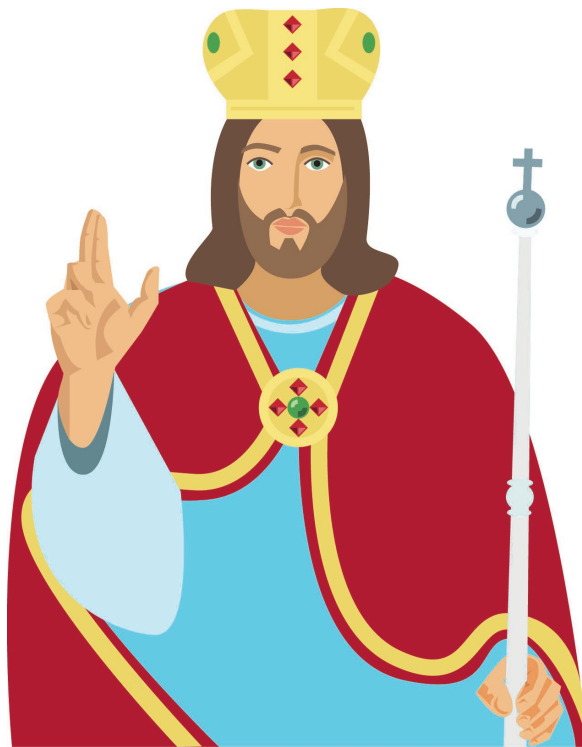


Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



**CHRIST
OUR KING**

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

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Website: <https://stmli.org>

Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge

Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or

sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

November 22, 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm: 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Matthew 25:31-45

Saturday, November 21

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Charles Stepanek *by Elizabeth Ryan*

**Sunday, November 22—Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

9:30am Ann Cardino *by Allison Cardino Asta*

12:00pm John Buzzanca *by Maryann & Ralph Rantz;
Janet Mallen by Keith & Susan Regan &
family*

**Monday, November 23—St. Clement I,
St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin**

9am Anita Ilardi *by Marie & Jim Marsala*

**Tuesday, November 24—St. Andrew Dũng-Lac
and Companions**

9am Peter Romano *by Josephine Hauk &
Judy Coyle*

**Wednesday, November 25—St. Catherine of
Alexandria**

9am Peter Romano *by Robert & Margaret
Stapleton*

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving Day

9am Paul Kanischak *by Rita & Bob*

Friday, November 27

9am Caroline Heavey *by Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Bie & family*

Saturday, November 28

9am William Booth *by Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Keena*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Elaine Hahn *by Chris & Andrew Paino*

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

9:30am Elaine Vita *by Amy, Richard & Brendan
Hughes*

12:00pm Donald Leun *by Genevieve Leun;;
Peter Romano by Yolanda Schweers*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
Psalm: 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-10
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark::

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,
each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”



FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

An aging golfer with poor eye-sight was suggested by a golf-pro to team up with a certain man who had the eyes of a hawk. The golfer took the pro's advice. The two men went out together, and on the very first tee the aging golfer hit a long drive. He asked his new partner, "Were you able to see where it went?" His partner responded, "Sure did, but I can't remember where I saw it go." The eyes may be open but, unless we become aware of what we are seeing, we don't see anything.

Today is the Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. The first reading invites us to be aware of God, who cares for us like a shepherd who takes care of his sheep. Those who are aware of this caring God will begin to see/experience God's care for them in whatever they do and in whatever happens to them.

Today's Gospel is the story of how we can see/be aware of God among us. Jesus makes himself visible and available to us through the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned, the stranger and the unclothed. Whatever we do or don't do to these deprived persons, we do or don't do to Christ Himself. The story ends that our entry into heaven depends upon our awareness of seeing/recognizing Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor.

So what do we become aware of whenever we see a person in need? Or what kind of value do we attach to whatever we do to anybody, especially to the deprived? We can plainly see in the hungry, the thirsty etc., the people who are in need and, out of our pity and compassion we may reach out to them to help as a friend or a well-wisher. But Jesus opens our spiritual eye to see/experience in these people His very self. Jesus could be loved and served through these persons in need. Every needy person opens a Heavenly and Godly dimension of experience to happen in us. Whatever we do, especially to the people in need, carries within us an opportunity to experience God Himself for us.

Next Week we begin the Season of Advent. November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent. Let us prepare for the next four Sundays in order to receive the Lord at His Birth. Let us pray that this Christmas bring health, peace, prosperity and the long desired normalcy.

"Its impossible" said pride.
 "Its risky" said experience.
 "Its pointless" said reason.
 "Give it a try"
 whispered the heart.

This Thursday, November 26th is the Solemn Celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving is the expression of the heart. The heart always nurtures itself on good things. Life lived from the heart sees more blessings to be thankful for even in the midst of adversities and troubles. That is why we say "Nothing is lost until the heart is lost and all is lost when the heart is lost." Looking at all that is going on around us, "my mind tells me to give up, but my heart won't let me." Thanksgiving is the open invitation to see life from our hearts. "If I carry joy in my heart I can heal any moment."

You are our Parish family of St. Thomas More.



We, in the **Rectory,**

in Religious Education,



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(Fr. Antony's letter continued from the previous page.)



In Outreach and Pantry, we tried our best to serve families even during the complete lock-down. Our non-stop serving is encouraged by your ever-giving generous spiritual support and financial contribution all through this pandemic time.



Every day about 30 to 45 people pray with me at the 9:00 AM mass for all our families. We are thankful for every one of you. **We, the Parish family of St. Thomas More, are bonded and growing in the LOVE of CHRIST.** We are slowly getting back to normalcy.

It will take some time before we can come together to worship as we used to prior to the 15th of March. We pray for you and your family, especially for your children and grandchildren every day in all the Masses. Every Tuesday we pray the Novena to our Patron, Saint Thomas More to protect and prosper us all in good health, love

and peace in the family.

I wish you individually and your families a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

With love and prayers,
Fr. Antony



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bernstein	Michael Knipper
Jessie Bernstein	Kevin Ilyichenko
Joseph Blaugrund	Dylan Kowalski
Anthony Broncatello	Thomas LaFemina
John Burk	Alex Lombardi
Collin Busto	Andrew Lombardi
David Chester	Lt. Clint Lorange
John Chester	Scott Lovelock
Nicholas Chester	Andrew Lynch
Theresa Chester	Troy A. Maida,
Collin J. Crean	William Maley
Eddie Cullum	Thomas Migliara
Eric Cullum	Tim Morris
Adam Cussen	Ryan Murphy
David Cussen	John Nachtman
Capt. Sean Michael Dolan	Kaitlyn Nachtman
P. J. Erskin	Thomas Nichols
Timothy Fallon	Adam Papaizai
Major Michael Fantauzzi	Michael Poist
J.T. Foltz	Michael Polanski
Mike Foltz	Kyle Rathje
Michael Gioia	Antonia Marie Rivera
Carl F. Greiner	Ann Karen Sanchez
Philip Gudone	Justin Schneider
John Michael Haffner	Christopher Sidor
Sean Hendrikson	Christopher Singer
Tylor J. Hickey	Ryan Smith
Kevin Ilyichenko	Michael White
John Karies	

Calendar Club Winners**Congratulations!**

Here are the winners from November 15-21, 2020

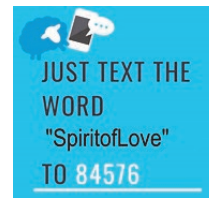
11/15/2020	794	\$50	Virginia Zablocki
11/16/2020	708	\$25	Evelyn & Bob McMahon
11/17/2020	190	\$25	John Egan
11/18/2020	926	\$25	Joan & Pat Shea
11/19/2020	816	\$25	Ed & Mary Ann O'Gara
11/20/2020	471	\$25	Walter Brennan
11/21/2020	291	\$25	Alexander Aspromgos



Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

**Courtesy Announcements:**

First Notice:

Second Notice:

Saint Anthony's High School—Franciscan Brothers—Missed the Entrance Exam?

Apply online! Visit St. Anthony's Admissions

Website to apply. 275 Wolf Hill Rd.,

South Huntington, NY 11747;

631-271-2020 ext. 226—www.stanthonyshs.org—

[admissions @stanthonyshs.org](mailto:admissions@stanthonyshs.org)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

as of November 17, 2020

Our Parish Goal	\$70,400.00
Pledges to date	\$37,282.00
Percentage of Goal	52.96%

**MEMORIALS**

**The Altar Bread and Wine
this week is donated in
memory of Khalil Al-Hihi
by Dr. & Mrs. Joni Al-Hihi**

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **November 15, 2020 \$3,154.00**

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
God Bless You,
Fr. Antony

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

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- stmreligiousd
- stm_yg

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 Outreach: outreach@stmli.org
 Youth Ministry: youthminister@stmli.org
 Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
 Personal Prayer: SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
 Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net



CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on December 14, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **The Jew Store** by Stella Suberman—Facilitator Marie Bracco.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his love endures forever. "*

1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving Thoughts: A History

1621 Grateful Pilgrims reaped a bountiful harvest the summer following the deaths of almost half their people during their first winter in New England. The 3-day feast was to thank God and to celebrate with their helpful Native friends. "By the Goodness of God we are ... far from want," wrote Pilgrim Winslow.

1777 Continental Congress, First National Proclamation of Thanks:

"... it is the Duty of all Men to adore the ... Providence of the Almighty; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to Him for Benefits received ..."

Samuel Adams

1789 President George Washington proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving be held to thank God for giving the American people the opportunity to create a Constitution to preserve their hard won freedoms.

1863 During the Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," making Thanksgiving an official federal holiday. (wikipedia.org)

Happening Now: Restricting Religious Freedom in 2020

Churches in California and Minnesota filed lawsuits in August against governors of their states challenging the restrictions placed on gatherings of more than 10 people that they contend are violations of religious liberty. "Gov. Walz (MN), a former teacher, gets an F in religious liberties," said counsel for Thomas More Society. "Other states, including Texas, Illinois and Ohio, have excluded churches from Covid-19 mask mandates."⁽¹⁾

Religious plaintiffs have prevailed in some lawsuits. In June, a federal judge blocked New York State from enforcing restrictions on indoor religious gatherings to 25% when other types of gatherings were allowed at 50%.

In Washington D.C., the Dept. of Justice stepped in to support the Capital Hill Baptist Church who is suing the mayor over the city limiting church services to 100 people while allowing large gathering protests and rallies. "The Dept. of Justice is committed to upholding all the civil rights provided under the First Amendment, be it peaceable assembly in protest or practicing faith," said U.S. attorney for D.C. ⁽²⁾

"From the first settlers seeking freedom to practice their faith, to our founding values starting with the First Amendment ... Americans of all faiths (and no faith) have (come to expect) ever-expanding religious liberties. It's part of American exceptionalism," wrote Knox Thames in Christianity Today. ⁽³⁾

(u.s.news.com,8/13/20(1); wtop.com, 10/2/20(2); christianpost.com, 8/26/20; christianitytoday.com, 10/7/20(3))

Employment Services Section— St. Thomas More Bulletin

We are restarting the Employment Services section in the weekly bulletin. If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to

John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

Thank-you in advance

Congratulations

Chaminade High School has advised us that the following students of our parish received the Academic Awards Honor Pins:

Senior—Silver

Kieran Q. Morse

Junior—Silver

Nicholas J. Barshay

Anthony DeMonte

James J. Kiley

Sophomore—Bronze

Matthew P. Masaitis

- Mass Times -

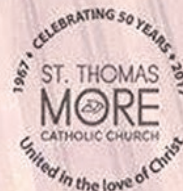
Saturdays

5 pm in the church
(live streamed as well)

Sundays

9:30 am parking lot

12 pm in the church



* Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloï, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Catherine Healy, Matthew Inga, Kevin Kenney, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Rich Nixon, Mary Ann O’Gara, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrian, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, Mel Smith, Jerry Smith, John Spadaro, Howard Spegman, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Julia Westbrook.

This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Howard Spegman, Khalil Al-Hihi, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It’s quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry OUTREACH



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly**

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**

Paper Towels**

Bread

Pasta

Spaghetti

Tomato Sauce

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Fruit**

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)**

Rice**

Canned Vegetables**

Apple Juice**

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags**

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)**

Shampoo

Toothpaste

****We are especially in need of these items**

***THANKSGIVING IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND OUTREACH IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR
OUR THANKSGIVING BASKETS.***

***DUE TO THE CAUTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE WITH THE PANDEMIC WE ARE ASKING FOR
DONATIONS OF \$25 GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL
SUPERMARKETS/WALMART/TARGET IN PLACE OF TURKEYS.***

CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

Outreach is now open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say "....whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, your gifts to our conference of SVdP enable us to assist with rent arrears, auto repairs, utility and phone bills, etc.

On behalf of our neighbors helped through your generosity, thank you and we all wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL:

() One Number for \$25
OR

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

(If your return your form & payment by Sunday, December 20, 2020, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I am attaching a separate page indicating the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket).

PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE
PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the Rectory)

REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

() I/we would like to register in the parish.

() Please send contribution envelopes.

() I am already registered in the parish but do not receive contribution envelopes. I would like to receive them.

() Other _____

(Please return in collection or return to Church Office)

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish ministry:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| () Altar Server | () Hospitality |
| () Usher | () Greeter |
| () RCIA | () Liturgy with Children |
| () Lector | () Eucharistic Minister |
| () Consolation Minister | () Landscaping/
Planting |
| () Rosary Altar Society | () Pre-Cana |
| () Caring for Altar Plants | () FOCCUS |

() Adult Lending Library () Banner Committee

Name::

Address:

Phone:

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 2020

Items needed for the baskets:
Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing,
Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Applesauce
Coffee, Tea & Desserts

THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING \$25 GIFT CARDS IN PLACE OF TURKEYS
-Cards or cash donations can be sent to Outreach or put in the collection basket-



Thank you for your generosity.



Boy Scout Troop 343
Annual Christmas Wreath Sale

After all masses
November 28th & 29th



Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets and Crosses

ST. THOMAS MORE



Poinsettia 7" pot—\$17.00

Red _____

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia
(leaves are red, white and green)

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pots \$12.00 _____

Red Poinsettia 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pots \$12.00 _____

Total Order: Items _____ Cost _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please place your orders by November 30, 2020

Plants will be ready for pick-up the weekend of December 5 & 6, 2020.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



St. Thomas More/Francis S. Midura Council 6062

For Catholic gentlemen ,18 and older, in our wonderful parish of St. Thomas More! Looking for a way to be more active in your parish and your community through service and charitable acts that have a positive impact? Become a member of the [St. Thomas More/ Francis S. Midura Council 6062!](#) Becoming one of the nearly 200 proud members of the council has never been easier! Let us show you how easy it is to sign up and learn about who we are.

We will be speaking at the masses in the coming weeks. Any questions you have we can answer for you. If you would like to register online, please use the link provided below:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

We look forward to meeting and speaking with you!

Ernie LaFontaine, Grand Knight

