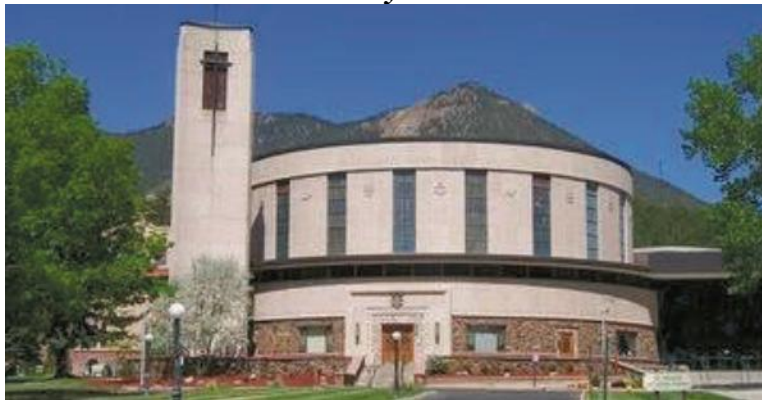


THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



MOUNT ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12228
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
2026 May Edition



GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

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The month of May has mostly been taken up by writing reports and rewriting our budget and our schedule of events for the next Fraternal Year. There have been a lot of changes to past budgets, and many to events and activities. Prominently, the move of one of our Dinners from spring to fall to reduce the stress that is generated in having three major events (Dinners) occurring so close together. There is also hope that more volunteers will be recruited to give more of a break to the “usual suspects” who have done most of the heavy lifting in the past.

This fraternal year, we have sent to Supreme the evidence that we have met the requirements for the McGivney Award, the Columbian Award, the Founders Award, and Star Council. These awards have not been issued, but the “Star Tracker” table shows that we have met the requirements.

Now that we are selecting Officers for the next Fraternal Year, our focus has turned to developing a budget and a calendar of events to help our Council be as effective as possible. Many Officers who served this year will be back next year in the same position where they were successful this year. Others will move to positions of greater responsibility. The outlook for the next Fraternal Year is very bright.

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS JUNE 2026

Hello Ladies! Easter has come and gone with summer waiting in the wings. As you may know, I recently had shoulder replacement surgery. It went well and I am looking forward to physical therapy restoring good function. Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes.

Our Butter Braid fundraiser did quite well. Thank you to all the ladies who sold, sorted, and distributed the Butter Braids to the community. We made over \$1000.00. We will be discussing where and how much we can contribute to our community charities at the June Meeting.



Thank you to all the Butter Braid Beauties.

May you all be well. Our next meeting is at the church hall June 4, 2026 meeting, following the Rosary at 6:45pm in the Knight's room. Please bring a savory or sweet treat for the social afterwards.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Mount St. Francis of Assisi Council #12228 is proud (and very grateful!) to recognize Michael and Lise Wolfe as our Family of the Month for April 2026. Brother Mike is a Third-Degree member who joined the Order in May 2012 and currently serves as our Council's First Year Trustee. He is also the Immediate Past Grand Knight and a Fourth-Degree member of Assembly 88.



Lise is the Immediate Past Ladies Auxiliary Chair and remains an active and enthusiastic supporter of Auxiliary initiatives—proof that “past” chairs never really stop working. Together, Mike and Lise exemplify teamwork, leadership, and a willingness to stay late when everyone else is already home. Lise played a key role in organizing and decorating for both the Knights’ Christmas Party and the Valentine’s Dinner and Dance, while Mike handled teardown—patiently and faithfully—well into the evening. While they missed this year’s St. Patrick’s Dinner, it was only because they were simultaneously supporting the Catholic Charities St. Patrick’s Gala fundraiser, proving once again that they somehow manage to be in two places at once. Mike has served on recent CUF Exemplification Teams, with Lise attending in support of both the Council and our new Third-Degree members. Lise was also instrumental in the success of the Ladies Auxiliary Butter Braid fundraiser, dedicating countless hours after Masses over several weeks to taking and distributing orders. With Mike enthusiastically promoting the fundraiser to parishioners, it’s safe to say no one escaped without at least hearing about Butter Braids. Their teamwork continues with the organization and leadership of the annual Patriotic Rosary at St. Francis around Veterans Day. Lise is also deeply involved in parish life, serving on the Environment Team, assisting with seasonal church decorations, volunteering with the Altar Society to keep altar linens in pristine condition, and helping out in the parish office multiple times each month—often before most of us have finished our morning coffee. Mike and Lise are faithful supporters of the annual walk benefiting Bakhita Mountain Home for women survivors of human trafficking, helping with setup and takedown. Despite a painful gout flare-up, Mike still participated this year, demonstrating that commitment sometimes comes with a limp. They also regularly attend and support the BBQ lunches for the Sisters of St. Francis, because service is always better with good food. Mike serves on the Christmas and Easter Mass Parking Teams and is an active member of the Fourth-Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Most recently, he honored Brother Knight Dufaud at both his funeral at St. Francis and his interment at the National Cemetery. Mike also plays a key role in recruiting new members, actively encouraging parishioners to join the Knights—often before they even realize they’re being recruited. You can always count on Mike and Lise to be present at monthly meetings and fully engaged in the life of our Council and parish. Their faith, generosity, and relentless spirit of service (with just the right amount of good humor) make them truly deserving of this recognition. Congratulations, Mike and Lise, and thank you for all that you do—especially for never saying “no” when help is needed.

- J. Ridge, Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

The Council 12228 Knight of the Month for May 2026 is Brother Knight Patrick Baldwin. Patrick is a Third-Degree council member, joining the Order on March 10th, 2002, and a 4th Degree member of Assembly 88.

Sir Knight Patrick quickly found activities in the Council that required his diverse skills. When the new slate of Officers was being constructed for Fraternal 2025-2026, he threw his hat in the ring for one of the most challenging and thankless jobs in the Council. He accepted the position of recorder.

As the recorder, he was tasked with writing down, word for word, all conversations that occurred in a meeting. Sometimes there are several conversations going on at once, and he must pick the one that is most important. He also must attribute what he has written to a specific Knight. Our Council has over 170 Knights, and it would be impossible to memorize the names of every face. If, before speaking, the Knight had identified himself as the protocol calls for, the job would be easier. It is rare that this occurs, yet Patrick has managed to call for a name as he continues to write.

SK Patrick also signed up to be a part of a cooking team. His focus on meeting standards and his cheerful personality make him a popular member of the team. Just like his recorder duties, he willingly takes on the hardest jobs and accomplishes them with a bright attitude and a great sense of humor.

We are proud to honor our brother Knight, SK Patric Baldwin, as Knight of the Month for May 2026, for what he does for our parish, community, and council.

- SK Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

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NOVENA: ST. JUDE NOVENA

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

Most holy St. Jude – apostle, martyr and friend of Jesus, today I ask that you pray for me and my intentions!

(State your intentions here)

You are the patron of the impossible. Pray for me and my intentions! O St. Jude, pray that God's grace and mercy will cover my intentions. Pray for the impossible if it is God's will.

Pray that I may have the grace to accept God's holy will even if it is painful and difficult for me.

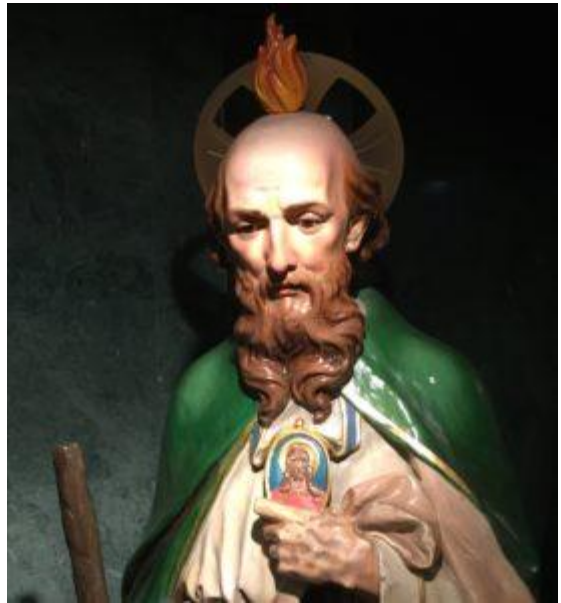
St. Jude, you loved our Lord, help me to love Him more.

O St. Jude, pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love and in the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray for these intentions, but most of all pray that I may join you in heaven with God for all eternity.

Amen.

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

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-jude-novena>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary at 9:30 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
June 4, 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.
June 18, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
June 21, Sunday, Father's Day	Parish Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses (St. Francis Boys cooking and serving)
July 2, 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.
July 4, Saturday	Independence Day
July 16, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
August 6, Thursday	Knights Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B & C
August 20, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
August 30, Sunday	5th Sunday Rosary after 8:30 and 10:30 Mass

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