



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



October 2024

### FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

Great job with the Coats for Kids program. Wyoming bought 95 cases of coats for distribution throughout the State. That equates to 1140 coats. Your District Deputy will be getting them in 2-3 weeks. He will get them to your Councils for distribution. As always, when you distribute them try to make it a recruiting event. When people are thanking you for the coats, ask them if they are interested in joining. GREAT opportunity!!!

All night Adoration. As mentioned last month in the Cowboy bulletin. Plan an adoration the eve of the national election. Asking the Holy Spirit to come down and influence voters to vote for moral candidates and moral issues that may be on the ballot. If your Parish is not able to conduct an all-night adoration? Conduct an abbreviated one on the eve of the election.

Vivat Jesus

Brian Duyck





### FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN

Have you ever wondered why it is so hard to measure up to the Christian ideal? Why we have such a hard time perfecting the love of Jesus in our hearts. I do all the time. There is a good answer in the Gospel. It is because of the hardness of our hearts. Jesus tells us this in reference to the bill of divorce that Moses required a Hebrew man to give to his wife when he divorced her. The Pharisees in our story say that Moses permitted this practice; I think that it is more appropriate to say that he required it to protect the woman who would have been considered the man's property. Jesus tells them that Moses wrote this commandment because of the hardness of their hearts, because of their inability to live up to the ideal that God had in mind for humanity from the beginning. We have the tendency to look down on others for the way that they fall short of that ideal; even as we fall short of it in other ways. In our reading from Hebrews, we hear that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters, truly He is overjoyed to even in our sinfulness. So, we should accept each other in our sinfulness even as we work to help each other to live up to the ideal that God has intended for us from the beginning. Some of you know that I am on vacation, keep an eye out for my YouTube channel I am posting some videos along the way! See link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/@fr.louiesheastmargaretrive6175>

Vivat Jesus

Fr Louie Shea





**THAYNE KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

Thayne Council 16501 has hosted several events this summer. Here at Holy Family Catholic Church, we serve a pancake breakfast after our 10:30 mass on the third Sunday of the month for our parishioners to come and enjoy a nice breakfast and talk with others at brunch. Also, our parish has purchased some property next to our church with a house for our priests to stay when they come down from Jackson, we are a mission church to Our Lady of the Mountains in Jackson. We hosted and cooked the dinner for the fund raiser and the church did very well collecting funds for the property. Also, the council did a Highway clean-up of garbage along our Highway 89 Infront of our church.

We have become a very active group in the last year, with I think 5 new Knights joining our council. Yes, we are a small council, but we think BIG. We do so much for our sounding valley in donations and helping to those that are in need.

Victor Padilla  
Deputy Grand Knight  
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**SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Please feel free to make any submissions to [w yokcnews@gmail.com](mailto:w yokcnews@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

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There is a wealth of information on our State Council web site. Check out [www.wyomingkc.org](http://www.wyomingkc.org). All members are encouraged to check it out.



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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

October 2024

**Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."** (Gospel for Oct. 27, Mk 10:51)

The blind man asked for healing, but this story is about something greater than physical sight. Once he receives his sight from Jesus, the man "followed him on his way." When someone encounters Christ and sees the truth of who he is, the only proper response is to follow that truth — to follow Christ on his way.

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

This month, I challenge you to find one way that you can help a family member, friend or coworker to more clearly see the truth of Christ and to follow him.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you watch for opportunities to lead confused individuals to Christ? Do you have the courage to share the truth of Christ with others? Do you speak the truth gently and clearly, so that others are better able to see and understand your point?

## FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

### FAMILY FULLY ALIVE

#### A HIGHER PURPOSE

Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives. Using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects.

#### OVERVIEW

During his visit to the Philippines, Pope Francis cited the need for "holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God's plan and to be an example for other families" (Pope Francis, Address to Families at the Mall of Asia Arena, 2015). The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church. The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church.

To this end, the program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. This is a flexible program that can be started at any time of the year and continues year-round. Councils will order physical booklets to distribute or direct parish families to program resources on [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).



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

### Deceased Knights

- [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
- [Deacon Michael Burke](#) of Council 1653 in Casper, passed away August 29, 2024

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Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to  
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## 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  
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[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.

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