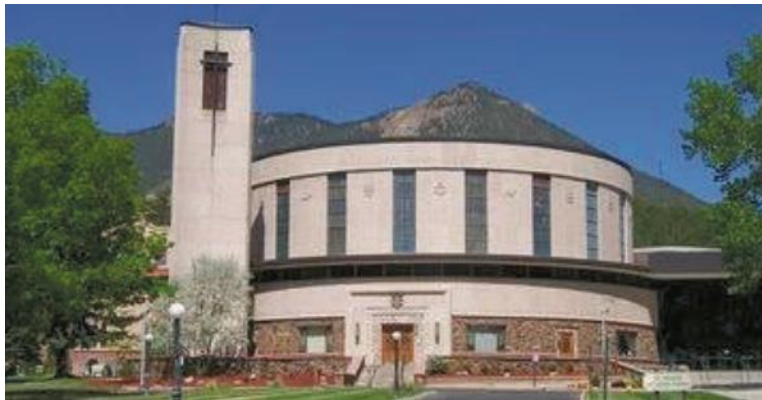


# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



**MOUNT ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12228**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**  
*2025 October Edition*



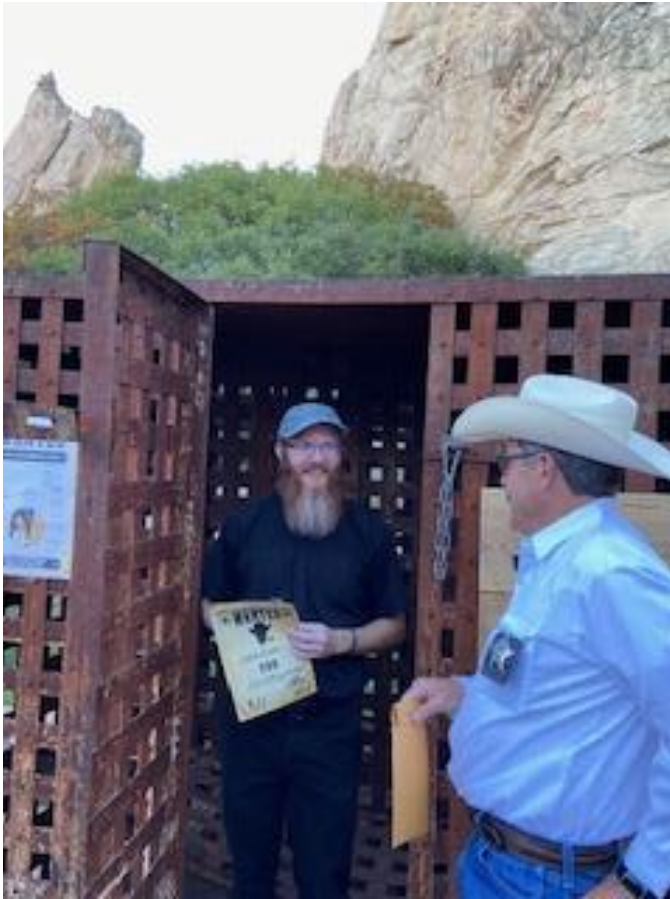
## GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

The changing of the leaves is more than a subtle reminder that we are approaching winter. Seeing others help those in need reminds us that we are all called to assist them. Reflecting on the past several months, I am amazed at all the Council has accomplished. Those reflections do not include accomplishments I am unaware of. There are so many things that Knights and Ladies quietly achieve without any notice and without any fanfare. They do what needs to be done, simply because it needs to be done.

This is called "selfless service." The acts showcase a person who thinks of others' needs without expecting recognition, praise, or reward. The acts keep us connected with our faith, our fellow Parishioners, and those we serve while fostering our personal growth.

Mother Teresa ties our desire to help others to our desire to grow in our faith. She wrote, "Love is a one-way street. Love always moves away from self in the direction of the other. Love is the ultimate gift of ourselves to others. When we stop giving, we stop loving, when we stop loving, we stop growing, and unless we grow, we will never attain personal fulfillment; we will never open up to receive the life of God. It is through love we encounter God."

May our Council continue to practice selfless service to others.



Father Erin in jail at the Right for Life dinner at flying W.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS - OCTOBER

The annual Ladies' Auxiliary Bake Sale filled the narthex with all the good smells from the goodies offered for sale. Cookies, cakes, banana and pumpkin bread drew a crowd. We sold our baked goods after all the masses.

Thank you to all the Ladies for their support of this fundraiser.



Set up team Becky Davis, Lynnette Condrón, Margaret Bogart, Marilyn Prost, and Maria Wolfe.

The set team started at 3 pm but the donations kept coming in. A big thank you to Karen Loman who arrived with two boxes of banana nut bread and pumpkin bread. The Ladies of Bakhita Mountain Home also donated cookies as a thank you for our support in the past. Deb Kory and Janet Born sent contributions even though they were out of town. Thank you to all of you who worked to make our fundraiser a success. I appreciate all your support.



We will meet on 6 November. The Patriotic Rosary will be first at 615 pm in the church. We will be in room A afterwards for our meeting. See you then.

Susan Ridge  
Make a joyful noise.  
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## Sisters BBQ lunch with the Knights and Ladies on Saturday October 11



Photos courtesy of Lisa Kita <kita.3@comcast.net>

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## **IN THEIR HONOR VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Grand Knight<grandknight12228@gmail.com>

Javan Ridge

Worthy Knights,

Here's the information for the upcoming Veterans Day Parade a week from Saturday. I request everyone's help in getting the word out. The invite is extended to Knights with regalia, 3rd degree members (they are encouraged to wear their vest) and family members.

We are entry number 45 and will form up on Monument Street between Tejon and Nevada.

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

**11:00 AM Parade Start**

**Staging Opens at 10:00 AM**

Welcome to the In Their Honor Veterans Day Parade! John, Kaleigh, and I are very honored to organize this Parade for Colorado Springs and that we get to work with all of you! Thanks for being a part of it all!

Attached you will find the Lineup Order and a Map of the Staging area. Please find your location and number and print this number on an 8½" by 11" sheet of paper and place it on the front right side of your entry. This is for the Announcer at the Reviewing Stands.

The staging area WILL OPEN at 10:00 AM! Entries staged on the side streets (Willamette, Monument, and Dale) should enter from Cascade or Nevada so that you are facing Tejon Street. There is no parking in the staging area except for the Entry Vehicle. All other participants in your entry must park elsewhere!

The Parade starts at 11:00 am at Tejon & St. Vrain Streets, runs south on Tejon, and ends at Vermijo where you will disband. The Reviewing Stand will be at Pikes Peak and Tejon St (westside of the intersection)

Please remind everyone in your group of the following:

1. Make sure everyone in your group knows your entry number and location before arrival at the Parade.
2. No Handouts. – Reminder, there are no paper handouts (candy and trinkets are okay) Please walk alongside the crowd line to hand out and do not toss from your unit.
3. Make sure all vehicles/floats/and animals are safe and have the required insurance.
4. Please follow instructions of all Staging Crew Members--they are there for the safety of all!

Disbanding: The parade ends at Tejon and Vermijo Street. Every entry will disband here. Parade staff will direct you to different areas for disbanding. Please pay attention to their instructions! Police have asked everyone to disband from floats at this point. Pull your vehicles over to the side of the road as directed and disband as quickly as possible. For those arriving by bus (JROTC and Bands) the buses will be waiting for you here. Please load up as quickly as possible. Buses must have the Entry Number in the Windshield to enter this area. Please print

your Entry number on an 8½” x 11” sheet.

Horses: All horse entries park/load on Sahwatch St. between Vermijo & Colorado. See attached “Horse Staging Map” for further instructions. Police escort will lead you up to the Staging area at 10:45. Staging area will open at 9:30 for you.

Pooper Scoopers: All animal groups must have a pooper scooper following their unit.

Buses: Please unload your group in the Staging area (north of St. Vrain), then proceed south to the Disbanding Area (Vermijo) where you may park and wait until your group reappears. You must have your Entry Number on the Bus Windshield. Please print your Entry number on an 8½” x 11” sheet.

Thanks again for being a part of the Parade. Remember to be safe and have fun!

Any questions, please call (719)-635-8803 Ext 2  
JOHN, CAROL, and KALEIGH

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Vivat Jesus,

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knights Fabrise Suplisson, Gene Shagi, Sr. Knight Frank Casstellano, and SR. Knight Niciki Pepenella is Council 12228's Knight of the Month for September 2025.

Nicki Pepenella, the Cook Team Lead, spent 16 hours designing the menu and traveling to several locations to procure the best-quality and best-priced food for the event. Being conscious of balancing quality with price is a skill he has learned over many years of food preparation.

The entire team spent over 36 hours preparing the food, setting up, cooking, and cleaning up in the two days leading up to the event. The results were astounding. It is rare to see such high-quality meals served at an Exemplification ceremony.

Prepping, cooking, and continuous cleanup are arduous tasks that require focus, determination, and a high level of commitment to providing perfection. The team's desire to provide a meal fitting for the occasion and the attendees of the ceremony was clearly evident.





Over eighty people enjoyed the meal, which was a culinary delight. The number of people who rushed to the service window when it was announced that seconds were available is a tribute to the excellence of the meal.

The team's focus on excellence and their desire to honor the Candidates and their families demonstrates their charity, unity, and fraternity.

**Sir Knight Javan Ridge, Grand Knight**

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH: LADIES AUXILIARY



The Council 12228 Family of the Month for September 2025 is the St. Francis Council 12228 Ladies' Auxiliary members, Margaret Bogart, Janet Born, Lynette Condrón, Becky Davis, Lakaiya Downen, Debra Kerty, Marilyn Prost, Susan Ridge, Rosmary Toman, and Maria Wolfe.

The recent change in Exemplification procedures has allowed spouses and guests to be in the Exemplification Chamber during the ceremony and knighting. This change required planning and supervision of families and friends to ensure that each Candidate had their guests closely at hand for the knighting, without causing any bottlenecks that would delay the process. Parishioners from the Ladies' Auxiliary took this task in hand and provided a seamless movement of the Knights and guests through an awkward path to knighting.

The Ladies Auxiliary started their day early, creating a pleasing and welcoming environment throughout the entire parish. They wanted the Exemplification to be memorable for the Candidates and their family and friends. They went to great lengths, especially for the formal dinner, to ensure that all rooms, chambers, and Halls were decorated in a way fitting for the ceremony. Small touches, such as giving

the ladies the centerpiece flowers as they departed, made the occasion memorable. The Ladies were also instrumental in hosting Families and friends of the Candidates.

The St. Francis Ladies Auxiliary magically transformed the Hall from what looked like a school cafeteria during the social gatherings before and after the Exemplification into a well-decorated banquet hall with the elegance of a first-class formal dinner. From the ambiance to the attention to detail provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary, they made the day a great success.

We are proud to honor the Ladies Auxiliary Family as Family of the Month for September 2025 for their contributions to our parish, community, and council.

## **Sir Knight Javan Ridge, Grand Knight**

### **ADVICE REQUEST**

*Alex Valentine - will be chairing the parish picnic in 2026. Recognizing the Knights have born an outsized burden in supporting the picnic (covering the gap when the Men's Club folded), he does not want to take the Knights for granted. Will you please write to him directly with your thoughts and comments - please put in a SWOT formula -*

*Strengths -*

*Weakness-*

*Opportunity-*

*Threats-*

*St Francis Parish Picnic will be a fun and engaging event for the whole parish and convent and distribute the load of work to a dispersed group of volunteers. email to [Alex.Valentine06@gmail.com](mailto:Alex.Valentine06@gmail.com)*

## NOVEMBER NOVENA

All Souls' Day is November 2nd, but you can pray the All Souls' Day Novena for any reason that you want, so go ahead and start praying! Pray each day for nine days.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

*Holy Souls in Purgatory, we look to you as pilgrims who have traversed this world before us. As you go through your purification, we ask that you remember our intentions.*

*(Mention your intentions here)*

*Merciful Father, we ask that You have pity on those who are being purified in Purgatory, especially those who stubbornly resisted Your love and turned from You in especially grave ways, but repented and turned to You before the end of their lives. Ease their suffering and hasten their purification that they may soon join You and all the saints for eternity in Heaven.*

*Amen.*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

### **About All Souls' Day**

The Bible states that, "nothing impure can enter Heaven" (Rev. 21:27). Because of our sinful nature, purification must take place at some point before we can enter Heaven. The Church teaches us that this purification happens either on Earth or in Purgatory. The practice of praying for the dead as they go through this time of purification is a practice that goes back centuries. There is an example of it in 2 Maccabees: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Macc. 12:46).

This novena is based on the second part of Dante's Divine Comedy, *Purgatorio*. In Dante's *Purgatorio*, the souls in Purgatory must climb up a mountain to reach *Paradiso* (Heaven). In Purgatory, they confront all their sins and are purified of them, starting at the bottom with the root of all sin, pride, and continuing up through the rest of the seven deadly sins. There are also souls who, because they delayed in starting their spiritual journey on Earth, are delayed in starting their journey up Mount Purgatory, so these who are delayed in starting their climb in Dante's representation will make up the first two days of prayer of this novena

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/souls-day-novena>

| <b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b> |                                                                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Every Friday Morning      | Rachel Rosary at 9:15 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard                |
| November 6, Thursday      | Knights Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B & C |
|                           | Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.       |
| November 9, Sunday        | Parish Breakfast in St Francis Hall after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses |
| November 13, Thursday     | Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.          |
| December 14, Sunday       | Breakfast with Santa after morning Masses                          |
| December 35, Thursday     | Christmas Day                                                      |
| December 28, Sunday       | 5th Sunday Rosary                                                  |
| January 1, Thursday       | New Year's Day                                                     |
| Future Month(s)           | 5th Sunday Rosary (when applicable)                                |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Knight                   | Javan Ridge       |
| Chaplain                       | Fr. Erin Kochivar |
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| Chancellor                     | Ben Davis         |
| Advocate                       | John Heyne        |
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