THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

MOUNT ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12228

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2026 September Edition

GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW



Wow! We made it through the September rush. The membership drive on the 5th and 6th and the 12th and 13th was a resounding success with at least 8 new members signed up and ready for the October 18th Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. 3 others are presently in OCIA and will be ready to join following the completion of the program next Easter. Thanks to all those who volunteered to man the signup tables in the narthex – you did an outstanding job!

Our first ever Octoberfest Dinner Party took place on September 18th and was amazing. I talked to most of the attendees that evening and all expressed what a fun time it was. Many thought the food prepared by Donetta Parker and Knights from many of our cooking teams was the "best dinner they had ever had here". The band, The Hot Schnapps, were great and gave us a very entertaining evening of music – and some of the attendees even got up and danced. My congratulations to POC Debra Korty and the entire planning committee – well done and everyone is already looking forward to next year.

The following day, September 19th, 26 Knights and family members went up to the Lake Manitou Recreation area for the annual Family Outing. The weatherman gave us an absolutely perfect fall day – beautiful sun and clear skies and temperatures in the high 60's/low seventies with little wind. Lots of couples walked around the lake. Some fished – although I've heard the "catching" wasn't great. Oh, well, everyone enjoyed relaxing in a beautiful setting and chatting around the picnic tables eating hot dogs grilled by yours truly.

After a week or so to catch our breaths, it's time to gear up for a very busy October. Our next monthly Membership Meeting is Thursday October 1st in classrooms B and C, with the rosary at 6:45 PM and the meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. The 800th Jubilee for the death of St. Francis the weekend of Oct. 2nd - 4th with many activities planned appropriate to St. Francis Life. October

10th is the Sisters' Picnic in the convent dining hall. Our next Monthly Parish Breakfast is Oct. 11th. Oct. 17th is the date for our parish's Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. October 23-24 is the Coats for Kids sorting and distribution at the Shrine (Divine Redeemer). Also on October 24th is the Women's Partnering Meeting for which we will need some volunteers to set up the table and chairs in the hall.

So please save these dates and participate as much as you can. Until next month, God Bless and Vivat Jesus**. "I love what I do because of who I get to do it with!"**

- Gk Ben Davis

A variety of events will be held in and around the church on Oct. 3-4 to celebrate the Saint Francis Jubilee, the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, the namesake of our parish.
Pope Leo XIV declared 2026 the" Year of Saint Francis" to honor his life and legacy. The highlight of that celebration will begin on Saturday with a Diocesan Rosary Rally at 9 a.m. in the St. Francis of Assisi church that will feature a rosary, a processional of Our Lady of Fatima statue, Mass and guest speaker Father Michael Goodyear of St. Francis Parish in Castle Rock.

A mid-morning hike on the church grounds and surrounding area that represents the love of nature and environment by Saint Francis will begin at 10:30 a.m. Hikers will gather at the Grotto in the churchyard.

Saint Francis is the Patron Saint of Animals and to celebrate his love and passion, a pet blessing will be held in the church grotto at 1 p.m. Medallions will be presented to the various pets that in the past have included parakeets, dogs, cats and a few other two and four-legged critters.

There will be confessions at 4 p.m. in the church as part of a Plenary Indulgence, which will involve Mass, Eucharist and prayers for Pope Leo XIV.

After a 5 p.m. Mass in the church there will be an Italian meal coordinated by the St. Francis Youth to be held in the Hall.

The concluding event on Saturday will be the Transitus of Saint Francis Prayer Service in the church led by the 3rd Order of Franciscans. The service will be a reflection of the life and death of Saint Francis by his contemporaries in the 1200s. The service will begin at 7:45 p.m. to wrap up the day.

Sunday is the Feast Day of St. Francis and the Masses will be led by Father Erin honoring our Patron Saint. After the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses Saint Francis' favorite almond cookies, along with the regular coffee and donuts, will be provided in the hall by the 3rd Order of the Franciscan and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

With Saint Francis' care and passion for the poor and needy, a donation will be encouraged by the parishioners to the Sacred Heart Parish Food Drive and distribution. The request is for shelf stable items, including canned chili, hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, tuna or other canned protein, rice, pasta sauce and pasta.

To set the stage for the Jubilee celebration there will be classes on the life and teachings of Saint Francis held after Sunday 5 p.m. Masses from Sept. 13-27 led by parishioner Larry Gray.

Pick your spots and come celebrate and honor our namesake Saint Francis on this important first weekend of October.

This fall season is shaping up to be a busy one, with our first CUF exemplification on July 19th.

The Bakhita Walk/Run on August 1st followed by our Peach deliveries in the parking lot.

The Parish Picnic on August 23rd. And that's just the beginning!

Vivat Jesus!

- Ben Davis, WGK Council 12228

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

September flew by. The ladies had a great meeting on the 3rd. We all had such a wonderful time at the Oktoberfest. The food was amazing and the music was great. Our Lake Manitou picnic was so much fun. The weather was perfect. It is such a beautiful setting and everyone had a wonderful time. I hope everyone has a happy fall. Blessings
Becky.

- Becky Davis. Head of the Ladies' Auxiliary

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

William "Andie" Anderson joined Knights of Columbus Council 12228 in December 2025. He is a 3rd degree Knight in Council 12228 and assembly 0088. In a remarkably short time, he has become someone we can count on—someone who sees a need and simply steps forward to help.



Whether he is preparing and cooking for the Parish Picnic or Sisters BBQ, helping with Sunday coffee and donuts, training others, or filling in wherever he is needed, Andie gives his time generously and without hesitation. He is always available when we need someone to help with setups and takedowns in the hall or for all the various events in the parish.

But his service goes far beyond the Knights. Ar served our parish through Audio/Visual, Mass streaming, as a Lector, and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. And when our p needed to become better prepared to protect care for its people, Andie stepped forward onc He helped create our Parish Incident Manager Team and continues to serve as one of its lead developed emergency procedures, security an evacuation plans, coordination with our usher training programs, and the systems and equip needed to respond when it matters most. He i committed to making our church environment as safe and comfortable as possible. That commitment to service is deeply rooted in who Andie is. He spent more than 22 years serving our country in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He then devoted another 18 years to saving lives as a paramedic with American Medical Response.

For Andie, service isn't simply something he does. It is who he is**.** And behind this remarkable record of service is his family. Andie and his wife**,** Jeanette, have shared 45 years of marriage, raised two daughters and are now enjoying six grandchildren, the people he treasures most.

Andie, you have given our country your service. You have given your parish your time, your talents, and your leadership. And you have given your fellow Knights something equally valuable—an example. An example of what happens when a man is willing to step forward, roll up his sleeves, and say, "I'll help."

Andie truly exhibits all the best facets of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism and is truly

deserving the title of Knight of the Month for September 2026.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

It is with great pride and sincere appreciation that **Council 12228 recognizes Kevin and Margaret Kinney** as our **Family of the Month for September 2026.** Kevin and Margaret exemplify what it means to live a life of faith, service, generosity, and commitment to family, parish, and community. Their dedication is not li[illegible]
Instead, they continually give of their time, talen



Kevin joined the Knights of Columbus in 2019 He is a 3rd Degree Member of Council 12228 and Assembly 0088. He was a valued member of the past cooking team with Gene Sutay and regularly volunteers with the **Marian House cooking ministry**, serving on the third and fourth Sundays. Kevin is also deeply involved in men's faith formation. He is a member of the **Inferno Men's Group "Upper Room" team**, leads a **COR prayer group** on the first and fourth Monday mornings, and participates in **That Man Is You** on Saturday mornings at St. Francis. He has also been invaluable in helping Council 12228 establish our own COR group, which meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month after morning mass. For several years, Kevin faithfully has served the parish through the **Audio/Visual Ministry** and as an **usher**. He has also served a year on the **Parish Council** and has participated on **Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** teams. And, as anyone who knows Kevin can attest, he is always willing to step forward and joyfully assist with the many activities and events of both the parish and the Knights of Columbus. Kevin's service reflects a simple but powerful commitment: to see a need and willingly answer the call to serve.

Margaret's record of service is equally remarkable and reflects a deep and enduring commitment to faith and ministry. She founded and led the **"Born for This" women's group**, serving women in the parish for three years. She has been an active member of the **Altar**

Society and led the **Funeral Luncheon Ministry** for three years. Margaret has also devoted herself to promoting vocations and supporting the Church. She has been a member of the **Serra Club** for four years and served the Diocese as a volunteer assisting the **Director of Young Adult Ministry** from February 2022 through April 2025.Her service extends to the **Marian House**, where she volunteers with early-morning preparation, and to the Salesian community. After two years of formation, Margaret made her commitment as a **Salesian Cooperator in 2025**.She has also served as a **Seven Sisters Prayer Warrior**, faithfully praying for Father Ken and continuing that ministry for Father Erin. She serves as a **Friday morning Mass lector** and, in January 2025, founded and continues to lead the **St. Monica Ministry**, meeting on the first and third Thursdays. Since 2022, Margaret has also created and maintained the parish's annual **"Pray for Vocations" poster**, providing a visible and lasting reminder of the importance of praying for those called to serve the Church. What makes Kevin and Margaret especially deserving of this recognition is not simply the impressive number of ministries in which they serve. It is the **spirit in which they serve**. They give generously of themselves. They quietly step forward. They encourage others. And they demonstrate through their example that faith is not simply something we believe—it is something we **live**.

Kevin and Margaret have given countless hours in service to the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Parish, the Diocese, and the wider community. Their lives reflect the very values we seek to promote as Knights: **Faith, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.** It is our privilege and honor to recognize you as the **Council 12228 Family of the Month for September.**

NOVENA:

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 1

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, you care for each of us with tender motherly love. You wish us to truly turn to you so that you may care for us as a mother.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in true devotion to you!

Pray for us, that we may make use of every help for salvation that God gives us. Pray that we may grow in holiness and virtue each day of our lives.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 2

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, Christians turned to your powerful intercession when they were in need of help in the fight against the Ottoman Empire. Pope Pius V urged all Christians to pray the Rosary to ask for the help that was so greatly needed in the Battle of Lepanto.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in true devotion to the Rosary!

Pray for us, that we may always ask in faith for all that we need. Pray that we may never be discouraged in our faith, even in times of difficulty.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 3

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, the Christian forces were at a great material disadvantage when they did battle against the Ottoman Empire. Despite these discouraging circumstances, Christians put their faith in God and turned confidently to your intercession.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in the virtue of faith!

Pray for us, that we may grow in all virtues that are necessary for holiness. Pray that we may always hold fast to our faith even in times of great difficulty.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 4

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Pius V knew that the Christian forces were at a great disadvantage against the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto. He urged all Christians to

pray fervently for assistance until the Christians reached victory.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in perseverance in prayer!

Pray for us, that we may never be discouraged as we pray for assistance. Pray that we may grow in holiness and virtue each day of our lives.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 5

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Pius V called upon your powerful intercession in a time of great need for Christianity. A Christian defeat at the Battle of Lepanto would have greatly hindered the practice of the faith for a large part of the world. Your intercession helped preserve the faith against those who were hostile to it.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray for all persecuted Christians!

Pray for us, that we may always practice our faith courageously. Pray that we love God with greater devotion each day.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 6

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, the aggressions of the Ottoman Empire were a grave threat to Christianity, so Pope Pius V turned to your intercession. Through your assistance, the Christian forces were able to miraculously defeat the stronger naval forces of the Muslims.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that all Christians may be able to freely practice their faith!

Pray for us, that we may grow in virtue and holiness each day of our lives. Pray that we may

never allow any difficulties to prevent us from serving God.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 7

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Pius V turned to your intercession during a time of great conflict in the world. Battles were being fought between Muslim and Christian forces. Your intercession helped bring about Christian victory and helped bring about peace.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray for peace in our modern world!

Pray for us, that we may be eager to carry out God's will in our lives and in the world. Pray that we may do all we can to preach the gospel to others.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 8

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, the hostilities of the Ottoman Empire were a great threat to Christianity. As Pope Pius V turned to your intercession during the Battle of Lepanto, he knew that your help was greatly needed to battle the Muslims.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray for the conversion of all who are hostile to Christianity!

Pray for us, that we may do all we can to bring others to conversion. Pray that we may be eager to share the faith with others at every opportunity.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Novena - Day 9

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

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. Help us to turn to her as our mother in all of our needs!

Our Lady of the Rosary, the Christians were in grave danger from Muslim aggression when Pope Pius V sought your help during the Battle of Lepanto. He implored all Christians to pray the Rosary to obtain your assistance for the Church and the world.

Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray for the Church!

Pray for us too, that we may always do all we can to carry out God's will in our lives. Pray that we may grow in holiness and every virtue each day of our lives.

And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here).

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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

Read more at: https://www.praymorenovenas.com/our-lady-of-the-rosary-novena

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary at 9:30 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
October 1, 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.
October 15, Thursday **October 25, Sunday**	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday Rosary after 8:30 and 10:30 Mass

	Knights Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B & C
November 5, Thursday	Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.
November 19, Thursday	Council Officers' Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
	Knights Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B & C
December 3, Thursday	Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.

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