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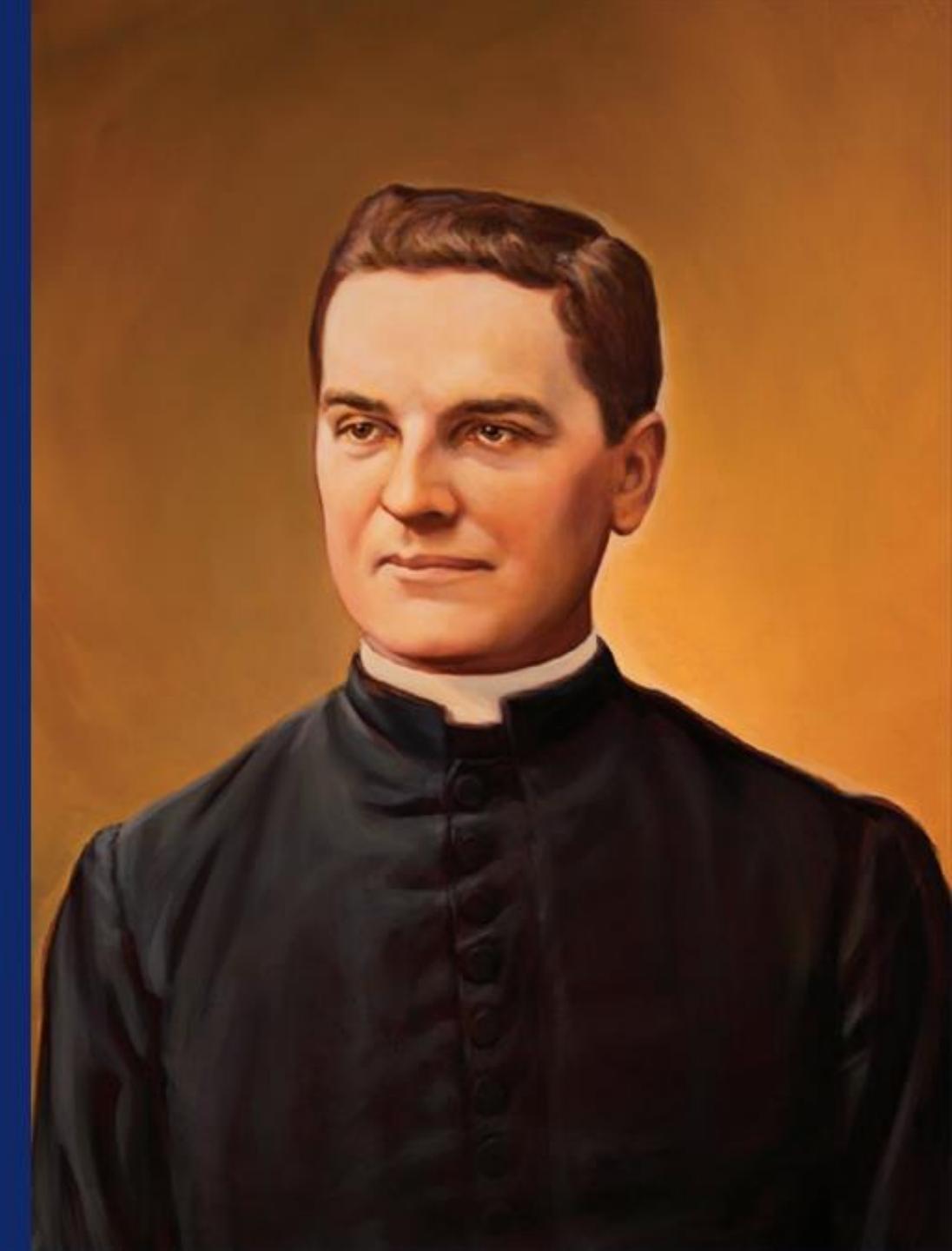
Council Preparations for Lent & Easter



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.

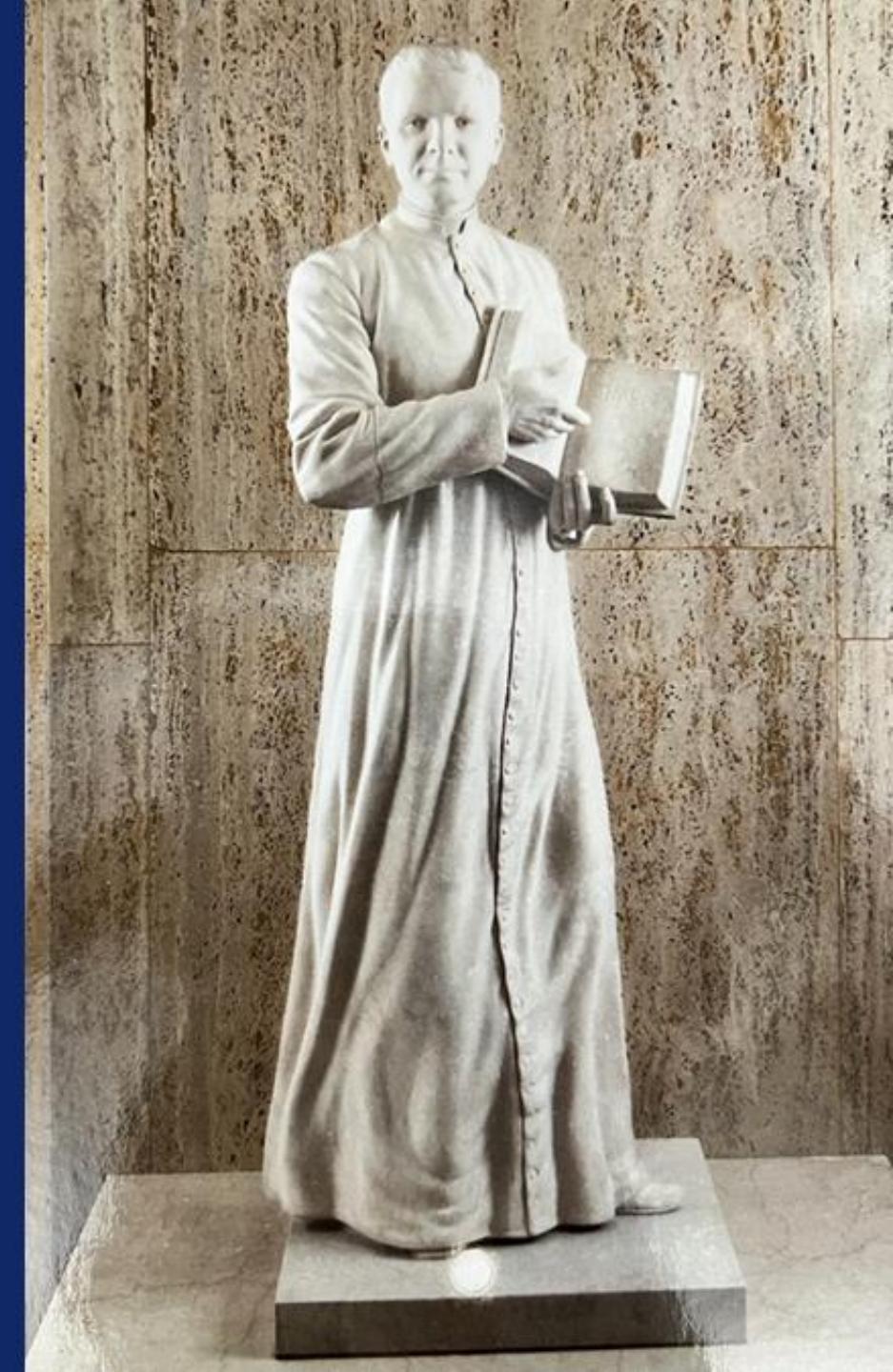


Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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



Agenda

1. Planning
2. Council Activities for Lent
3. Council Activities for Easter
4. Questions



Planning



Key Dates for Lent and Easter 2025

- Lent 2025 begins on **March 5th**
 - Ash Wednesday
- Easter Triduum begins **April 17th**
 - Holy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
 - Easter Sunday
- Easter Sunday is **April 20th**
- Easter Season ends on **June 8th**
 - Pentecost Sunday



Pillars of Lent



Prayer



Fasting



Almsgiving



Steps to Success

Plan Early



**Meet with
Pastor**



**Community
Outreach**



**Involve
Prospects**



Plan early

- **January**
 - **Initial Pastor Meeting**
 - **Prepare Council Proposal**
- **February**
 - **Present to Council**
 - **Appoint Committees**
 - **Start planning activities**
- **March**
 - **Publicize events**

Q3			Q4		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FAITH			FAITH		
Holy Hour	RSVP Into the Breach	Spiritual Reflection	Holy Hour Sacramental Gifts	RSVP Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	
Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)	Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)	Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)	Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)	Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)	Pilgrim Icon Program: (In Route)
FAMILY			FAMILY		
Family of the Month	Family of the Month	Family of the Month Good Friday Family Promotion	Family of the Month Good Friday Family Promotion	Family of the Month	Family of the Year
LIFE			LIFE		
Special Olympics March for Life (USA) Novena for Life	Winter Games Ultrasound Program	Special Olympics Silver Rose: Start	Silver Rose: (In Route)	Special Olympics March for Life (Canada) Silver Rose: (In Route)	Summer Games Silver Rose: (In Route)
COMMUNITY			COMMUNITY		
Coats for Kids		Global Wheelchair	Disaster Preparedness Helping Hands	Disaster Preparedness Global Wheelchair	Disaster Preparedness Global Wheelchair
			Habitat for Humanity		



Meet with Pastor

- Ask what his needs are
- Offer Council support
- Present Council plans
- Receive his feedback
- Get his blessing



Full Community Outreach

Involve Other Ministries



Support Other Ministries



Involve Community Groups



Involve Prospects

- **Participation Benefits**
 - ✓ Team participation
 - ✓ Part of doing good
 - ✓ Part of making a difference
 - ✓ Learn to be a Knight
 - ✓ Invite Catechumens



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Council Activities for Lent



Ash Wednesday

- Day of fasting and abstinence
- One of the busiest days of the year for the parish
- Opportunity to support parish needs and evangelize



Cor in Lent

- Perfect time to start, restart, or continue *Cor*
- Invite all men of the parish
- Focus on faith formation and prayer
- Resources at www.kofc.org/cor



Stations of the Cross

- Knights can...
 - Support other Ministries
 - Pray the Stations at home
- Soup and Stations



Prayer

Rosary



Holy Hour

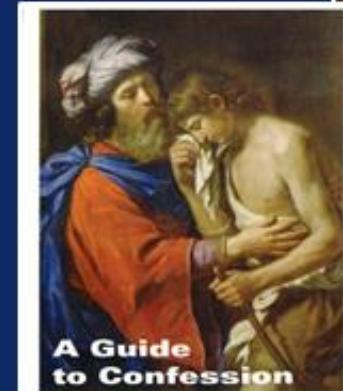
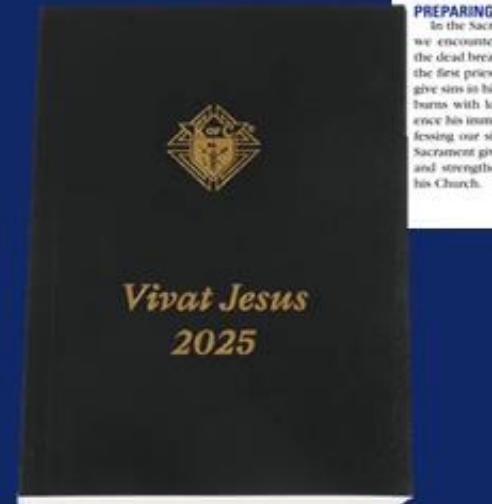


Reconciliation

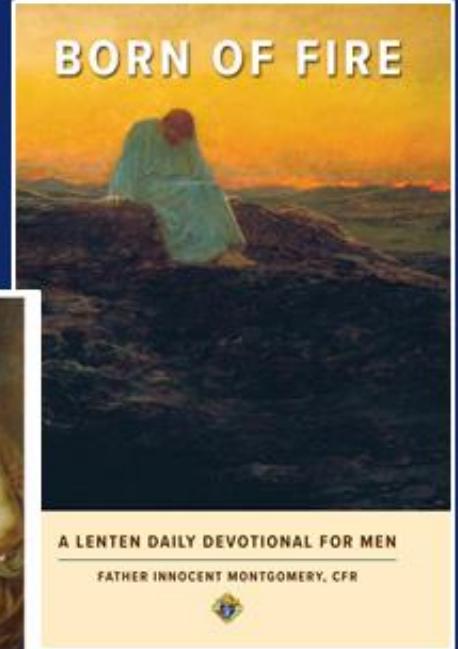


Prayer Resources for Councils and Individuals

- **Vivat Jesus 2025**
- **Born of Fire Lenten Devotional**
- **Guides to Confession and the Rosary**
- **Additional Resources**



PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION
In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), we encounter Jesus Christ, who after rising from the dead breathed the Holy Spirit on his Apostles — the first priests — and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name (Jn 20:22). The Heart of Christ burns with love for us and he wants us to experience his immense and unfathomable mercy by confessing our sins and receiving his forgiveness. This Sacrament gives us the consolation of God's pardon and strengthens our relationship with Christ and his Church.



Pilgrim Icon Program: Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Travels from council to council and parish to parish.
- Displayed during prayer services and other events.
- One council hosts the icon, then transports it to the next council.
- Travels throughout the jurisdiction for multiple years.



Resources



Sacred Heart
Holy Hour 



Enthronement
of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
in the Home



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[SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR](#)

[RESOURCES](#)

Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through a Sacred Heart Holy Hour.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.



OVERVIEW

Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils organize a [Sacred Heart Holy Hour](#) featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and

FAITH PROGRAMS

- [PILGRIM ICON](#)
- [SPIRITUAL REFLECTION](#)
- [REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS](#)
- [BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK](#)
- [HOLY HOUR](#)
- [INTO THE BREACH](#)
- [ROSARY](#)
- [SACRAMENTAL GIFTS](#)
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OVERVIEW

FAITH

FAMILY

COMMUNITY



Fish Fries

- Staple Lenten fundraiser
- Engagement of larger community
- Best recruiting opportunity



Simple Suppers

- Host Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- Vegetarian Soups and a Bun
- By donation
- Have parishioners make and donate soup



Spring Cleaning

- Build a task force to clean the church
 - Dust/polish pews
 - Windows
 - Cobwebs
- Build a task force to clean the church property
 - Trim/Prune trees and shrubs
 - Weed flower beds
 - Plant flowers
 - Pickup garbage



40 Cans in 40 Days

- Daily Activity
 - Different item each day
 - Not limited to canned food
- Collect Donations



Good Friday Family Promotion

- Promotional Campaign
- Educate on:
 - Good Friday Services
 - Plight of Christians



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Council Activities for Easter



Sacramental Gifts

- Easter is the season of sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Holy Communion
- Show that Knights are present in a tangible and meaningful way
- Provide recognition and gifts



Easter Banquet

- Parish Event
 - Bring a Dish
 - Involve other Ministries
- Pancake Breakfast
- Collect Donations



Family Prayer Night

- Families pray with families
- Host small or large groups
- Keep it simple
 - Prayer, dinner, fellowship



Adoration

- Continue spiritual renewal of Lent through the Easter Season
- Knights needed to support parish Holy Hours



Easter Egg Hunt

- After all Easter Sunday Masses
- Hide eggs around the parish (in or outside)



Divine Mercy Sunday Picnic

- Continues the Easter Celebrations
- Potluck style
- Special invitation to new Catholics



Plant Sale Fundraiser

- Approach local nursery
- Get discount on large purchases
 - Order form or resale



Novenas

- **Divine Mercy Novena**
 - Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday
- **Holy Spirit Novena**
 - Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday



Mass for People with Special Needs

- Appropriate time
- Fully integrate into Mass
- Resources Available
- www.kofc.org/mpsn



Welcoming New Catholics

- Gifts
- Welcome Packet
 - Letter
 - Information about the Knights
 - Parish Information



Questions?



California Wildfires

- **Impact**
 - 40,000+ acres burned
 - 12,300 structures destroyed
 - 24 fatalities
- **CA Knights providing immediate relief**
 - Affected members identified and supported
- **Ways You Can Help**
 - Volunteer
 - Pray
 - **Donate – kofc.org/DisasterRelief**

Donate to
Relief
Efforts!



Prayer for Disaster Relief

**God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all
victims of natural disasters and those
responding with assistance and aid.**

**Protect all who are in any form of danger;
provide practical help to those in need;
strengthen the weary, console the grieving,
heal the suffering; and bless those engaged
in disaster relief efforts with safety and
courage.**

**Help all people of good will respond with
compassion and generous hearts.**

Amen.





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Thank You!

Vivat Jesus!