



Knights' Notes – Dec '25 Issue



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CLUBROOM HOURS

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 10pm

Saturday: 11am - 10pm

May stay open later if there is sufficient business.

KEY DATE REMINDERS

- Saturdays, Burgers and Corndogs!
- Dec. 2nd, Giving Tuesday
- Dec. 4th, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm Alexanders
- Dec. 4th, Council mtg... 6pm
- Dec. 6th, Saint Nicholas Day
- Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 12th, Ugly Sweater Party
- Dec. 11th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm Rob Dobbs
- Dec. 18th, Council mtg 6pm
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve CLOSED
- Dec. 25th, Christmas Day CLOSED
- Dec. 27th, Feast of John the Apostle
- Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve 3pm to ???
- Jan. 1st, Solemnity of Mary
- Jan. 1st, New Year's Day Noon to ???

HOLD THE DATES

- Jan. 6th, Epiphany
- Jan. 12th, Blood Drive, 12:15 - 5:45pm
- Jan. 19th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place.

Let Jim, any officer, or Terry know of someone Sick or Deceased to have name put on a prayer list. They should be affiliated with the K of C.

IN GOD'S CARE

- All faithfully departed safely in the Arms of God.

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Visit us at: <http://www.kofc574.com> for previous Knights Notes, Parishes, and more. Contact GK Jim Smith at 309-530-5703 or jsmith1002@aol.com for a printed Newsletter. Club Ph: 309-828-9671



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(Knights of Columbus Council 574)



Grand Knight Report-54th Edition

Holiday Greetings Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

Our Council 574 has been so busy this past year embracing Father McGivney's Knights of Columbus Goals (CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY) that I can't believe that 2025 is rapidly coming to an end.

Update on the ID Drive. Our Council raised over \$9,000 to assist the Intellectual Disabled Community. HURRAY, and thanks to all that supported this cause.

Also, our Council has sold approximately 176 books of Vocation Raffle tickets to support the future of our Catholic Faith. Your continued support of this worthy cause is greatly appreciated!

AND, while I'm on this subject, one of our seminarians, (Angel Garcia, St. Mary's Parish) has requested additional financial assistance to attend a special Philosophy course offered by former Peoria seminarian and current St. Mary's University Professor, Dr. Joseph Tradie, in the Spring of 2026. The class includes a study abroad and is expensive. Angel needs an additional \$500 in donations to attend this course. Please be generous and submit your donations directly to:

Angel Garcia 700 Terrace Heights, #714 Winona, MN 55987

Or: submit your donations to:

Knight of Columbus c/o Angel Garcia and we will match the amount donated (up to \$500).

LET'S KEEPING IT DONE ON DUNN!

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CHRISTMAS EDITION

Come Join Us!

- Video Gaming
- Big Screen TVs
- Full Bar
- Outdoor Patio

Special Events

- Tinkers Meals (dates in Calendar)
- Friday Night Fish Fry (Lent)
- Saturday Burgers and Corndogs



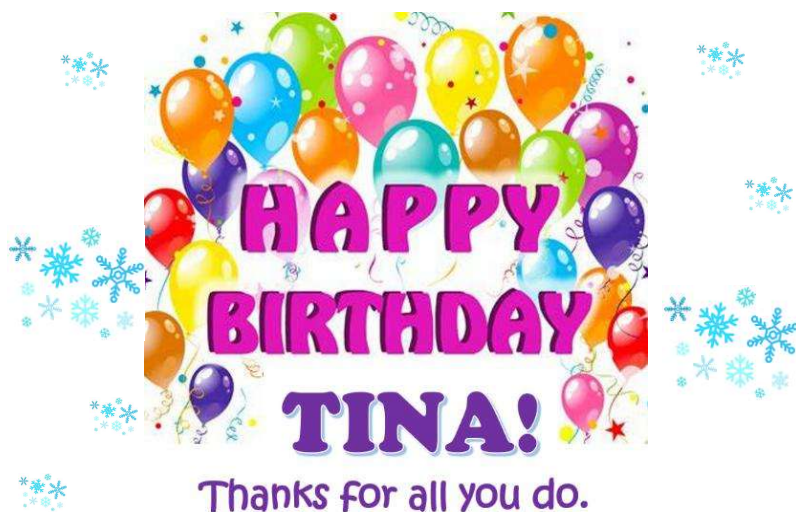
Ladies Auxiliary Notes

The Giving Tree donations and Lottery Ticket Christmas Wreath Raffle are in full swing. We have set a goal of \$4,000.00 this year and plan to contribute to six local grade schools – St. Mary's, Bent, Brigham, Irving, Sarah Raymond, and Sheridan. We know this is a large initiative to achieve but our sources have let us know there are dire needs in each of these schools. We are also raising money by raffling off items. Recently a battery charger and lighted Christmas decoration were donated. We collected \$140.00 from those items for the Giving Tree fund. Thanks to all who took a chance.

If you have anything to donate as a raffle item, please let me know. We plan to collect donations through Fri Dec 12. The Ugly Sweater Xmas Party is Fri, Dec 12 – 6:30-10:30. Plan to bring an appetizer to share and put on your "best" sweater. The band – Blonderosa, will perform. Our meeting this month will take place at 6:00 PM at Alexander's Steak House on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can make our annual holiday dinner celebration. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas – Merry Christmas – Tina



Raffle



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| 2 Donald Adams | 16 Paul O Brien |
| 2 David Stanczak | 17 Will Gustavson |
| 2 Thomas Whalen | 18 William Dowling |
| 3 Fr. Mwesiga | 20 Steven Scudder |
| 5 Mark Witte | 20 H.T. Jefferson |
| 8 Warren Provost | 21 Terry Kiesewetter |
| 9 John Weber | 22 James Sallen |
| 10 Patrick Boylan | 23 Michael Weiland |
| 10 Matt Koeniger | 25 Vee Spikes |
| 15 Townsend Tully | 26 John Schraufnagel |
| 16 James Mulligan | 27 Derek Haizel |
| 16 Bro Alex Simplot | 28 Stephen Mueller |



Support your
Council Attend
a Meeting



Burgers and Corndogs
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Saturday's



Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.” One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax [1] deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency. Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness. One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses. In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime.

Cash value growth is gradual and may take time to accumulate. Loans and withdrawals will reduce the policy’s cash value and death benefit, may result in a taxable event, and could cause the policy to lapse if not properly managed. Policy loans accrue interest. These riders are only available at the time of life insurance policy issue. The Chronic Illness Rider and Terminal Illness Rider provide life insurance benefits that give policyholders the option to accelerate some or all of the death benefit in the event that they meet the criteria for a qualifying event described in the certificate. Chronic illness must be recertified every 12 months by a medical professional to continue to receive benefits. The chronic illness armor rider and the terminal illness rider are not long-term care insurance and are not meant to replace long-term care coverage. The Terminal Illness Rider is automatically added to all permanent policies over \$50,000 at no additional cost. There is an additional premium for the Chronic Illness Rider.



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Thank you and God bless, Matt Koeniger



St. Vincent de Paul

During November and December, Council 574 will be collecting **Food and** new and gently used **Coats for SVdP.**

Please look for the donation box in the club room.

Thank you for giving the gift of warmth to those in need.

Key MEMBER Contact Information

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Advocate: Martin Walker IV	

SPIRIT RADIO

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December 2025

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property



**Support your Council
Attend a Meeting**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st SUNDAY in ADVENT Nov 30 	Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	GIVING TUESDAY Please Donate Coats or Cash		Council Mtg 6pm		11:30 - 1:30  Burgers & Dogs St Nicholas Day
2nd SUNDAY in ADVENT 7	Immaculate Conception 			4th Degree 6pm At Alexanders	Happy Hour	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs 
3rd SUNDAY in ADVENT 14				Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
4th SUNDAY in ADVENT 21						11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs 
Ask Someone to Join				Solemnity of Mary 	Happy New Year 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs

Christmas History:

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas starts a 12-day season that begins on Dec 25th and ends on Jan 5th. Christmas services are on Christmas Eve and midnight masses. While the holiday is religious, many cultures, celebrate this holiday. This often centers around Santa Claus, a mythical figure dressed in a red suit, based on Saint Nicholas. Tradition has it that on Christmas morning, Santa brings gifts for children who have been good and coal for those who are naughty.

Saint Nicholas Day

This day aims to recognize Saint Nicholas' contributions to the poor and his reputation for bringing gifts to those in need.

Saint Nicholas of Myra was born in the 3rd century. He became well known for his charitable nature and actions.

He would later become the inspiration for the jolly Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas Day is observed annually on December 6th.

St. John the Apostle Day

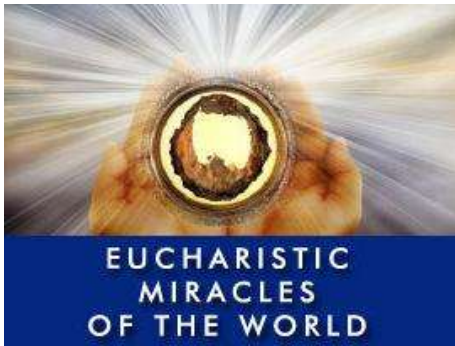
The Feast of St. John the Apostle commemorates his life. He was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was one of the three disciples, which included Peter and James, who were included in some of the most important events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, including Jesus' crucifixion and transfiguration.

St John is known as the author of the Gospel of John, John I, II, and III, and the Revelation of John. However, the authorship of the works is disputed.

**Holy Trinity &
Historic St Patrick**



**St. Mary's
Parish**



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

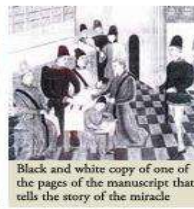
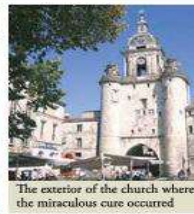
Eucharistic miracles have occurred throughout our history. A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ's blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God behind the physical world, reminding us there is more to our existence than we can understand with our 5 senses alone.

(a Monthly Series)

LA ROCHELLE

FRANCE, 1461

The Eucharistic miracle of La Rochelle concerns the instantaneous cure of a boy, paralyzed and mute since the age of seven, when he received Holy Communion at Mass on Easter Sunday in 1461. He was completely healed of his paralysis and was once again able to speak. The most authoritative document that visually describes this miracle is the painted-manuscript preserved still today in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.



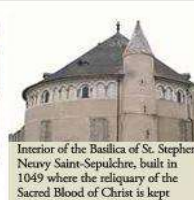
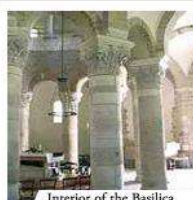
During Easter of 1461, Mrs. Jehan Leclerc brought her twelve year old son, Bertrand, to the Church of St. Bartholomew. Bertrand had been paralyzed and mute since the age of seven due to a terrible fall. When the time for Holy Communion arrived, he indicated to his mother that he also wanted to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Initially the priest did not want to give the young man Communion, because the boy was not able to go to Confession given his muteness. The young man, however, continued to beseech the priest for Communion and, in the end, the priest did permit him to receive the Blessed Sacrament. From the first moment that Bertrand received the Host, he began to feel shaken by a mysterious force. He was able to move and to speak. He was cured. According to the hand-written document, immediately after the miraculous event Bertrand's first words were, "Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini!" ("Our help is in the name of the Lord!") The most authoritative document that visually describes this miracle is the painted manuscript preserved to this day in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.

The Most Precious Blood of Jesus

NEUVY SAINT SÉPULCRE

FRANCE, 1257

There are two drops of Blood from our Lord, Jesus Christ, collected on Calvary during the Passion, preserved in the church of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulcre in Indre. They were brought to France in 1257 by Cardinal Eudes returning from the Holy Land.



This relic of the coagulated Blood is known to be pure, because the Precious Blood was not mixed with water or earth. From the year 1257, the relic had been kept in this church which was built in the first half of the year 1000 and modeled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In order to honor the holy relic of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, numerous indulgences have been granted. The Archbishop of Bruges, André Frémiot, founded the Confraternity of the Most Precious Blood in the year 1621. Two years later, Pope Gregory XV granted new indulgences to the faithful devoted to the Sacred Blood. Each Monday of Easter and every first day of July, a Solemn Mass is celebrated and there are processions to adore and honor the Sacred Relic. There have been many graces attributed to invoking the Sacred Blood of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulcre.

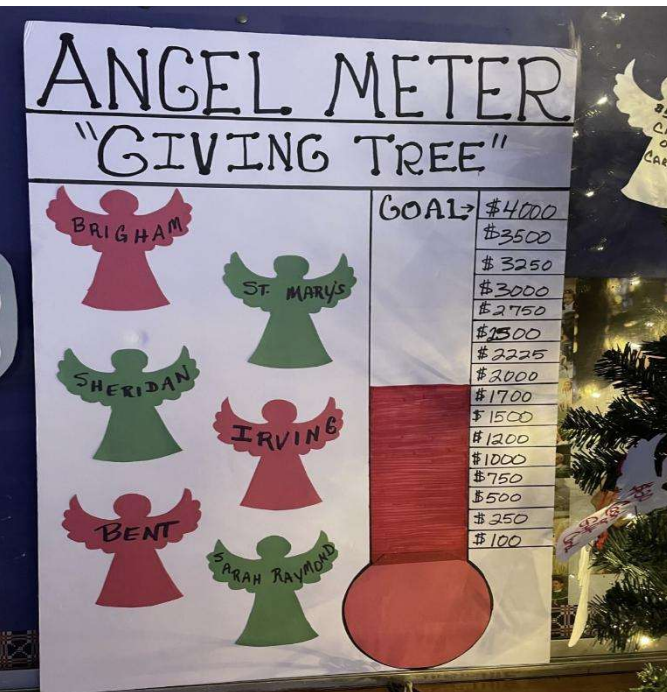
DEC: The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic Holy Day that is celebrated on Dec 8th. It celebrates the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother – St. Anne.

Immaculate Conception of Mary is a profound mystery. Mary was without sin from the first moment of her conception. She is perfectly united forever to her spouse, the Holy Spirit. Their fruitful union produced a wedding of heaven and earth in the God-Man, Jesus Christ.

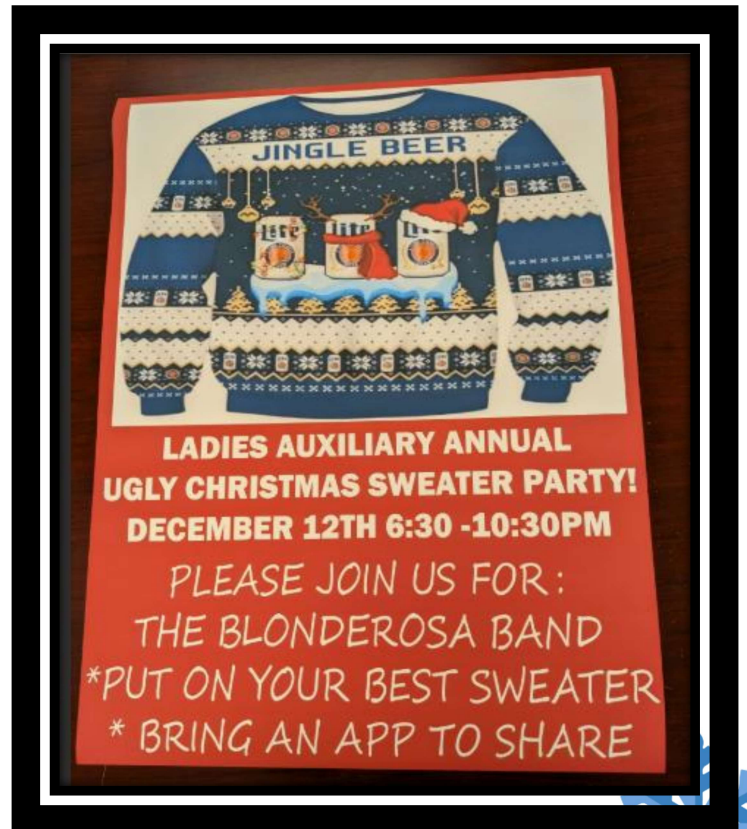
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January 12th






Angel Giving Tree

Mike Boylan donated a standing cooler on wheels to sell chances to win it! A few people are donating bottles of liquor or snacks. \$10 a ticket is a super deal!




THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IT PERTAINS to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

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Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Jan 5th at the Historic St Patrick Church.

We will recite the rosary and have time for group discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904... **Yes, I plan to attend**



4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Our next Meeting will be Thur, Dec 11 at Alexanders Steakhouse in Normal.

A Special Menu will be provided

We'll begin at 6PM.

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904

yes, if plan to attend / no, if do not plan to attend.

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The 12 days of Christmas
The time between the Nativity of the Lord on December 25 and Epiphany on January 6.

These days are rooted in the Christian belief of the Incarnation, celebrating Jesus' birth and becoming human. The tradition is liturgically observed, and it aids in understanding the significance of Christ's coming as the means of salvation.

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