



Knights of Columbus



Joseph Gerke Assembly 3080 Newsletter

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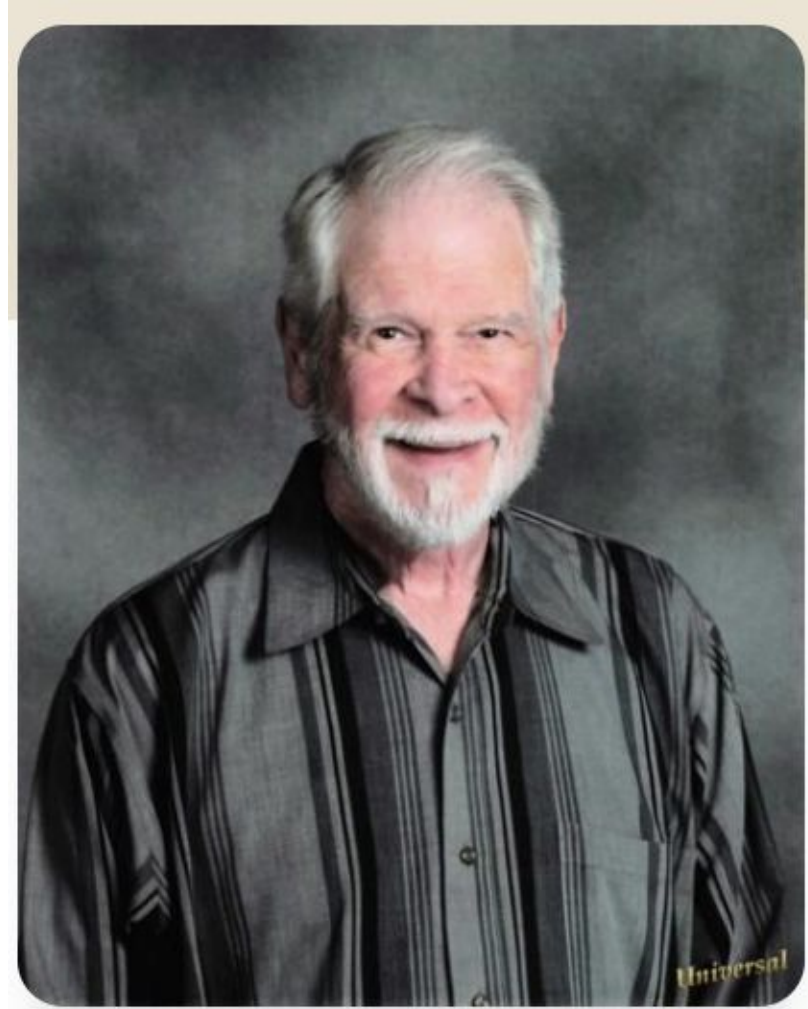
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Assembly Activities

Our Brother Sir Knight Mike Carvan passed on to his eternal reward on 16 March 26 and we had the privilege to provide an Honor Guard at Mike's visitation and funeral.

Mike was an active member of the Council and Assembly and will be greatly missed.



Assembly Activities

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph's Veteran Services team is the premier veteran service organization in the region. They are a Veteran led team from every branch of service and this video was shown at the Hope Ball.

[Catholic Charities Veteran Services](#)

Assembly Activities

Raffle time! This was issued from the Supreme Council and is a paperweight of Fr. McGivney comforting a distressed widow and her small son.

This is a wonderful reminder of our core tenant of charity and would look nice in a home office or mantelpiece. \$5 per ticket.

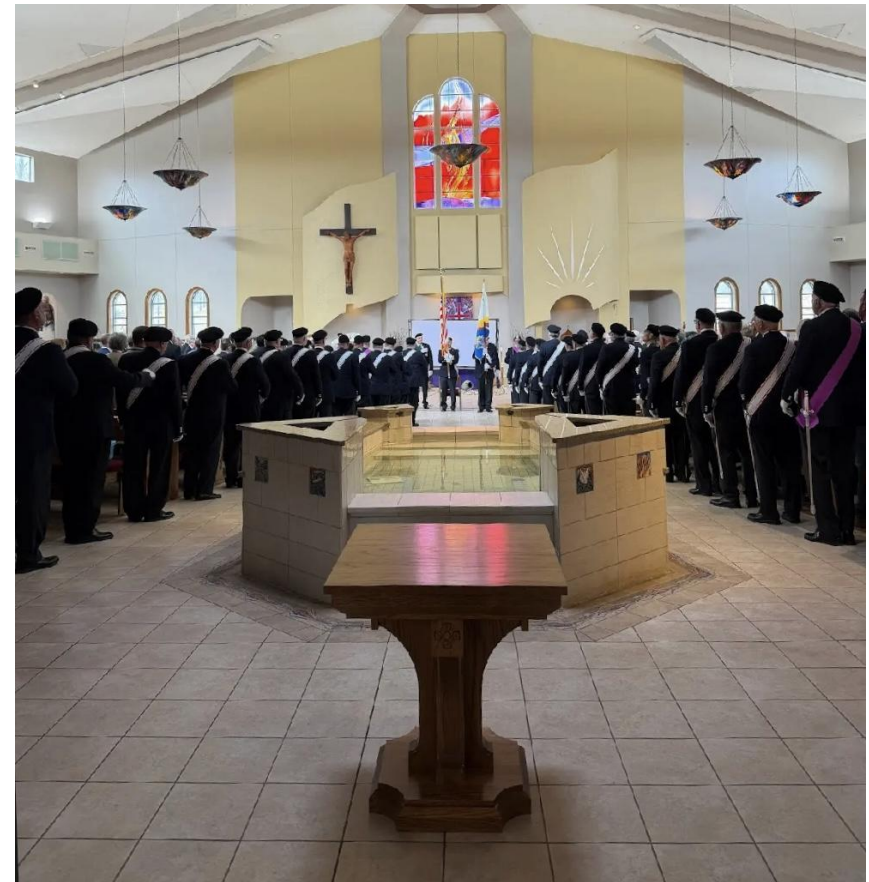


Honor Guard Events

- Honor Guard Training at OLL - Sunday, April 12 @ 2pm
 - Bring your beret, service baldric and sword
- Transitional Diaconate Ordination --- Saturday, May 23 @ 10:00 AM at Cathedral of St. Joseph
- Priestly Ordination --- Saturday, May 30 @ 10:00 AM at Cathedral in KC
- Permanent Diaconate Ordination --- Saturday, June 20 @ 10:00 AM at Cathedral in KC
 - Be there 30 minutes before the event
 - SK Dale L Amfahr, Color Corps Commander, NANDAMFAHR@YAHOO.COM will be reserving pews so needs to know numbers.

Upcoming Exemplifications

- **June 12, 2026**
 - Columbia, MO
 - Friday 7pm
- **October 24, 2026**
 - Ellisville, MO



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **April 12, 2026**
 - Honor Guard Training
 - OLL @ 2pm
- **May 21, 2026**
 - Business Meeting 7pm
 - Election of Officers



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **May 25, 2026**
 - Memorial Day. Assist Cass Co, VFW Post #4409 with flag placing
- **Jun 7, 2026**
 - Honor Guard and Corpus Christi Procession



AMERICAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS WILL CONSECRATE THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN JUNE 2026.

THE DECISION WAS MADE AT THE 2025 FALL PLENARY ASSEMBLY IN BALTIMORE, WITH A WIDE MAJORITY OF VOTES IN FAVOR.

THE CONSECRATION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, WHICH IN 2026 FALLS ON JUNE 12.

THE YEAR 2026 ALSO PROVIDES THE CONTEXT FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES (CELEBRATING 250 YEARS SINCE 1776).

Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **July 16, 2026**
 - Business Meeting 7pm
- **September 5, 2026**
 - Joseph Gerke Memorial Mass
- **September 12, 2026**
 - Begin Food for Veterans Drive



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **September 17, 2026**
 - Social Meeting
- **November 8, 2026**
 - End Food for Veterans Drive
- **November 19, 2026**
 - Flag Retirement Ceremony



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **November 22, 2026**
 - Honor Guard for Feast of Christ the King
- **December 19, 2026**
 - Wreaths Across America

**** Note: Additional events / opportunities will be added to the calendar through-out 2026****



Closing Thoughts - Medal of Honor Military Chaplains



HIGH CALLING
PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

5 of the 9
military chaplains
who have
received the
Medal of Honor
were Catholic
priests?

*Meet the priests who brought faith
and courage to the battlefield...*

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We continue to explore each one over the next 4 newsletters.

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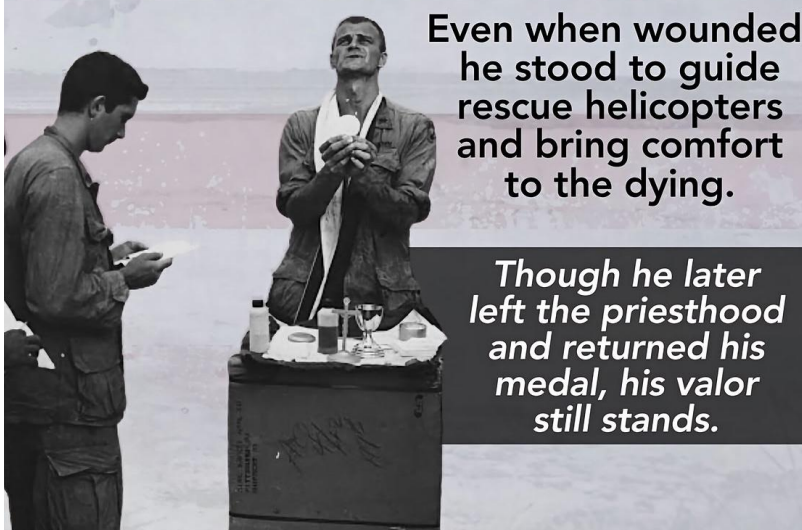
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**FR. "ANGELO" LITEKY
(VIETNAM WAR – ARMY)**

Under relentless fire, Fr. Liteky carried more than 20 wounded soldiers to safety, crawling and dragging them across open ground while refusing evacuation for himself.

Even when wounded, he stood to guide rescue helicopters and bring comfort to the dying.

Though he later left the priesthood and returned his medal, his valor still stands.



Closing Prayer

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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.