



Knights of Columbus



Joseph Gerke Assembly 3080 Newsletter

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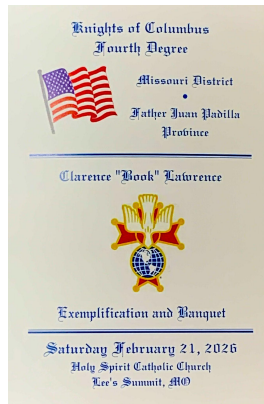
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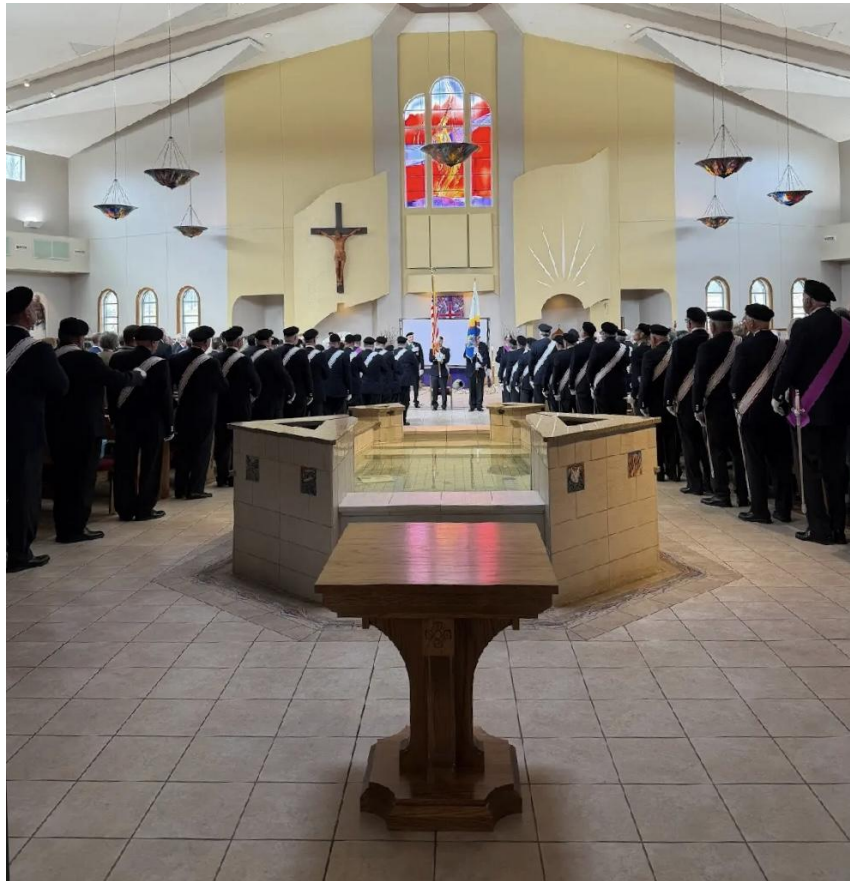
Assembly Activities

Congratulations to Frank Swift, David Blentlinger, Byron Sidney, Larry Weatherly, and Bruce Richards on being exemplified in the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lees Summit on 21 February.



Assembly Activities

This was a beautiful ceremony with family and wonderful to welcome 46 new Sir Knights into Fr. Juan Padilla Province.



Assembly Activities

Please welcome our new Sir Knights into Joseph Gerke Assembly 3080!



PGK SK Jim Moss with his eagle pommel sword

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.



Dues Reminder

Brother Sir Knights, please note 4th Degree membership dues are now payable.

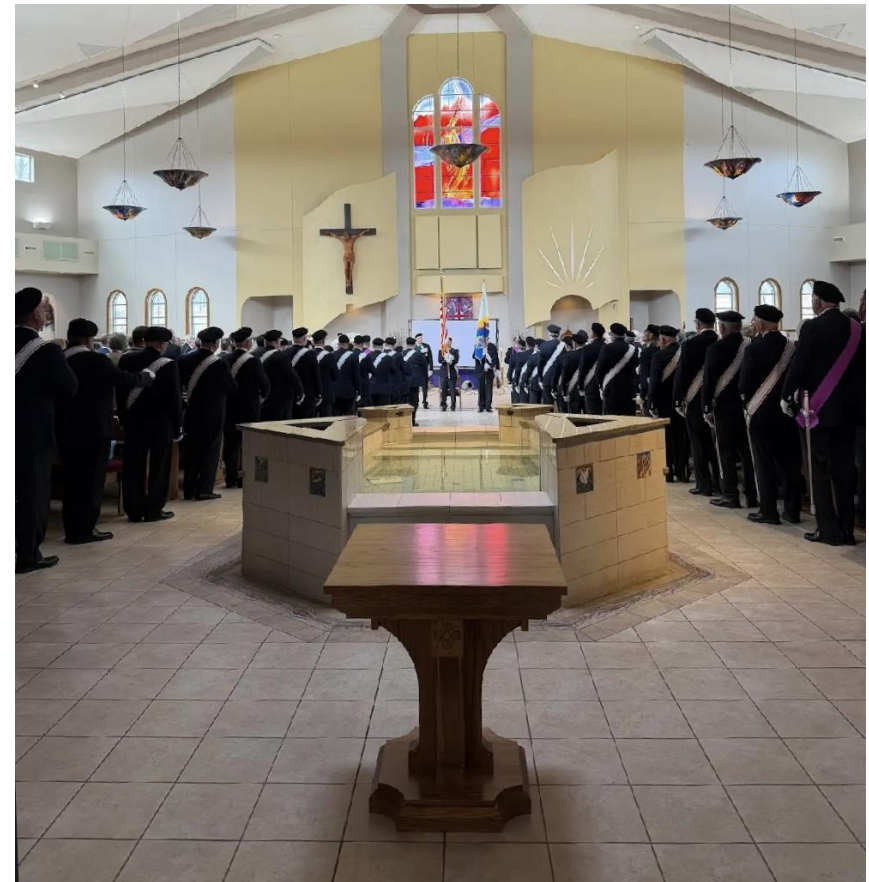
Kindly remit to PO Box 82 or Darrell Leis or Colin Denvir.

We appreciate your attention to this and your 2026 membership cards are being distributed.



Upcoming Exemplifications

- **March 21, 2026**
 - St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
 - St. Charles
- **June 12, 2026**
 - Columbia, MO
 - Friday 7pm
- **October 24, 2026**
 - Ellisville, MO



Upcoming Events

Important Dates for 2026

- **March 19, 2026**
 - Business Meeting

- **May 21, 2026**
 - Business Meeting
 - 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
- **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****

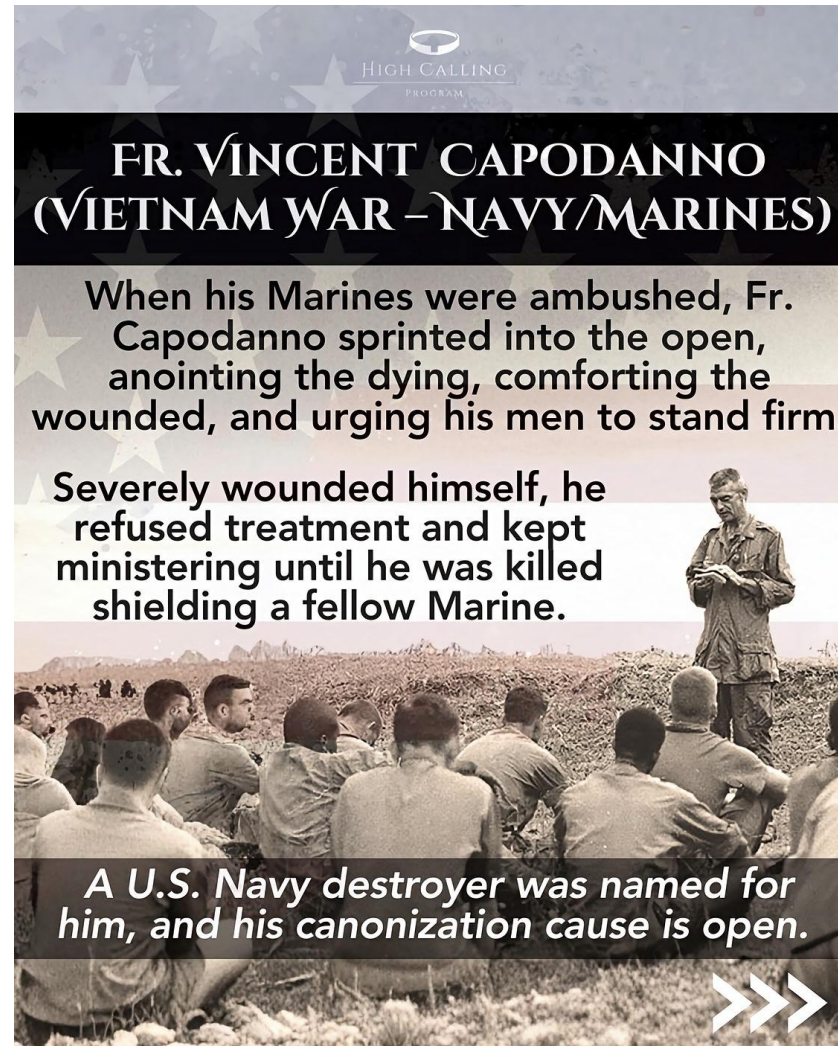


Closing Thoughts - Medal of Honor Military Chaplains



We will explore each one over the next 5 newsletters.

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HIGH CALLING PROGRAM

**FR. VINCENT CAPODANNO
(VIETNAM WAR – NAVY/MARINES)**

When his Marines were ambushed, Fr. Capodanno sprinted into the open, anointing the dying, comforting the wounded, and urging his men to stand firm.

Severely wounded himself, he refused treatment and kept ministering until he was killed shielding a fellow Marine.

A U.S. Navy destroyer was named for him, and his canonization cause is open.

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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.