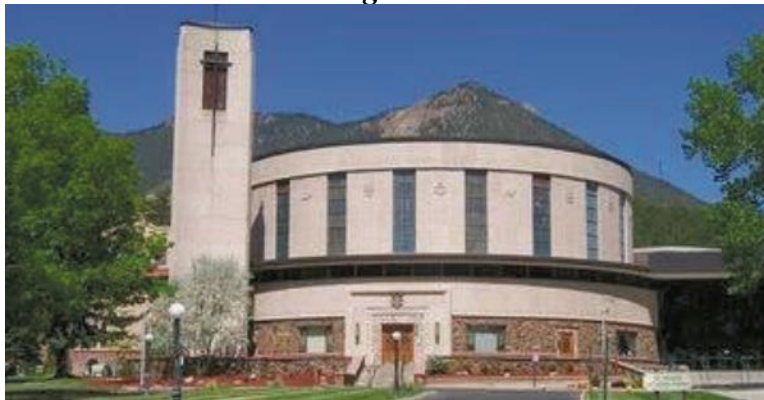


THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



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



GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

August proved to be a busy time. The month kicked off with the kickoff of Peaches and Pears sales. Having sold a lot of Peaches and Pears last year, they pretty much sold themselves. Ron Born had set up a process that allowed us to scan a QR code, enter our order, and pay online. This process saved a lot of time and confusion. Knights were on hand after all the Masses to assist those who were not familiar with scanning QR codes or did not have a cell phone.

At our last Officers' Meeting, Ron Toman described the process he had developed for distributing Peaches and Pears to those who had purchased them. Some, including me initially, thought the process was more complex than it needed to be. When the cases were delivered, tagged the way Ron Toman had planned, and distribution was underway, we all quickly understood the efficiency of the process. Distribution proceeded smoothly due to the well-orchestrated process.

Though we can feel good about helping Parishioners get excellent Peaches and Pears at an excellent price, the significant benefit was the amount of profit the Council made. We brought in almost \$1,500 after the farm was paid for the produce. This money will be used to support the numerous charities and non-profits we support. Not a bad deal, support beneficial activities, and have several yummy pies and preserves.

Council 12228 supported the Bakita Waik to End Trafficking initiative by providing parking guides and, as in the past, provided snacks and water to the participants. Council funds for the food were our monetary donation in addition to the hours the volunteers worked.

This year's Colorado Special Olympics asked us to provide a Color Guard for the opening ceremonies of their summer competition. They were very grateful when we also offered to stay into the afternoon and present medals to the winners. Since most of us were in matching uniforms, it brought a touch of dignity to the presentations.



All of the flag bearers were from St. Francis.



The team that received the standings, prepared, and awarded the medals for all the events consisted of Knights and one woman from the Ladies' Auxiliary. The District Master, William Furstenberger, personally placed the ribbons with the medals around each winner's neck.

The Parish picnic offered a chance to relax and socialize with friends, while also providing our support for the event. Setting up tables and chairs, awnings, and, of course, cooking the meat, has long been a tradition for the Knights at the picnic. The weather is always a concern at the end of summer. This picnic was no different. Showers did arrive later in the afternoon, along with strong winds that threatened to send canopies on a trip across Woodman Road. Many sturdy souls hunkered down under the trees, and the short storm moved on.

All in all, August provided numerous opportunities for Knights and Ladies to showcase their commitment to unity, charity, and fraternity.

- SK Javan Ridge, Grand Knight, Council 12228

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS JULY 2025

Ladies Auxiliary News August 2025

It has been a very wet month the last two weeks. The webs are growing between my fingers and toes as we enjoy a bit of extra humidity.

Bahkita Walk

Thank you to all the volunteers and walkers for making the Bahkita fundraiser a success. The cool start was very welcome. Thank you to the ladies who came to cut up and display watermelons and other goodies for the participants. The walk ended before the big gusts of wind that threatened to blow the vendors tents to Kansas.



Upcoming events

September 4

Council/Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting

September 6 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification

October 25-26 Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 4, 2025**. The rosary will be at 6:45pm in the Knights room and then the Ladies will meet at 7:10pm in the **St Francis Hall upstairs**. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share at the social afterwards. Hope to see you then.

Susan Ridge

Make a joyful noise

719-439-6887



Quilt Boutique Booth at St. Francis Picnic

PARISH BREAKFAST Presented by St. Francis Boyz



CULTURE OF LIFE

Let us pray that Saint Francis may inspire us, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. May we live our lives in ways that honor and cherish all life, no matter its size or age. Amen.

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Pope Leo's September Prayer Intention:

FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL CREATION



#DEFENDLIFEWITHLOVE

“Knights at Night- Defending the Preborn”

Around -the-Clock, 40-Day Effort to End Abortion

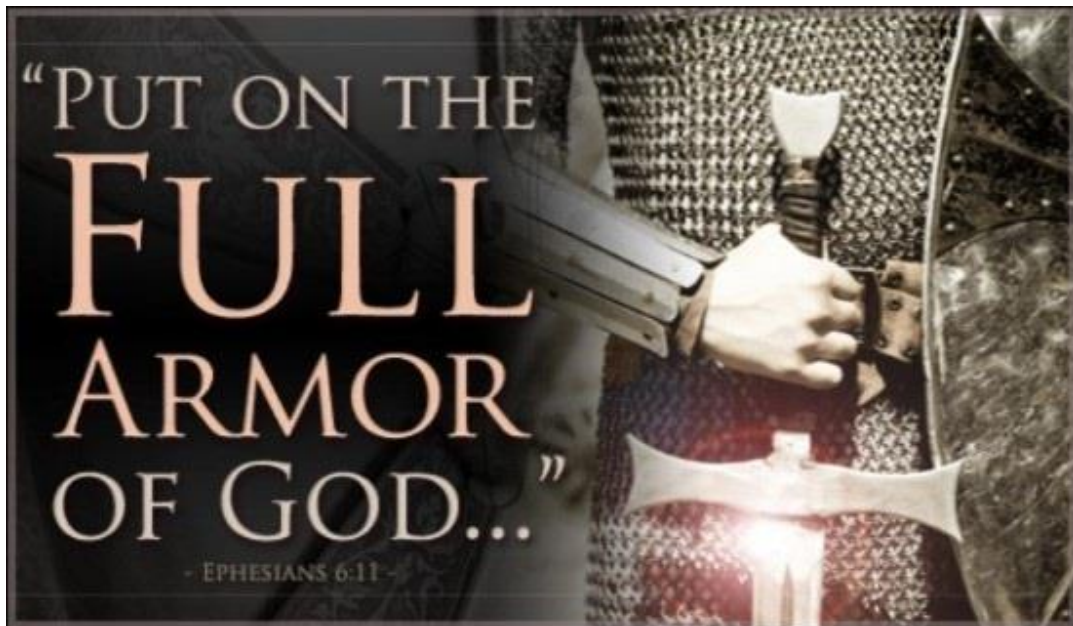
FALL:  40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
September 24 - November 2, 2025

We need 84 Heroic Men willing to stand up for the Preborn and Women-in-Need!

These 84 Men will commit to praying at the Centennial sidewalk near Planned Parenthood for **1 or 2 Hour Shifts, Once a Week, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Every Week during the 40 Days for Life:**

6-7pm 7-8pm 8-9pm 9-10pm 10-11pm 11-12pm 12pm-1am 1-2am 2-3am 3-4am 4-5am 5-6am

Please consider a night shift so women don't have to be praying at the sidewalk at night.



Pray to God to CLOSE DOWN the abortion clinic in Colo.Springs!

To Sign up: www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings

Watch the Green Bay “Sleep No More” video to be inspired!

<https://40daysforlife.com/2016/03/17/green-bay-wisconsin-3/>

Prayer and Fasting

Prayer Vigil

Community Outreach

Colorado Springs -- Changing Hearts and Minds Through the Love of God

SEPTEMBER NOVENA: OUR LADY OF SORROWS NOVENA

When to Begin: September 6

O holy angel, whom God, by the effect of His goodness and His tender regard for my welfare, has charged with the care of my conduct, and who assists me in all my wants and comforts me in all my afflictions, who supports me when I am discouraged and continually obtains for me new favors. I return thee profound thanks, and I earnestly beseech thee, O most amiable protector, to continue thy charitable care and defense of me against the malignant attacks of all my enemies. Keep me away from all occasions of sin.

Obtain for me the grace of listening attentively to thy holy inspirations and of faithfully putting them into practice. In particular, I implore thee to obtain for me the favor which I ask for by this novena.

(Here mention your intention or prayer request.)

Protect me in all the temptations and trials of this life, but more especially at the hour of my death, and do not leave me until thou hast conducted me into the presence of my Creator in the mansions of everlasting happiness.

Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb

The 7 Promises to Those Who Pray the 7 Sorrows

I will grant peace to their families.

They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.

I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.

I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.

I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.

I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.

I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Council 12228 Family of the Month for July 2025 is the Korty family. SK Ken Korty is a Third-Degree council member, joining the Order on May 28th, 2008, and is a 4th Degree Knight in Assembly 88, receiving that degree on June 15th, 2018.



Sir Knight Ken has attended numerous Honor Guard and Color Guard training sessions, developing the skills and knowledge necessary to excel at funeral Honor Guard events and processions. He has demonstrated those abilities and skills prominently as he has supported the Council and the Assembly. His desire to perform well is evident in his regular attendance at training sessions.

Debra Korty consistently appears whenever there is a need to decorate for a function, prepare the Hall, Church, and Narthex for a funeral, dinner, or celebration. She tirelessly works on setting up, and when the party is over, she is there, participating in the cleanup and putting things away.

Debra and Ken's enthusiasm for doing what needs to be done sets a great example for the other family members. Their children, Leo and Bernadette, are often seen working in the kitchen, preparing meals for Lent, breakfast, or other occasions. They also provide the support needed when decorating for different seasons or events that require additional assistance.

The leadership of the parents and the example they display for their children are in keeping with the best traditions of family life. The children's work demonstrates their strength and character, reflecting the Catholic values of the family. We are proud to honor the Korty family as Family of the Month for July 2025 for their contributions to our parish, community, and council.

Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Council 12228 Knight of the Month for July 2025 is Brother Knight Tony Woloch. Tony is a Third-Degree council member, joining the Order on November 22nd, 2005.

Tony flies under the radar, always staying in the background and avoiding attention. Staying in the background gives him the perfect vantage point for taking all those pictures of Knights and their

families enjoying the many events the Council sponsors. His work appears in the Knightly News every month. His work also makes it possible to provide a pictorial walk down memory lane, showcasing the Council's activities with a slide show during our Christmas dinner celebration.

Brother Knight Tony has a passion for helping others, which is clearly demonstrated by his support of the Apostle's Build for Habitat for Humanity. He coordinates with Habitat for Humanity and reserves a date that allows the Knights to participate. He then recruits Knights for construction work that they are capable of accomplishing. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn skills that will allow them to make repairs or additions to their own homes. His efforts, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, provide homes for families that may otherwise never have the opportunity to own one.

We are proud to honor our brother Knight, Tony Woloch, as Knight of the Month for July 2025 for what he does for our parish, community, and council.

Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

Tony's after-action report for St. Francis Apostles build:

"Last Saturday August 2nd was a much nicer cooler day while work was done on multiple Habitat house construction sites.

Construction volunteers included St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners led by Bernie Redlinger, who also helped serve a delicious lunch, and independents.

Tasks included:

1. Picking up trash & construction material debris around the construction sites.
2. Cutting and installing OSB sheathing on the second-floor exterior of the 20205 Apostles Build house.
3. Installing hurricane clips (ten 1.5" exterior grade galvanized joist hanger nails per hurricane clip) between the roof rafters & top plates of the 2025 Apostles Build house.
4. Dismantling and moving exterior scaffolding at the 20205 Apostles Build house.
5. Installing 2"x4"x16' "rat runners" across the bottoms of the roof rafters of the 2025 Apostles build house, using 16D 3.25" sinker nails; 2 nails per roof rafter.
6. Cutting and installing interior batt insulation in a second Habitat house.

Well done! "



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	Dedication: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord
Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary at 9:15 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
Sept. 4, Thursday	Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B and C, Knights, Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.
Sept. 14, Sunday	Parish Breakfast in St Francis Hall after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses Prepared and served by Harvey's Hashers
Sept. 18, Thursday	Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
Sept 24 – Nov2	40 Days for Life Fall Campaign
September 25 & 26	Life Network 42 nd Fundraising Gala and Silent Auction with Mark Shultz, DoubleTree Hotel
September 27, Sat.	Marian House Cooking Team
Next Month(s)	5 th Sunday Rosary
October 2, Thursday	Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B and C, Knights, Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.=A
October 12, Sunday	Parish Breakfast in St Francis Hall after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses
October 16, Thursday	Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
November 30, Sunday	5 th Sunday Rosary

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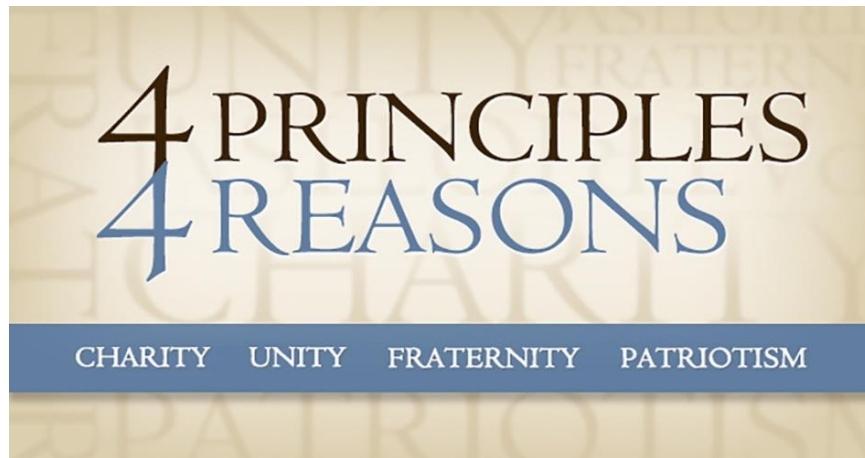
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