



Knights of Columbus



Joseph Gerke Assembly 3080 Newsletter

June 2026

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Assembly Activities

Photos from SK David Shimp for representing the Assembly at the Special Olympics Track and Field in Belton on 07-May



Assembly Activities

We gifted Liz Gerke, daughter of our Assembly namesake, Joseph Gerke, one of our new Assembly shirts. Please see SK Jim Moss for ordering.



Congratulations to SK Frank Swift for winning the KofC paperweight, proceeds of which go to the Uniform Fund.



Congratulations to our District Deputy SK Bill Remshak for achieving Honorary Membership to our Order!



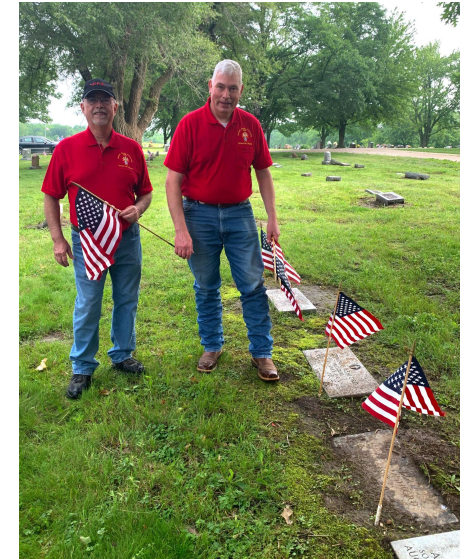
Assembly Activities

At our May Business Meeting we completed the election of officers and those currently in office were elected to continue their service for another fraternal year.



Assembly Activities

We partnered with VFW Post #4409 in Harrisonville MO, on Memorial Weekend, Saturday 23-May-26, and placed US flags on the graves of veterans in Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville, MO. There are approximately 900 veterans buried in this graveyard and the VFW were grateful for our partnership. This was also important to help build relationships with the local VFW.



Assembly Activities

Our Assembly was represented at the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Dan Stump on Saturday, May 30 @ 10:00 AM at the Cathedral in KC.



Assembly Activities

At Corpus Christi Mass on 07-Jun we the Color Guard posted the sanctuary flags, including the Sacred Heart flag, for the month of June.



Assembly Activities

We also processed with Fr. Dan in the Eucharistic Procession after Mass and then Benediction in honor of Corpus Christi.



Honor Guard Events

- Sunday, June 14: World Cup Mass at Cathedral in KC @ 2pm
 - This will also be attended by the Archbishop and Knights from Kansas; the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, the Knights of Malta, The President of Argentina and the Argentinian Soccer team
 - Assemble at 1pm
- Thursday, June 18: Special Olympics MO Send Off Pep Rally as athletes headed to Minneapolis Games
 - Rockhurst High School @ 11 am

Please RSVP by Wednesday 10-Jun with SK Dale Amfahr nandamfahr@yahoo.com and copy denvirc@yahoo.com

Honor Guard Events

- Permanent Diaconate Ordination --- Saturday, June 20 @ 10:00 AM at Cathedral in KC
- Saturday, August 15 - The Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau will be holding a Eucharistic Congress
 - Location: West Plains Civic Center, West Plains
 - Time: Doors will open at 8:30 AM with the Opening Eucharistic Procession and Opening Prayer beginning at 10:00 AM.
- Thursday, September 24 - Beatification Mass for Bishop Fulton Sheen
 - Location - The Dome at the America's Center, St. Louis
 - Time: 2:00 PM

Upcoming Exemplifications

Friday, June 12

Location: St. John Henry Newman Parish, Columbia

Time: Exemplification will begin at 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 22

Location: St. Augustine Catholic Church, Kelso

Time: Degree will begin between 9:30-10:00 AM

Saturday, October 3

Location: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Ozark

Time: Degree will begin between 9:30-10:00 AM.

Saturday, October 24

Location: St. Clair of Assisi, Ellisville

Time: Degree will begin between 9:30-10:00 AM



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **July 16, 2026**
 - Business Meeting 7pm



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

- **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



We complete our exploration of these gallant priests in our next newsletter

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HIGH CALLING
PROGRAM

**FR. EMIL J. KAPAUN
(KOREAN WAR – ARMY)**

Fr. Kapaun went wherever his men went, saying Mass on Jeep hoods, crawling through gunfire to anoint the dying, and rescuing the wounded under fire.

He spent 7 months in a POW camp where he fed starving prisoners, bathed the sick, prayed with every man, and even forgave his captors.

He has been Declared a Servant of God and his cause for sainthood is open.



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.