

Please note there will be  
**NO 8:00 a.m. Mass this Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 as Fr. Richard must travel to Bardstown for the  
 Funeral Mass of his nephew, Bill Meredith III.  
 Please keep the Meredith family in your prayers.

**RCIA – Come and See**  
**An Invitation for Adults Who are**  
**Interested in Our Catholic Faith**

Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?  
 Do you have questions about what we believe?  
 Have you been coming to Mass, and want to know more?

If our Catholic faith attracts you, if you have heard the whisper of Jesus calling you, or if you are a baptized Catholic who would like to be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process can help you. To decide whether this path is right for you, come and ask questions.



RCIA process continues this Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at  
 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.

A place is waiting just for you.

Contact Libby at 279-885-8522 for details.

**RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation of Children:** RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) is **open to all children between the ages of 8-15, unbaptized or baptized.** These classes are designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

We have several families who have brought us their children seeking the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. We have whole families who have children who wish to be



Baptized and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. So we wish to develop a RCIC program for these children. Would you be interested in serving on a team to help mentor, teach and assist parents in the teachings

and traditions of our faith? Please contact Libby at the parish office to be involved at 270-885-8522.

**Baptismal Class:** If you are interested in having your child Baptized in the Catholic Church, please contact Libby Downs in the parish office.

The church asks first-time parents to attend a Baptismal Preparation class. Registration is required. Please call the office if you wish to schedule a class. We encourage families to attend the class before the birth of their child and godparents are urged to attend as well.



**Youth in the News**

Molly Bennett along with her parents, Therese and Chris Bennett, share in Molly's joy as she is a senior at University Heights Academy and plays on their soccer team.



**Aaron McNeil House:** K of C Council 7847 recognizes that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our daily lives have changed probably forever. As a result, we are unable to make our usual monthly non-perishable food donation to the Aaron McNeil House (AMH), as they would prefer no food donations, but we also know that those in need of assistance from the AMH have probably grown. So, council 7847 is proud to lead an initiative to collect monetary donations on a monthly basis for AMH. Any amount is useful, so if you're able to donate \$1, \$5, \$10 or whatever amount to AMH, simply place your check made out to the K of C Council 7847 in the collection basket or mail us a check directly to:

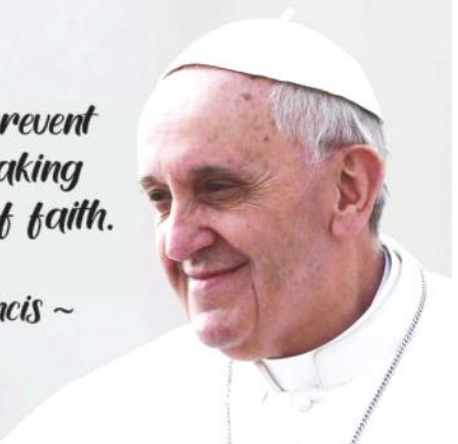
K of C Council 7847

PO Box 1215 Hopkinsville, KY 42240

The council will collect these funds and then roll up the collection to the nearest hundred dollars and donate directly to AMH, each month. God bless you!

*Let nothing prevent  
 you from taking  
 the journey of faith.*

*~ Pope Francis ~*



## Father Michael J. McGivney's Beatification The Father of the Knights of Columbus:

On Saturday, October 31, 2020

Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be one step closer to Sainthood as he is beatified through a special Mass in the Connecticut birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. As pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, this dedicated parish priest gathered men together in the basement of his Church to help save widows and children from destitution and defend the Catholic faith. Today these men we call Knights are over two million strong and are dedicated to serving Jesus Christ and their communities at home and around the world. *Won't you consider becoming a Knight today?*



### A NOVENA FOR CANONIZATION & A CALL TO ALL CATHOLIC MEN

Catholic Men from around the world will join together on the feast of St. John Paul II and begin praying a special



Novena from October 22 through October 30. The intention of the Novena will be for Fr. McGivney's canonization and for more Catholic men to join in the Knight's fraternal mission

to help carry the Cross of Christ out in the world. The Knights invite you to join our Order by speaking with a brother Knight or by signing up online today at:

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

## Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin!

God picks you from the patch and  
brings you in.  
(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all  
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds  
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling  
face.  
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to  
shine for all the world to see.  
(Matthew 5:16)

# CIVILIZE IT



## DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

**A divided country. Fights at the dinner table.  
Political vitriol. What does it mean to love  
our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?**

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of putting our faith into action in the political process. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public arena - yet many shy away from involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language directed at people themselves. And when personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. No matter the reason for this kind of attack, it only serves to further divide our communities.

As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the *Civilize It* campaign - take the pledge below as a way to promote our civility, love our neighbors, and build community. *Civilize It* is all about making room in our heart for those we may disagree with. We are called to recognize that each person is a beloved child of God & respond in love to this reality. *Civilize It* is a nonpartisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

### I PLEDGE:

**Civility** ... To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

**Clarity** ... To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience involving prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages the dignity of other people, while also listening and striving to understand others' experiences.

**Compassion** ... To approach others with a tone and posture that affirms I honor their dignity and invite them to do the same. I will presume their best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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