

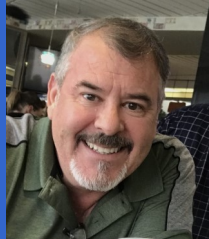
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# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

FITZGERALD COUNCIL 833  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
June 2021 Newsletter



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## A Message from our Grand Knight:

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to thank all the Knights and their families for helping make our 2021 Fish Fry a success!

Our Knights and families made it happen even with all the challenges we faced this year. Congratulations on a job well done!! As a THANK YOU to all, Lisa and I are hosting a Burger & Hot Dog grill out on Saturday, June 19th at 6 PM at the K of C Hall. I will do the grilling and Lisa will be baking some of her delicious chocolate brownies. Chips and cold drinks will be provided. All Knights and families are WELCOME!!

To follow the cook out, everyone is encouraged to travel out to the Abbott Sports Complex (7600 N. 70th St) for a preview of our fireworks!! This is sponsored by Patriot Pete's and is a great way for all our firework stand volunteer's to see first hand what we will be selling. Come out and pick your favorites!! All are welcome even if you can't make the cook out. Approximate start is dusk. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray!

As a child growing up in a Knights of Columbus family, I was blessed to have a Father that was dedicated to his role as a Knight. We couldn't wait for a chance to go along with dad to a K of C fundraiser and help out. We made new friends, learned new skills and most importantly got to help raise money for our Catholic School and Church.

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## Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the Month is **Tony Schafers** for his work preparing the St. Teresa Altar Servers Mass Handbook. Thanks Tony!

## Upcoming Events:

- June 6th:** Corpus Christi
- June 16th:** General Mtg 7:30pm
- June 20th:** Father's Day
- June 28th:** Officer's Mtg 7:30pm
- July 2nd:** Fireworks Tent Set-up
- July 3rd:** Fireworks Tent Sales
- July 4th:** Fireworks Tent Sales



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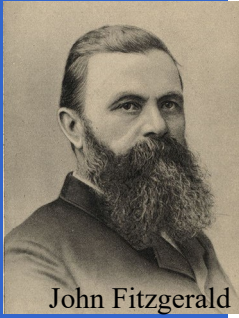
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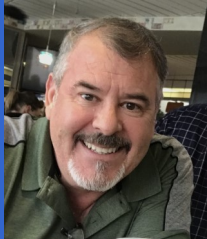
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I always felt good after helping the Knights. Please consider signing up as a firework stand volunteer. Children are welcome to come help too, when accompanied by an adult!! Please see the K of C 'Sign Up Genius' to sign up. Philip Paitz sent out an email on June 4th with information and the sign up site.

Don't forget to help Dad have a great Father's Day! Where would we be without the strength, support and love of our Dad!

"Crusade for Christ, Die with Christ, Vivat Jesus!"

James McCarville  
Grand Knight,  
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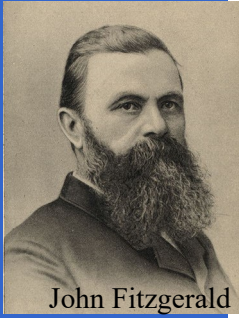
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## *A Message from our Chaplain:*

Dear Brother Knights,

This summer, Bishop Conley and the bishops of the United States invite us to observe **Religious Freedom Week from June 22 to 29**, which is from the memorial of the martyrs Saints John Fisher and Thomas More to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. All four of these saints were killed by governments (England and the Roman Empire) which denied Catholics freedom of religion.

On Tuesday, June 22 the focus is on adoption and foster care. The bishops ask that we “Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children will find strength and support from the Church... In places like Massachusetts... service providers with a proven record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families have already been forced to shut down because they do not place children with same-sex couples... Philadelphia Catholic Social Services has taken their struggle to continue to foster children to the Supreme Court. Intolerance for religious organizations has real consequences.” The Church is asking that it not force the Church to facilitate such adoptions.

The bishops ask that we contact our members of Congress and urge them to pass the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act, which “prevents faith-based child welfare service providers from being targeted by government discrimination.”

The second day, June 23, the focus is on “Catholic Social Service during the pandemic.” The bishops ask that we “pray that God would continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the COVID pandemic.” The action step for that day is that you get involved in your local Catholic Charities — which you can do by checking out Catholic Social Services’ website.

Thursday, June 24 is the birthday of St. John the Baptist, who was killed for not supporting the adultery of Herod and Herodias. The bishops ask that we “pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country... That means we need to honor every person’s right to gainful and decent employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive. The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria from discrimination in these and other areas. But at the core of the Equality Act is the codification of the new ideology of ‘gender’ in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting ‘gender’ as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, ‘It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality.’

By requiring all Americans to speak and act as if there is no meaningful distinction between the sexes and as if gender has no connection to the body, the Equality Act legally and socially harms Americans in serious ways and injures the common good. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and, by including a potential abortion mandate, threatens unborn life. Tell your elected officials to oppose it!”

Friday, June 25 the focus is on vandalism against the Church. “Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ... There have been at least 61 attacks so far, and that number continues to grow... The recent vandalism of churches and their Sacred art gives us the opportunity to bear witness to our hope in the Lord Whose beauty is

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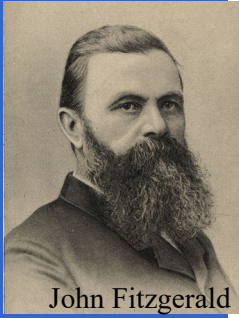
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The USCCB Beauty Heals initiative invites us to learn about works of devotional art significant to local churches and how they inspire Catholics to live beautifully. Learn more at [usccb.org/BeautyHeals](http://usccb.org/BeautyHeals).”

Saturday, June 26 the bishops ask us to pray for Catholics in Nicaragua. “When peaceful protests began in April 2018, the government’s brutal response left at least 19 dead and over 100 missing... In one case, paramilitaries laid siege for 15 hours to a church where priests, students, and media had taken refuge. Bishop Silvio Jose Baez of Managua and other clergy were assaulted while trying to shield protesters. With death threats mounting against him for speaking out in support of human rights, Bishop Baez was recalled to Rome for his safety.”

Sunday, June 27 the bishops ask that we “pray that governments would respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable... [A]ctivists have sought to undermine the Church’s mission by forcing Catholic hospitals to perform procedures that destroy human life and undermine human flourishing, such as sterilization, gender reassignment surgery, and even abortion... A nurse in Vermont was forced to choose between her job and her faith when she was told by her employer that she had to participate in an abortion... The Conscience Protection Act would address deficiencies that block effective enforcement of existing laws, most notably by establishing a private right of action allowing victims of discrimination to defend their own rights in court.” The bishops ask that we lobby in favor of this proposed law.

Monday, June 28, the memorial of St. Irenaeus, who was martyred by the Roman Empire, we are to “Pray for Christians in Iraq, and that people of all faiths in the land of Abraham may live in peace... In Baghdad, the Holy Father celebrated Mass in the Syro-Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Salvation, the site of a horrific attack by extremists in 2010 who killed two priests and took 150 of the faithful hostage, leaving dozens of worshipers and police dead... Pope Francis said, ‘We must work to ensure that the Christian presence in these lands continue to be what it has always been: a sign of peace, process, development and reconciliation....’ You can join these efforts by donating to the Knights of Columbus Persecuted Christian fund. Support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East today!”

On the final day of the week, we are to “Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity... One of the promises of our country is that many voices, even voices expressing minority views, have a right to express themselves. Is that promise being fulfilled?... A Catholic news outlet had its Twitter account suspended for noting that a government official who claims to be a transgender woman is a biological male... On the feast day of two of our boldest preachers of the gospel, Saints Peter and Paul, who faced intense hostility, let us resolve to have the courage to speak the truth with grace. And let us pray that the Lord will give us the prudence to be creative and compassionate in our witness... Connect with the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty. Text FREEDOM to 84576 and Sign up for First Freedom News, the Committee’s monthly newsletter.”

Learn more about current international and domestic threats to Religious Liberty on the USCCB website.

Happy Father’s Day to all of our fathers!

Peace in the Lord, Fr. Hottovy

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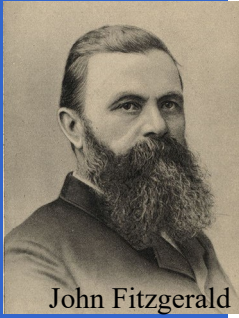
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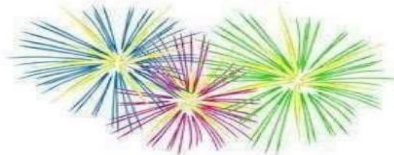
## KOC 833 Fireworks Stand 2021

Save this date.... June 19th, Lisa and James (our Grand Knight) will cook Burgers and Hot Dogs for all Knights and families at the K of C Hall 6 PM.

Then at 8pm-ish we'll go out to the viewing spot for an early Fireworks demo .....sponsored by Patriot Pete's Fireworks. Bring the wives, the kids, grandma and grandpa....FREE FIREWORKS SHOWING..Stop by the Hall first for more info.

Our Grand Knight will forward more info after my June 13th meeting with the Fireworks Crew. See our fireworks summer fundraiser below.

### Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council 833 Fireworks Stand 2021



Please support your St. Teresa's Council by purchasing fireworks on July 3rd & 4th this year. We are at the HyVee Parking Lot at 50th and O Street. This fundraiser helps us to support many different causes and events during the year.



We also are in need of volunteers for shifts on those two days. Contact any Knights of Columbus officer if you want to volunteer and see June 4<sup>th</sup> email with Sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4AA2EA5FB6-koc833>  
Thanks for your support!



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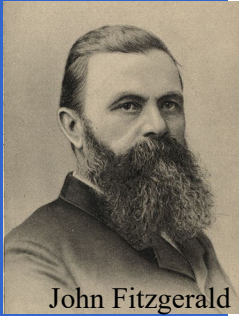
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## Server Training Handbook

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus 833 council, and especially Tony Schafers, for coordinating and sponsoring server training sessions at St. Teresa’s. Tony also coordinated creating a “Altar Server Training Handbook” (Cover pictured below) to assist new servers during training.

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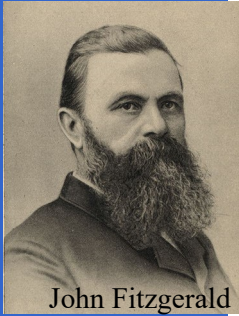


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