

# SANTA MARIA

FAIRBORN COUNCIL #3724  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight's Corner

As we welcome in the month of September, students have already returned to or are heading back to school, days are getting shorter, leaves are beginning to change color and sunflowers, goldenrods and mums are appearing.

Recently, I was at the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival working at the Knights of Columbus Funnel Cake Booth when PGK and current Financial Secretary Russell Milliron received a call from our Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent, Rob Hernandez, requesting our Council provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns as well as Brother Knights to do the grilling at Wright State University's St. John Bosco Chapel for a welcome back picnic for returning students on Sunday, August 27. I responded with, "Yes, we can," and checked with our Trustees to secure the funds. Of course, all Trustees were on board. Now we are able to put our faith in action! I went shopping for the food with PGK and Financial Secretary Russell Milliron. On our way, we stopped by Wright State University's Catholic Campus Ministry to check on their grill and propane status. We also met with Father Tim Fahey to insure him we were all in for their welcome back picnic and expressed our desires to support WSU's Catholic Campus Ministry whenever possible. In my mind, and when talking with my Brother Knights, it became crystal clear the importance of our Council supporting them.

As a Server at Mary, Help of Christians Church, I look out over the pews at Mass and I do not see many young parishioners in attendance. Thank God for the ones who are in attendance. The future of the Church is dependent on our young members and our young families. Let us all invite and encourage young Catholics to attend Mass and get involved with Church ministries.

Thanks goes out to PGK Steve and Pat Wal and their sons, Brother Knights Cory, Jeremy and Andrew, for putting on another outstanding Knights of Columbus Memorial Golf Outing! SUPER JOB WAL FAMILY!

PGK Russell Milliron, PGK Herman Karhoff and Brother Corky Block all managed to pull off a record setting Funnel Cake Booth performance at the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival. Help from many other Brother Knights, wives, friends, better weather this year and the use of our new donated canopy were all factors in our success. Thanks to everyone who donated their time to this event!



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## Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

Our first Parish Breakfast this fraternal year kicks off on Sunday, September 10th after Mass from 9:30 -11 am. Our Super Chefs and Kitchen Managers PGK Frank Minnick and PGK Russell Milliron will lead the charge along with our Worthy Kitchen Staff, PGK Larry Bogemann, PGK Frank Carchedi, and Beverage Manager, Brother Corky Block, who will all be at your service! BON APPETIT!!

Vivat Jesus!!! Don

Family of the Month for August 2023 is Brother Eric Rogalinski and his wife, Rhonda. This family played a huge roll in our Church Festival. Their leadership at the MHC festival was unbelievable! Eric's hard work as well as his family's efforts made our festival possible and successful! This family also leads BINGO. From calling to selling, from purchasing BINGO supplies to managing inventory and from setup to cleanup, they work as a family to insure everything is done with perfection! His tireless efforts and the time he spends as Director of Maintenance at Mary, Help of Christians Church do not go unnoticed! Thank you and Congratulations Brother Eric and Rhonda Rogalinski!

Knight of the Month for August 2023 is Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director Tom Pitstick. This 4th Degree Knight played a big part in the success of our Church Festival. You would have seen him serving at the Beer Booth and he also played a big part in the Festival food by donating the pork and cooking it with the help of his wife, Lynn. This year, Tom stepped up, big time, into an officer's role and has been a great help to me this fraternal year! Thank you and Congratulations Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director Tom Pitstick!

### Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights born in September

Richard G Beck	Fr. Jason E Bedel	Frank T Ivancic	Brian C Redish
Deacon Mark Stasiak	John E Ronyak II	Michael C Kelley	Tom C Peterangelo
Charles F Gilbert	Bruce W Suter	Sean L Newsome	Logan T Engle
Steven E Way	David J Johnston	David M Johnston	Trevor A Newsome
Terry McCann	Don Liepold	Rev James A Kaczmarek	



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN,  
PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS  
MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH  
YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.





### **Father Alex Biryomumeisho**

Father Alex continues to serve and reside at Saint John Fisher, in Newtown, Ohio; he is also the parochial vicar at Guardian Angels, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cincinnati. Father Alex can be reached at:

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Beloved in Christ, With the start of school this week, we keep the children of our two schools and their teachers in our prayers. Our schools are the largest ministries of St. Luke and St. Brigid parishes; and every ministry of every parish exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Moreover, all of our parishes have excellent catechetical programs. In infant baptism, parents promise to be the first and best teachers of the Faith to their children. We take seriously the responsibility of partnering with parents in this monumental task. For this same reason, we have religious in-service programs for teachers and a retreat for catechists in the coming week. May the Lord Jesus bless us as we make, mold and mission disciples after his own heart. Please plan to join me in a 54-day Novena of Prayer which begins on Sept. 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Some groups of people who are greatly misled will spend millions of dollars in Ohio between now and election day on Nov. 7 trying to get us to pass an amendment to our state's constitution to enshrine the "right" for big people to kill little people just because they are unwanted and in the womb. Please see Archbishop Schnurr's letter in the Aug 20, 2023 bulletin. There are also links at [catholicaoc.org](http://catholicaoc.org) and [ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org) with other details. May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who stayed by her Son as he died on the cross, come to the throne of God and convert the hearts of the people of our state. Archbishop Schnurr reminds us our task is "to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate ourselves and our families and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on Nov. 7." Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you. Fr. Bedel.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

In-Person Exemplification CUF: The in-person video exemplification CUF, scheduled for Thursday, September 14, at 6 PM is cancelled. Stay tuned for future updates.

Membership Drives: We have our dates set in the fraternal calendar for our annual membership drives: Mary, Help of Christians will have its drive at the 4:00 PM Mass Saturday, September 23, and at the 8:30 AM Mass Sunday, September 24. Our Lady Queen of Peace will have its drive on the 5:00 PM Mass Saturday, October 7, and at the 9 AM Mass Sunday, October 8. Please put these dates and times in your calendars. We would appreciate as many brothers volunteering to help at one or more Masses as possible. At a minimum, please pray for the success of these drives.

What is a Practical Catholic: Every new Knight, while filling out his registration to join our fraternal order, must answer in the affirmative that he is a practical Catholic. But what does it mean to be a “practical” or practicing Catholic? According to the Knights of Columbus website, under “frequently asked questions,” a practical Catholic “accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.” So, it appears to me that there are three “gates” that one must be able to pass through to be a member of our Order. By the way, Supreme also states that we CANNOT add our own criteria in addition to these. Let’s tackle them one at a time:

First, does he “accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals?” I accept the teaching authority, but I’ll readily admit there are some teachings on faith and morals that many of us struggle with. Do we accept the teachings on birth control? Do we accept the teachings on capital punishment? We can accept the teaching authority of the Church while still working toward a prayerful and doctrinally informed understanding of these issues. We are all evolving in our faith and walking the pilgrim road to holiness.

Second, does he “aspire to live in accord with precepts of the Catholic Church?” The precepts of the Church are the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics. They are (1) attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday Vigil) and on holy days of obligation. (2) confess your sins at least once a year. (3) receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. (4) observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, and (5) provide for the needs of the Church. Note that the word is aspire. So, if we cannot go to Mass for reasons of health, for example, we do not have to resign our Knights membership! On the other hand, if we willfully and negligently skip Mass, it is considered a grave sin.

Third, is he “in good standing in the Catholic Church?” If we can answer “yes” to the first and second questions above, I think we’ve pretty much answered the third; however, I’d like to add one more thought: The Catechism of the Catholic Church expands on this list by saying that these acts are “set in the context of a moral life” and are “nourished by liturgical life.” Do you desire to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul? Do you try to follow Jesus every day? Does being a part of the Catholic Church buoy you in these efforts? I believe an earnest yes to these questions should be enough to make anyone good in the eyes of the Church. So, if a prospect asks you what it means to be a “practical Catholic,” hopefully this will help you in your discussion with him.

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**Name Tags:** If you need a new Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me, Brother Mark Dues, or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00.

### **Patris Corde Prayer**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

### **Home Corporation**

If you have either a master key, entry key or both and you have not validated it, please get in touch with HC President PGK Frank Minnick . Work is still continuing on restoring chairs and tables and making sure everything is labeled that belongs to the council. Keep an eye out for activity alerts around the last week of the month for HC work parties. Come out and help, no experience necessary and training is provided. Many hands make light the work. The Home Corp raffle which is HCs only fundraiser is underway, Tickets are \$10 ea, and there are 3 prizes per month, \$40, \$25, and \$10. Only 200 tickets were printed. Tickets will be drawn every 3rd Thursday until May. Each ticket drawn goes back in the barrel for subsequent draws. See HC President PGK Frank Minnick to purchase a ticket.

### **2023 Football Frenzy**

My brother knights, I want to thank you for the terrific response so far to the Football Frenzy this year. We have already exceeded last years turn-in and our more than three quarters of the way to the council goal of 135 tickets. This is the 20th year for this particular fundraiser. All the money raised goes to various charities at the state and council level, it does not go to the NFL. The Football Frenzy involves the last 10 weeks of games played this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. The turn in deadline for the full season of games is Nov 2, 2023. Late turn in will be allowed up to Dec 31, 2023, however any tickets turned in after Nov 2 only count for the remaining games and are not retroactive. To date 3724 has sold 87 tickets which puts us in the neighborhood of \$700.00 for a rebate and almost to the 75% per capital credit mark. These goals are achievable with your support.

- Sell 135 tickets 3724 receives 100% per capita credit and a \$9.00 rebate for each ticket.
- Sell 90 tickets 3724 receives 75% per capita credit and a \$8.00 rebate for each ticket.
- Sell 68 tickets 3724 received 50% per capita credit and a \$7.00 rebate for each ticket.
- Sell 45 tickets 3724 receives 25% per capita credit and a \$6.50 rebate for each ticket.

I am asking all brothers to be responsible for 2 tickets, buy one, sell one, buy two or sell two and we can achieve our GK's goal. Tickets are being mailed out to all members or can be picked up and turned in at the council hall beginning Thursday Aug 3. Please make checks payable to: **K of C 3724**

Tickets can also be mailed to: Gene Erbacher, PGK  
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## **September Tidbits**

The brilliant Harvest Moon will reach its peak illumination below the horizon at 5:58 am EDT on Friday, September 29. For several evenings, the moonrise comes soon after sunset. This results in an abundance of bright moonlight early in the evening, which was a traditional aid to farmers harvesting their summer grown crops. Thus, it's called the "Harvest" Moon!

The September birthstone is sapphire, which means truth. The September flowers are the Aster, which means love and affection, and the Morning Glory, which means mortality.

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of September are: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, Matthew, the Apostle, September 21 and the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, September 29.

### **Parish Breakfast**

Our first breakfast for this fraternal year will be held on Sunday, September 10. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 and will continue until 11:00. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company!

### **Open House**

On Sunday, September 10th, we will open our Council doors to welcome family, friends, parishioners, and the public following 8:30 am Mass. Bring your friends by for the Parish Breakfast and then tour our Council Hall located in the MHC Parish Center. Our Brother Knights have been working hard with updates, including our "Wall of Honor" and sprucing up! This is an excellent opportunity to show off our home and share with the public what our order is all about. Don't miss this opportunity to see in person the great work our Council does!

### **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

Saturday, September 9, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the 11th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters. Fairborn Council 3724 and Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911 will be sponsoring a Rosary at our own Memorial for the Unborn after the 4:00 pm Mass. Please join us in saying a Pro-Life Rosary at our nationally listed Memorial.

### **Novena for Life**

Council 3724's Novena for Life Program begins on Saturday the 9th of September with the Rosary for the Unborn at our Nationally recognized Mary Shrine after the 4:00 pm Mass. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge for Brothers to put their names next to a commitment line to say a rosary and the Novena for Life prayer. One brother or their family prays one night out of the 9 starting on Sunday, September 10th and completing on the 18th. The Novena for Life Prayer is below.

### **Novena for Life Prayer**

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

## Mary Help of Christians / Knights of Columbus Men of Faith Fellowship

Needing encouragement or an opportunity to share with other men of faith – men of like mind and heart? Our Men of Faith fellowship meets twice monthly to do just that! Join us at St Francis Hall from 8 – 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Come at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair-trade coffee. We then gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord Jesus Christ and be blessed by fellowship with other ‘Men of Faith’.

### Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Grand Knight: Don Shepherd  
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick  
Trustee: PGK Grant Kempf  
Council Treasurer: Larry DeWitt  
Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick  
Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff  
1 Year Member At Large: Steve Glass  
2 Year Member At Large: PGK Gene Erbacher  
The next FAB meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 6:30PM.

### Fallen Brother PGK John Whytal



PGK John Whytal passed into the arms of the Lord on July 29, 2023 in New Smyrna Beach, Florida at the age of 74. Brother John is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda, as well as three children and three grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held on August 19th, 2023 at Baldwin Brothers Funeral Home in New Smyrna Beach. During his time in Fairborn, he was a very active member of the Fairborn Council 3724, receiving Knight of the Month honors on a number of occasions and Knight of the Year honors for Fraternal Years 1993-1994 and 1997-1998. Brother John was also named Ohio State Council Knight of the Year for 2002-2003. He was Fairborn Council Grand Knight during the 1995-1996 Fraternal year and a past District Deputy. PGK Whytal was also a Past Faithful Navigator of Msgr. Buckley 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Brother John was featured in the book, By Their Works, by Stephen Singular with Introduction by Carl A. Anderson, Past Supreme Knight, profiling men of faith who made a difference. (a copy of the book is in the Council library in the office). The article traces his journey with the Knights starting in 1990 when he helped start Scott Air Force Base Council 10276. When Brother John retired as a Senior Master Sergeant he joined Fairborn Council 3724. He helped raise scholarship money for WSU as well as funds to buy cameras for the local police department. Brother John and his wife Brenda volunteered at St Vincent Hotel, and the VA Hospital. Brother John is remembered by those Brothers closet to him as a mentor and someone who was always positive in supporting the Order. John now joins our many departed Brother Knights with our respect and thanks.

*“May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.”*

## Knights in Action

On Sunday August 27th the Fairborn Knights partnered with WSU Council 16425 in providing a back to school cookout to promote the WSU Catholic Campus Ministries. God provided great weather and fellowship. Oh, and the food was pretty good too based on the number of people who came back for seconds!! Continued thanks to these amazing men of deep Faith and great Charity.





## **Ever wonder what our Brother Knights were doing this month in..**

September 1963 Santa Maria articles:

- To help offset the higher costs of operating the council, the council voted to raise annual dues from \$16 to \$21 for associate and insurance members over 26 and from \$8 to \$12.60 for insurance members under 26.
- Council activity project co-chaired by PGK Peter Glynn and Brother Dick Ferry offering running lights installed on your car for \$2.75, This is a \$3.87 value and many places around town charge \$5. (volunteer Knights needed to do installation!)

September 1964 Santa Maria articles:

- Membership quota for the year is 26
- K of C dances. Latest one had a 5 piece band with singing and dancing and plenty of food and refreshments, all for \$1.00 per person.

September 1988 Santa Maria articles:

- Calendar of events: Bingo on Sunday & Wednesday, Squires Meeting, Family Fish Fry, & Monte Carlo night
- PGK John & Salle Wolfe & PGK Frank & Janet Carchedi took 13-hour tour of Vancouver prior to the start of the Supreme Convention in Victoria, BC.
- Fairborn Council #3724's efforts during the last Fraternal Year in the ALL HANDS-ON DECK program has earned the Council the Supreme Council Columbian Award for 1987-1988

September 2002 Santa Maria articles:

- Council Sweet Corn picnic on September 8 at the Hall
- 2001-2002 Knight of the Year is PGK Steve Wal
- Brother Joe Natalie passed away on August 14, 2002.

### **St. Michael the Archangel:**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **History of the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church, protecting Christians against assault from the devil. The prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886. Legend has it that the Pope, following Holy Mass, received a vision in which he saw the great damage Satan would do to the Church and the world in the 20th century. Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer in response and added it to the Leonnine prayers to be recited after Low Mass, which were originally intended for the intentions of the defense of the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See. Although no longer required to be said after Low Mass, the prayer is still encouraged.

## INSURANCE CORNER

### Four parts of retirement: Phase One



I would like to discuss a goal that's on many workers' radars: retirement. To some, retirement is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow or the reward after a long career. It's a time to relax, take up a hobby and enjoy life. Whether retirement is just around the next corner or if you have another 30 years to go, it's never too soon or too late to start planning or revise that plan. Protection is the base element of any well-founded financial plan; the base of the pyramid. Without basic protection against premature death or the inability to earn income due to disability, the remainder of the pyramid collapses. If you own mutual funds and die without life insurance, those funds will be needed to pay final expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (after a market correction). If you own mutual funds and lose your ability to earn income due to disability and are without paycheck protection, those funds will be needed in order to pay living expenses. Basic protection is a must. There are many options I can discuss with you that will fit your needs and your budget. Give me a call.

**Robert Hernandez**

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer book prior to the business meeting. If you can't make a meeting and have a name you wish to include in the Santa Maria prayer intentions, please call the council hall and leave a message or send an email to Santamaria @3724kofc.org

#### Rest of the Souls:

George M. "Jet" Butcher III, Bernadette Carpico wife of Past State Deputy Baci Carpico, Paul Folfas

#### Health and Healing:

PGK Russ Milliron, PGK Jim McCoy, GK Don & Teri Shepherd, Charlie Lump, Bob Goeke, Charles Zeller, Jason Hake, Cal and Alice Smith, Maureen Edwards, Jon Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Cathy Lump, Kim & Anna Gros, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, Pat Riegle, Betty Destout, Harley Paxson, Anna Lou Nava, Jordan Clemment, Bro. Pat Schuman, Kathy Justice, Mary Alice Paxton, Lucy Ragazinne (sister of Fr. Ambrose), and Alicia DeWitt.

### PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

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August 12, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- **Put women at risk.** This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- **Threaten parental rights.** The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- **Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy.** The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

### MATRINE LIZBIST

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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RADIATE CHRIST

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**Council 3724  
Fairborn, OH**

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

September 4	LABOR DAY	September 6	K of C Bingo
September 7	Trustees Meeting	September 9	Pro Life Rosary
September 9	Novena for Life Begins	September 10	K of C Breakfast
September 10	Council Open House	September 11	K of C 4th Deg Mtg.
September 13	K of C Bingo	September 14	K of C Bus Mtg.
September 20	K of C Bingo	September 21	Home Corp Mtg.
September 21	FYI Harvesting Hope Dnr	September 23-24	MHC Member Dr.
September 23	Home Corp Work Party	September 27	K of C Bingo
September 28	Lecturer Meeting or First Degree		

**October Preview**

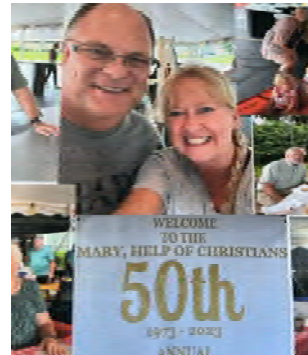
Trustees Meeting, Business Meeting, 4th Degree Meeting, Home Corporation Meeting, Work Party, Lecturer Meeting or First Degree, Bingo, K of C Breakfast, OLQP Membership Drive, Reverse Raffle, Corporate Communion, Family Rosary Rally, March for Life, Council's 70th Anniversary, Columbus Day

**BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE**

The 2nd Thursday on each month, we pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm which is followed by our business meeting. Please attend, stay after the meeting and socialize with your brother knights. Every Thurs there's a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Entry fee is 50 cents and you are required to sign your name in "The Book". At 10:00 pm on the meeting night and at 9:30 pm on the other Thursdays there's a random drawing from our membership pool. The name of the winner drawn wins the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



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