

SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS THAT YOU CAN BE PART OF:

FAITH

Seminarian Support: on-going communications and financial aid to three seminarians.

Sacramental Gifts: religious remembrance to all receiving a sacrament, and to every youth attending Religious Education.

Spiritual Reflection: two in-house retreats to encourage spiritual growth.

FAMILY

Food for Families: conduct a food drive for the needy called "40 Cans for Lent."

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: for Parish youth.

Creche: provide a nativity scene for public display outside of the church.

COMMUNITY

Coats for Kids: 150 new winter coats.

Blood Drives: host two drives annually.

Consortium School: Co-sponsor a field day for local students with special needs.

LIFE

March for Life: bus to national march, co-sponsor novena for life, & aid local event.

Birthingright of DE: roses on Mothers' Day.

Tootsie Roll Campaign: funds benefit Special Olympics and local charities helping people with cognitive disabilities.

FUNDRAISERS - Dinners, breakfasts, and other activities to enable our programs.

Want to be involved with activities across a wide range of interests while meeting other like-minded Catholic men?

Practicing Catholic men, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus.

In 2021, **Star of the Sea Council 7297**, affiliated with St. Edmond Catholic Church, **received the highest-level national award** – Star Council – in recognition of its exceptional performance. We are active!

Men become Knights in a **short public induction ceremony** that presents a full understanding of who we are, what we stand for, and what we are called to do. Men are encouraged to have their families and friends in attendance, so they see the organization that person is joining, and its principles and values.

To join, talk with a local Knight, or go to www.kofcstarofthesea.com/join.

MEETINGS

Meetings and Socials are held in the St. Edmond Parish Religious Education and Social Building (on King Charles, between the Church and the Parish Office).

Officers & Directors: 1st Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Business: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Family Social: 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM (September through May)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®



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Our activities put **Faith In Action**. We are active. Our Council conducts programs that draw men closer to their faith, families, each other, and communities; we defend life at all stages.

FAITH: We strengthen our men and their families in the faith. Programs draw us closer to God and the Church. Programs arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face every day.

FAMILY: We make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other.

COMMUNITY: Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. We can do great things on our own, but there is something bigger than self when Knights come together as one through their Council to accomplish great things – positively shaping our community.

LIFE: As Knights and as followers of Christ, "Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition." (St. John Paul II, 1995).

We share our faith, celebrate fraternity with our families, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to community and in defense of life.

WHO ARE WE? WHAT IS A KNIGHT?

The Knights of Columbus was founded by **Blessed Michael J. McGivney**, a Priest at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and incorporated on March 29, 1882. In those troubled times, he had a **vision** that Catholic men of faith could unite to:

- Strengthen themselves and each other in Faith
- Strengthen families and family life
- Support their priests and bishops
- Create a simple insurance plan so the surviving family did not face poverty
- Serve the Church and the community by providing aid to those in need

We are called

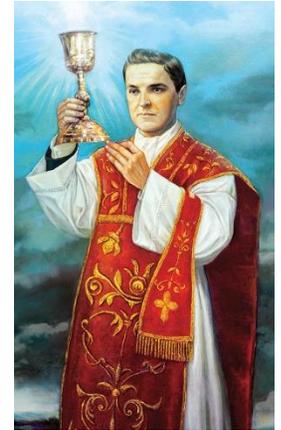
- **Knights** to highlight the chivalrous ideals of charity and support for families, the Church, community and life.
- **Columbus** as a reminder that Catholics have been at the core of America.

Our core principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We give meaning to those principles through a framework of fellowship and good works called **Faith in Action**.

PRINCIPLES

CHARITY: There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

UNITY: None of us is as good as all of us. We know that together, we can accomplish far more than any of us could do alone. We support and encourage one another.



Blessed
Michael J. McGivney
1852-1890
Our Founder

Unity gives us strength to remain steadfast in our Faith, keeping our religiously grounded moral values in a culture that often forsakes them.

FRATERNITY: Christian fellowship that joins us together to celebrate life and help one another in times of distress, sickness and need.

The Order's top-rated insurance program has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs.

PATRIOTISM: We give witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism.