



# The Knightly News

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**Father Gzregorz Golyzniak**

**Dear brother Knights.**

Unity. It's a word we often hear around in church, but what exactly does it mean to be unified with the people in our church, and how can we foster this sense of unity? I'm going to focus on the importance of unity in the church and talk about what you can do to create unity. Each of us has a role to play, and each of us has much to gain from being part of a unified Christian community.

What is unity? Does it mean you agree with everyone else in your church on everything? Of course not — we're all different, and that's great. Unity in the church is about coming together to form something bigger. It's recognizing that we're stronger together than we are individually. It's enjoying fellowship with each other. Unity in the church doesn't necessarily happen automatically. How can we make every effort to maintain unity. Here are few ways we can be united.

First, it's important to keep our common identity at the forefront. Even though we may disagree on all sorts of things, the key to church unity is being on the same page when it comes to the main thing. We are St. Peter's parishioners who come to serve the Lord and others.

The phrase "no man is an island" doesn't come from the Bible, but it certainly goes along with what the Word of God has to say about people and our need for community. You

may be thinking, "but I'm an introvert" or "I'm an independent person." It's fine if you enjoy some alone time to catch up on your favorite show or read a book, but the fact is, none of us — not even the most introverted — would do well living in isolation.

We need each other.

We need other Christians in our church to help us work through difficult times in our lives and even to rejoice with us when things are going great.

The command to "always stay humble and kind" doesn't just come from country music. It comes from the Bible. In discussing the importance of unity to the Ephesians, Paul says,

["Be completely humble and gentle;](#) be patient, bearing with one another.

The Bible emphasizes humility repeatedly. Why is it so important to be humble? For one, when we're mindful of our own weaknesses, we're less likely to act self-righteous and judgmental and more likely to be gracious toward our brothers and sisters in Christ who have weaknesses of their own. Even Jesus rode in on a donkey — not a high horse.

[In 1 Corinthians](#), the Bible uses the human body as a metaphor for the church. Just as the body is comprised of different parts, all of which serve their own function, every member that makes up a church also serves their own function. No one person needs to be great at everything because we have each other.

When we're cynical and assume the worst about other people, we're bound to experience some disunity. For example, imagine a friend at church walks past you and doesn't say hi. You could assume they didn't see you or were in a hurry to get somewhere, or you could become offended and assume they must be giving you the silent treatment. Which of these responses is healthier and more conducive to maintaining unity? Sure, there may be times when someone truly is brushing you off deliberately, but you can do a lot more harm by assuming the worst and being wrong than you can by assuming the best and being wrong. Wouldn't you want a friend to give you the benefit of the doubt? All of us have beautiful qualities and some not-so-beautiful qualities. Choose to focus on the good.

Whenever you're close with someone, it's inevitable that your faults and differences will lead to some conflict. The question is how we respond. Do we pull away or lean in and work through the conflict? Relationships with our church family can also get messy at times, and our response is just as important here. When conflicts arise or we're trying to respond, we should always check our motives. Our goal should always be to restore relationships and enjoy unified fellowship. Leave your torches and pitchforks at home and approach the person in love, just as you would want them to do with you.

Our culture tends to love gossip. Maybe it's because calling attention to other people's dirty laundry makes us feel better about ourselves.

Unfortunately, many people in the church love gossip too, though we tend to frame it a little differently. We may say things like, "Pray for so-and-so because I heard..." or throw in a "bless their heart" for good measure. No matter how we frame it, the Bible makes it clear that there is no place for gossip in the church.

Gossip is an excellent way to create disunity in the church.

We're bound to disagree on lots of little aspect of our belief system that seems important enough to either connect us or divide us. Politics, in particular, can be a major point of contention for some people in the church. No matter what the issue is, keep these three guidelines in mind for how to deal with division in the church:

- Don't moralize every issue.
- Keep an open mind: As with any disagreement, a little open-mindedness goes a long way. You may be sure you're right, but the other person likely is too. If you're in the midst of a disagreement with someone at your church, listen sincerely and consider the reality that you might be wrong or at least that you may not understand their perspective fully.
- Weigh your words. It's okay to share your opinions, but weigh your words carefully, always

being respectful of the other person. And remember, in some cases, you're better off only listening and not saying much of anything.

Why should we all be working to maintain a sense of unity in our churches? Unity:

- Enriches our lives: Each of us stands to benefit from being part of a unified church. We're weak on our own, but we're much stronger together. W
- Glorifies God: [Romans 15:5-7](#) asks God to grant his church harmony, or the same attitude of mind, so that we "[a]ccept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
- Helps our witness: When Christians are fighting with each other, it can hurt our witness with unbelievers. When we instead commit to church unity, we create a beautiful picture for the world of what it looks like to love others like Christ does.

If you live in the San Francisco area and are looking for a church, come visit Cornerstone. We are a [diverse community of believers](#) who loves living and learning together. No Christian or church is perfect, including ours, but we strive toward becoming more mature in the faith and living in deeper unity together. I'm sure there will be many reasons to divide us at St. Peter. Maybe over politics, Pope, Pastor and each other. We need to fight for unity in our



parish. If we do we will succeed and  
be example to other parishes  
With prayer Fr Gregory



## Saint of the Month

### *Saint Cajetan*

*Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

In 1523, the Church was in sad shape. People could not get the spiritual nourishment they needed from the large numbers of uneducated and even immoral priests who took their money, but returned nothing. When good priests and laymen turned to the hierarchy for help, they found the leaders at best apathetic and indifferent to their concerns. How should a good Catholic respond to this situation? We all know how Luther and others responded – by splitting away from the Catholic Church when their pleas went unheard.

Cajetan took a different route. Just as concerned as Luther was about what he observed in the Church, he went to Rome – not to talk to the pope or the hierarchy, but to consult with members of a confraternity

called the Oratory of the Divine Love. When he had first come to Rome many years before, he had felt called to some unknown great work there. A few years later he returned to his hometown of Vicenza – his great work seemingly unrealized. He had however studied for the priesthood and been ordained and helped reestablish a faded confraternity whose aims were promoting God's glory and the welfare of souls. He told his brothers, "In this oratory we try to serve God by worship; in our hospital we may say that we actually find him." But none of the horrors he saw in the hospitals of the incurables depressed him as much as the wickedness he saw everywhere he looked. In his former confraternity, he found other clergy who felt the way he did. They did not want to split off from the Church, they wanted to restore it. So they formed an order based on the lives of the apostles focusing on moral lives, sacred studies, preaching and pastoral care, and helping the sick. The new order was known as Theatines Clerks Regular named after their first superior Theatines. Not surprisingly, they did not find thousands of formerly greedy and licentious priests flocking to their door. But St. Cajetan and the others persevered and his holy example and preaching converted many.

Worn out by the troubles he saw in his Church and his home, Cajetan fell ill. When doctors tried to get him to rest on a softer bed than the boards he slept on, Cajetan answered, "My savior died on a cross. Let me die on wood at least." He died on 07 August 1547, and the 7<sup>th</sup> of August is his feast day.

*The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.*



# Knights in Action



**Mowing large acreage takes a big man and big machine**



## **No Neighbor Left Behind Program**

**Council members were busy helping out in July with yardwork for parish widows and moving furniture for a brother Knight.**







**A dedicated Knight tackling a tough job!**

**Participants doing yard work:**

**Bob Knapp, Randy Fritz, John Russ, Alan Feldkamp, Alan's grandson Pablo Feldkamp, Rob Hoette**



**Enjoying refreshments provided by a grateful widow whose grounds were cut and groomed.**



**Money changers near the Temple**



**Knights, family members and friends helped out  
L to R: Rick Rank, Renee Taylor, Nick Berthelotte**

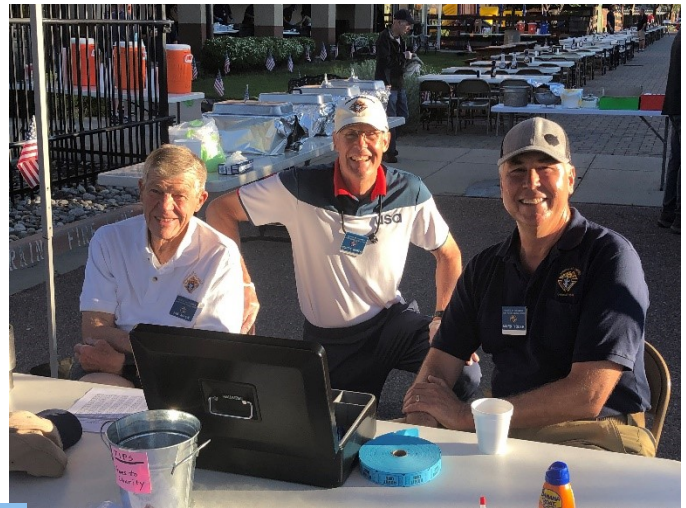


The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake breakfast was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> after a year's absence due to the China virus pandemic. This year was a big success with 1117 people enjoying scramble eggs, pancakes, sausage, orange juice and water. As in the past, military in uniform and first responders received a free breakfast, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.



BELOW:

**Getting ready for the hungry parade goers!**



**How could anyone resist these smiling faces?**



**A portion of chairs used during the pancake breakfast being returned to Grace Best School. Alan Feldkamp, Pablo Feldkamp, Dick Peters, John Hartling, Ed Paulovich, Bob Leise, Frank Gargala, Bob Knapp and Jim Taylor (not pictured)**





**Knights helped Chris Otto move heavy furniture at his home.**

**L to R: Rob Hoette, Chris Otto, John Russ, Robert Knapp, Ed Paulovich with grandson Grayson Jenkins, Bob Knapp, Jim Mack.**

**~ photo by John Hartling**



**Dave McCloy is presented the Knight of the Month Award for May by GK Randy Fritz**



**GK Randy Fritz presents the June Knight of the Month Award to Mark Yoder.**





## Requiescat in pace

**SK Jimmy Carter** departed this earthly life on 18 July 2021. He was a member of Council 11514 and Fr. Kekeisen Assembly 2594 and was a daily communicant at St. Peter's until illness forced him to stop that routine. Jimmy was an excellent fisherman and had pictures to back up his championship-quality bass catches. He leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter. May his soul rest in peace.



## Word(s) of the Month

**Goods of Marriage:** Three blessings – children, faithful companionship, and permanence – that were first enumerated by Saint Augustine in a work on marriage.

From the *Catholic Word Book*



## Sermonette

*Negative influences can harden our hearts*

Like a little yeast (leaven) affects a batch of dough, negative influences can cause hearts to harden. This happened with the Pharisees' attitudes influencing the disciples. Sometimes we need a fresh start to cleanse our hearts, as the earth had a fresh start after the flood.



## Monthly Council Mass

The Knights normally celebrate Mass as a group on the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill or deceased.

Knights and their families are asked to sit in reserved pews and wear their Council name tags. If you know of any Knights, or family members, who should have a Mass intention, please contact

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Continue to pray for our priests, deacons, military members, police, and first responders.

Remember our deceased Knights, especially Jimmy Carter, and their families.

*Life is like a camera*

*Focus on what is important*

*Capture the good times*

*Develop from the negatives*

*When things don't work out, take another shot*



**Fourth Degree Knights from the Diocese of Colorado Springs, plus one Sir Knight from Nebraska, formed an Honor Guard during the installation of Bishop James Golka as the third bishop of the diocese. Sir Knights from Fr. Kekeisen Assembly at St. Peter's included Bob Knapp, Alan Feldkamp, Ed Paulovich, Chuck Hardy, Mike Pietsch, and John Russ.**







## Fraternity is sacrificing His life for us

*The Son of man came to give his life to redeem many people ~ Matthew 20:28*

Little Jason was returning later and later each afternoon from school. His father lectured him on punctuality, but it made little impact on the boy.

Finally, he told Jason, "The next time you come home late, you can expect bread and water for supper."

Sure enough, the next night Jason was late. When he sat down to supper, he was stunned. On his plate was a single slice of bread. Jason saw that his father meant business.

When the punishment had sunk in fully, Jason's father gave him his own full plate and took Jason's single slice of bread. That was all Jason's father ate that night.

Years later, Jason said that what his father did that night taught him in the most eloquent way what Jesus did for the human race over 2,000 years ago.

Today, what are you doing in return for what Jesus did over 2,000 years ago? Do you have a favorite memory of a lesson in life that your father taught you?

***Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. ~ Isaiah 53:4***

From Knights To Christ Booklet

***Remember that sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stroke of luck.***



**Remember in our prayers:** Jim Smith, Jack Banoczi, Father Golyzniak, Chris Otto, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez.

Pray for our priests, deacons and for vocations to the religious life.

Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat areas.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Jimmy Carter** and our departed brother Knights and their families.



04 Aug – Council Business Meeting at 1900

08 Aug – Mining Museum Fund Raising Event

15 Aug – Council Picnic, Feldkamp Estate

19 Aug – Council Officer Meeting at 1830

19 Aug – Fr. Kekeisen Assembly Meeting at 1900

22 Aug – St. Peter's Parish Picnic

**Save Future Date:**

**11 December – Council Christmas Party**



## Your Insurance Corner

### *The value of life insurance for children*

As a father, you worry about your children and do many things to protect them. We try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance on your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults gets rated, postponed, or denied for life insurance? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we do not have a crystal ball to tell us the future of our children. Your child could eventually have a rare disease, cancer or be overweight. Did you know you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on a child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10-and 20 Pay life insurance.

Your field agent and brother Knight

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## **August Birthdays**

- ❖ 02 Aug – Fr. Carlos Gallardo
- ❖ 03 Aug – Scott Bengert
- ❖ 03 Aug- Robert Coniker
- ❖ 04 Aug – Bruce Kalish
- ❖ 08 Aug – Ed Peteroy
- ❖ 08 Aug – Gene Pfeffer
- ❖ 10 Aug – Sean Curran
- ❖ 12 Aug – Fr. Gzregorz Golyzniak
- ❖ 13 Aug – Bill Kaelin
- ❖ 13 Aug – Jim Smith
- ❖ 13 Aug – William Wasner
- ❖ 15 Aug – Chuck Maher
- ❖ 16 Aug – Carl Anderson II
- ❖ 17 Aug – Fred Seiter
- ❖ 18 Aug – Kenneth Burns
- ❖ 19 Aug – Jimmy Carter
- ❖ 20 Aug – Bruce Bishop
- ❖ 20 Aug – Al Castinado
- ❖ 22 Aug – Timothy Urban
- ❖ 28 Aug – Dave Davern
- ❖ 31 Aug – Andrew Rapp

**Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights during this summer month of August.**

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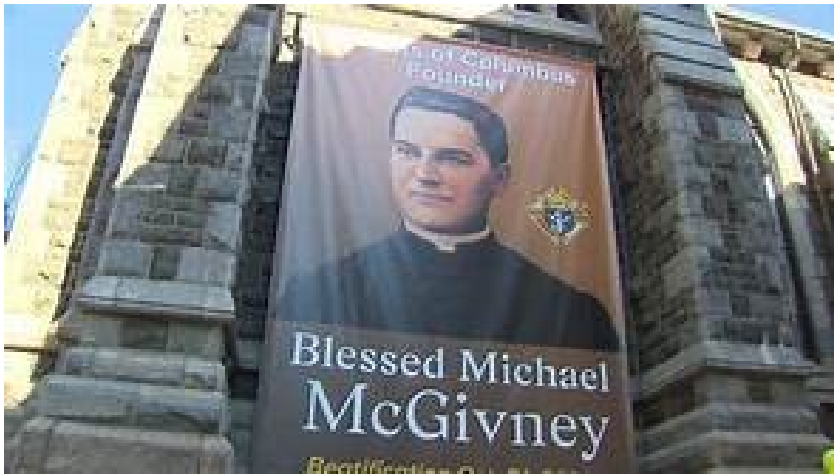
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## **Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, Pray For Us**

**Fr. Michael McGivney**, patriarch of our Order, was beatified last October 31 by Pope Francis. Friday, August 13 will be his inaugural feast. We as Knights should honor this day by attending Mass and praying that his last step to sainthood will soon be fulfilled.

~ SK Michael Pietsch



To mark their hundredth anniversary in 1982, the Knights of Columbus brought the remains of Father McGivney from Waterbury back to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he had founded the Order. There he now rests in a setting in which daily Mass is offered for the deceased members of the Order and prayers are said in his honor.