



Knights of Columbus

George R. Kutterer Council 6165

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August 2021 Newsletter

Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

You are cordially invited to join the local Knights of Columbus councils in celebrating a mass in honor of the First Feast Day of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, on **Thursday, August 12th, 2021 at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church**. A social reception with refreshments will follow in the garden level immediately afterward.

Blood Drive

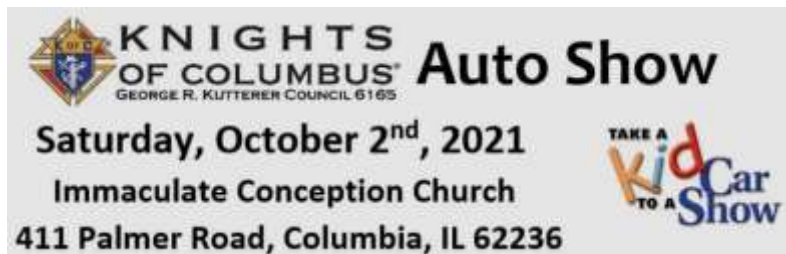
The next drive will be held on Sunday, September 12th, from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Please pre-register if you can, but they are now allowing walk-ins. Thanks, as always, to James Huch for leading this every other month.

2021 Intellectual Disabilities Drive (IDD)

This year the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive, better known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, will be held on Friday, **September 17th and Saturday, September 18th**. 100% of the money we collect goes to help those with intellectual disabilities, with 10% going to help fund Special Olympics and 90% staying in Monroe County. [Click here](#) to sign up online to help collect or contact the Grand Knight (gk@kofc6165.org) if you'd like to place a collection canister in your workplace.

Knights of Columbus Car Show

After a year on hiatus because of the pandemic, the Knights of Columbus Car Show returns on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. Registration opens at 9am, show runs from 11am to 3pm. There will be a Kids' Choice award, so bring your family and vote for your favorite cars. Spectators are free to attend. \$15.00 Display-only entry, \$20.00 judged entry. [Click here](#) to go to the car show page web page. [Click here](#) to sign up to work the show. [Click here](#) to register your car.



Our Next Council Meeting:

Because of the mass and social in honor of Blessed Father McGivney, our next council meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 19th, at 7pm** in the garden level of Immaculate Conception Church. The September meeting will be back to the 2nd Thursday time schedule.

Continuous Years of Service as a Knight

Richard F Sambo	62
Michael L Kish	53
Eugene C Gilbreth	52
Eugene R Toenjes	52
Lawrence R Toenjes	52
Larry G Greenfield	47
Brian S Sminchak	34
Jason P Tucker	24
Raymond O Farley	24
Thomas G Magee	24
Kevin L Bragg	12
William J Feldker	12
Bob M Freyman	12
Michael E Schaefer	12
Michael P Stark	12
Anthony J Traxler	12
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Thanks!!!



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Michael J. McGivney was born on August 12th, 1852 to Irish immigrants and grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut. He was the eldest of 13 children, 6 of whom died in childhood. He entered seminary in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, at the age of 16 and then transferred to Our Lady of Angels Seminary near Niagara Falls, NY. He had to leave seminary to help care for his mother and his siblings after his father died in June of 1873. He eventually returned to seminary, and in 1877, Father McGivney was ordained a priest. While serving as associate pastor of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT, Father McGivney helped make the Church and parish life an integral part of the lives of the men of the parish. He was intimately familiar with the struggles of Irish immigrants, who made up a large number of parishioners of St. Mary's. Motivated by the plight of a widowed parishioner and her child, and inspired by the circumstances surrounding his own family after the death of his father, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. It started with two dozen men gathered in the basement of St. Mary's, dedicated to caring for the widows and orphans of their Catholic brethren. The focus of their fraternal group was charity and unity, caring for each other and keeping their Catholic faith the cornerstone of the group. Father McGivney died on August 14th, 1890, at the age of 38. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest charity organizations, with two million members, and donating almost \$200 million and 77 million man-hours to charity. The Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Father McGivney was opened in 1997, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree of heroic virtue in 2008, declaring him "Venerable," and on October 31, 2020, he was beatified at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT.



Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney
August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890
Beatified October 31, 2020
First Feast Day- August 13, 2021