



**St. Thomas More Parish**

We are men of faith. Guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but also by our belief in each other, and in ourselves. The "Key Principles" around which the Knights of Columbus work are:

**Charity  
Unity  
Fraternity  
Patriotism**

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*St. Thomas More Council*

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*Business Meeting:  
Every 3rd Thursday  
at the Spirit Center*

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# *Welcome to the Knights of Columbus*

Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.



**Father Michael J. McGivney,  
Founder of the Knights of Columbus**

Today, we are looking for the next generation of Knights. Men of character and conviction who are driven by their faith and conscience to selflessly serve their families, Church, and communities. Men who are ready to be Knights. All men who are age 18 or older and are practicing Catholics are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus.

## *St. Thomas More Council*

*(We will hold an Open House on Monday Oct. 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Spirit Center.) We will provide prospective Knights, and their wives, with information about the Knights of Columbus and our mission in the Church, the Diocese of Venice, St. Thomas More Parish and the community at large.*

It is through five key areas of service – faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship – that the Knights of St. Thomas More Parish will truly make a difference and receive their greatest, and most personal, rewards.

**Faith** – The St. Thomas More Council Knights will be very active in our Parish. They will serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, RCIA Leaders and various other ministries. We will conduct a monthly Living Rosary in the Parish Chapel and family prayer adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Also, our Council will provide financial support to seminarian in the Diocese of Venice. And we will recognize our Parish Priests, Deacons and Altar Servers at the “Annual Joint Council Clergy and Altar Server Recognition Dinner.”

**Community** – The Council Knights will be actively involved in community functions. We will participate in the weekly Friday Prayer Vigils at the Sarasota Planned Parenthood, the 40 Days for Life Program in October and the Diocese’s Annual Prayer Walk in January.

On Thanksgiving Day, we will participate in the “Annual Joint Council Feed The Hungry Program” to (1) provide over 600 hot meals to the homeless, the homebound and the lonely and (2) raise and contribute funds for the three

St. Vincent DePaul Societies, who feed the hungry on a continuing basis.

In February, our "Annual Citizens with Disabilities Drive" will raise funds to support disabled-related organizations in Sarasota. During the year, we will provide volunteer support for Sarasota County’s Special Olympics events.

The Council will provide assistance to sick and homebound Knights by visiting them in the hospital or at home.

**Family** – The St. Thomas More Council will be family oriented. We will organize monthly family dinners, picnics, offer Masses for departed Knights and their families and sponsor an annual Memorial Mass and Communion.

**Youth** – For our youth, we will conduct an annual “Spelling Bee” and “Basketball Free Throw.” Also, we will award scholarships to students who will attend Cardinal Mooney High School.

**Fellowship** – We also will have some fun. Our socials will include such events as a dinner cruise, dinner theater or concert. In addition, we will hold an Annual Christmas Party.

There are many opportunities to become involved in fun activities, which support good causes. You can decide whether to commit to one event a year, per month or per week. But whatever you choose, you can be sure that you are doing something worthwhile to support those who need our help.