

K of C Council 12554
November 2025 Business Meeting
Conducted via Correspondence

Faith Directors Report:	Dan Wagner – attachment 1
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Pro-Life Report:	no report
4 th Degree Report:	no report
Trustees Report:	no report
Insurance Agent:	no report
District Deputy:	no report
Chaplain's Message:	no message
Old Business:	n/a
New Business:	n/a
Lecturer's Reflection:	Bob Nerbun – attachment 6
Knights in Distress:	Dan Wagner – attachment 7

Attest,
Dan Wagner
Dan Wagner, FS

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Faith Director's Report

Ordinary Time ends this month and we begin the season of Advent.
(We will be in "Cycle "A" for Sundays.)

November 2025

- Nov 1 All Saints (Saturday) – Obligation abrogated (lifted)
First Saturday (Holy Day) Mass at 8:30 AM
BBQ Dinner Prepared – Contact GK to volunteer
- Nov 2** All Souls
I Care, I Share Weekend
DST Ends (2:00 AM)
BBQ Dinner for USC Students at St. Thomas More
- Nov 6 BBQ on the Blacktop (Thursday) – *School Fundraiser*
- Nov 7 First Friday
- Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Second Collection: Archdiocese for the Military
- Nov 11** Veteran's Day (Tuesday)
Annual Mass of Remembrance and Reception
Mass at 6:00 PM ; Reception in Donor Hall (MAB) follows
Knights tend bar at Reception.
- Nov 13 Doctor's Lounge (Thursday) -- *Annual Fundraiser for Free Medical Clinic*
- Nov 15** Knights serve BBQ Dinner to Youth Groups
- Nov 16 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Nov 20 An Evening with Fr. Leo – 6:30 PM in the Church (Thursday)
- Nov 22-23** Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King of the Universe
Second Collection: International Ministries & Mission
Knights distribute bags after all Masses for Advent Food Drive
Bethlehem Olive Wood Group sales before/after all Masses – Breezeway
Women's Society Gourmet Food Sale – Gym
Christmas Ornament Sale – outside the Church (K of C Fundraiser)

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM

Nov 29-30 First Sunday of Advent
 Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society (5th Sunday)

A Look Ahead

Dec 4 Business Meeting, 6:30 PM Blossom Street House

Dec 5 First Friday

Dec 6 First Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM

Dec 6-7 Second Sunday of Advent
 I Care, I Share Weekend

Knights assist in receiving food donations after all Masses

Adoration, in the Adoration Room, on Tuesdays following morning Mass (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon); Benediction at 12:15 PM.

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

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Greetings and Vivat Jesus!

November is an extremely busy month in our Parish and the Knights are a large part of that activity!

We have recently welcomed three of our most recent Knights into the Council, Chase Assmer, Matt Coleman, and Pat Slattery. They have all been active in our November events, if you see them at Mass or around the Parish, welcome them to the Council.

Apologies for not being able to hold an in-person meeting this month. A school fundraiser, Parish pictures, and the Doctors Lounge fundraiser made it difficult to find a date. The Financial Secretary requested a special meeting at the Mass of Remembrance Reception (a quorum was present) for the purpose of approving Council sponsorship of Henry Repeating Arms Eagle Scout Tribute Edition 22-Caliber Rifle Raffle as we have in the past. The Scout Troop has a crew going to Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure Base this summer. They would like our help in raising money for the crew attending. We got unanimous approval for sponsoring the raffle from the Knights in attendance. The raffle will be no cost to the Council as we are able to sponsor 4 raffles in a year. If you have any questions, contact the Financial Secretary.

The month started with our Fall Sunday Supper on November 2nd at St Thomas More on the Carolina campus. We fed 160 students after the 5:00 Mass and 50 more at the 9:00pm Mass. It was well received as always. Thanks to all the Knights who helped !

It was great to see many Knights supporting the Parish sponsored fundraiser "The Doctor's Lounge" for the Free Medical Clinic. At the event, St Joseph's very own Dr. Todd Crump received the Key to the City upon his retirement from the Free Medical Clinic. When you see Dr. Todd, be sure to congratulate him.

The Mass of Remembrance on the 11th was very well attended and appreciated by the attendees. Thanks to Dan Wagner for donating the wine and thanks to all who helped serve at the Mass and bartend at the event.

This past weekend we fed BBQ to the Parish Middle School and High School Youth Groups. It was very much appreciated and the Youth Group has requested another date as well. Thanks to the Knights who helped cook BBQ and sides for over 50 kids.

Our Christmas Ornament Sale has launched based on strong pre sales. We pre sold the ornaments at the Masses this past weekend and we will be selling after the Sunday Masses this weekend as they are due to arrive soon. If you would like to pre order an ornament, you can do so using this link to our online sales site.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMR8/home>

Also this weekend we will be conducting our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. See Brother Knight Rick Gleissner or the Grand Knight in the narthex after each Mass you attend this weekend to get bags for distribution after whatever Mass you attend. You may leave before the Recessional to get the bags and get in position at an exit. We will then help with the collection on the I Care I Share weekend on December 6 & 7.

Our next meeting will be held at the Blossom Street House on December 4 at 6:30 PM. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Thanks, and Vivat Jesus!

Robb McBurney
Grand Knight

Treasurer's Report
as of 31 October 2025

The Savings Account was closed and the balance (\$1,108.54) transferred to the Checking Account.

Checking	\$ 8,005.99
CD 1	\$ 2,211.74
CD 2	\$ 2,197.39
CD 3	\$ 2,203.91
Total	\$14,619.03

Happy Thanksgiving
Thanks,
Robbie



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ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	6,897.45	Average Collected Balance	7,505.35
Deposits	1,108.54	Interest Earned This Period	0.00
		Interest Paid Year-to-Date	0.00
Ending Balance	8,005.99	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
		Days in Period	31

	Total for this cycle	Total Year to Date
Grace Period OD/NSF Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00

DAILY ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Deposits

POSTING DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10/15	DEPOSIT	1,108.54
	Subtotal:	1,108.54

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
09/30	6,897.45	10/15	8,005.99

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Financial Secretary’s Report

Receipts:
none

Vouchers		
1.	St. Vincent de Paul Society – Butts for BBQ Dinners	\$ 70.00
2.	Robb McBurney – Dinners: St. Thomas More; SJ Youth Group	\$379.24
3.	Dan Wagner – Annual Charity & Raffle Registrations	\$103.70
TOTAL		\$552.94

Membership Report

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>New Members:</u> (Since July 1)	Matt Coleman	Complete	
	Chase Asmer	Complete	
	Pat Slattery	Complete	
<u>Prospective Candidates:</u>	Mario Conte	Needs vote at next meeting	
	David Weddington	Contacted & discussing membership	
	Gabe Pineiro	Contacted & discussing membership	
<u>Transfers:</u>	Josh Ricker	Unsure of status	Follow up with Financial Sec
<u>General/Other:</u>			

**November 2025 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 -
Four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church** The following is given in
anticipation of the December Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

The Manual for Marian Devotion nourishes readers with theology, prayers, and spiritual aids that will deepen love for Mary. In this excerpt, the four Marian dogmas are explained, highlighting their theological significance and Mary's role in salvation history.

The four Marian dogmas formally defined by the Catholic Church blossom from the scriptural witness to Mary's identity and role. Mary's close association with Christ in the plan of redemption means that every Marian dogma teaches us more deeply who Christ is and who we are called to be.

1. Mother of God

The declaration of the most important Marian dogma, that Mary is the Mother of God, emerged from the furnace of a fifth-century theological controversy over the nature of Christ. The bishop of Constantinople, Nestorius, emphasized the distinction between the divine and human natures in Christ so strongly that he seemed to speak of two persons in Christ, one divine and one human.

Mary, he said, was mother not of the divine person but only of the human person. Therefore, Nestorius discouraged the faithful from calling her "Mother of God"; he recommended instead the title "Mother of Christ." Nestorius's flock was incensed, and disputes broke out between Nestorians, who called Mary Christotokos, or Christ-bearer, and those who insisted on her revered title, Theotokos, or God-bearer. In 431, an ecumenical council was convened in Ephesus to discuss the question. The Council Fathers ultimately affirmed the unity of Christ: two natures in one divine person. Since motherhood is a relation to a person, not a nature, Mary is the Mother of God the Word, not merely of His human nature. Thus the Council solemnly confirmed her title Theotokos, Mother of God. The people of Ephesus, wild with joy at the victory of orthodoxy, processed through the streets shouting triumphantly, "Theotokos! Theotokos!" To say that Mary is the Mother of God affirms that the human nature that came to be in her womb truly belongs to the person of the Son of God. It does not mean that she is in any way the origin of Christ's divine nature or a cause of God. Mary's motherhood of God's Son lies at the heart of her vocation; it is the first grace to which all other graces given her are related.

2. Perpetual Virginity

One of those graces is perpetual virginity, the second Marian dogma. The Church teaches that Mary conceived Christ miraculously, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary herself inquired about this miracle, asking the angel Gabriel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” to which Gabriel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you” (Lk 1:34–35).

The dogma also means that Mary preserved her virginity throughout her life. The miracle of Mary’s perpetual virginity is a secondary miracle following upon the Incarnation, so her heart, memory, and body all attest to the wonderful way in which the Son of God became man in her. In her virginity, Mary is an image of the Church, which preserves whole and untarnished the faith entrusted to her by Christ.

This dogma is firmly rooted in the Church’s tradition. Early theologians and Church councils repeatedly affirmed Mary’s virginity. The Nicene Creed identifies Mary as a “virgin,” and the Second Council of Constantinople in 533 called her “ever-Virgin.”

The Church’s understanding was deepened and clarified by a fourth-century dispute on the subject. Opponents of Mary’s perpetual virginity cited New Testament passages mentioning Christ’s “brothers and sisters” as well as a statement in Matthew 1:25 that Joseph did not have relations with Mary “until” she bore Christ, implying that he did so afterward.

In response, St. Jerome penned his treatise *The Perpetual Virginity of Blessed Mary*, presenting arguments that remain cogent today. For example, the scriptural phrase “brothers and sisters” could mean cousins, according to the Hebraic idiom of identifying all close relatives as brothers. Likewise, the Hebrew “until” does not contain the same implication of future action that the English word does.

From the fourth century onward, belief in Mary’s perpetual virginity remained the norm, and Protestant reformers Calvin, Luther, Zwingli, and Wesley all affirmed it. Only in the most recent centuries have some Protestants rejected it.

3. Immaculate Conception

In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed a third Marian dogma, one long held by the faith of the Church, Mary's Immaculate Conception:

“The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” This definition built upon the recognition of Mary's holiness that began with the Church Fathers and continued in the medieval debate that clarified both Mary's sinlessness and her redemption by Christ.

From the first moment of her conception, Mary was filled with the grace of God; correspondingly, this put her at enmity with the devil. She did not suffer the disordered emotions that are a result of original sin, nor did she commit sin herself; but, like Christ, she was able to experience suffering and pain, as well as deep sorrow. The grace of Mary's Immaculate Conception sprang from the merits of Christ's redemptive death: Mary was “saved” by Christ. All of her graces, like all of ours, flow from the Cross.

Mary was immaculately conceived for the sake of her mission in the salvation of the world. It was appropriate that the Son of God should become incarnate in the body of a mother who was untouched by sin. Mary's sinlessness also demonstrates the power of the redemption: She is one person who was fully receptive to the grace of Christ, wholeheartedly available to cooperate with Him as a mother to all the redeemed. In her holiness, Mary is a model for the Church, showing her children the holiness to which they are called.

Mary's Immaculate Conception can make her seem distant from us. Because sin is so much a part of our human experience, we think that someone who never sinned cannot be fully human. However, the opposite is true. Due to Adam and Eve's fall, sin is now a part of our human condition, but it actually detracts from our humanness. The saints are the most human of us all, precisely because they are closer to God and farther from sin. Sin darkens our intellect, weakens our will, and disorders our passions. Thus the habitual avoidance of sin and cultivation of virtue strengthen our reason and our will and order our passions toward the good. Like her Son, then, Mary is the most human of all human beings. She felt both joy and sorrow much more keenly than any of us can, precisely because she was fully alive.

4. Mary's Assumption into heaven

Finally, the Church teaches that “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” This last of the four dogmas was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Like the Immaculate Conception, it had been cherished for centuries as a truth of faith.

It is fitting that God should preserve from death's corruption the sinless body that carried within itself His only-begotten Son. Mary shares bodily in the redemption brought by Christ, enjoying the beatific vision of heaven not just in soul but also in body. Her assumption testifies to the power of Christ's resurrection and to the hope proper to all the members of the Church, who look to their own bodily resurrection at Christ's second coming.

The Church has never defined whether Mary actually died or was simply transferred to a glorified state at the end of her life. The Eastern Churches beautifully refer to the ending of the earthly period of Mary's life as her “Dormition,” or “falling asleep,” which was then followed by her assumption.

“5.” Mary as Mediatrix of all graces

In addition to these four dogmas, the Church also possesses a robust tradition about Mary's spiritual motherhood of the faithful. This motherhood is rooted in Mary's divine motherhood, which she accepted at the Annunciation. It also flows from the merits of her loving and obedient life, as well as Christ's entrusting to her the Church's members as He hung on the cross. The Second Vatican Council calls Mary “Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix.” Of course, Mary's mediatorial role is always to be understood in subordination to that of Christ, the “one mediator between God and men” (1 TM 2:5). Jesus, as God and man, is the single Redeemer of all of humanity, the source and channel of all grace. At the same time, the Church has always held that those who live God's life can cooperate in the growth of that divine life in themselves and others. St. Paul says, “In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church” (Col 1:24). Mary, as the human person most closely associated with Christ in His work as Redeemer, shares to the highest degree in that work. Her loving obedience throughout her life was a source of merit for the Church; her prayer continues to obtain grace for all mankind. As the new Eve, Mary cooperates with Christ in giving life to all of her children; as the woman of Revelation, she cries out to the Father as the people of God are brought to birth throughout history (see Rev 12:2).

Sick or Distressed Members

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

Laddy Gatling

James Kinard

Paul Osemene

Frank Toth

Terry McWaters

Michelle Bissonette (wife of Ray Bissonette)

Linda Sue Ewing (wife of Jim Ewing)

Bill Mason

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