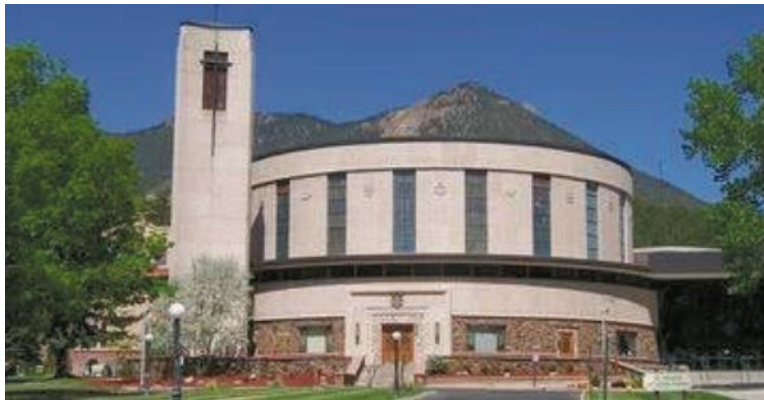


THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



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



GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

SK Javan Ridge, email: grandknight12228@gmail.com

The end of the Fraternal Year is one of, if not the most, busy times of the year. Councils and Assemblies are sometimes frantically finishing up reports and activities. At the same time, they are looking for Knights to fill all the officers' positions for the upcoming year. All of this is finished in due course. Officer Installations are completed, reports are filed, and awards are collected and prepared for presentation.

The following is the list of officers who have been selected to serve from Fraternal Year 2026-2027:

Grand Knight	Ben Davis
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Bogart
Chancellor	Patrick Baldwin
Recorder	Ken Korty
Treasurer	Ron Toman
Lecturer	Joe Priester
Advocate	John Heyne
Warden	Mike Kindt
Inside Guard	Walter Lamb
Outside Guard	Thomas Barr
Trustee for one Year	Michael Wolfe
Trustee for two Years	Robert Condron
Trustee for three Years	Frank Castellano

The Officer's slate is very strong. Amongst the members are several Knights who have recently moved to our area and have brought with them extensive experience from serving as Officers in various positions in their previous Councils.

The month has been a busy one. In case you missed some of the events from this month, here is a partial list of events that St. Francis Knights have participated in the month of June:

- Four funerals
- One Priest Ordination
- One Procession
- A Parish Breakfast
- Sister's Picnic
- The Silver Rose Ceremony
- Officer's Installation
- Three-Day State Organizational Meeting

Best wishes to all our new Officers.



LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS JUNE 2026

Ladies Auxiliary June 2026 Newsletter

The June meeting was a busy one. The Butter Braid fundraiser showed a profit of \$1300. We discussed the distribution of funds. We decided to fund all our previous recipients, but at the lower level of \$300. each. We also discussed amending these totals after the fall Bake Sale fundraiser.

The June Sisters picnic meal was well attended by the Sisters, Knights and Ladies. The food and conversations were delicious and flowed freely. Sister Michelle announced the rumor that this was the last picnic is untrue. We are all anticipating the picnic in the spring.

The Silver Rose stopped on its yearly pilgrimage on Wednesday 24 June at our grotto Mass.

June comes with changes. Grand Knight Javan Ridge has accepted the position of District Marshall of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Ben Davis will be the next Grand Knight.

Thank you for the opportunity of being your Ladies' Auxiliary Chair. Please join me in welcoming Becky Davis as our next Ladies' Chair. She is the mastermind in most of our decorating schemes. She is sure to bring her humor and creativity to this new role as well.

- Susan Ridge

SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

The Silver Rose program is an annual tradition in which Knights of Columbus councils across North America steward a silver rose along routes from Canada to Mexico, culminating at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City or Monterey, Mexico. Each stop along the pilgrimage is marked by a prayer service centered on the rosary, where Knights, parishioners, and community members gather to pray for the sanctity of life, spiritual renewal, and the advancement of Our Lady of Guadalupe's message.

It was held in the Grotto at St. Francis, 2650 Parish View, Colorado Springs, on 24 June at 8:00 AM.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Javan Ridge

Grand Knight, Council 12228

Faithful Navigator, Assembly 88

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus Council 12228 Family of the Month for June 2026 is The Joe and Donna Priester Family. Joe is a Third-Degree member of our council who joined the Order in 1963 but drifted away from active participation. Donna and Council Knights ushered him back into active participation. He reentered the order in December 2019.

Joe serves as the Lecturer for our Council, and we can always count on him for an entertaining reading from the book "Drinking with the Saints" at our monthly member meetings. His skills as a storyteller always provide an enlightening and entertaining journey into the history and ceremony of prominent and delightful drinks. All of us are now thoroughly familiar with exactly how many times one must shake a cocktail before it is suitable for drinking.

Joe is regularly called upon to deliver opening and closing prayers for our officers' meetings. He also leads our council's 5th Sunday Rosary Program, and as always, did an excellent job leading our most recent 5th Sunday Rosary on June 29th. In addition, Joe has reintroduced special rosaries that add special meaning and depth to our understanding of the Rosary.

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Joe and Donna have always been very active in our church. Both Joe and Donna have served as eucharistic ministers and lectors. They've also done Marital Counseling for over 20 years.

The Joe and Donna family genuinely demonstrates the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to our council, parish, and community. This family has earned and truly deserves the designation of "Family of the Month" for 2026.

Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

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.

SK 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 Patric 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.



COLORADO KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Harvey Siegle is being recognized at the Colorado Knight of the Month (April 2026) for outstanding hard work, dedication to the Order, and selfless contributions.



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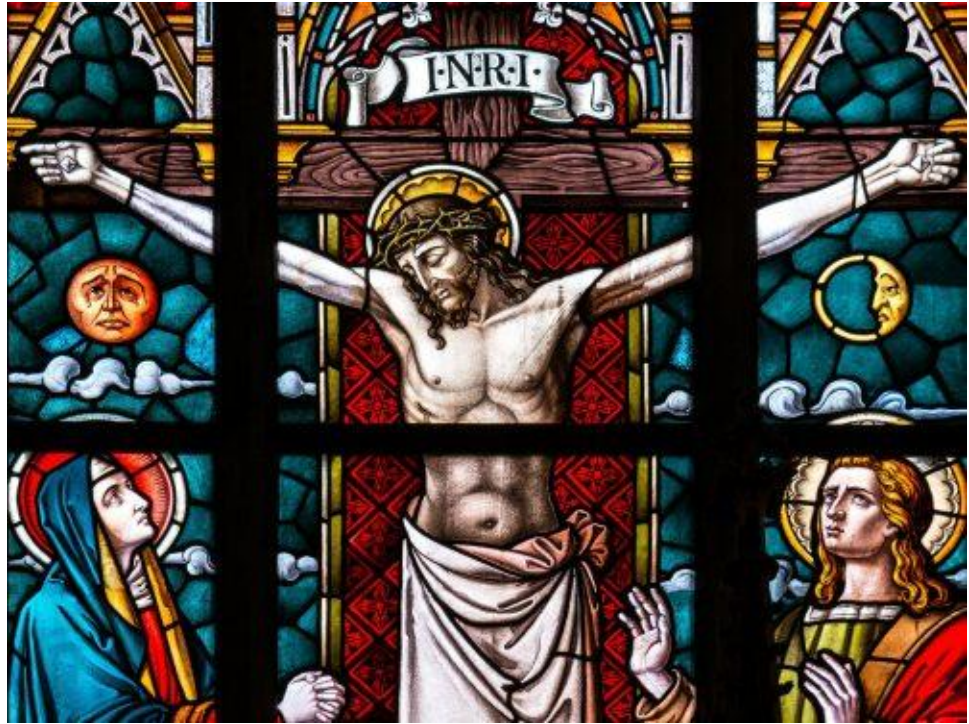
Novena to the Precious Blood of Jesus

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

By the Voice of Thy Blood, O Jesus, I seek Thee, ask Thee and beg Thee, to help me at this time of my need.

O Jesus, I kneel at Thy bleeding feet pleading that you will hear me. Many graces and many mercies have come from Thy Blood. My hope lives in you, until the end of my time.

O Jesus, by Thy Precious Blood which you shed for our souls, by each drop that you shed for our redemption and by the tears of Thy Immaculate Mother, I beseech Thee and earnestly ask You to listen to my prayer:



(Mention your request here...)

O Jesus, who during all the days of Thy mortal life, You consoled so many sufferers, You healed so many infirmities, You raised so often a sinking courage; have pity on my soul who cries to Thee from the depths of my anguish.

[Novena to the Precious Blood of Jesus – Powerful Catholic Prayer for Protection, Healing, and Mercy](#)

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary at 9:30 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
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 16, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
August 1, Saturday	Bakhita Walk: "Steps To Empower Walk & 5K Run"
August 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.
August 20, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
September 3, 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.
September 17, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
September 27, Sunday	Sunday Rosary after 8:30 and 10:30 Mass

COUNCIL #12228 OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Ben Davis
Chaplain	Fr. Erin Kochivar
Chaplain Emeritus	Fr. Ken Przybyla
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Bogart
Chancellor	Patrick Baldwin
Advocate	John Heyne
Recording Secretary	Patrick Baldwin
Treasurer	Ron Toman
Warden	Michael Kindt
Inside Guard	Walter Lamb
Outside Guard	Thomas Barr
Lecturer	Joe Priester
1st Year Trustee	Michael Wolfe
2nd Year Trustee	Robert Condron
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Castellano
Financial Secretary	Ron Born
District Deputy	Al Batey

SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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