

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



**MOUNT ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL #12228**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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*April 2020 Edition*

## GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEWS



### **BROTHERS, LADIES, AND YOUR FAMILIES,**

For being quarantined this past month we sure have been a busy Order. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a leader during this time of uncertainty. I receive an email almost daily from either Supreme or State with information that reassures me that the Knights of Columbus are a force for good in this world. The Order's website is full of resources that can assist families during this crisis. As you focus down to the council level you will see us participating in the Supreme initiative *Leave No Neighbor Behind*. We support this advocacy by checking on our wider family. I hear from Knights who are calling our widows, checking on elderly Knights, creating and delivering PPE to community health care workers, feeding the hungry by participating at the Marion House

Soup kitchen, and assisting Father Ken to live stream Sunday Mass.

Probably like many of you, I didn't know what Zoom was a month ago. Today we are using technology more than ever to keep in touch with our families, continue to practice our faith, and stay current with our careers. Our Council has continued with its Business and Officer meetings via Zoom and recently SK Larry Gray held a Zoom meeting with about 12 men to continue training for the new Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree (CUF). We intend to be ready to bring our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members to full Knighthood in the presence of their families and the parish once we are allowed to return to the church.

Our new website <http://saintfranciskofc.org/> is a terrific way to keep in touch with Council activities and to see the latest on what our COVID -19 Response Team is up to. The State Deputy SK Chris Foley has endorsed our digital outreach <http://covid19responseteam.org/> which is now being used by Councils in Fort Collins and Englewood. Thanks again to all the long nights SK Gene Sutay has put in to create these needed platforms. Together we are helping to save lives. The big news this past month is the sewing team; comprised of about 9 ladies (both parishioners and Ladies Auxiliary) who have sewn hundreds of masks for health care workers, parishioners, and community members. The website has a sign-up

page for anyone wishing to receive a mask. These masks are distributed at the church parking lot on a given date or driven to the recipient's home.

Thanks to Brother Harvey Siegle for his efforts to alert us to the power of prayer. I hope you all participated in the Divine Mercy Novena that started on Good Friday and ended on the second Sunday of Easter – Divine Sunday.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> SK Joe Shonka and myself attended the Virtual State Convention as your delegates. This 3-day event was canceled due to the pandemic and abbreviated down to less than 2

hours of business by phone conference. Soon, I will forward a link to invite you to our May 7<sup>th</sup> Business meeting via Zoom. In closing, I wish to congratulate Brother Thomas Wolfe and his new bride Erayna who were married on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A YouTube link was sent out but unfortunately at the last minute. I hope some of you were able to participate in their ceremony.

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## LA NEWS

Happy Easter Everyone!

April has been a month full of burden and beauty. Burden due to the COVID-19 global health scare that still consumes our precious family and friends around the globe and BEAUTY because of the blossoming environment around us and the love and kindness at work in our community. A month ago, a call for assistance went to our community for seamstresses willing jump in to make much needed masks. To date, over 400 masks have been made and distributed to nurses and healthcare workers, fellow parishioners and others from within our community who did not have access to face masks. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to these Ladies who have lovingly stepped up for the safety of our community. May the Lord continue to Bless you and the work that you are doing in his name. Our Seamstress Brigade is made up of the following - Janet Sutay, Barb Czarniecki, Cecilia Mitchell, Janet Born, Joan Naughton, Karen Lowman, Kathy Shearon, Maria Boice, Susan Ridge. ❤️ In addition, I'd like to acknowledge two of our Ladies (Terrie Hernandez and Carol Lagatta) who have stepped up to the pulpit as Lectors for the weekly live streaming of Fr. Ken's 8:30 am Sunday Mass. And a shout out to Tom and Erayana Wolfe who were joined in Holy Matrimony last weekend via live stream on YouTube! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe!

Stay healthy Everyone!

Sheila Castellano



## MARCH FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Gene and Janet Sutay family have been selected as the March 2020 Family of the Month for the St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 12228. Brother Gene joined the Order in September 2017. SK Gene became a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member in May of 2018 and is a member of Assembly 88.

The Sutays have reached out to help in the aftermaths of hurricanes, floods and fires, and now are following their caregivers' passion in the fight against one of the deadliest diseases in history, the Corona Virus.

Gene has designed an outreach program providing infrastructure, ready-to-use customizable online forms and spreadsheets, and a communication hub to non-profit groups seeking a digital presence and a jump-start in creating a local COVID-19 Community Response Team.

It is a website devoted to comforting and helping those who have been affected by the Corona Virus. It's an outreach to those who are lonely, who may need food or care or medical attention. And the site serves as a volunteer recruiter for those who can help.

Under Gene's guidance, this outreach has been warmly accepted by the State Office of Knights of Columbus and the template is now being used by three Knights Councils in Colorado to help those in their various parishes.

Janet, a registered nurse of over two decades and having practiced in the Philippines and Texas, has taken on the responsibility of providing homemade facemasks for healthcare and community members alike. A nine-person volunteer sewing team has produced 200 (and counting) masks. She researched the patterns, organized the team, bought materials online and she and Gene have distributed the finished product to medical workers and the St. Francis Parish.

This is not the first time the twosome has jumped in when they felt God needed them to. Gene and

Janet were married in 2010 and spent part of their honeymoon helping the children in the Talon-Talon Orphanage in Zamboanga City in the Philippines by providing the kids with a hot spaghetti dinner, an afternoon of entertainment by local mascot Jollibee and provided much needed supplies.

In 2013 one of the most powerful hurricanes ever recorded flattened many of the islands in the Philippines. The two spent weeks raising money, hiring carpenters and organizing a group of volunteers that included doctors, nurses and locals to help repair and rebuild 16 homes for the fishermen and farmers and their families in Bantayan Island, who lost almost everything in the disaster.



In 2016, Janet launched a fundraiser and outreach helping over 100 indigent students from Zamboanga City, who were fire victims, with a meal, new backpacks filled with school supplies, and flip-flops.

Also, in 2016, the Sutays held baked goods fundraisers to support another wholesome non-profit, The Lingap Center, that focuses on taking in street children and providing them with an education, life skills, shelter, and more.

During their time in Texas, the Sutays also helped the Texas Baptist Children's Home with large donations of toys during the holidays for the mothers and children sheltering there.

In 2005 before he and Janet met, Gene, his dad and brother were part of a volunteer group that helped reconstruction efforts in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina and did fundraising to help those who suffered losses. At the same time, across the Pacific, Janet worked with abandoned children in her home country.

Both have touched thousands of lives in their efforts to reach out.

Brother Gene joined this Council in 2017 and hit the ground running. He has earned the Shining Knight Award and he and Janet are past recipients of the Family of the Year (2018) for their excellence in the council. He's a popular chef and founder of the Brewers Cooking Team and is active in every phase of the Knights and the Parish. He's a leader in the Parish's sponsored Boy Scout troop 366, along with his son Nicholas, who last year was welcomed into the Catholic Church. Gene has been with Oracle, a multi-national technology corporation, for 20 years.



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## Family of the Month



**Awarded to the Family of  
Gene & Janet Sutay  
Council 12228  
Mount Saint Francis of Assisi**

**Who has served as an inspiration to the  
Knights of Columbus by supporting and  
strengthening Christian family life  
during the month of March, 2020.**



State Deputy

State Family Director

Janet is active in the Ladies Auxiliary, was a member of the planning committee of the Knights Christmas Party and provides table setting and decorations for most of the Knights events at St. Francis. She has been active in Christ Renews His Parish outreach. Gene and Janet are leading examples of Catholics living their Faith in Action.

- *Frank Castellano, Grand Knight, Mt St Francis #12228, Colorado Springs, CO*

## MARCH KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The March 2020 Knight of the Month for St. Francis Council 12228 is Father Ken Przybyla. Father Ken is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight joining the Order in May 1978. Father Ken has served as our Council Chaplain for 8 years.

When Father Ken became the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Sept. 1, 2011, he never envisioned himself preaching to an empty church on Easter Sunday nine years later.

But, there he was...on You Tube...streaming into our lives back on the couch in our own homes as the Corona Virus changed everything about the way we worship. Nobody in the pews, no bread and wine, no choir, no Father Ken welcoming everyone into the church on the three most special days in Christianity.

Just Father, Deacons Pat or Jerry, Sean Leveille and Cristi Mourn behind the camera and producing, Mark playing the piano and singing his heart out. And us, at 8:30 a.m., drinking coffee, in pajamas and singing, praying, listening to lectors Terrie, Carol and Paul read the verses and welcoming every word into our changed lives.

Father didn't realize that the good folks of St. Francis wanted our parish to continue bringing light into their lives. Light from our parish, our pastor. They wanted to hear the Word, see Father Ken say "Once Upon a Time" again and imagine themselves in their allotted seats at their allotted time with God each week, holding hands and reciting the Lord's Prayer. And, saying "peace be with you," to our neighbors in the pews.

So Father jumped into action. As Youth Director Terrie Hernandez recounted, he got excited about coming up with ways to improve the experience for the congregation. He called in the sound technicians, created graphics, coordinated with new choir director Mark Bauman, who also didn't visualize singing by himself on Easter morning. He created a sign that basically forgave all of us for not coming to Mass and getting everyone sick. Father said God understood about sickness.

And then he went around the Sisters cemetery to bring us the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. His congregation became the many St. Francis deer that quizzically watched him walk from one station to the next...reading about 14 of Christianity's greatest moments.

He still made time to run the church, meet with staff, check out the finances, prepare his homilies and was always behind his desk in case a parishioner needed a miracle. Or a comforting word. Or to talk about Notre Dame, his grad school.

When he was not shifting plans to B, C, D or more, Father Ken has carved out time to climb mountains. He's climbed 23 of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks. But, as fellow climber Moses did after the Exodus from Egypt, Father Ken climbed a big one for all of us this Easter. He didn't bring down the 10 Commandments but he brought us back together again and helped us greet Easter in a brand-new way.

And that light will continue to shine from a distance until we can all get back to the joy and passion that we get from being at St. Francis and being greeted by Father Ken at the door and hearing the Word of God alongside those we have come to love.

Through his actions and willing leadership, Chaplain Kenneth Przybyla has demonstrated Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, to our council, parish, and community. Father Ken has earned and truly deserves the designation of "Knight of the Month" for March 2020.

- Frank Castellano, Grand Knight #12228

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA NOVENA

Novena Dates: May 4 - 12 | Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: May 13



*M*ost Holy Virgin, who has deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere love of this devotion.

By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in your Rosary, may we gather the fruits contained therein and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, the Peace of Christ for the world, and this favor that I so earnestly seek of you in this novena....

*(here mention your request)*

I ask this of you, for the greater glory of God, for your own honor and for the good of all people. **Amen**

**Say the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each)**

## RECOMMENDED READING

### REDISCOVER THE SAINTS: TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Author: Matthew Kelly

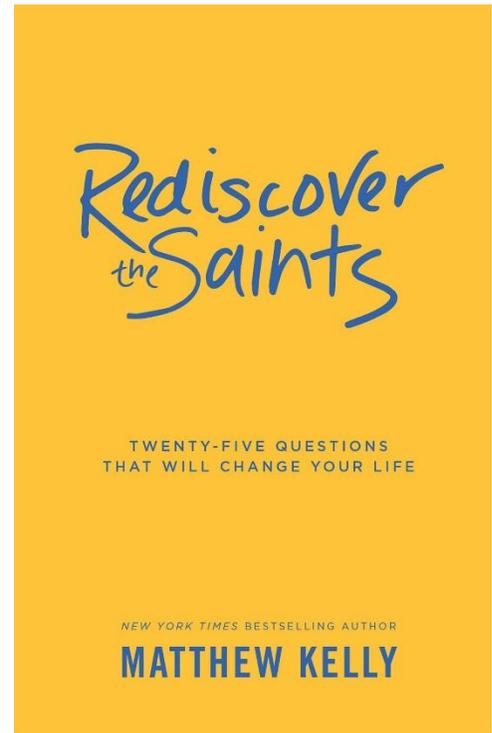
No doubt you were given this book after Mass around Christmas. I am sure there are copies in the Church library if you did not get one. Have you read it? If not, do yourself a favour: read it! We have an ample amount of “safer-at-home” time now.

For me, the best means to absorb something meaningful about each saint as I read this book, was to read one chapter a day. Twenty-five chapters, approximately four pages each chapter, can thus be read within a month, even missing a few days. I like to make quiet time for reading a chapter; spending a few minutes reflecting on what I learned about the chapter saint and how I can be a better version of myself, more saintly.

“We are capable of so much more than we think. You have no idea what you are capable of. None of us do. God is constantly trying to open our eyes to the amazing possibilities that he has enfolded in our being. The saints continue this work, encouraging us to explore all our God-given potential, not with speeches but with the example of their lives.

When we have the courage to collaborate with God and pursue our truest self, he lights a fire within us that is so bright and warm, it keeps shining long after our days on this earth have come to an end. The lives of the saints have captivated the people of every age for this very reason.

There are two questions that confront the people of every place and time, questions that confront you and me today: Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life? ...” – *back cover of the book*



## Culture of Life

Posts from 40 DAYS FOR LIFE- COLORADO SPRINGS Facebook

**Tuesday, 2020 April 28:**

God is so TOTALLY AWESOME!! A baby was saved today!! ❤️❤️❤️ Among all the couples who went into the abortion clinic today, one couple stopped. The young woman was in tears. She was conflicted, but she canceled her appointment at Planned Parenthood and went to get help at the Pregnancy Center. Please keep her in prayer as she is dealing with a lot right now. – *Michele Mason, Coordinator 40 Days for Life Colorado Springs*

**Wednesday, 2020 April 22:**

484 babies saved from abortion during the spring 40 Days for Life vigil! God hears and answers our prayers! – *Sue Thayer, Director of Outreach 40 Days for Life*

## EWTN PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

Live Events	All times MDT
Rosary & Candlelight Procession from the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima	Tuesday, May 12 2:30 PM
Holy Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima	Wednesday, May 13 3:00 AM Repeat at 1:00 PM
National March for Life, Ottawa Canada	Thursday, May 14 9:30 AM Repeat May 15 12:30 AM
Archdiocese for the Military Services Memorial Mass From the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Memorial Day Mass with the Archdiocese for the military Services, whose mission is to server those who serve.	Monday, May 25, 9:00 AM Repeat 10:00 PM
<b>Other</b>	
A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing A revealing look at Saul Alinsky, whose Rules for Radicals spawned radical upheaval against the religious beliefs and traditional culture of American Society <i>Editor's Note: Especially in this year of election, we should all understand how this man has influenced the liberal agenda even today.</i>	Sunday, May 17 11:30 AM

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

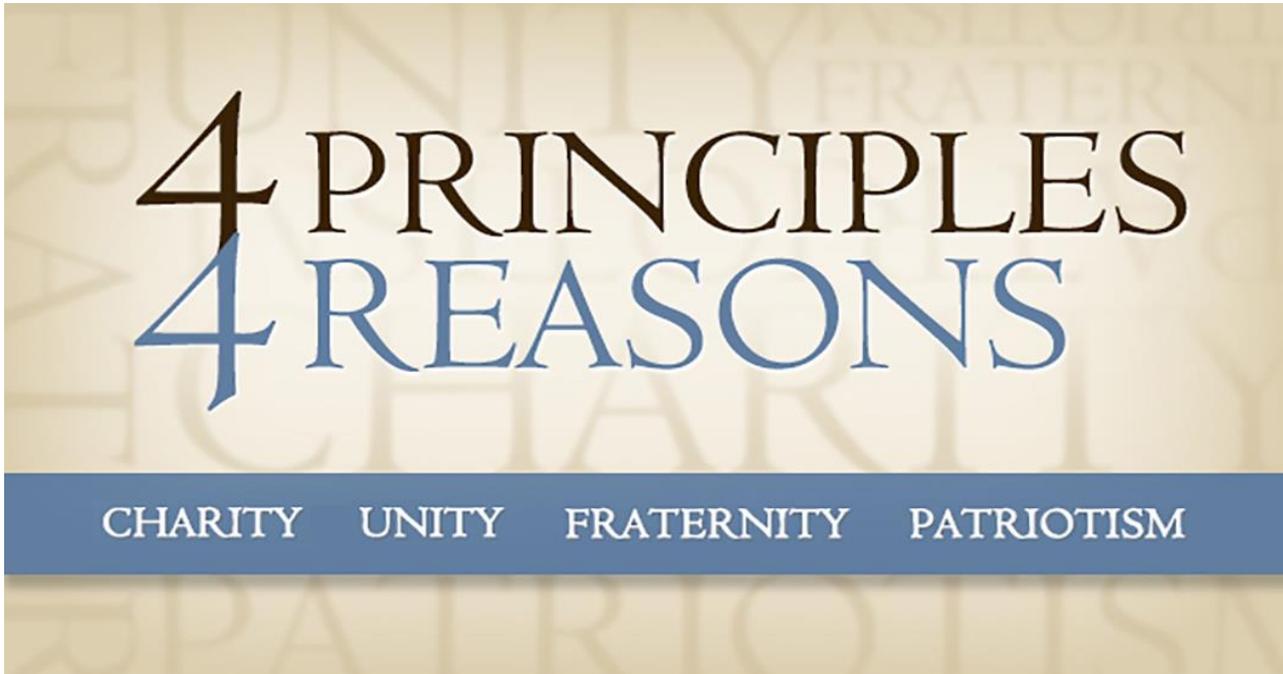
7 May, Thursday	Rosary @ 6:45 pm / Council Meeting @ 7:05 pm [via Zoom – link tba]
May 4 - 12	Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
13 May, Wednesday	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
5 – 7 July	Silver Rose Program
<b>Safer-At-Home Events</b>	
Every Day	<b>Prayer &amp; Reflection</b>
Every Day	<b>Reading the Bible</b>
Every Day	<b>Charitable Giving</b>
Every Day	<b>Spiritual Works of Mercy</b>
Every Day	<b>Voice &amp; Video Calls with family and friends</b>

### COUNCIL #12228 OFFICERS

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Retention Chairman	Gene Sutay
Insurance Promotion	(TBD)



How is your Faith, Hope & Love in God holding up at this time?

### **Act of Faith**

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

### **Act of Hope**

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

### **Act of Love**

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen

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