



KC QUOTE

November 2025

Mt Vernon Council #5998



The Holy Souls in Purgatory

WHAT IS THE KC QUOTE?

The KC Quote is the Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council #5998 newsletter published 12 times a year for members, their families, and their friends. It is published on the first Friday after the first Thursday of the month.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Mt. Vernon Hall. (Note: This month's will be held on July 11th).

Tuesday, November 11th

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 20th

Memorial Mass & Dinner

Thursday, November 27th

Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30th

First Sunday of Advent

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14-15	Oktoberfest 2025
16-17	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
18	Meet the Knights Night
19-20	Council Exemplification Ceremony
21	Brown Scapular Confraternity Enrollment



FIRST FRIDAY KOVAR BAKE SALE



Our Lady Knights put on a bake sale at the first Friday Bingo of every other month. We will have a special edition on **December 5th** for your favorite Christmas treats. Please drop off your baked goods before 1:00 PM. All proceeds go to KOVAR, a charitable organization providing affordable housing, job training, and more for Virginians with intellectual disabilities.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

COUNCIL CALENDAR:

The Council Calendar will be maintained and updated on our Council website at KofC5998.org

NOTE:

Scheduled events may be subject to cancellation at the time of this publication; for more up to date information on our latest events, access our website at KofC5998.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				6 6:30 PM Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM Council Rosary 8:00 PM Council Business Meeting	7 6:00 PM KOVAR Bake Sale 7:00 PM Bingo	8 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
9 7:30 AM St. Louis Pancake Breakfast	10 7:00 PM Corporation Meeting	11 VETERANS DAY	12 7:00 PM Christmas Party Planning Meeting	13 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Planning Meeting	14 7:00 PM Bingo	15 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
16 7:00 AM Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast	17	18	19	20 6:00 PM Memorial Mass & Dinner	21 7:00 PM Bingo	22 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	24 6:30 PM Potomac Assembly Meeting	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING	28 7:00 PM Bingo	29 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary
30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1	2	3	4 6:30 PM Council Officers Meeting 7:30 PM Council Rosary 8:00 PM Council Business Meeting	5 6:00 PM KOVAR Bake Sale 7:00 PM Bingo	6 9:00 AM Pro-Life Vigil and Rosary 11:00 AM Patriotic Rosary



COUNCIL DIRECTORY FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026

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MOUNT VERNON COLUMBUS CLUB, INC.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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NOMINATIONS	TBD
GROUNDS	TBD

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CHAPLAIN'S COMPASS

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FR. THOMAS FERGUSON

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 2-8, 2025, is National Vocations Awareness Week. This is a time for us to renew our commitment to promote vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life, and to pray for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Without neglecting prayer for those called to marriage and the single life, National Vocations Awareness Week draws our attention to those vocations which may not be as numerous, but which are nevertheless essential if the Church is to realize fully her calling to be the Body of Christ.

Who knows who among us in our parishes and our families may be called by God to serve as pastors and priests, or as servant leaders (deacons), or to profess the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience as religious sisters or brothers?

Let us pray that those who hear God calling them to these particular vocations in the Church will respond courageously and affirmatively because they are certain of our prayerful and loving support of their willingness to answer this call.

THE MCGIVNEY PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.



NOVEMBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

Frank R. Begovich

Nov. 4

John K. Hamenoo

Nov. 4

John A. Kay

Nov. 4

Stephen R. Melvin

Nov. 4

Brian K. Green

Nov. 5

Branden T. Johnson

Nov. 5

Frederick Wenger

Nov. 5

Frank H. Fannon

Nov. 7

Jeffrey A. Mathias

Nov. 7

J. Chris Kargas

Nov. 9

Andrew M. Williams

Nov. 9

Philip P. Cooper

Nov. 10

Kyle T. Hayden

Nov. 12

Joseph M. Sheehy

Nov. 12

James J. Mlinarcik Jr.

Nov. 15

Max E. Gagermeier

Nov. 20

Jerry A. Harbison

Nov. 20

Robert H. Schwenk

Nov. 21

Jose D. Cruz

Nov. 22

David E. Winkler

Nov. 23

Nicolas A. Briers

Nov. 25

Paul D. Cucinotta

Nov. 25

Daniel J. Scheeler

Nov. 28

John B. Stinson

Nov. 28

Robert A. Whittaker

Nov. 28

Steven K. Ault

Nov. 29

Ryan P. Fannon

Nov. 29

Patrick A. Doyle

Nov. 30

Tevi Ekoue

Nov. 30



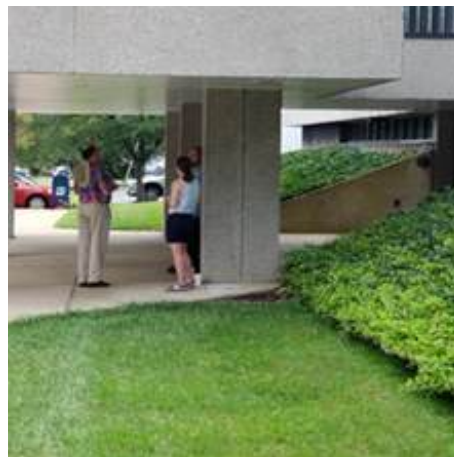
PRO-LIFE CORNER



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Our Pro Life Rosary at Sherwood Hall Avenue next to the Shell Gas Station is featured every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Often we have Fr. Ferguson from Good Shepherd, Fr. O'Hare from St. Louis, or Bishop Burbidge of our Arlington Diocese to lead us in prayer. We offer free pregnancy tests and we have a mobile ultrasound unit available to help women with free ultrasounds to see their babies.





In loving memory of Carl A. Eifert, 1926-2024

JUST THINKING...

CARL EIFERT

THANK YOU, LORD

November starts with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, but for many Catholics, as most Americans, Thanksgiving highlights its calendar.

It ranks right up there with holidays like Christmas, Easter, and the 4th of July. Its hallmark is food rather than gratitude for the bulk of the population. (Pun intended.)

Pilgrims established Plymouth Colony, then gave thanks, with Native Americans as guests at their celebration. Yet, blood was shed before, even after that first three-day feast of gratitude to God.

President Washington declared Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789, a day of thanksgiving and prayer. In 1863, President Lincoln encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday of that month as a day of thanksgiving. Congress made the last Thursday in November a national holiday in 1870. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday to the third week of November to add a week for traditional Christmas shopping. That proved unpopular; the holiday reverted to the fourth week in 1941.

"Around 2 in 3 say they typically give thanks to family (68%) and God (67%), while 42% say they are grateful to their friends" on the holiday, according to an internet survey.

But what about the other 364 days? Do we whisper a short prayer of thanks when something good happens? Do we ask our Guardian Angel for help? Do parents still instruct children to say "please and thank you?"

Those rhetorical questions beg answers these days when good manners seem archaic. Do men and boys still open doors for women? When around adults, are children seen and not heard as customary a generation or two ago?

Civility has become a societal casualty. The middle finger is more common than giving the other driver the right of way.

Older Catholics remember when they were pupils; they waited patiently and silently while Sister Mary Alfred told Bob Uttermolen to shape up or his parents would get a phone call. His folks would not take his side. Sister could not be wrong. Litigation replaces forbearance without nuns. No rulers rapping knuckles these days.

Catholic parents should give thanks to laywomen and laymen who willingly educate their children even though they might get bigger checks as unionized public school teachers. The word is that these instructors are producing better pupils than their public school counterparts.

That churchgoers pay taxes for public schools and also support Catholic education is remarkable. That is but another reason to be thankful on a day more renowned for satisfied appetites than genuine gratitude to God for His gifts.

Eat and be merry for tomorrow dieting begins,

Carl Eifert



PRAYER LIST

**THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS, RELATIVES AND
CLOSE FRIENDS ARE IN NEED OF YOUR PRAYERS.**

PRAY FOR BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED:

- Nora Bolger, SK Barry and Anne Bolger's daughter
- DD Maurice Chau & Kathy Chau
- William & Johanna Dietrick, parents of SK Larry Dietrick
- SK John Dougherty
- SK PGK PFN Ray Duff & Renee Duff
- Amy Snyder, SK Larry Dietrick's niece
- SK Edd and Pat Dzanis
- Bette Jo Eifert, widow of SK Carl Eifert
- Joe Emrico
- Father Wilhelm Etnner
- Susan Fecher, wife of SK Rich Fecher
- Pat Finn
- SK Freddie Flowers
- Constance "Connie" Genuino, wife of Rafael "Ralph" Genuino
- Connie Graves widow of PGK Ernie Gravese
- Dr. Fred Grello, Uncle of SK Steve Smith
- SK Reyes Guerra
- Fr. Mike Hann, resident of GS
- Field Agent Ralph Heinze
- Magda Holmes, and SK David Holmes
- Allison Kargas, daughter of Chris and Kim Kargas
- Marty Kelly and niece Ashley
- Marilyn Kempton, grandmother to PGK Robert K Reynolds
- CWO4 Shane Leipertz, nephew of SK John Dougherty
- Barbara Lovell wife of Brother Hue Lovell
- Julian Martinez
- Matulich Family
- Carol O'Shea, friend of SK Paul Sonosky
- SK Art McCormick
- SK 2PGK Leo & Tanti McCormick & Family
- Mike Michell
- Mary Millikin, wife of Brother Knight John Millikin
- Harriett and SK Christopher Moore
- SK Dave Mushrush
- Bruce Parmiter, father of Bobby Parmiter
- SK PGK Steve Piscitelli ofs & Donna Piscitelli
- Gretchen Reilly, daughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Padama Reilly, granddaughter of PGK Jim Reilly & Janis
- Pam Rubin, wife of SK PGK Larry Clark
- Noah Rogers, brother of GK Andy Rogers
- Rick Valentine, father of Steven Valentine
- Nelly Verdosoto, mother of Brother Orly Verdosoto
- Robert Vermont, father of Dave Vermont, son-in-law of SK Bud Powers

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED:

SK DUTCH ANDERSON (2021)	TOM GIBBONS (2025)	GRAHAM MARTIN, MIKE ARGO'S COUSIN (2022)
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI (2022)	JOHN KARPOVICH (2021)	JENNIFER MASAITIS, DAUGHTER OF CHERYL & MARVIN SPYCHAJ (2022)
JOE BAVARIA (2024)	SK PGK DON LOGEAS MAJ GEN RET (2023)	FR. PHILIP MAJKA (2023)
BRUNO BOTTCHE (2022)	GERRY LOGEAS, WIFE OF PGK DON LOGEAS (2024)	LT COL PHILIP MAXWELL (2024)
LOIS BOWMAN (2023)	RICHARD KNAPP (2023)	JOAN MURPHY, SK 2PGK MICHAEL MURPHY'S MOTHER (2023)
FRANK CAREY (2021)	JEROME L. KNITTLE (2022)	CONNIE MOORE
HENRY CHAU, BROTHER OF PGK MAURICE CHAU (2023)	SK ROBERT KOPASZ (2023)	TOFI OWEN (2023)
MARIA CIOCIOLA, JIM BATCHELDER'S SISTER	CAROL KOSLOW (2023)	PGK BUD POWERS (2025)
LEONARD CUDDY (2021)	RICHARD A. KOSLOW (2025)	SK PFN ROBERT T. REYNOLDS (2021)
FR. JEROME R. DALY (2023)	STEPHANIE KOSLOW AND FOR KOSLOW FAMILY (2021)	SK PGK DON ROGAN (2025)
JOHANNA DIETRICK (2025)	MELINDA KRAMER, WIFE OF STEVEN KRAMER (2021)	PHILIP TWUMASI (2024)
CARL EIFERT (2024)		ELEANOR WOOD (2023)
JOSEPH P. FERGUSON (2025)		
POPE FRANCIS (2025)		

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

To be placed on or taken off of the Prayer List, please contact the editor of the KC Quote,
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A LOOK AHEAD TO DECEMBER 2025

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

4	Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Council Officers Meeting Council Rosary Council Business Meeting
5	Friday	6:00 PM	KOVAR Bake Sale
5, 12, 19, 26	Friday	7:00 PM	Bingo
6, 13, 20, 27	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro-Life Vigil & Rosary
7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Sunday Bingo
8	Monday	7:00 PM	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Corporation Meeting
12	Friday		OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
13	Saturday	3:00 PM	Christmas Party
14	Sunday	7:30 AM	St. Louis Pancake Breakfast
21	Sunday	7:00 AM	Good Shepherd Pancake Breakfast
22	Monday	6:30 PM	Potomac Assembly Meeting
25	Thursday		THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
28	Sunday		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

ST. LOUIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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OKTOBERFEST 2025



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GOOD SHEPHERD PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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MEET THE KNIGHTS NIGHT



COUNCIL EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY



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BROWN SCAPULAR CONFRATERNITY ENROLLMENT

