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Wyoming Knights of Columbus



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January is Pro Life Month.

The following article was "borrowed" from the Catholic News Agency.

Local March for Life events will be held in Cheyenne and in Casper on January 19, 2019.

By [Christine Rousselle](#)

Washington D.C., Oct 19, 2018 / 05:00 pm ([CNA](#)).- The theme of the 2019 March for Life will be "Unique From Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science," March for Life President Jeanne Mancini announced at an event on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

The theme was chosen as science is inherently pro-life, Mancini explained Oct. 18. Science has continued to "reaffirm the scientific fact, and the truth, that life begins at fertilization/conception."

"Our DNA is present at the moment of fertilization, and no fingerprint, ever--past, present, future--is like yours. And that's what it means to be unique from day one," said Mancini.

She pointed out that "society often ignores or tries to block these facts," and reminded the crowd that in 2008, then-candidate Barack Obama refused to provide an answer when asked when he believed life began, saying it was "above his pay grade"

Mancini said that while remarks like these provide "cover" for someone who is in favor of abortion rights, "scientifically, it's not factual."

Fetal development, she said, is "astonishing." She noted that the heart begins to beat just three weeks after fertilization, and that the fetus is capable of movement at eight weeks. At 13 weeks, the fetus has fingerprints, "just like our logo."

Science, said Mancini, "should always be at the service of life, not the reverse."

"Science makes it clear that human life, our uniqueness as individuals, is true from the moment of conception or fertilization," she said.

This meshes with the mission of the March for Life, she explained, which is to "protect the baby in its earliest stages."

"So we exist, our very reason for being is to protect and defend life from the moment of fertilization."

Also announced on Thursday were that commentator Ben Shapiro and former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson will be speaking at the upcoming March for Life.

The 2019 March for Life will be held on January 18, in Washington DC. It has been held each year near the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* declared a legal right to abortion in 1973.



The United States Council of Catholic Bishops have designated January 14-22 as the "9 Days for Life". The following novena should be appropriate for us, as Knights of Columbus, to pray during this time. An electronic option is also available on the USCCB site at <http://www.usccb.org>.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Novena

Dear holy servant of God, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, we pray to you because you were once the selfless and suffering mother who chose the life of her child over her own life. Your faithfulness to God brought you so close to God that you are now resting in His divine splendor. We humbly pray for your holy intercession.

(Mention your intentions here)

In the midst of your suffering you continued your mission to care for the sick, needy and weak. And so we bring our needy hearts to you and ask that you pray for us to God our Father...

(Pray for the daily Pro Life intentions here)

Most holy Saint Gianna, you said "yes" to the new life of your baby, generously sacrificing your own life. Show us how to say "yes" as you did to God's will so that we may come to eternal rest with God in heaven.

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us!

Amen.

Day 1 - Pray for all those who suffer from infertility or miscarriage. That they may be comforted

Day 2 - Pray for us, that we may be filled with love for children.

Day 3 - Pray for us, that we may seek the will of God in all things.

Day 4 - Pray for us, that we may be generous with those in need.

Day 5 - Pray for us, that we may be patient in suffering.

Day 6 - Pray for all those who work in the field of medicine, that they may know the dignity of the human person.

Day 7 - Pray for us, that we may be witnesses to the sanctity of human life.

Day 8 - Pray that there may be an end to abortion.

Day 9 - Pray for all mothers, that they may be the face of God within their families.



Ceremonial News

There are currently no degrees scheduled
To schedule a Second & Third Degree, Contact:

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To schedule a Fourth Degree, Contact:
District Master, Robert Taylor @ 307-321-0357.

Council 9917 Gun-A-Week Raffle

Drawings have begun for the 7th Annual Gun-A-Week Raffle

Congratulations to our latest winners :

Week 18 - #7819 - Joseph E Michaels of Guernsey WY won a Savage Axis Stainless .30-06

Week 19 - #7060 - Dave Holwegner of Casper WY won a Henry lever .22

Week 20 - #7817 - Gary DeMello of Cheyenne WY won a Ruger 10/22 Synthetic/Stainless

Week 21 - #8023 -Richard Benavidez of Sundance WY won a Mossberg 500 12 Ga Wood

Weekly winners are posted each Wednesday at www.kofc9917.org.

Please feel free to make any submissions to wyokcnews@gmail.com. I will do my best to put out an issue of The Cowboy Bulletin every month, but I need your help to know what's going on out there. Upcoming events, council projects or sharing ideas that could benefit other councils, are all things we as Knights are interested in hearing about. Remember that we are Brother Knights, united in one cause.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Grapes

Public Relations Director

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

There is a wealth of information on our State Council web site. Check out www.wyomingkc.org. All members are encouraged to check it out.



Brother Knights and Families,

January 19th is the PROLIFE MARCH in Cheyenne WY, along with the other prolife activities planned for that event. Please try to attend and encourage others to attend also. As usual, the 4th degree leads the march, so encourage all 4th degree members to dress up and attend.

If you do not do the lifesaver lollipop program yet, please consider doing that to help cover the expenses for:

The prolife booth at the state fair

Pregnancy center needs

Expenses for our prolife chair couple

All other prolife needs

DO NOT LET THE DEVIL WIN.

Jerry Hoefler

State Program Chairman

ROUNDTABLE TALK

Brother Knights,

At the December state meeting State Secretary, Bret Ladenburger, gave me a printout of all the parishes in Wyoming showing past roundtables and years round tabled. This list was and is a great help to identify home councils' parishes and roundtable possibilities. A copy of this list was given to the 5 district deputies present at the meeting and the list is being sent to DDs Chuck Fagnant and James Long.

Since I am new at this, I need your help in getting caught up to date as to the current roundtables and where work is being done to establish new ones.

Thank You,

Dan Gaukel – State Roundtable Chairman

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

In this area, I would like to include prayer intentions for: 1) Deceased Brother Knights and 2) any of our Brother Knights or their families in need. This will only work if we share our information, please.

Send any information to w yokcnews@gmail.com.

Thank You in advance.



“Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain”

January 2019

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."(Gospel for Jan. 13, Lk. 3:21-22)

Think about it. Do you really see yourself as a beloved son in whom your Heavenly Father is well pleased? To be honest, most men, including this archbishop, go through seasons when we don't seem to sense that our father is well-pleased. Maybe we see ourselves as self-made men who don't owe our father anything. Maybe we did not experience love from our dad, and the very idea of being beloved is ludicrous. Maybe instead of Jesus' actual words, we hear, "This is my wayward son, in whom I am much disappointed." Yet we know that we are baptized into Christ and share in his identity as the beloved son. Being beloved sons is the bedrock of our identity. The plain fact is that your heavenly Father is well-pleased with you.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to hear the Heavenly Father saying these words— “you are my beloved son”—personally to you and reflect on your identity in him. I recommend that you do so, if possible, in Adoration. Secondly, I challenge you to spend time with someone who loves you unconditionally. Ask them why? Their answer should give you a small glimpse of God's unconditional love for you.

Supreme has announced that Faith in Action has replaced the Surge with Service Program. With this change, nine new programs were introduced. One of the new programs will be featured in each Cowboy Bulletin edition for the next few months.

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

A Higher Purpose

Strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families. This is an opportunity for council members, families and the whole parish community to come together once a month for an evening of prayer, dinner and fellowship.

Overview

Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be quite a challenge to raise our children in the faith when their only exposure comes from Mom and Dad.

Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting. Families of council members, as well as other Catholic families within the parish and community, will gather for prayer, dinner and fellowship. Multiple groups can be formed and families are encouraged to rotate between these groups.

Action Steps can be found at <http://kofc.org/en/programs/family/family-prayer-night.html#/>.



January 7, 2019

RE: CHANGES TO AWARDS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Merry Christmas and New Year's greetings!

There are a few changes to the awards which each of you should be apprised.

- 1) There are now 4 "Faith in Action" Program areas (form 10784)
 - A) Faith
 - B) Community
 - C) Family
 - D) Life
- 2) Chaplain of the Year award to be submitted by each council for consideration at the State Convention.

This past year a Chaplain of the Year program was instituted by the Supreme Council, however due to short notice, the State Officers agreed to submit Fr. Ogg as our Chaplain of the Year and recognized him in absentia and the 2018 Convention in Douglas. At this time we do not know if this is a supreme program this year, but the state officers decided to make this a Wyoming program. Please get Father (insert name's) permission to nominate him and submit as you would the Knight of the Year.

No changes were made to the following:

- 1) Knight of the Year
- 2) Family of the Year (form 10680)

To recap, here are the seven areas we will be celebrating at state convention in Casper:

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| 1) Faith (form 10784) | 4) Life (form 10784) |
| 2) Community (form 10784) | 5) Knight of the Year (form 10680) |
| 3) Family (form 10784) | 6) Family (form 10784) |
| 7) Priest of the Year | |

Every council is encouraged to submit once in each of the four areas plus the knight, family and priest of the year. Please use the forms listed above which can be found on the Supreme website at <https://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

Please submit applications for consideration to myself or the State Secretary no later than April 19, (one (1) week prior to convention).

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God Bless you and your families!

Pat Doherty, PSD, Awards Chairman



Brothers Knights and families,

I trust everyone is enjoying Winter in Wyoming. I for one am thankful for the recent snow here in Casper as we need the moisture. Surprisingly there wasn't the wind that usually comes with it. It was just cold.

I would like to provide updated information for the State Directory. I have revamped the information we provide on the State website that is accessible by password only. Please let me know if you need the username and password.

I have begun to separate the information into smaller pieces that I hope will provide easier navigation. I have also included an excel spreadsheet with email addresses for easier use if using the mail-merge function. The information is always "fluid" so if you have updates please let me know.

The Directory information includes names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for the State Officers, State Chairman, District Deputies, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Chaplain and Council address & meeting times. I obtain this information from the directory update form I mailed with the dues notice in July. You can contact me to request a copy of the State Directory or for additional updates as well.

Prayers to you and your family.

Vivat Jesus.

Bret Ladenburger

State Secretary

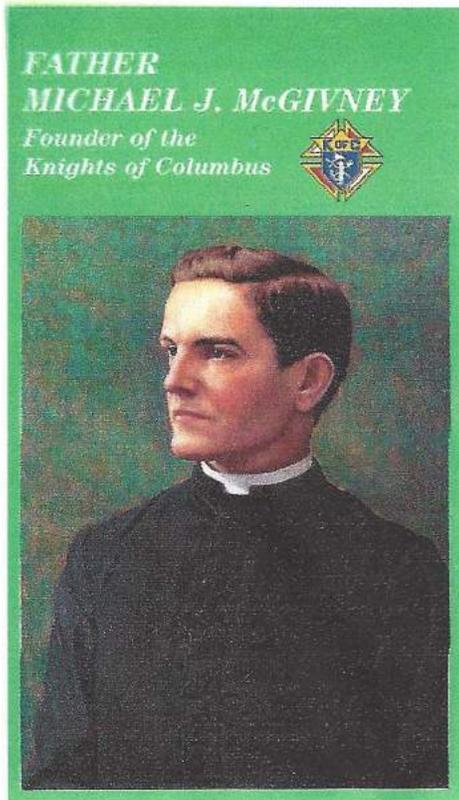
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A copy of the registration form for the Father Michael J McGivney Guild appears on the following page



Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father



PLEASE REPORT ALL FAVORS RECEIVED: THE FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD ONE COLUMBUS PLAZA NEW HAVEN, CT 06510-3326 USA

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Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Venerable Father Michael McGivney continues, it becomes ever more important to increase membership in the Father McGivney Guild. Membership stands at over 171,000, but only 464 listed to be from Wyoming. There are 2600 members shown in Wyoming.

Please encourage every Knight in your council, and their families, to join the McGivney Guild. Membership is open to everyone, not just Knights and families. It is easy to sign up at <http://www.fathermccgivney.org/en/index.html>. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody, Father McGivney Guild Chairman



If you wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter, please complete and return to: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326

Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
(K of C membership # if applicable) _____

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild's work.

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
City/State/Country _____ City/State/Country _____
Zip/Postal Code _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
(K of C membership #) _____ (K of C membership #) _____

Monthly Mass For Guild Members

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, The Venerable Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one needs to do is fill out the application and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.