

Knights of Columbus Council 8669



G O O D S H E P H E R D P A R I S H

OUR PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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In our readings this week, the book of Daniel 12:1-3, invokes "Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people." Why, at the conclusion of our Mass at Good Shepherd and many other parishes, do we recite The St. Michael Prayer?

The prayer was often recited until reform of the liturgy after Second Vatican Council suppressed its practice. It is now back in popularity as Pope St. John Paul II in 1994 "asked everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness." What makes the St. Michael Prayer so powerful?

First, the prayer invokes St. Michael, the "Prince of the heavenly hosts," who commands the legions of Angels. The prayer is a call for divine reinforcement in our spiritual battles, providing us with the armor we need to withstand temptation and evil.

Second, we acknowledge the reality of spiritual warfare asking St. Michael's defense to resist

these forces.

Third, we submit ourselves humbly to God's protection and St. Michael's intercession in this prayer.



Finally, the St. Michael Prayer is a unifying force for Catholics. It transcends cultural boundaries, uniting believers in a shared

understanding of the spiritual battles we face. Accordingly, it fosters a sense of community among Catholics worldwide. Let us not forget the power of the St. Michael Prayer - a call to arms, a declaration of faith and a reminder of the protective strength that the Archangel Michael offers.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

Excerpts by Father Patrick Briscoe, OSV News, 9/19/23

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K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S F I S H F R Y

Make plans with family, friends and fellow Parishioners to have dinner with us at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Every Friday at the Knight's Hall from 4pm-7pm. Dine In or Take out.

Atlantic Cod, Fantail Shrimp or Chicken Tenders, roll, and slaw. \$13.50 per dinner. \$.50 discount with cash.

**Support our Knights!
Support our Parish!**



SOLDIER SUICIDE AWARENESS DISPLAY

Veteran suicide should be unheard of. Yet, it is estimated that 22 service members a day commit suicide. 22aday.org is a Michigan based 501(c)3 that brings awareness to the magnitude of the problem. Formed in 2021, this recognition is to help people know what they can do about it. 22aday.org and their display was brought to our area under the direction of Father James Batcha of St. Michael's Byzantine and the Fourth Degree Knights.

Beginning October 13 through November 11, 22 crosses each day were set up to total 660 crosses on Veteran's Day. This

display impacted the community in a powerful display of faith, hope and awareness. Council 8669 volunteer effort was led

by Knights and military veterans Jerry Mead and Don Fyock. Every day at 3pm, they spearhead the effort to carefully set each cross in place. The public is invited to participate and donate to help the cause. Council 8669, through our Membership, is thoughtfully anticipating our own donation to this worthy cause. **If you or a loved one needs help, please reach out to 22aday.org for more information.**



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Columbus
empowers
Catholic men to
live their faith
and serve their
family, parish,
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country.*

COR PROGRAM BUILDING FAITH

The mission of COR is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen

their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.



Our next COR Program is November 20, 6:30pm in the Knight's Hall, then in two weeks on December 4. All men of the Parish are welcome to come and enjoy growing in their spiritual walk with others. Invite a friend or family member!

**CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN
ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI**

"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Gospel for Nov. 10, Mark 12:44)

The lowly widow received praise from Jesus because

her gift came from her substance and not her abundance. There is much to be said for the "give until it hurts" approach to charity. We ought to give sacrificially, and it is not much of a sacrifice to give away things we don't use or money we won't miss. Remembering what Jesus gave us should

challenge us to greater sacrifice for others. This month, I challenge you to prayerfully examine your level of giving, both of your treasure and your time, and consider whether you are giving as much as Christ asks of you. When you give of yourself — whether of your financial resources or your

time — do you give only from your abundance? What might you be able to sacrifice in order to provide more assistance to those in need? Are there any specific actions you could take to give more to others? How can you further be of service to your Parish?

**MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
DOUG POWELL**

Worthy Brothers, our Church Recruitment Drive did produce a few new prospects for Knights, and we will gain, through transfer, Father Ginu Abraham to our ranks when his name is presented in our Membership Council meeting. Due to the size of our parish, we have limited prospects for new membership. However, it is equally important to reach out to families and friends that attend Mass sporadically or not at all. As Knights and Catholic Gentlemen, it is our mission and vision to bring men into our

into our Holy Family to affirm and strengthen their faith. Our men can lead and inspire our families in our faith, and it can begin with the Knights of Columbus. We have 113 Knights in good standing on our roster. We have numerous Knights that are inactive for various reasons. If we can re-engage those that are able, by a visit or phone call, their valuable time could be utilized toward Fr. McGivney's greatest precept, Charity. The gift of works through charitable time is incalculable in any amount! No one DEMANDS any amount of time, ask them what

they can contribute. Invite them along when you are volunteering. Remind and remember to Matthew 5:37, "let your no be no and your yes mean yes", and the answer will be accepted and respected. Blessings to All, Vivat Jesus!
Doug Powell

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**MESSAGE FROM FAITH DIRECTOR
TODD OSTROWSKI**

Prayerful souls

All Souls Day is an opportunity to pause and refresh our Christian belief in the resurrection and eternal life. However, some souls spend time in purgatory, expiating their sins committed while in the physical world to move to the spiritual world. As Christian Catholics, we should not

focus on the validity of purgatory as a temporary place for atonement but, instead, as another reference to the importance of prayer. 2 Maccabees is the best biblical reference to help us understand that our prayers for those souls are an absolute must for them to gain the ultimate reward of eternal life for which Christ sacrificed Himself.

"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." (2 Maccabees. 12:46 NAB). Judas and his soldiers prayers and sacrificial offerings assisted in the expiatory release of his fallen soldiers (vv. 43-44). However, the power of prayer and the belief in the resurrection was instrumental in expediting the rise of souls from

purgatory to paradise. Therefore, the next time someone passes from this life, sincerely pray, asking Christ for their quick deliverance from a place of turmoil to grace. Have a blessed month, and pray incessantly! Vivat Jesus, and God bless you, my fellow brothers in Christ.
In His service, Todd Ostrowski

**MESSAGE FROM STATE PROGRAM
DIRECTOR RICK PERRY**


State Program Director Rick Perry wishes to thank Council 8669 for our contribution of coats and volunteers on November 9 at Flint's Center for Hope. With the help of our Knights and Lady Theresa Polard and Lady Rita Powell, the Knights of Columbus carried on our annual mission of charity and helped provide for the most vulnerable members in our local area. This year was

no different as area Councils joined forces to help distribute warm coats, hats, gloves and blankets to local families! **Seeking volunteers to help organize and place donations on tables and racks Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Center for Hope, Catholic Charities, 812 Root Street, Flint.**



Coats for Kids and Camaraderie! L-R Patrick Bisson, Jr. GK, George Marzonie, Recorder, Doug Powell Membership Director

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**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED FATHER MCGIVNEY**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Father McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that

we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Father McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*) Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

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**Blessed Father
McGivney**

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