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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus

I hope you and your family's summer are a good one. During the past fiscal year, St. Francis of Assisi council 4401 exceeded expectations in many ways. One that we can all be proud of is the awareness of the "Dignity of Life".

The month of August is most notable in the Catholic Church for major feasts in the lives of Christ and the Blessed Mother. August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration and August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our lecturer, Tom Kyle will be sharing more information on the Assumption of our Lady at the August 7th meeting.

It's hard to imagine in a country where we are blessed to have almost anything we want, that we have tolerated a great injustice to the dignity of life. Everyday in the state of Michigan, over 20 dismemberment abortions occur. It is also called dilation and evacuation abortion. Bottom line, surgical tools are used to forcibly remove arms and legs from a living human being in the womb.

We have an assignment on the weekend of Aug 3 & 4, to collect signatures from parishioners and other members of our community in a move to support a petition thru the state of Michigan. The petition seeks legislation that would amend the states partial-birth abortion ban by adding the equally horrific dismemberment abortion procedure to that ban. The advantage of this approach is that the bill's language cannot be changed by the legislature, but more importantly, it cannot be vetoed by Governor Whitmer!

Later this month, we will be installing crosses on the parish property to share with our community a reminder of the tragedy of abortion.

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Detail | Ceiling of the *Assumption of Mary* in Santa Maria Immacolata a via Veneto, Rome | photo by Livioandronico

**Corn Roast
Picnic
August 4
Rotary Park, Livonia**

**2000
CROSSES INITIATIVE
AUGUST 30—Sept 6**

Grand Knight's Report (cont'd)

The crosses will be on the property from August 30th thru September 6th. The theme is on this display will be forgiveness and how God loves all of us unconditionally.

On Wednesday June 19th, the Council welcomed Pablo Martinez, Joseph Rezak and Dennis Pheney to our brotherhood. We added 16 members in the past fiscal year. Fr. Derrick Peterman, our newest addition to the Pastoral staff is also a 4th degree brother knight and we welcome Fr. Peterman to our council as well.

The new officer team has met twice in order to prepare our Faith and Action initiative for this fiscal year and corresponding budget which will be presented at the August 7th business meeting. I am thrilled with the enthusiasm this group of council offers are equipped with!

We will hold a first degree exemplification on Wednesday August 21st at 7:00 PM.

In closing, I want to share this prayer from Fr. Frank Pavone.

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers
and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have
conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending
abortion. Today I commit myself to:

"Never to be silent, Never to be passive and Never to be forgetful of the unborn"

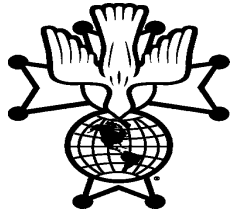
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life
until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a
nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Yours in Christ,

Henry Testa

GK 4401



4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: Gary Mallia, PGK

My Brother Sir Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

As we enter the month of August, we look to the feast day of our Blessed Mother's Assumption. August 15th is the day this year the church commemorates this solemn event. The day is a Holy Day of Obligation so please ensure you set some time aside that day to attend mass and to honor Our Lady, Patron Saint of our Country. The doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven, just as Enoch, Elijah, and perhaps others had been before her. Some people think Catholics believe Mary "ascended" into heaven. That's not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn't do it under her own power.

The Church has never formally defined whether she died or not, and the integrity of the doctrine of the Assumption would not be impaired if she did not in fact die, but the almost universal consensus is that she did die. Pope Pius XII, in *Munificentissimus Deus* (1950), defined that Mary, "after the completion of her earthly life" (note the silence regarding her death), "was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." The possibility of a bodily assumption before the Second Coming is suggested by Matthew 27:52-53: "[T]he tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many." Did all these Old Testament saints die and have to be buried all over again? There is no record of that, but it is recorded by early Church writers that they were assumed into heaven, or at least into that temporary state of rest and happiness often called "paradise," where the righteous people from the Old Testament era waited until Christ's resurrection (see Luke 16:22, 23:43; Heb. 11:1-40; 1 Pet. 4:6), after which they were brought into the eternal bliss of heaven.

There is also what might be called the negative historical proof for Mary's Assumption. It is easy to document that, from the first, Christians gave homage to saints, including many about whom we now know little or nothing. Cities vied for the title of the last resting place of the most famous saints. Rome, for example, houses the tombs of Peter and Paul, Peter's tomb being under the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In the early Christian centuries relics of saints were zealously guarded and highly prized. The bones of those martyred in the Coliseum, for instance, were quickly gathered up and preserved. It is agreed upon that Mary ended her life in Jerusalem, or perhaps in Ephesus. However, neither of those cities nor any other claimed her remains, though there are claims about possessing her (temporary) tomb. And why did no city claim the bones of Mary? Apparently because there weren't any bones to claim, and people knew it. Here was Mary, certainly the most privileged of all the saints, but we have no record of her bodily remains being venerated anywhere.

(source: <https://www.catholic.com/tract/immaculate-conception-and-assumption>)

Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

August 2019

- 3 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
Collect Signatures for Ban Dismemberment Abortions before and after all masses!
- 4 Corn Roast Picnic-12:00 a.m. Rotary Park, Livonia
- 7 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 14 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 21 1st Degree Exemplification & KofC Officers Meeting (following) 7:00 p.m. OLS CHN
- 24 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 29 2000 Cross Initiative Right to Life— evening assemble OLS corner of Raphael and Shiawassee
- 31 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

September 2019

- 4 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 6 2000 Cross Initiative - closes, evening dissemble
- 7 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 11 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 18 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 21 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 28 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

October 2019

- 2 KofC Business Meeting-after Rosary in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Another Way Pregnancy Ctr.-fund raising banquet, Laurel Manor, Livonia
- 5 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 9 KofC 4th Degree Assembly Business meeting in OLS Church Hall-North 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Tootsie Roll Drive WEEKEND OF 11th, 12th &13th
- 12 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 16 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. OLS Church Hall –North
- 19 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield
- 26 Rosary for Life—8:30 a.m. (Sat) at Northland FP Clinic, Southfield

Monthly Prayer Intentions:*The Sick:*

Steve Baker Tranquilino Bonet Laura Boucher Jennifer Boyle Dolores Bozzi Amanda Cavanaugh Ken Chiara Jackie Clutter Martin Clutter Bill Conroy Robert Conroy Chick Crimaldi Eva Demotto Bill Dick Wendy Distealeath	Rosemary Dwyer Teresa Dwyer Ed Dyman Josephine Evangelista Beverly Friel Stanley Gromala John Kaljian Kate Kelly Sharmella Kerbawy Joe Mallia Nina Mallia	Ellen McCarthy Jim McDonald Ann McGowan Betty Micctic Frances Nablo Sally Nablo Mary Naylor Dominic Nieto Sr. Mary Olowski Genevieve Ostrowski Evia Pedidis Nancy Plocinik Bill Power Mel Redmond	Carl Rubo Joe Ricci Ed Skop Kate Stafford Lee Stewart Ed & Kay Waldecker Tom Wilkins
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The Departed:

SK Fred Arganoza PGK Eleanor Bernock Frank Bernock PGK Justin Beutal Dennis Blumke SK Don Paul Bridenstine George H W Bush Carola Caroselli Walter Christainsen Mary Collins Thomas Collins John Dana Lisa DeNardo Christine Dwyer Joseph Dwyer	Alfie Evans Fr. Kent Hajdok Pat Hejka Jim Jones Tom Kerbawy Jimmy LaLome Julius Ligenza Bob Ludwig Rich Kaczmarek Edward Mangold Marjorie Mangold Joanne McElmer Howard McKenna Mary McKenna	SK Don & Connie McKeever Frank Mellert Edward Muczynski Arturo Nablo Sr Fr. O' Dea Joe Phillips PGK Bob Pigula Priscilla Redmond Gare Reid SK John Ricco Edward Philip Rinckey Jerri Serdynski	Sheryl Borgelt Chuck Taunt SK James Telinda, Margaret Tippet Charles Tuffley Bill Urban Barb Urbain Bryan Urben Arnold Weibel Pat Wilkins All Departed Knights
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Special Intentions:

Parents of Alfie Evans Holiness of Priests The Priests and Victims of abuse The Unborn Ashley Marlin Eileen Bridenstine Ophelia Arganoza	James Plocinik Susan Giller Adrienne Martz Richard Wroblewski James Plocinik	Grieving Families All who have no one to pray for them Rebecca Padin The Homeless All poor sinners For neighbors End of Abortion
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Sir Knight—Tony DiPonio

Family of the Month - July 2019**Antonio Stephen Family**

*Antonio, Anthus, Austin Michael Antonio
and Ariston Raphael Antonio*

K of C Jackets and Shirts

Anyone interested in purchasing a Polo or T-shirt with the K of C logo and our council number can contact Randy D'Amore at the 3rd degree monthly meeting and we need your name, size and color preference. The cost per shirt is \$27. You can also contact us at stfrancis4401@gmail.com. Our Council makes no money from the sale of the shirts. The cost is what we pay to the supplier, who is an Our Lady of Sorrows Parishioner.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL #4401 2019 ANNUAL CORN ROAST



DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 4



TIME: 12 PM(arrival) 1PM(eat) END 6 PM



PLACE: ROTARY PARK MAIN PAVILLION #1 (Livonia)
6 MILE AND HUBBARD (1/2 Mile East of Farmington rd)

This event welcomes: All K of C current members/families,
Prospective members/families
Inactive members/families
(who would like to get reacquainted)



Please RSVP via the attached sign up sheet
including opportunities for a dish to pass and volunteer to
make this another successful event



EARLY HELP THAT NEEDS IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT

8:30am CORN NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP FROM

BLOCKS STAND AND GREENHOUSE(EAST OF DTW AIRPORT)
29160 EURIKA ROAD AT CORNER OF MIDDLEBELT RD

9:00am CHEF WALDECKER NEEDS 2 APPRENTICE COOKS FOR THE CORN

9:30am NANCY NEEDS HELP TO MOVE AND SET UP TABLES

10:00 NEED COOLERS TO BE DROPPED OFF FOR CHILLING BEVERAGES
ICE WILL BE SUPPLIED



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St. Francis Council 4401 is sponsoring a **table for ten at the Another Way Pregnancy Center annual fund raising banquet at the Laural Manor on Thursday October 3, 2019.** Any one interested in attending contact Tom Herrmann, Wives or significant guest welcome and encouraged to attend.

Frank Bernock age 92 of Dearborn. Cherished husband of the late Eleanor for 66 years. Beloved father of Donna (Mike) Koszycki, Diane (Bob) Walters and the late Dale. Proud grandpa of Aaron, David, Mark, Emily, Paul, Grant and great-grandpa of Joshua, Caleb, Lyla, Juilian, Rose, Emma, Lily, Wayne and Wyatt. Dear father-in-law of Deirdre Bernock. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. He touched many lives and will be deeply missed.



Frank's world was his family, music and fishing. The family would spend most of their summers exploring the country in their camper and on one special occasion an added surprise trip to Disney Land. During any trip planned or unplanned Frank would find a place to fish, anywhere where he could drop a line.

Frank loved his music. At a young age he took music lessons and learned to play the trumpet. He with great pride played for a great majority of his 92 years of life.

Frank is an honored WWII Army Veteran. He came into the war at the end. However, during his time there was an army band that recruited him to play with them. He marched with the band through the streets of Tokyo playing his trumpet.

Frank was also a respected Detroit Firefighter for 25 years. For many years he played with the Firefighter Band in parades in downtown Detroit. Frank was proud to make the rank of Lieutenant before his retirement.

Frank was also a very proud member of the St. Francis Council #4401 of the Knights of Columbus. He even had the honor of being named Grand Knight.

Frank above all loved his family. Due to his wife's love of gardening he took up vegetable gardening and growing and grooming bonsai trees. We could continue to go on about his many talents and hobbies of which there were many.

Thank you Frank and Eleanor for teaching us so very much you are truly loved and will be deeply missed.

Frank Bernock

August 1, 1926 ~ July 16, 2019 (age 92)

Eternal rest grant on to them Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them!

May they rest in peace, Amen.

Frank & Eleanor Bernock

(pictured above)



BIRTHDAYS

FRANK	BERNOCK	JR	08-01
DAVID	ANDREE		08-01
MICHAEL	MC GRATH		08-02
LAWRENCE	GAY		08-02
THOMAS	PEGLER		08-03
NORMAN	D ANGELO		08-04
WILLIAM	MARTZ		08-05
JOSEPH	KOEHLER	JR	08-06
INOCENCIO	CUESTA		08-06
COLBY	MILLER		08-08
TONY	DI PONIO		08-08
LAWRENCE	CURCIO		08-10
MARTIN	KOZICKI		08-11
MICHAEL	KAPOLNEK		08-11
MICHAEL	DEEGAN		08-11
GERALD	CROSSMYER		08-12
JAMES	ACHO		08-12
WALTER	GERARD		08-13
KEVIN	DE VORE		08-13
DONALD	COUTURIER		08-16
JOHN	ROE		08-16
MICHAEL	KRAMP		08-18
ALBERT	DOMPIERRE		08-19
EUGENE	GRABINSKI		08-20
DAVID	DEREYNA		08-21
PAUL	FLANAGAN		08-23
EDWARD	CAUGHELL		08-23
TIMOTHY	SMITH		08-24
JASON	CAVANAUGH		08-25
CHARLES	GREENWELL		08-26
GREGORY	COLLINS		08-26
RAFAEL	LOPEZ ARCE		08-26
RODERICK	CAMPBELL		08-28
RONALD	BEAUDOIN		08-28
PATRICK	FOLEY		08-28
RUSSELL	JAGER		08-29
DANIEL	BYWALEC		08-29
BALASUNDER	DODDA		08-29
PATRICK	MC KEEVER		08-30
SEBASTIAN	ABATE		08-30



YEARS OF SERVICE

DEL	SCODELLARO	51
GEOFFREY	HOOL	39
MARK	RESCONICH	37
BENJAMIN	MC DERMOTT	37
JOHN	TEMPLIN	32
REV JOSEPH	PLAWECKI	26
MICHAEL	WARNER	7
JEFFREY	MCGOWAN	10
MARC	WILKINS	10
GREGORY	BENNETT	15
BENNO	SCHMIDT	2
DAVID	DEHN	JR 1
JIM	SAUCEDO	1
REV BEDA	MARTIREZ	13
DAVID	GAWLOWSKI	5
TERRY	HIRSCH	5
JOSEPH	LA VERDI	1
MELVIN	LOGAN	45

FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2019

THE LIGENZA'S

Paul and wife Carole, son Jonathan & daughter Amber



**Next business meeting
August 7
OLS CHN 730PM**



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