



Knightly Newsletter

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Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism



Chaplain's Column

Father Matthew is vacationing for much of July. He wants to once again welcome our new Pastoral Vicar Father Saul Perez and wishes everyone a holy and happy month of July.

PROGRAMS

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)

In July, the men's breakfast will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 7:30 AM in the Parish Center and engage in a study of the Catholic *Catechism* and its relationship to Holy Scripture. All men are welcome.

Community (Louie Rodriguez & Anthony Martinez)

Thank God and all the volunteers it was another day of blessings for the community this last food distribution event. The next food distribution event will be July 25th, and we will need all volunteers to be in the parking lot between 8:45-9:00. The food truck will be dropping off pallets by 9:00. We will have one hour to organize all the food, and the new distribution time will take place 10:00-11:00. The next *Date with the Word* Bible study will be on July 6th, between 12-1 in the Parish Center. And may God continue to richly bless you and your families.

Family (Robert Poncini)

Manners Matter: The Lost Art of Manners within our own Family

"GIVE ME THAT!" I want that NOW!" "Get out of MY way!" Grab, push, shove, slap, hit...the list goes on and we listen and look with shock and horror at children's behavior. Should we be so surprised and shocked, however? Are manners being passed on and focused on in our families during the upbringing of our children? In the way we (cont. p.2)

Grand Knight's Notations

Worthy Brother Knights ,

As we welcome the warmth of summer, let us take this time to reflect on our faith, service, and fellowship. July reminds us of the importance of community and the blessings we share. May we continue to embody the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in all that we do. Let's stay committed to serving others and spreading kindness throughout this joyful season. Wishing everyone a blessed and safe 4 of July!

Vivat Jesus!

Gabriel Dela Riva

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4: Independence Day

July 6: Welcome reception for Fr. Saul Perez & *Date with the Word* couples' Bible study

July 8: Officers' meeting, 6:00 pm

July 11: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am

July 15: Officer Installation and CUF Exemplification

July 25: Second Harvest food distribution

July 26: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7:30 am

July 26: Wine & Cheese after the 5:00 pm Mass

July 27: Donuts, coffee, & hot chocolate after all Masses

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Shirley DuVal, Lou Gervais, Dominic Carmelich, Scott Lucas, and Danny Costello in your prayers.

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address our spouses? Or perhaps we are more focused on the “larger” more “important” aspects of life such as sports, education, getting our kids ahead of the others, to our own and their detriment and to societies. In doing so we fail to pass on the bedrock of moral disposition and formation such as respect, justice, and gratitude. In the seminary it was often said: “The way a man eats and plays gives himself away!” How are we “giving ourselves away”? Are we leading by example with, “please”, “thank you”, “you first”, “may I help you?”, “is there anything else you need?” etc. Perhaps with the holidays, vacation time with the family and extended family gatherings during summer, it is a good time to check our own manners and put them into practice. Please, give it a go if you feel like you’ve been a bit out of touch with your manners. Don’t be caught by someone saying to you: “Where are your manners?”

Life (Robert Poncini)

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne: July 26, 2025: The Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on July 26. They are powerful intercessors for married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as people who are aging. Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available for download below. You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.

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From the Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

We had a "special called" meeting on June 10, 2025, to discuss the matter of raising dues. As I explained at the meeting, our dues go to pay for the costs of running our council. Our expenses have been steadily rising over the years, and Supreme and the State Council have been steadily raising our per capita. A motion was made and seconded to raise our dues to \$40 per year, and every brother present voted to approve the dues increase. The increase will go into effect in 2026. We have updated our electronic dues payment site and it's currently posted on our website. The direct address is <https://thomas-dooley-knights-of-columbus-5303.square.site/>. If you are currently behind on your dues and wish to become current go to the site, choose the "Past Dues/ Donation" icon and enter the amount due in the box that has \$0.00 and press the donate button. I'm pleased to announce that the following 3 Seniors will be receiving a scholarship for \$500. John Paul Toepfer, Demarys Carrillo Alvarez, and Emma Monet Flores.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at Augb67@gmail.com or call or text him at 209-493-9100. Please contact Augie also if your address or your financial situation has changed. Your information will be kept confidential.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Here is a link to our diocesan Prayer for Vocations: <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/flocknote-files/prayerforvocationsenglish3.pdf>

We ask that you recite this prayer as often as you can.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Moises DaRosa, 4th; Joey Machado and Christopher Bernardi, 8th; Milt Medeiros, 16th; Deacon Dan Paulus, 18th; Jason Taylor and Dante Martin, 20th; Danny Costello, 28th