



## **MEETING: 1 MAY 2025**

**Council was called to order at:** 6:30 pm by GK Robb McBurney

**Prayer was offered by:** Robb McBurney

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**The Minutes of the previous meeting:** Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

**Faith Director Report:** by Dan Wagner (see attached)

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- Robb encourages us to attend the special Mass for Pope Francis on Tuesday, May 6.
- Name badges have arrived and will be distributed at an upcoming meeting.
- The State Convention is this weekend in Greenville. Anyone who wants to attend should let Robb know.
- The grocery collection for I Care, I Share will be this weekend after all Masses. Volunteers are needed to move the groceries to the pantry.
- The slate of proposed officers was presented and will be voted on in June. We will definitely need a quorum that night (June 5).
- The parish has asked us to hand out carnations after Masses on Mothers' Day weekend. Volunteers are needed. A question arose as to why we don't do the special Mothers' Day meal any more – it is because we were never able to break even on the event.
- Robb thanks all the youth who help out with the Nursery at the church and helped hand out I Care, I Share bags. If we know any youth who helped we are invited to thank them.
- Dan made a motion to appropriate up to \$500 to purchase carnations for the Mothers' Day weekend. The motion was voted on and approved.

**Financial Report:** by Dan Wagner/Robbie Wiggs (see attached)

- Checking balance: \$8,279.45
- Savings balance: \$1,108.29
- 6 month CD balance: \$2,164.91
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,151.36
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,158.70
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$810.00
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$56.00
- We sold 112 raffle tickets for the State Council and will turn in the money this weekend. This should be enough for a \$500 rebate from State if the checks are cashed by June.
- We will roll over 2 of the CDs a week from today and expect to get a higher promotional rate by doing this.

**Membership Report:** by Dan Wagner

- We moved one member to Honorary Life.
- Dave McGlaufflin had sinus surgery and could not attend tonight. Please pray for him.

**Youth Report:**

- n/a

**Pro-Life Report:**

- n/a

**Report of Fourth Degree:** by Robbie Wiggs

- There will be an election of officers soon.
- The Soldiers' Dinner next year will be at Our Lady of the Hills.



- The Thanksgiving Dinner for Christopher Towers is planned for the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are welcome.
- The Navigator's Board is working on new bylaws, particularly in handling money from the sale of Christopher Towers.
- Robb pointed out an article in the latest Columbia Magazine relating to Patriotism and encouraged us to read it.

**Trustees' Report:**

- n/a

**The Insurance Agent reported as follows:**

- n/a

**The District Deputy reported as follows:**

- n/a

**Chaplain's Message:**

- n/a

**Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:**

- n/a

**New business was taken up and disposed as follows:**

- n/a

**Lecture Reflection:** by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

**Knights in Distress:**

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- Dave McGlaflin, who had sinus surgery.
- Robbie Wiggs' niece, who will have First Communion this weekend.
- For the soul of Pope Francis and the Cardinal electors who will vote in the conclave.

**Closing prayer was offered by:** Robb McBurney at 7:15pm.

Attest,  
*Mitch Michaelis*  
Mitch Michaelis  
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554

1 May 2025

## Faith Director's Report

Happy Easter. We are in the season of Easter throughout the month of May.

*Requiescat in pace*

**Pope Francis**

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

### May 2025

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| May 1     | Monthly Business Meeting: 6:30 PM   |
| May 2     | First Friday  |
| May 3     | First Saturday – No First Saturday Mass<br>First Holy Communion Masses at 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM        |
| May 3-4   | Third Sunday of Easter<br><i>I Care, I Share</i> Weekend – Conclusion of Knight's Easter Food Drive |
| May 4     | May Crowning following 12:15 PM Mass  |
| May 6     | <b>Memorial Mass for Pope Francis &amp; Cardinals in Conclave at 6:00 PM</b>                        |
| May 10-11 | Fourth Sunday of Lent<br>Second Collection: Catholic Charities<br>Mother's Day Weekend              |
| May 16    | Cardinal Newman Baccalaureate Mass at 6:00 PM   |
| May 17-18 | Fifth Sunday of Lent  |
| May 24-25 | Sixth Sunday of Lent  |
| May 26    | Memorial Day Holiday<br>Church Office Closed  |

### A Look Ahead

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| June 5 | Monthly Business Meeting: 6:30 PM<br>Election of Officers |
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**Adoration**, in the Adoration Room, on Tuesdays following morning Mass (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon); Benediction at 12:15 PM.

NO ADORATION: April 15

**Men's Prayer Group**: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM in Senior Center, MAB.



**Officers -- 2024 - 2025**

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Good afternoon, **ST JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL .**

Today is May 1, 2025. | Last accessed: Apr 3, 2025 5:38 PM ET.

Banking

	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
<b>TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS &gt;</b> x3606	<b>\$8,279.45</b>	\$8,168.95	\$110.50
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS &gt;</b> x8694	<b>\$1,108.29</b>	\$1,108.29	\$0.00
<b>BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD &gt;</b> x8147	<b>\$2,164.91</b>	\$2,164.91	--
<b>BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD &gt;</b> x7436	<b>\$2,151.36</b>	\$2,151.36	--
<b>BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD &gt;</b> x0670	<b>\$2,158.70</b>	\$2,158.70	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,862.71</b>		

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## Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Dues (1 Members)	\$ 36.00
2. State Charity Drive	20.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
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Vouchers

1. SC State Council Knights of Columbus	\$ 560.00
2. Justin Damask	\$ 250.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 810.00</b>
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Member Dues are due.



**May 2025 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 -How to Live In the Divine Will** [part 3] (excerpts from Mark Mallet November 30, 2021 <https://www.markmallett.com/blog/> )

Summary of May's Lecture

1. **What will the Kingdom of God look like?**

2. **The Means to Live in the Divine Will**

I. Desire

II. Knowledge

tonight:

III. Virtue

IV. Life

3. **Seek First the Kingdom**

4.

**Addendum The Morning Offering  
Prayer in the Divine Will (The  
"Prevenient Act")**

### **III. Virtue**

Mark Mallet continues: "How can one live in this Gift if one continues to live in his own will? This is to say that one can begin his or her day in the Divine Will - in the "eternal mode" of being with God - and quickly fall out of that single point through dissipation, inattentiveness, and of course, sin. It is necessary that we grow in virtue. The Gift of Living in the Divine Will does not do away with the patrimony of spirituality developed, lived, and passed on to us by the Saints, but presumes it. This Gift is leading the Bride of Christ toward perfection, and hence, we have to strive for it. 'So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.' (Matthew 5:48) "It is a matter, first and foremost, of smashing our idols and setting out with firm resolution to live in Simple Obedience. Luisa Piccarreta's spiritual director, St. Hannibal di Francia, wrote:" / "In order to form, with this new science, saints who may surpass those of the past, the new Saints must also have all the virtues, and in heroic degree, of ancient Saints - of the Confessors, of the Penitents, of the Martyrs, of the Anachorists, of the Virgins, etc." "- Letters of St. Hannibal to Luisa Piccarreta, Collection of Letters Sent by St. Hannibal Di Francia to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta (Jacksonville, Center for the Divine Will: 1997), letter n. 2."

According to Mallet, / "If Jesus is calling us to receive this Gift now in these times,

won't He all the more give us the graces to be disposed to it? / It was several years before Luisa finally lived continuously in the Divine Will. / So do not be discouraged by your weakness and faults. / With God, all things are possible. / We simply need to say 'yes' to Him - and how and when He brings us to perfection is His business so long as we are sincere in our desire and efforts. The Sacraments, then, become indispensable in healing and strengthening us."

#### **IV. Life**

Mallet continues [MC], "Jesus wants to live His life in us, and for us to live our lives in Him - perpetually. / This is the "life" He calls us to; this is His glory and joy, and it will be our glory and joy, too. / I think the Lord is truly crazy for loving humanity like this - but hey - I'll take it! I'll ask again and again for His promises to be fulfilled in me, like that pesky widow in Luke 18:1-8. / His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power. Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature..." (2 Pet 1:3-4)

[MC] "The heart of Luisa's writings is that the words Jesus taught us in the Our Father would be fulfilled: / Jesus to Luisa [JL], "My very prayer to the heavenly Father, 'May it come, may your kingdom come and your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven,' / meant that with My coming to earth the Kingdom of My Will was not established among creatures, otherwise I would have said, / 'My Father, may Our kingdom that I have already established on earth be confirmed, / and let Our Will dominate and reign.' / Instead I said, / 'May it come.' / This means that it must come and souls must await it with the same certainty with which they awaited the future Redeemer. / For My Divine Will is bound and committed to the words of the 'Our Father.'" - Jesus to Luisa, *The Gift of Living in the Divine Will in the Writings of Luisa Piccarreta* (Kindle Location 1551), Rev. Joseph Iannuzzi

[MC] "The goal of Redemption is to transform our finite corporeal actions into divine



acts, / to bring them from the temporal into the eternal “prime motion” of the Divine Will. / To put it crudely, / Jesus is fixing in us what became broken in Adam. / ... a creation in which God and man, man and woman, humanity and nature are in harmony, / in dialogue, in communion. / This plan, upset by sin, was taken up in a more wondrous way by Christ, / Who is carrying it out mysteriously but effectively in the present reality, / in the expectation of bringing it to fulfillment... - POPE JOHN PAUL II, General Audience, February 14, 2001

“The Holy Trinity wants us to live suspended with them in a Single Will such that Their interior life becomes our own.” [JL] “Living in My Will is the apex of sanctity, / and it bestows continuous growth in Grace ... / It is to transform even the act of breathing into a divine act of praise, adoration, and reparation.”

[JL] “Sanctity in the Divine Will grows in every instant / there is nothing that can escape from growing, / and that the soul cannot let flow in the infinite sea of my Will. / The most indifferent things / sleep, food, work, etc. / can enter into my Will and take their place of honor as agents of my Will. / If only the soul wants it so, / all things, from the greatest to the smallest, / can be opportunities to enter my Will...” - Volume 13, September 14th, 1921 / [MC] “Thus, it is essentially the “habit” of living continuously in the Divine Will. / The grace of the Kingdom is ‘the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity... with the whole human spirit.’ / Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him.” from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2565. / [MC] If one is living not just in the ripples or tributaries, / but from the singular point or Fount of the Divine Will, / then the soul is able to participate with Jesus not only in the renewal of the world but in the life of the Blessed in Heaven.

According to Rev. Joseph Iannuzzi, “To Live (now) in the Divine Will is to live eternity (now) on earth, it is to mystically traverse the present laws of time and space, / it is the human soul’s ability to simultaneously trilocate into the past, the present and the future,

/ while influencing every act of every creature and fusing them in God's eternal embrace! / Initially most souls will often enter and exit the Divine Will until they arrive at stability in virtue. / Yet it is this stability in divine virtue that will help them to participate continuously in the Divine Will, / which defines Living in the Divine Will.

- Rev. Joseph Iannuzzi, *The Splendor of Creation: The Triumph of the Divine Will on Earth and the Era of Peace in the Writings of the Church Fathers, Doctors and Mystics*, St. Andrew's Productions, p. 193

Pope Benedict XVI has said, / "...every day in the prayer of the Our Father we ask the Lord: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt 6:10) .... / we recognize that "heaven" is where the will of God is done, / and that "earth" becomes "heaven" - i.e., the place of the presence of love, of goodness, of truth and of divine beauty / only if on earth the will of God is done." - POPE BENEDICT XVI, General Audience, February 1st, 2012, Vatican City

### **Seek First the Kingdom**

[MC], "Jesus taught Luisa to begin each day with a deliberate act to enter into the Divine Will. By the soul being placed in immediate relation to God in eternity in that single point, the soul is then placed in immediate relation with all creation - all the tributaries running through time. We can then give praise, thanks, adoration and reparation to God on behalf of all creation as though present in that moment of time (bilocation), since all of time is present to God in the eternal moment. In this way, our soul is taking the 'order, place and purpose for which God created it'; we are applying the fruits of Redemption that intend to unite all things in Christ."

[JL] "When I came to earth I reunited the Divine Will with the human will. / If a soul does not reject this bond, / but rather surrenders itself to the mercy of my Divine Will / and allows my Divine Will to precede it, accompany it, and follow it; / if it allows its acts to be encompassed by my Will, / then what happened to Me happens to that soul. - Piccarreta, Manuscripts, June 15, 1922 St. John Eudes has said, "For the mysteries of

Jesus are not yet completely perfected and fulfilled. They are complete, indeed, in the person of Jesus, but not in us, who are his members, nor in the Church, which is his mystical body.” - St. John Eudes, treatise “On the Kingdom of Jesus”, Liturgy of the Hours, Vol IV, p 559

[MC] “The following attachment is what is called the ‘Prevenient Act’ or ‘Morning Offering in the Divine Will’ that Jesus recommended we begin each day with. / As you pray it, pray from the heart. / Truly love, praise, thank and adore Jesus as you pray each sentence, / trusting that your desire is enough to begin living in the Divine Will / and letting Jesus accomplish in you the fullness of His plan of salvation. / This is something we can renew in some fashion throughout the day with the same prayer, / or other versions of uniting to Jesus, / in order to recollect our hearts and develop the habit of staying in the presence of God, / indeed, remaining in the Divine Will. / For my part, I decided that, rather than try to read 36 volumes, study hundreds of hours of commentaries, and figure it all out first, I would just pray this each day - and let the Lord teach me the rest along the way.

Today May 1<sup>st</sup> is a special day in which each of us can begin to be taught by Mary our Blessed Mother to begin to live in the Divine Will through daily audios (31 audios), on for each day of THIS month. To join me tonight go to:

<https://queenofthedinewill.org/divine-will-resource-audio-library/>

and look for the audios of the daily guide of “The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will.” Also daily say “The Prevenient Act,” which is given there and also enclosed in below the notes of tonight’s lecture.

**The Morning Offering Prayer in the Divine Will      (The “Prevenient Act”)**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother and Queen of the Divine Will, I entreat you, by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I am a poor and unworthy sinner, and I beg of You the grace to allow our mother Mary and Luisa to form in me the divine acts You purchased for me and for everyone. These acts are the most precious of all, for they carry the Eternal Power of your Fiat and they await my “Yes, your Will be done” (Fiat Voluntas Tua). So I implore you, Jesus, Mary and Luisa to accompany me as I now pray:

I am nothing and God is all, come Divine Will. Come Heavenly Father to beat in my heart and move in my Will; come beloved Son to flow in my Blood and think in my intellect; come Holy Spirit to breathe in my lungs and recall in my memory.

I fuse myself in the Divine Will and place my I love You, I adore You and I bless You God in the Fiats of creation. With my I love You my soul bilocates in the creations of the heavens and the earth: I love You in the stars, in the sun, in the moon and in the skies; I love You in the earth, in the waters and in every living creature my Father created out of love for me, so that I may return love for love.

I now enter into Jesus’ Most Holy Humanity that embraces all acts. I place my I adore You Jesus in your every breath, heartbeat, thought, word and step. I adore You in the sermons of your public life, in the miracles You performed, in the Sacraments You instituted and in the most intimate fibres of your Heart.

I bless You Jesus in your every tear, blow, wound, thorn and in each drop of Blood that unleashed light for the life of every human. I bless You in all your prayers, reparations, offerings, and in each of the interior acts and sorrows You suffered up to your last breath on the Cross. I enclose your life and all your acts, Jesus, within my I love You, I adore

You and I bless You.

I now enter into the acts of my mother Mary and of Luisa. I place my I thank you in Mary and Luisa's every thought, word and action. I thank you in the embraced joys and sorrows in the work of Redemption and Sanctification. Fused in your acts I make my I thank You and I bless You God flow in the relations of every creature to fill their acts with light and life: To fill the acts of Adam and Eve; of the patriarchs and prophets; of souls of the past, present and future; of the holy souls in purgatory; of the holy angels and saints.

I now make these acts my own, and I offer them to You, my tender and loving Father. May they increase the glory of your children, and may they glorify, satisfy and honour You on their behalf.

Let us now begin our day with our divine acts fused together. Thank You Most Holy Trinity for enabling me to enter into union with You by means of prayer. May your Kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Fiat!

Sick or Distressed Members

Ron Childress

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

Laddy Gatling

Bill Jones

James Kinard

Bob Nerbun

Paul Osemene

Frank Toth

Terry McWaters

Bob McBurney (father of GK Robb McBurney)

Michelle Bissonette (wife of Ray Bissonette)

Linda Sue Ewing (wife of Jim Ewing)

Bill Mason

Bill Jackson (father-in-law of Will Hawthorne)