



Knights of Columbus



Joseph Gerke Assembly 3080 Newsletter

August 2026

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Assembly Activities

I trust each of you Sir Knights, are having a relaxing summer, enjoying time with family and friends and getting ready for our activities for the remainder of the year:

Next month, September, we will honor the namesake of our Assembly, SK Joseph Gerke, as we attend Holy Mass around Joseph's anniversary with his family at 8am on 5th September and pray for the repose of his soul at his graveside.



Assembly Activities

We will also begin our Food for Veterans drive and donate the food to the Veterans Community Project that builds tiny homes for homeless veterans.

We will have a pulpit announcement, information in the bulletin, and flyers by the food bins. I am confident this will be as successful as the Food Drive we sponsored last year.



Assembly Activities

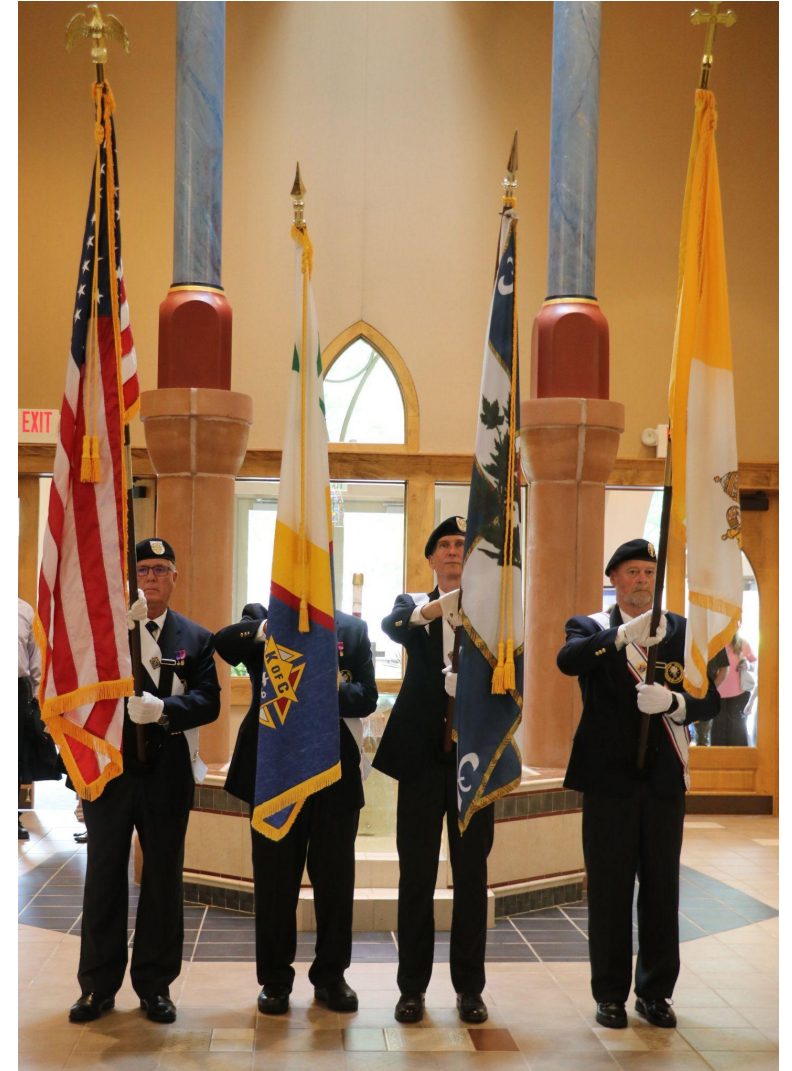
Our September meeting is our social meeting at The Wine Journal in Adrian, MO, and this is a chance to relax with your brother Sir Knights and their wives or friends, eat good food, and enjoys each others company.

We will also be having a raffle for a wine basket, courtesy of Greg, the proceeds of which will go towards our Color Corps uniform fund.



Honor Guard Events

- 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

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

- **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 and Eucharistic Procession
- **December 19, 2026**
 - Wreaths Across America

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



Closing Thoughts - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15 August

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement.

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The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.



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.