



Knights of Columbus

St. Catherine of Alexandria Council #6438
Valley City, North Dakota



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Notes from the Grand Knight

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please remember, any practicing Catholic man 18 years or older can become a Knight. If you are looking for a way to serve St. Catherine's Parish, the Valley City community, and the Catholic Church, I invite you to join Council #6438. You can direct any questions to myself via phone (701.320.8630), email (chrisholm1964@gmail.com), or through the Knights of Columbus website (<http://kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>).

May God bless you all!

GK Chris Holm
Grand Knight

Sept.-Oct. Calendar

Knights of Columbus September/

October District Tours - (scheduled and confirmed)

Sept. 10 Lidgerwood District 19 7pm
Lidgerwood KC Hall

Sept. 14 Garrison District 8 7pm

Sept. 15 Bismarck/Mandan Districts 6 & 7
7pm

Sept. 16 Jamestown District 12 7pm Jamestown KC Hall

Sept. 17 Fargo Districts 17 & 18 7pm Sts. Anne & Joachim Church Hall

Sept. 20 Williston District 1 6pm St. Joseph's Church O'Neill Hall

Sept. 29 Reynolds District 16 7pm Reynolds KC Hall

Oct. 6 Strasburg District 11 7pm Strasburg Church Basement

Oct. 25 Langdon District 14 1pm Church Social Hall

Father Michael J. McGivney

Aug. 14, 2020 marked the 130th anniversary of the death of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. It's a date many Knights use to attend memorial Masses and services honoring the holy priest who animated our lay movement.

Fr McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus Catholic fraternal organization, will be beatified on October 31, 2020 the Congregation for the Causes of Saints announced this week. The congregation made the announcement July 20.

A miracle credited to the intercession of McGivney was approved by the Vatican and announced by Pope Francis on May 27. A child who was diagnosed as terminally ill in the womb was miraculously healed following prayers for the intercession of Fr. McGivney.

The priest's beatification Mass is expected to be celebrated in his native Connecticut.

McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut, 1882. Initially, the organization was intended to assist widows and their families upon the deaths of their husbands. It has grown into a worldwide Catholic fraternal order, with more than 2 million members carrying out works of charity and evangelization across the globe. The Knights also offer life insurance policies to their members.

Beatification, being declared "blessed" by the Church, is the final step of recognition before a person can be declared a saint.

McGivney will become the fourth U.S.-born man to be beatified, joining Bl. Stanley Rother, Bl. James Miller, and Bl. Solanus Casey.



Strengthen Families

We are Catholic men who work to place God and the Catholic faith at the center of our lives to strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families.

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October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. During October, as in all of Ordinary Time (formerly known as *Time After Pentecost*), the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for each of us to be a follower of Christ.

October usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). These saints come from different countries, and in honor-

Brother Knights Monthly Meetings

Brother Knights,

Due to an increasingly challenging time in our world, we have created an online Zoom account just for our Brother Knights.

Some of us who are unable to attend our monthly meetings will be able to join via Zoom as we will now have live feed during our meeting. To the Knights who are interested in attending our meetings virtually, please contact Kenton Sandfoss via email to get the link each month for our monthly meeting. Kenton can be reached at: kentonrsandfoss@gmail.com

BK Kenton R. Sandfoss
Newsletter Editor



ing these saints we can include cultural dishes or activities from each country to make the feastday even more special. Read more about the lives of these saints. Perhaps the family can pick one virtue that each saint practiced well and try to implement it. The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). In

October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary)." This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are (1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus' self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the new Luminous mysteries. October 16 is known as "Pope Day" on which we celebrate the gift of the papacy and our current pope.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the *Angele Dei* (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often. The *Directory on Popular Piety* suggests that families pray it at morning and evening prayers or after the Angelus.

BK Kenton Sandfoss, Newsletter Editor

Father Michael J. McGivney wanted the Knights to help our Catholic brothers. To celebrate the beatification of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, commemorative medallions will be awarded to every recruiter who recruits 5 or more members during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. With this Supreme incentive there is not a better time than now to ask another Catholic man to join our great order.

-State Deputy - Mike Steiner