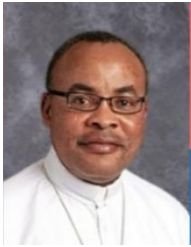




## Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 June/July 2022

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Greetings brother Knights,

What does the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus mean to you? Is it the celebration of the day that Jesus goes up to the sky, disappears and leaves us?

Shockingly, that is what many Christians believe the Ascension of the Lord is. But the problem with that notion is that it undermines and misses much of the point of the New Testament. How come? The Acts of the Apostles is Volume Two of St. Luke's work; Volume One is what we call the Gospel of Luke. In Volume One, which is the Gospel, Luke recounts everything Jesus had done and taught in his historical body up to his Resurrection. In Volume Two—the Acts of the Apostles, he narrates what Jesus continues to do now in his mystical body—the Church. That means the Lord's preaching, his miracle working, ministry, sacrifice was not the end, rather, the beginning of something. What is recorded in the Gospels is the beginning of something that is now continuing in the Acts of the Apostles. This is why the viewpoint of Ascension as Jesus going away is precisely wrong. Ascension is not the Feast of Jesus going away. It is not the Feast of waving and saying, "Goodbye Jesus, see you again when you return."

Check this out! Before His Ascension, the disciples asked Jesus a puzzling question, "*Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?*" Now their question is a very Jewish question. They recognized that Jesus risen from the dead is the true King. He is the new David. He is the long awaited Messiah. As pious Jews, they know that the Messiah's job description was to restore the kingdom of David. To their question Jesus answers, "*It is not for you to know the times or*

*seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" Fascinating lines, isn't it? What the Lord is basically saying is this: it is not for you to know the exact times or seasons when the Kingdom of God will be realized in its fullness. So, focus your attention on the fact that the power of the Spirit is coming upon you, which will make you His witnesses wherever you are. Therefore, our job is to realize we have been given power and the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to Jesus. In a nutshell, find your role in the *theo-drama*. That's what Jesus is saying.

So, the next time you read that Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight, don't interpret it as Jesus going away. The next time you see a painting of the Apostles looking up as Jesus goes away, do not see it as the Lord deserting his people. No! Jesus didn't go away. Rather, He is assuming His place in heaven so that He might direct operations on the earth. He didn't go away. He didn't detach from us. He went to the heavenly place so that He might universally command the work of His Church. That's the Ascended Jesus. In the creed we recite that Jesus ascended and took His seat at the right hand of the Father. That's a symbol of kingly power. He's seated as Ruler, as Governor, and from His seat in heaven, He directs operations on the earth. You and I, filled with the Holy Spirit, have the privilege of participating in His work of bringing about the reign of God on earth. This is the meaning of this great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

— Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR

## Knights of Columbus-State of Minnesota 2022 State Convention Notes



**48** Ultrasound machines have been installed in Minnesota via the Knights of Columbus program

**Minnesota** Knights of Columbus calendar year 2021 charity impact was close \$ 2,500,000.00

**9,000** Winter Coats handed out in Minnesota Fall/Winter 2021 to kids in need (Coats for Kids program)

**Knights of Columbus Insurance** – ranked in top 6 best insurance companies in America

**KC Insurance Agents Needed in Minnesota** – contact the general agents to learn more

**St. Michael Medals** – available to all people serving our Country – just ask (don't need to be Catholic)

**Minnesota Student Loans** – Minnesota is the only jurisdiction in the order that offer education loans

**2022 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention- Nashville, TN (July 29 - August 4)** watch on EWTN TV

**WHAT'S WORTH MORE?** Given \$ 1,000,00 or 1 penny that doubles every day for 30 days (power of compounding interest!)

*Submitted by: Trustee Jim Stalberger*

### **George Morris, Grand Knight Council #6772**

#### **INSURANCE AGENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE –**

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission today.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

I help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Council #6772 Activities

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Membership Meeting – CSSR Hall @ 7pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm All are Welcome
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost Sunday
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Meeting – CSSR Hall @ 7pm
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day – USA
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting – CSSR Hall @ 7pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm All are welcome
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Al's Blood Drive 1:30 pm – 6:00pm
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Meeting – CSSR Hall @ 7pm
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Anoka County Fair – Volunteers Needed to fill 24 (3-1/2 hour) shifts – Please Call Jim Stalberger 763-424-8774 to volunteer</b>



### Tootsie Roll Appreciation Message

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with handing out tootsie rolls, counted money, and those in administration. Thanks to Gertrude Roers, Shirley Hames, Margaret Borowicz and Jean Stalberger for bringing food and keeping us fed with lunch, sweets, coffee, and lemonade. Working together as Knights and families and our parish community, we collected \$ 2,744 at the store locations, \$906 at St. Al's masses and \$2635 in miscellaneous check with LARGE DONATIONS REC'D FROM AMERICAN LEGION – BROOKLYN CENTER AND WAL-MART/BROOKLYN PARK) bringing council totals of \$6,285.00. A very successful year!! Thank you...

The 2022 donation proceeds are being distributed as follows:

- Living Well Disabilities Services/ Lyndale House**
- Homeward Bound Family Group**
- Special Olympics Fall Bowling Classic**
- Lifeworks Services - Brooklyn Park**
- Prenatal Partners for Life - Maple Grove**

Again, thank you and may God Bless You.

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## Sunshine Report

### Memorial Mass cards sent:

Frank Jurgovsky Family

Richard Sorenson Family

Paul Ditter Family

### Please pray for:

Frank Andrel

Frank Noonan

Allan Pierskalla

Ray Peterson

*And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.*

*If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:  
Jim Stalberger: H #763-424-8774 or email: jstalberger720@yahoo.com*

## The Holy Father's

### Prayer Intention for the month of June

*For Families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.*

*We also pray for all who had died at the hands of others, we pray for their souls and for their families that God will give them comfort.*

*We pray for an end of violence in the world, in our country, in our state, in our cities and in our homes.*

**Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus:** *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*