



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



August 2024

### Brother Knights of Wyoming

Congratulations to Wyoming for reaching Pinnacle goal for membership. Pinnacle is when we reached over 120% of intake goal. As we start the new fiscal year, lets see if we can do it again!! Councils, we need you to get all of the officers safe environment compliant. Your District Deputies will help you to take the course.

Supreme Convention- Ron Morris, Jim Larscheid, and Father Louie Shea will be attending the Convention in Quebec Canada the first week of August. We all hope they have a good time and represent Wyoming well.

Councils– If you haven't already, contact your District Deputy and schedule your Officer installation. Also send Jim Larscheid, the State Secretary your officer report and service personnel report.

Another program is the Coats for Kids program. We have the ability to buy coats from the Knights for approximately 10.00 per coat. Your Council needs to let the State Council know how many coats you want to order. The coats come in boxes of 12 coats. They are in boys and girls colors, and sizes for toddler, teen, adults. Talk to your District Deputy about this initiative and order your coats, hopefully by Sept. 1 so we can get them to you by the winter months.

Vivat Jesus

Brian Duyck

Wyoming State Deputy



Brother Knights and Families,

It is an honor to be your state chaplain. I thank you all for the prayers and support that I receive from you, your generosity humbles me. I am preparing to represent our state at the supreme convention in Québec City Canada, poor me, right. I will be taking an extra pair of sandals and tunic, so to speak, but they frown upon a walking stick in the airports. By the time that you read this I will already be there, and as I prepare for an experience like this, I always like to look to the coming Sunday readings for inspiration and they never disappoint. This week we are truly fed by the Word. Jesus is the Bread of Life! We hear Jesus teach that he is the Bread of Life for three Sundays in a row. Last week we heard of Jesus miraculously feeding the five thousand. He then walks on the water to cross the lake and join his disciples. This caused great confusion for the people who knew that there was not a boat available for him to have made the trip in; they had no faith in Jesus, they were exploring the worldly benefits that they hoped to reap from association with Jesus. Jesus calls them out for this. He invites them to think on a higher plain. They ask him for another sign so that they can believe, they bring up the manna as a historical sign of God's favor for the Israelites. Jesus points out the limitation of that gift from God. He begins to tell us how he is the true bread from heaven that is the perfect gift from God. Let us give thanks for this wonderful gift! And for the wonderful inspiration in our lives.

Vivat Jesus  
Fr. Louie Shea  
Wyoming State Chaplain



#### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to [wyokcnews@gmail.com](mailto: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, and 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



# Wyoming Catholic Men's Retreat

**PROUD TO  
ANNOUNCE OUR  
2024 SPEAKER**



## **PETER HERBECK**

Vice President and Director  
Missions for Renewal Ministries

✝ Crossing the Goal on EWTN

✝ The Choices We Face on EWTN

## **AUG 17TH-18TH**

**St Patrick's Church Commons  
Casper, WY**



More Info on

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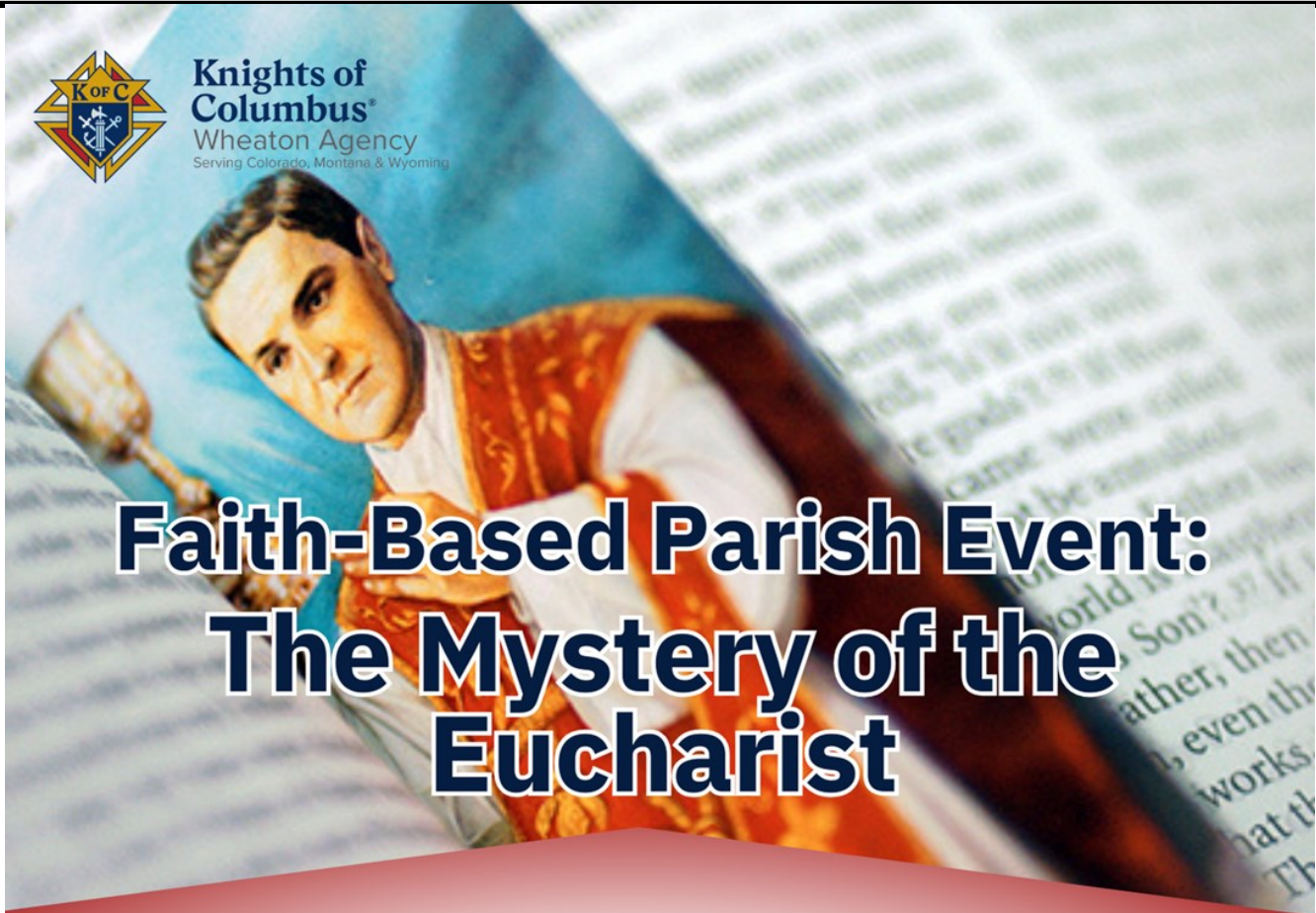
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# Faith-Based Parish Event: The Mystery of the Eucharist

**A private interview with Rev. Bishop Golka and  
Tim Glemkowski who served as the  
CEO for the Eucharistic Congress**



**When: August 22nd 2024**

**Time: 7:00 PM MST**

**Virtual Event - <https://tinyurl.com/5493327y>  
Parish Wide Event**

Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510, 1-800-380-3995.



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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

August 2024

**“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.”** (Gospel for Aug. 4, Jn 6:27)

Before the Fall, God put Adam to work tending the garden. Good men work hard to provide for their families, including their material wants and needs. These temporal necessities, however, must never become our highest priority. Our first obligation is to seek the path to eternal life — for ourselves and for our loved ones. Jesus, the Bread of Life, is the food that will endure.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

Our Founder, Father McGivney, worked tirelessly to serve God and man. I challenge you to pray the novena to Blessed Michael McGivney this month, during which his feast day takes place (August 13).

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Does your goal of attaining heaven for yourself and your loved ones come first in your life? Do your efforts focus excessively on temporal needs and pleasures? What more can you do to ensure that your primary mission is to prepare yourself and your family members to enter the kingdom of heaven?

## FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

### AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP)

The ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program is a call to action for Knights across the United States and Canada to increase financial support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and babies. ASAP enhances the significant resources the Knights and local councils already provide to mothers and their children, both born and unborn. Last fraternal year, the Order — through gifts from councils, as well as direct gifts from the Supreme Council — donated more than \$6 million through ASAP! For every \$500 a council or assembly donates, Supreme will donate \$100 (up to \$400 for \$2,000 donated). Visit [Aid and Support After Pregnancy \(ASAP\) for resources or to apply.](#)



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## Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

### Deceased Knights

-- [Fr Tom Ogg](#), past Wyoming State Chaplain, passed away August 23, 2023.

—[Mike Varney](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away May 3, 2023

—Andrew Stropka of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away June 4, 2023.

—[Cole Fitsimmons](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away December 23, 2023.

—[Robert Johnson](#) of Council 11292 in Saratoga passed away on December 28, 2023

—[Gary Klispie](#) of Council 8635 in Worland passed away January 6, 2024



—[Lewis Landkamer](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away April 15, 2024



—[Karl Hornick](#) of Council 6658 in Douglas, passed away July 4, 2024.

—Deacon Phil Wanek of Council 16510 in Thayne, passed on August 3, 2024

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Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to  
[w yokcnews@gmail.com](mailto:w yokcnews@gmail.com)



## Blessed Father Michael McGivney



### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

**Please report all favors received:** The Father McGivney Guild  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA  
[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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### *A Prayer for Study*

Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delights in thinking of You, Your grace and Your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

— Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)

To aid blind or low vision members in your council or parish, direct them to [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) for audio and braille versions of many Catholic books and references.

If any member of the Knights of Columbus (or anyone else, for that matter) missed the beatification Mass of Father McGivney, you can still view it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M).

### Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Blessed 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.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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