us renew our resolve to lead with faith, serve with love, and proclaim with our lives: *Christ is risen. Alleluia!*



**AS I PREPARE THIS ARTICLE** there are only 14 weeks remaining in this fraternal year 2025-2026. There are still two areas that many councils have been negligent in completing in a timely manner.

**These are not optional but are required programs that must be completed**

**before our State Convention in May.**

- > Holding two Fraternal Benefit Events with either 10 or 14 attendees depending on the size of your council.
- > Having four individuals in each council sign up for and complete the Safe Environment requirements.

Both of these only take about an hour to complete and are required for your council to achieve Star Council recognition.

**Here is where I need your council's help now, and I ask that you take this request seriously:** Although we are setting new records in growth and instituting many new Councils, Star Council Status should be your council's ultimate goal. The Star Council Award is not just another plaque to hang on a wall.

Achieving "Star Council" means your council is continuing to be active in your communities and in your parishes and your council is growing your membership so as to maintain your good works for many years to come.

As your State Deputy, I am also challenged by Supreme to see that the State as a whole is continuing to grow. One of my goals is for at least 60 of our 293 active councils to achieve Star Council status.

You could have an 800% growth in membership, and without compliance of these two programs you would not qualify for Star Council status and Wisconsin also would not meet its goal of a minimum of 60+ Star Councils.

As of today, only 17 councils or 6% are fully compliant in their Fraternal Benefit Requirements, and only 112 or 38% are fully compliant in their Safe Environment requirements.

**Can I get your commitment to getting these two completed before our State Convention in May?**

Each of our 293 council's officers and service personnel are also receiving a personal email from me stressing the importance of being compliant with these two programs. Creating 293 emails takes a considerable amount of time for me to process, but it shows how concerned I am that everyone knows of the importance of completing these two programs **ASAP**.

**The header of my email was: URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY TO COUNCIL ###**

The reason for this email is to reach those councils that may not be reading or are not registered to receive this monthly Badger Bulletin and are not reading or registered to receive our important Flocknote announcements.

Hopefully sharing my email with **all the key personnel** and not just the WGK or WFS will generate the actions necessary at the council level to be compliant.

Let's show Supreme and our Communities and Parishes that the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus have what it takes to succeed and grow by following Blessed Michael McGivney's mission.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**BROTHERS, WISCONSIN IS CALLED** to send ten delegates to the Supreme Convention — an opportunity to represent our state and give voice to the strength and spirit of our brotherhood.

By virtue of their office, the State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy will serve as the first two

delegates. The remaining eight will be elected by the delegates attending our Quasquintennial – 125th Annual Wisconsin State Convention in Madison.

To be eligible, candidates must be Third Degree Knights, and at least four of the eight elected delegates must be Insurance Members.

The Supreme Council provides support for those who serve as Delegates, reimbursing \$400 per day for three days, along with mileage at \$0.30 per mile (one way).

This year, the Wisconsin State Council again invites brothers seeking election to submit a résumé and nomination statement for posting on the State website. This allows councils across Wisconsin to learn about the men who feel called to represent them — their service, leadership, and dedication — before arriving at the State Convention.

### Nomination Form

During the Convention Caucus, seated delegates will nominate and elect the brothers who will carry Wisconsin's banner forward to Supreme. Per State Council

bylaws, only seated delegates may nominate and vote, though any qualified member may be nominated and need not be present.

### August 3rd to 6th, 2026

To provide others the opportunity to serve, previous Supreme Convention delegates are asked to prayerfully consider stepping aside this year.

Delegates should be men who have truly lived the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism — Knights who have gone above and beyond in service to the Church, their Councils, and their communities through the Knights of Columbus.

Those elected will not only represent Wisconsin at the Supreme Convention but will also return home to share their experiences at Council, Assembly, District, and Diocesan meetings — inspiring others through what they have seen and learned.

When presenting a nomination, please ensure that the brother's accomplishments and dedication are clearly shared so voting delegates understand the depth of his service.

I look forward to seeing you at the Madison Marriott West Hotel & Conference Center next month as we gather in fraternity and purpose.

*Vivat Jesus!*



144th Supreme Convention  
Denver, Colorado



An exemplification class is held in Chippewa Falls.



**MARCH WAS A VERY SLOW MONTH** for Online Membership as we lost a weekend due to the Blizzard. Hopefully we can bring additional members in during April to make up for the lost weekend.

As of March 24, 53 e-members joined the order in Wisconsin during the month. This is a slower pace than we had earlier in the year. Since July 1, we have brought in 561 e-members in Wisconsin.

Thank you to the Councils that are using

E-membership to bring new men into the order.

During March, Councils continued to do a good job of welcoming assigned e-members into their Councils. Since July 1, we still have about 137 e-members that have been assigned to a Council but have not yet taken an Exemplification or joined a Council. While in person exemplifications are preferred, if schedules are not working out, please use the On-Demand Online Exemplification to get these brothers into your Councils and then invite them to get involved.

Cards with the QR Code to join online are available from Supreme. These can be very helpful when inviting men to join. Your Diocesan Membership Directors and District Deputies should be able to help you get these cards if you need them.

As Councils work towards the Star Council Award, it is important that they review their Prospect Tab and invite those members to join their Council via an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab and if you are having difficulty in making contact, or any other issue, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you with reaching a remedy.

## REMINDERS

WGK & WFS please frequently review your councils **Prospect** tab. Should you experience any difficulty with this process, please email me regarding these outstanding assigned e-members and I will gladly assist you.

Supreme presented a Webinar in December on Transferring online members to council membership which you can access [here](#).

Do not send Form 100's to Supreme for new members, keep them for your council's records. If you must use a Form 100, scan it and email it to Supreme, keeping the original for your council records. Since Form 100's must be manually processed at Supreme, they can lead to data entry errors and delays. Utilizing e-membership or the **Candidate** tab for new members are the preferred ways to bring in new members. **The date field is the date they were exemplified by your council. Once you enter those**

## PROSPECT TAB

Shows you e-members that have joined online via the Supreme app. The date field is used to transfer them into your council when they have completed their exemplification. With e-membership, new members enter their own data and confirm their membership, and then they receive an e-mail from Supreme. These e-members are then part of the state council, and get assigned to a local council. Until the local FS enters the exemplification date, these members remain part of the State Council. Local councils get credit for them when the exemplification date is entered by the FS to transfer them into your Council.

**Clicking on this blue box will take you to the Prospect training.**

## CANDIDATE TAB

Used when you recruit a member locally or are handling a member transfer request or a reinstatement of a prior member. The Candidate tab can best be described as an online Form 100. The candidate tab training covers new members and transfers into local councils.

**Clicking on this red box will take you to the candidate training.**

## ONLINE CEREMONIAL

**Click** on this box to take you to the **Online Ceremonial** invitation site.

**dates in either tab, the members will be automatically transferred to your council's roster within the next week.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me. I am in your State Directory.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**AS WE BEGIN THE FINAL** fraternal quarter of the year, I want to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work. Because of your efforts, we have already achieved our membership goal for March and reached 75% of our overall new-member target.

However, our mission is not yet complete. To finish the year strong and reach 100% for the final quarter, we must continue our momentum. Achieving Circle of Honor requires 51 Star Councils, and your timely submission of all program reports is essential to meeting this goal.

I have full confidence in each and every one of you. Together, we can accomplish this. Thank you for all you do for our Order and in honor of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. *Vivat Jesus!*

## STATE WARDEN

JAMES VOSTERS

**THE INVITATIONS ARE OUT** and the reminders are flying in. It's that time of the year to cement your attendance at the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus 125th Annual Meeting!

On the evening of **Friday, May 15**, we will reminisce on the past year, and the 124 years before with a social gathering of friends and family. On Saturday, we will open the 125th Convention with a morning mass and civic opening. After which we will look forward to the next year, and 25 years after that. It is at the annual state meeting where we set the focus of the Knights of Columbus for the next year. Together, we will refresh and renew our focus to bring Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney's vision of building a brotherhood of strong Catholic men who protect their families, live their faith boldly, serve their communities generously and humbly, while remaining united to the Church and their country for life.



Register [here](#) **OR** click on the green "2026 State Convention Site" from our Wisconsin KofC [homescreen](#).

**REMEMBER:** Meal prices increase by \$5 on March 16.

# PREPARING PATRIOTS FOR AMERICA-250

THE FOURTH DEGREE of the Knights of Columbus was founded on a simple but powerful idea: Catholic men should be willing to stand publicly for both their faith and their country. As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of its founding, that witness is needed now more than ever.

Across Wisconsin, in parishes large and small, Sir Knights continue to make that witness visible every day.

The Fourth Degree exists to make our Catholic faith visible in the public square. As Sir Knights, we demonstrate what Catholic patriotism looks like when it is lived through humility and service. Sometimes that witness is ceremonial, such as when the Color Corps stands in honor at a Mass, funeral, or civic observance. Just as often, it is seen in quieter ways—supporting parish life, honoring our veterans, recognizing those serving in our armed forces, and showing respect for the men and women who serve our communities through law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical response, and other forms of civic service.

When lived consistently across our assemblies, this witness reminds others that the love of God and the love of country are not competing ideals but virtues that strengthen one another.

As we continue building momentum across Wisconsin, several opportunities remain this spring for Third Degree Knights ready to take the next step as Sir Knights.

- > **April 11, 2026** – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in De Pere
- > **April 25, 2026** – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Marshfield



## America-250 Patriotic Exemplification

### June 6 – St. Martin of Tours Parish Franklin, Wisconsin

These exemplifications welcome Brother Knights who wish to deepen their commitment to the principles of faith, fraternity, and patriotism and to strengthen the future of the Fourth Degree in Wisconsin.

The Fourth Degree will also have a visible presence at the upcoming Wisconsin State Convention. Sir Knights from across the state will serve in the Honor Guard at the convention Masses, continuing our tradition of visible Catholic witness in support of the Church. Plans are also underway for a special Fourth Degree presentation on Friday evening as we look toward America-250. Sir Knights attending the convention are encouraged to bring their uniform and be prepared to participate.

Additional information about upcoming exemplifications and Fourth Degree activities can be found on the [Eastern District Fourth Degree Portal](#).

Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights play an important role by personally inviting Third Degree Knights to consider the Patriotic Degree. The Patriotic Degree is the natural next step for Knights who wish to bring the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity into visible service to faith and country.

As we prepare for these exemplifications and look toward America-250, the Fourth Degree has a unique role to play. Our communities still look for men willing to stand publicly for faith, country, and service to others.

Think of one Brother Knight in your council who is ready to deepen his commitment and personally invite him to consider the Patriotic Degree.

The future of the Fourth Degree will be shaped by the men who choose to step forward and serve.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## ULTRASOUND PROJECTS

No projects at this time! Thank you for your support in this area!

## NEED HELP WITH ULTRASOUND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN?

There is a great pro-life organization out in Yelm, Washinton (state) called [4US](#). They will help with **25%** of the cost of the ultrasound. **Yes**, that is **half** of your council's obligation! Here's their [website](#).

## ASAP GRANTS

Hopefully the month of March left your council's checking account **empty** after giving away all your money to pregnancy centers in your area. For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the match it with \$100. But, you have to [apply for it!](#) It is always best to apply online. If you need help, let me know and I'll walk you through it. You can also provide me with the information and I will apply for you online! There are only two forms you need, [Donation Receipt Letter](#) and a [W9](#).



## CHOOSE LIFE WISCONSIN GRANT FUND

Any pro-life pregnancy center or maternity home can apply for a grant from Choose Life Wisconsin, the Choose Life Plate People! Apply [here](#) any time.

You can also purchase Pro-Life license plates. The more plates we have on the road, the more the pro-life message will be shared, and the more money there will be for the Pregnancy Resource Centers. The extra \$25 you pay for the plate is **tax deductible** if you itemize on Schedule A. More information [here](#).

*Vivat Jesus!*

# JOIN THE FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY GUILD



**Honor His Legacy. Advance His Cause.**

**Strengthen Your Faith During the Jubilee Year of Hope.**

As the Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope, Catholics everywhere are called to renew their faith and walk more closely with Christ. What better way to respond than by drawing inspiration from our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who gave his life to strengthening families, building parish communities, and bringing hope to those on the margins.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild, you can (1) support his cause for sainthood and pray for his canonization, (2) deepen your spiritual life through his intercession during this Jubilee of grace, and (3) Publicly witness to our Catholic hope as a member of his spiritual family.

Membership is free and open to all who believe in his mission. Guild members receive inspiring newsletters, spiritual reflections, and invitations to special devotions honoring Blessed McGivney. Let's help make our founder a saint.

McGivney Guild Chairman

Jack Wrbanich, PSD



Greetings Fellow Knights! Happy Easter! He is risen, Hallelujah! What a splendid time of the liturgical calendar and of course an awesome time for family! The Easter Holiday Season is celebrating Family get-togethers, sharing memories and making new ones!

Think about how Jesus was growing up and the guidance, teaching and love he received from his Mother & Father, the Holy Family. I am quite sure both Mary & Joseph sacrificed much to raise their son, Jesus.

In that regard, my wife is the oldest of eleven children and she has shared some very special memories of her childhood with me. When you have a big family such as that the special words are SHARING & SACRIFICE! The experience of growing up together in such a close knit group, I believe, can more often than not, be an incredible asset! Ironically, they all live within twenty miles of the home farm which is pretty incredible when you think of it!

I was at a funeral earlier in March for a man who was from our area who has sixteen brother and sisters. He was like the 2nd youngest out of the seventeen and you could see and feel the grief from the older siblings which was so very much felt! A close knit family? I would say yes. However, on the other hand, probably the majority of families are smaller in size although the key word is family!

With all this being said, a "Family" is a very blessed gift! In honor of this Easter season and beyond, can your Council acknowledge a Family of the Month in your Parish? Look around next time in church and you will

certainly see some deserving families! Can you find time to recognize a family? Let's keep our families strong and please take time to enrich a deserving family in your Parish however that works for your Council—monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

### **Food for Families**

As Easter approaches, you can encourage your Council to participate in the "Food for Families" program to ensure that their food pantries are well stocked and ready for the Easter Holiday Season & beyond. Remind them that for every \$100 or 500 pounds donated, they will receive a refund of \$100.00 up to a maximum of \$500. Let's attempt to ensure that no one needs to go hungry! On a side note, please be sure to fill out the Food for Families Reimbursement Form so that you receive the proper refund for your Council's donation.

### **Submit Form "10784"**

Finally, for all your programs, remember to file Form 10784 when possible, soon after you complete the activity while still fresh in your mind. After completing the form hit "Submit" and it will then be sent to Supreme. Almost immediately, you will receive an email from Supreme in a PDF format which you will need to send to the State Forms address at: <forms@wikofc.com>. We need this step completed to keep track of your Council's activity. It is also a good idea to CC your District Deputy and keep a copy for yourself/Council as well.

In closing, from my family to your family, we wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter and a productive April. Until we meet again: Take care, stay healthy, and God Bless Us All.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**FOR A LIST OF ALL PROGRAMS, [GO HERE.](#)**



**DURING THE LENTEN SEASON** we focused on becoming simpler and more penitential to Mother Church and to our neighbors so at Easter we can rejoice like the Marys who went to the tomb early on Easter morning!

As the State Convention quickly approaches, your State Charity Committee Coordinators continue to look forward to receiving council deposits. The next turn-in deadline is mid-April. For councils who have not made any deposits to date, please send what you have at this deposit deadline. Turning in a large batch at the State Convention can be challenging for my team and could cause a risk of ticket and funds discrepancies. Last-minute sales that occur after the mid-April deposit date and May 15 can be submitted at the State Convention. My team and myself thank you kindly for your assistance!

**Reminder:** The Council Charity Grant Form (2025-2026) is **due** May 1, 2026. Prior versions of this report are obsolete and will not be accepted. When completed, please post mail or [email](#) the form directly to me as State Charity Director. Do not send to the State Office or email to the State Form Reporting [address](#). With the State Convention being later again this year (May 15 – 17) the CCFG form, again, needs to be turned in by May 1, 2026. So please make the best effort to turn them in before that date. The revised form can be found [here](#).

These updates and delivery revisions have been to help better streamline the collection process to a single person for better uploading and accounting practices.

## HELP WANTED!

Two of our current Diocesan Coordinators, Dennis Berendes from the Diocese of Superior and Robert Pizur from the Diocese of Madison, have announced their retirement from the State Charity Committee at the end of this season. **We are actively seeking to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.** Anyone who is interested or would like more information on the duties and responsibilities of the role please reach out to either one of these fine gentlemen or me and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Brothers Dennis and Robert have served on the Committee for many years and have been a great asset to the State Charity Committee for their time and service. May God bless them for the sharing of their time and talent.

Please continue to keep up the great work that we do as Knights of Columbus to follow in the footsteps of our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. With the season of Lent, again, upon us, one way we can encourage our neighbors is to support charitable causes such as our State Charity Raffle program.

Wishing you, your families and Brother Knights all a blessed and holy Eastertide!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*The Lord Has Risen; He Has Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



**WHILE WE ARE IN THE** Lenten Season we are in the season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. While it is a season where we humble ourselves and prepare spiritually for these holidays we need to prepare for the many events that will follow. While Easter Sunday is April 5th, Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12th. The Ascension of the Lord May 14th, Pentecost Sunday May 24th, Trinity Sunday May 31st, and Corpus Christi Sunday June 7th. Following Easter, we also have many other Sacramental events, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, and Ordination. All packed in with secular events like Graduations in these months ahead. But as Knights it is our job to not only to Celebrate these events, but also to show our gratitude and recognition of those involved.

### **The Silver Rose**

Please review the attached schedule with hopefully the last revision as the Silver Rose in days away from Arriving in Wisconsin at this time. **The official opening of the Silver Rose in Wisconsin will be at St. James Parish, 1032 Caledonia St., La Crosse Wisconsin, on Saturday, March 14, at a special service @ 4:30 PM.** There will be a Mass that follows at 5:30 PM. As with all Silver Rose services the 4th Degree Honor Guard is requested as well as members from nearby Parishes.

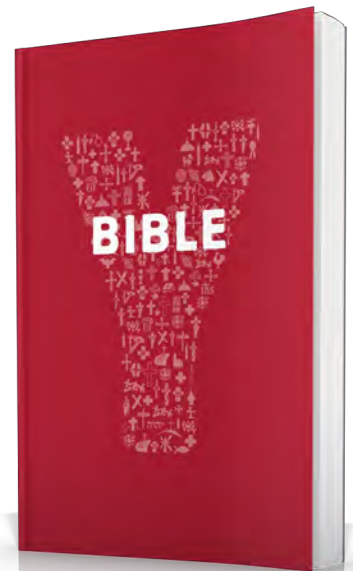
For those councils hosting the Silver Rose please review the schedule as it has several changes and this is the third printed version. Contact the council you are receiving it from and that you will be handing it off too, and make the transfers now. There are several long exchanges do to the tight schedule in getting it shared across the state. I want to thank the councils that have stepped forward, especially this year, during a period of the most important religious celebrations falling in the middle of our assigned time period.

### **Sacramental Gifts**

The sacraments stand as the most significant events in the life of the domestic church. As Knights of Columbus, we should be there to support and embrace our parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. As children and adult members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way.

As a state organization we thrive to make this program more economical to our Councils. We are offering at half the retail price a choice of either two books that can be used as gifts to individuals who are receiving the sacraments. The First is the YCAT which is a book of Select reading from the Second Edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible with detailed foot notes for geared for our youth. The second book is The Holy Bible complete second revised Catholic Edition of the Standard Version printed by the Ignatius press. They are available at \$12.50 each and can be ordered through the State Council Store with a Credit Card, or directly through the State Faith Director with payment at time of delivery. The Complete Bible makes a fantastic gift for Confirmation, RCA Converts, and many other occasions.

However, there are many other Sacramental occasions where the Knights can show their support. These includes Baptism, First Communions, and Weddings. The gift possibilities are endless. ***Continued on next page.***



## Holy Hour

Holy Hours feature the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and can also include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Blessed Michael McGivney, or St. Joseph, and other devotions as decided by the council and pastor. Eucharistic Processions provide an opportunity to walk with the Blessed Sacrament through your community, bringing Jesus to everyone along the route. While these can be done at any time on the Eucharistic Holidays there is a special connection.

To receive two Credits for Holy Hours the minimum requirements need to be met, of sponsoring four Holy Hours (one each quarter), or two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession. For additional information read the Supreme [web page](#).

*Vivat Jesus!*



# SPOTLIGHT



**Tomah**—Tomah Council 4125 conducted a February 2026 Calendar Raffle that earned \$5700 toward the Building Expansion Fund. Queen of the Apostles Elementary School in Tomah is adding eight grade to the school starting in the 2026-2027 school year and needs additional classroom and office space.

**Left**—Duane Zaborowski, Western Wisconsin District Master, presents Faithful Navigator Randy Markon with the Western District Masters award for our Bishop Annabring Assembly 1208 on March 21, 2026! *Vivat Jesus!*



Pictured: Grand Knight Frank DiBenedetto presents a \$5700 check to Fr. Ethan Hokamp and Queen of the Apostles School Principal Deb Pfab for the Building Expansion Fund.



We welcome our newest Knights and Sir Knights to the Order. On March 23, Wisconsin welcomed 18 Sir Knights, 16 of which were from Marquette University (above). Bronislava Council #13880 holds an Exemption Ceremony (left).

# Stay With Me

Joshua Hopper

AT THE PALM SUNDAY MASS, our priest mentioned the Holy Week services in his announcements. He made the request that we do not forego these services because they take a lot of time. He said that these services were central to our faith. They celebrate the last moments of Christ's life and how he rose on the third day, saving us from our sins and fulfilling everything the prophecies foretold.

Likewise, the Passion readings included the scene where Jesus goes off to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and his disciples are unable to stay awake and keep watch while Jesus prays. In our masses, we sing a meditative song based on Jesus'

exhortation to his disciples on that evening: "Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray."

In our high-speed society, it becomes increasingly difficult for us to slow things down. Waiting for things that take two minutes feels like we've been waiting for two hours. As we wrap up the Easter season, I challenge you to try and slow things down and pray. Attend your parishes Holy Week celebrations, take time to make a Holy Hour, pray an entire rosary (all four mysteries)—be with Jesus and thank Him for all that he's done for us.

*Vivat Jesus!*

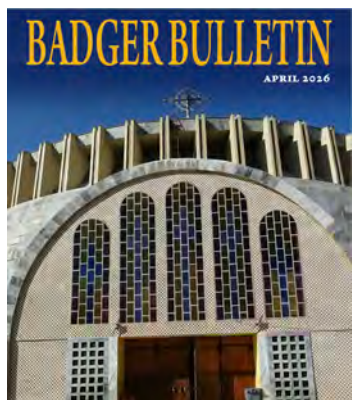


## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Keep articles below 500 words.
- Submit word docs to **kc2055pr@gmail**
- Send photos separately, clearly labeled, with credits.
- Prioritize quality content with articles.
- Proofread thoroughly for spelling and grammar.
- Avoid double spaces after periods.
- Be punctual! Late submissions will be excluded from future publications.



# Knights of Columbus®



### ON THE COVER: OUR LADY OF ZION

A lesser-known apparation of Mary is closely linked to the earlier apparation of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which occurred on July 18, 1830. Twelve years later in Rome, Italy, Marie Alphonse Ratisbonne, an anti-Catholic Jewish man, began wearing the Miraculous Medal to honor a new friend of his who was a baron of the Church. During a meeting with this baron, he experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin. Afterward, he converted to Catholicism, was ordained a priest, and established a ministry dedicated to the conversion of Jewish people. The feast of Our Lady of Zion is celebrated on November 17.

**In service to One.**

**In service to all.**

