

# The Toolbox

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## The First Word

*“With joy you will draw water from the fountains of salvation, and you will say on that day, 'Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations makes known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name.’”*

*- Isaiah 12:3*

*“Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will.”*

— St. Paul VI

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**Wayne Vreeland**



From the  
**Grand Knight**

Worthy KofC Council 11370 Member,

Fellow Knights, your participation is requested in the upcoming Online Benefit Night scheduled for October 21st, at 7:30pm. This is an opportunity to fulfill one of our two benefit nights for our Star Council Award. You do not need to buy anything, it is an informational program to let members know of the retirement benefits available. Sign up must be completed by October 16. Send you requested for registration to me at [phkreinbrink@toast.net](mailto:phkreinbrink@toast.net) and I will add you name to the registration form.

Deacon Ed Irelan is planning to have an Advent food drive. Date? The food will not be stored in the Church or School, no room. Helping Hands of St. Louis will send a truck over for the food. This is 8 to 10 weeks away. Now would be good time to pick up extra items when shopping. Canned and dry goods keep a long time.

At the Adoration Chapel there are 6 hours still available. A suggestion for groups, such as the KofC, is to adopt an hour and different members would rotate in and out of the schedule. Depending the number signed up, each member signed up would only need to be there from every other week to once a year. As mentioned in the last Tool Box, I have 2 times per week. The Chapel can be very quiet at night.

Also, at (late) copier time it was announced that Bishop Thomas will be leading a Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations at our church Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 PM.

Fraternally yours,  
Paul Kreinbrink  
Grand Knight



From the  
**Field Agent**

## HELP WANTED

There are currently four openings for Field Agents in the Toledo area. Any practicing Catholic man, 18 years old or older, can apply, and while Order membership is certainly beneficial it is *not* mandatory. Contact me per below for details on this rewarding career. (Not to say he *needs* help, but Wayne is managing some 10,000 accounts by himself!)

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can. I'm at 419-356-8377 or [wayne.vreeland@kofc.org](mailto:wayne.vreeland@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Wayne Vreeland  
Interim Field Agent

We make an impact in the lives of those we serve, Knights Families by:

1. Protecting the innocent when someone dies prematurely-**Life Insurance**
  2. Providing an income you can't outlive-**Retirement Planning**
  3. Protecting assets when someone can no longer care for themselves-**Long Term Care**
- Provide an income when someone can't work due to health-**Disability Income Insurance.**



**IN PLACE OF**  
**NORMAL**  
**ACTIVITIES...**

Please take advantage of the following opportunities do what normal things we can, and alternatives where we can't.

### Masses:

The normal Mass schedule is back in effect, and the dispensation from Sunday obligation

is still in effect. If you are elderly, sick, have pre-existing conditions or are otherwise compromised, please refrain from attending and take advantage of the livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube at 8:00 AM Weekdays and Sundays at 9:00 AM. Go to the Parish website and scroll down to the second paragraph beneath the COVID-19 UPDATES headline. (If the sound cuts out, no need to check your equipment – the church's sound system doesn't always communicate with the teleconferencing software, and the one exception is usually the singing.)

Mass is also on EWTN at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM daily and noon most days, and there is a DailyTVMass (that's the name!) out of Toronto. Mass from our Cathedral is on Annunciation Radio at 3:00 PM weekdays.

Most Masses can be viewed or heard anytime online through podcasting.

### **Devotions:**

EWTN TV also has the following devotional programs, in addition to occasional specials:

- ⤴ Chaplet of St. Michael at 7:00 AM daily except Friday with Station of the Cross at that time on Friday;
- ⤴ Holy Rosary following daily Mass, typically starting around 9:00 AM;
- ⤴ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM daily;
- ⤴ The Rosary Novena from Lourdes at 7:30 AM weekends and 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM daily; and,
- ⤴ Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday.

### **Bulletins:**

The current and recent Parish bulletins are also available on the Parish website.

### **Visiting the Church:**

The Church is open for prayer 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday.

The Adoration Chapel is open for scheduled adorers only, under various guidelines to maintain social distancing and protect privacy. Contact the Parish office for details, and how to

sign up as an adorers. Spaces are still available, and you can commit to everything from multiple times a week to once a year. Our Lord loves your company, however often you can sit with Him!

### **Confessions:**

Confessions are heard 9:00 to 9:30 AM Friday and 3:30 to 4:45 PM Saturday in the confessional(s). Socially distanced face-to-face (well, okay, mask-to-mask) Confessions are available.

### **Council meetings:**

Meeting back in the Lower Level unless otherwise indicated. If you have any concerns that you would like to present for consideration, please come to any meeting or contact Grand Knight Paul. His information is on the front page.



## Council Calendar

**ALL EVENTS PENDING  
DUE TO PANDEMIC**

### **Recurring regularly scheduled events:**

Social meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Location TBA.

Business Meetings: Fourth Tuesday, Church basement, 7:00 pm

Big Breakfasts: **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PER FATHER ERIC.**

Chapter meetings: Third Thursday, varying locations TBA.

Parish Night of Worship: First Fridays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Church, includes adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Everything else** - changes from last month are underscored:

### **THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE PENDING DUE TO PANDEMIC**

October 21: Benefits Night presentation, 7:30 PM, online. RSVP Grand Knight Paul by October 16.

October 27: Business meeting, 7:00 PM, parish location TBA, current members only please.

October 28-29: Foundation for Life Charity Reception, 7:00 each night. See separate announcement.

October 31: Venerable Father McGivney's Beatification Mass, 11:00 AM EWTN

November 4: Holy Hour of Adoration with Bishop Thomas, 7:00 PM in the Church.

December: Advent food drive, date TBA.



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## Football ~~Frenzy!~~ Crazr!

The Football Sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket.

At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period.

The 23 winners are determined by ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games.

The scores from the previous week's games are used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. A winners' list will be posted on [www.fundcrazr.com](http://www.fundcrazr.com) and [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)– Password is going to your ticket number.

Your Council receives a rebate based on the number of tickets sold statewide. With all the uncertainty surrounding this year's football season, simulated games will be used to determine scores if games are not actually played.

DGK Gregg is mailing two tickets to each member. If you need more tickets, request them at meetings or from him.

And, if like your Editor, you're as good at selling as the Bengals or Lions are at

football, buy them yourself, for yourself or for others!



## Advent Food Drive

Plans are being made for the annual (*of course it's annual!*) Advent Food Drive.

This Food Drive is going to be a bit different. Like last year, it will be one day only, and the date will be announced; but due to lack of storage space at the Church – not to mention, just maybe, consideration for us aging Knights – Helping Hands of St. Louis will be collecting the donations at the Church and taking them to their facility themselves.

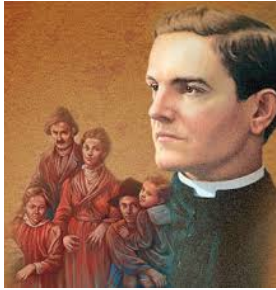
Helping Hands has an extensive list of material needs, which can be read at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/helping-hands-of-st-louis/donation-needs/>. They also welcome cash and time donations as well. Their most immediate needs are:

- Macaroni & cheese
- Tuna
- Ground meat
- Chicken
- Pork
- Beef
- Turkey
- Ham
- Cereal

There are material needs as well:

- Grocery bags (paper or plastic)
- Winter coats and shoes (contact them for specifics)
- Plus size men's clothing
- Plus size women's clothing
- Children's clothing 7 and larger
- Gently used & new tennis shoes (especially men's)
- Underwear – all sizes.
- Facial tissue (travel, regular, or family size)
- Shampoo (regular or family size)
- Deodorant (regular, family size, or women's)
- Toothpaste (regular or family size)
- Postage stamps (Forever Stamps and \$1.00)

Please start gathering these needed items now, rather than waiting until the last moment. You can also delivery donations to them personally in the meantime.



## Father McGivney's Beatification Mass

Our Order's founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney, will be beatified on Saturday, October 31, at 11:00, The Mass will be on EWTN, and should be viewable online afterward.



## How do I get in touch?

With apologies for making it a pain in the behind, discretion in the light of increasing attacks on privacy has dictated that all contact information be held in confidence. An idea has been floated of having the Council use a permanent e-mail address for each officer's position, in a format such as [editor@ourcouncil](mailto:editor@ourcouncil), once the website's security issues have been addressed. In the meantime, our worthy Grand Knight is offering himself as the Council's point of contact; his phone number and e-mail address remain on the front page.



## Paid your Dues Yet?

We're almost there, but not quite. Fiscal Secretary Ed Fiscus reports that there are still about 10% of our members who need to pay their dues, and he is looking for you! If you haven't paid, get on it, or else you may be suspended.

Your dues, still only \$36, help fund the Order's charitable work; and please remember to add a \$5.00 donation to the Measure Up program, which benefits persons with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your continued support and commitment!



## Recruiting Challenge is Still On!

Sign up two new members, and you will win a \$50.00 meal gift card. (Sorry, one for \$25 doesn't qualify!) Make sure that your name is entered with the names of those you recruited, and by all means don't let social distancing stop you – there are other ways to talk to men!

There is a catch – only members who are current on their dues are eligible.



## We have a Winner – And he was at the Meeting!!

At the end of each business meeting, a 50/50 drawing of sorts is held for a cash prize consisting of donations from the attendees. Half the pot goes to Pennies for Heaven, and half to the winner. The winner is drawn from a list of all Council members, and the winner has to be present to claim the pot. If the winner is not present, the pot carries forward to the next meeting.

**Dennis Addis** was the winner at the September meeting, but was not present to collect.

**Come to the next business meeting, October 27<sup>th</sup> at a parish location to be named later, 7:00 PM. You might win! (But don't come just for the money!)**





## Recruiting Incentives Announced

DGK Gregg has a question for all of us: Who is going to fill your shoes?

None of us is getting any younger, and if the Order is to continue, we need young men to join. And so he is encouraging us all to invite younger men to come on board.

Get them to come to a social meeting, or invite them to help at what few events we can hold these days. Gregg says it was the desire to help others that motivated him to join; how many other Greggs are in the parish with the same desire but no means to act upon it?

To this, District Deputy Arron adds that we need to sign up only seven new members during this fraternal year to meet our quota.

So come on, men, bring 'em in! Six new members is three \$50 meal tickets; maybe DGK Gregg would be so kind as to make the seventh a bonus?



## Nominees Wanted

Remember to submit nominees for Knight and Family of the Month. These awards are made for exemplary service to the Council and the Parish.

Knight nominees go to Deputy Grand Knight Gregg Davis. Family nominees go to Family Director Mike Houck. Any Parish family is eligible, and membership in the Order is not mandatory.



## Safety First!

Supreme is emphasizing the importance of its Safe Environment Program, which is

mandatory for any Knights working with children. The course and refresher are available online at <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>.

Also on the subject of Safety First: You might have guessed this already, but Pandemic mandates issued by the State government supercede all Order mandates.



## Upcoming Degree Dates

All local Degrees are cancelled due to the Pandemic. However, Supreme is holding online Degrees on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM at

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> for all practicing Catholic men who wish to join. The traditional Form 100 is still in use by Councils.



## This month's Anniversaries

Terrence L. Andryc, Donald G. Bauerschmidt, Edward C. Fiscus, Dcn. Edgar Irelan, Francis L. Kohler, David P. Langell and Daniel L. Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1994  
William M. Bennett, Dennis J. Scherger and Steven D. Toerne, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 1995  
Richard H. Elder, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1999  
Ronald G. Pfeifer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2008  
John Zahn, reactivated, 2009  
John E. Drage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2010  
Thomas P. Berry, Jerry O. Dollard Jr. and Michael V. Tambone, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2012  
Rev. Sam Punoor, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2014  
Richard R. Dardenne, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2017

This list shows the highest degrees attained that the Council has on record for its members. As a point of clarification, the anniversaries are for years of continuous membership.

**Congratulations, Gentlemen!**



## Prayer requests

*Due to technical difficulties, the complete prayer list was unavailable at copier time. It will be sent when received. In the meantime . . .*

Heavenly Father, in Your mercy and love please grant our petitions. Let us pray for . . .

### **Regarding Covid 19:**

- + A cure
- + All who have it
- + The families of those who have it
- + Eternal happiness for those who have died from it
- + All who have lost their jobs
- + All who live in fear and anxiety
- + All stranded travelers, that they can come home
- + All in authority, for wisdom, temperance and safety
- + Strength, endurance and protection for all medical personnel and emergency responders

### **Other specific needs:**

At copier time, the formal prayer list had not been received. It will be forwarded on arrival.

### **We also pray for:**

- + The nation and the elections.
- + The end of abortion and the culture of death, and especially for all in the abortion industry, that great light may shine into the darkness in which they work.
- + Men and women and families of our law enforcement and emergency services, for special protection in this time of great unrest
- + A just solution for the greatest good to law enforcement issues
- + An end to racial injustice
- + Healing, forgiveness and strengthening of the Church in light of sex scandals.
- + Marriages, especially those facing divorce and those affected by physical and mental illness, addictions, personality changes and disorders, and financial hardship
- + The estranged
- + All targeted by scams and fraud

- + The end of corruption, especially among those with material, political, spiritual or social power and influence
- + Our Lady of Salvation, our sister parish in Lemon, The Philippines
- + All who suffer from chronic anxiety, depression and stress
- + All school children and school staffs
- + All who suffer from addiction, especially the opioid crisis, and their loved ones
- + Our service men and women, for safe return home and for their families, and for those who have died - eternal rest with God in heaven, and healing for their families
- + Our country, our fellow Americans and our freedoms
- + The clergy and all religious, especially newly ordained priests and deacons, and men entering seminary
- + All in positions of authority
- + All victims, perpetrators and enablers of terrorism, persecution, abuse and bullying
- + All prisoners and their rehabilitation and conversion
- + For peace
- + The holiness of all vocations, including to the consecrated life, marriage and single life

Please also pray for vocations, especially in our dioceses, and for our seminarians and our deacons and religious in formation, on the last page. Please give thanks for new fewer than six new seminarians!

God of Mercy, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. Thank You. Amen.

***If you have something that you would like the Knights of Columbus to pray for, please send your request to Deacon Ed at [eirelan@buckeye-express.com](mailto:eirelan@buckeye-express.com).***

*The monthly Prayer List is now included in the prayer book at the back of the church.*

*Also, for those of you who will be visiting the Adoration Chapel when it reopens, the Prayer List is also available for your use there as well. Copies are in each of the three prayer binders.*

**Additional Opportunities for Prayer  
– SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- + Weekdays at 7:30: Most Holy Rosary in the Church, prior to Mass
- + First Fridays, Night of Worship, adoration and Divine mercy Chaplet, 6:30 PM in the Church.
- + Fourth Tuesdays: Holy Hour for Vocations in the Church, 6:00 PM
- + The Adoration Chapel is always open, but you will need the pass code to get in outside normal parish hours. Contact the parish office.

### **Additional Opportunities for Giving**

- + Give all clergy you encounter a word of support, encouragement and thanks.
- + Helping Hands of St. Louis has ongoing needs listed at <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/>.
- + Donate to the Order's disaster relief programs through [www.kofc.org/charities](http://www.kofc.org/charities). Information is also available in *The Columbian* magazine.
- + Participate in the Kroger's Round Up matching program for the hungry. Ask the cashier to round your purchase up to the nearest dollar.
- + Annunciation Radio, Heartbeat of Toledo and Foundation for Life all appreciate donations any time. <http://www.annunciationradio.com/> or call 419-754-1009 to learn more.
- + Support our retired priests and religious! Contact the parish office for details.
- + Leave your Box Tops for the school in the wooden box between the Family Center and the Church.



From the Editor

## **Time to Stand!**

If you haven't already done so, get out and vote November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Once again, no endorsement of candidates or parties, just a plea that you

follow what your conscience and your faith advise you to do. Granted, neither candidate for President is going to win based on having a cuddly personality or perfectly acceptable social behavior.

With all respect for those of us who are senior citizens, we may not be around to witness the long-range effects of this election, which is undeniably going to be pivotal in determining the state of the nation for years to come. But, God willing, your children and grandchildren will be. They will be the ones who will reap the harvest this election will sow.

That harvest isn't going to be affected by a leader's personality or social behavior. It will most definitely be affected by a leader's exercise of power.

The question you have to ask yourself, putting aside all partisanship, one way or the other, is this: Which candidate for *any* elected office has the best record (*not* rhetoric – an actual record of achievement) of governing based on principles that square with your faith?

There are many aspects to consider, such as life, public safety, the economy, law and order, defense of liberty and Constitutional rights, personal integrity, and commitment to truth and fundamental common sense. Ask these questions of the candidates honestly and seek honest, not biased or tainted, answers, and you might be surprised.

And to repeat from last month: The *Into the Breach* program is still going on. Each and every one of you is in the breach, and you need to take your stand at the polls in favor of liberty. And since those who would assail our liberty are into kneeling, then kneel too in prayer for your country.

(On the subject of time, this issue is unduly late due to a very interesting coincidence of two family hospitalizations and the onset of busy season at work.)

Vivat Jesus, and be well.

Thomas Berry, Editor and Chancellor





## Thank You!

+ To all who helped make the Chicken Barbeque a success.

**To all who have helped us and our work, especially those we have failed to thank. We all need to say "Thank You" more often!**



## Pray for the Unborn!

*Years ago,  
you were one yourself*

Greater Toledo Right to Life announces its Benefit for Life Charity Reception. To comply with social distancing, it will run *two* nights, Wednesday and Thursday, October 28 and 29, 7 to 9 each evening, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg. Tickets are \$60 each, \$520 for a reserved table for ten, 300 tickets only per night, first come first served. \$10 off per ticket if you order in September, and partnership levels from \$500 to \$3,500 are available.

All proceeds benefit Foundation for Life, and in event of cancellation all purchases will be regarded as tax deductible donations. Order by calling 419-535-5800 or online at [www.fflnwo.org](http://www.fflnwo.org).



## Help Wanted!

Many, many people are in dire need of help due to the Pandemic, and the Order has established the **Leave No Neighbor Behind** program to help meet those needs. Information about it is enclosed or attached.

Looking for a rewarding career? Wayne Vreeland is seeking applicants for KofC Life Insurance field agents. Applicants must be Catholic and at least 18 years old. Contact [wayne.Vreeland@kofc.org](mailto:wayne.Vreeland@kofc.org) or 419-356-8377. (This need is getting real – Wayne is taking his well-earned retirement next year!)

**"Help wanted" isn't just for what the Council and the parish need done – it also applies to all of us Knights as well. If you are in distress, or know someone who is, please contact Deacon Ed, our Council Chaplain. As Knights, we're all here for one another.**



## Please Pray for Vocations!

Please offer up the following prayer to God for an increase of vocations, especially for the holiness of all vocations present and future. Please pray too for all newly ordained priests, all seminarians, all deacons and religious in formation, and for all their families.

**Diocese of Toledo  
Prayer for Vocations**

**Almighty God,  
make me an instrument  
to encourage others  
to give of themselves  
and challenge me  
to do the same.  
Inspire men and women  
to respond generously  
to your call to service and  
leadership in your church  
as priests, consecrated  
religious and deacons.  
Amen**

[www.toledodiocese.org/vocations](http://www.toledodiocese.org/vocations)

**Newly ordained priests:** Father Michael Bialorucki\*, Father Zachary Brown, Father Peter Grodi\*, Father Kevin Moebius.

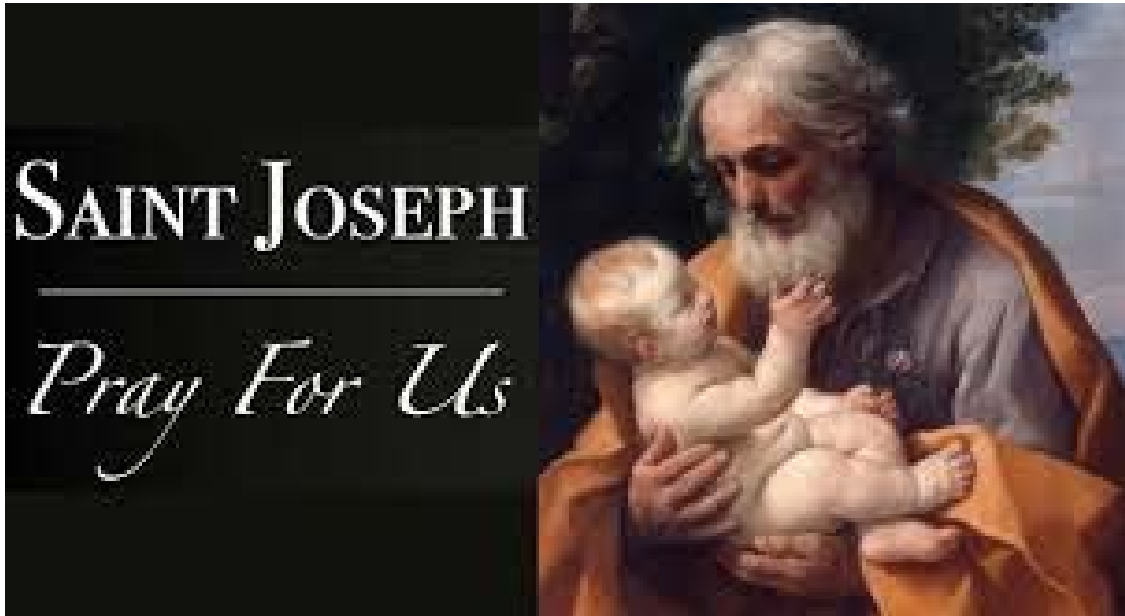
**Seminarians:** Dcn Albert Beltz\*, Benjamin Dollarhide, **Hayden Eighinger\***, Alexander Elfreich, Thomas Hunyor\*, Kyle Ink, Travis Kahle\*, Eric Kaufman, Jacob Livechhi, Joseph Magoffe, Bradley McNeal, Andrew Messner, Joseph Mominee, Peter Shanks, Christopher Turner, Curtis Weisenburger, Kory Wise.

**Religious:** Bro. John Baptist Le Cant, Adam Bryan, Bro. Joshua Fritsch, Bro. Simon Hermann, Craig Irwin, Daniel Kennedy, Bro. Dominic Mary Koester, Sister Karenna Langhals, Bro. Matthias Meyer, Kari Schroeder, Sean Teets.

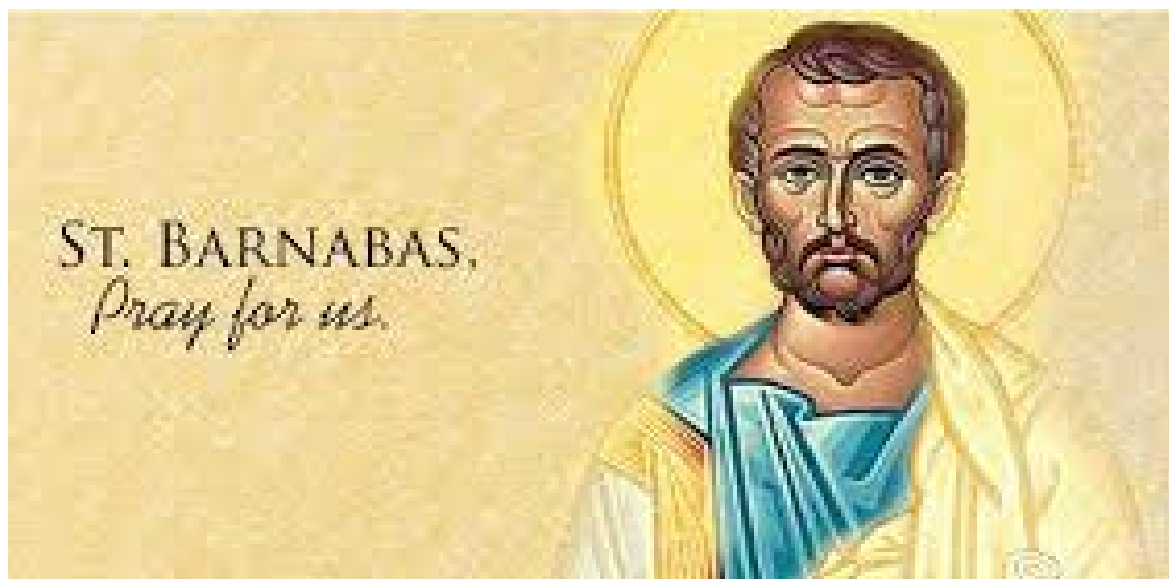
**Newly ordained Deacons:** Bruce Alge, Kevin Coulter\*, Michael Dazley, Gregg Focht, Dale Gallup, David Gerardi, Jeffrey Gralak, Fred

Herold, Jason Hinners, Thomas Hojnacki, Eugene Honigford, Matthew Kettinger, David Krempec, Jeffrey Lightle, David Maas, John Murray Jr., James O'Donnell, William Petro, Richard Sasala Jr., James Savage, Gregory Siebenaller, Michael Swanson, James Tovarsky, Michael Vierra, Timothy Walters, Jose Zamora.

\* Member of or affiliated with St. Joe's



**This doesn't just mean asking the great Saint, foster father of our Lord and the Terror of Demons to do all the work. Men of St. Joseph, pray for your community.**



**Pray for the weary and discouraged, Son of Encouragement!**