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## COUNCIL BREAKFASTS ARE BACK STARTING SEPTEMBER

Our breakfasts will be back the second Sunday of every month starting September 14, 2025

Upcoming dates:

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| <b>December 14th, 2025</b> | March 8th, 2026               |
| January 11th, 2026         | April 12th, 2026              |
| February 8th, 2026         | May 10th, 2026 (Mother's Day) |

**Time:** 8:00 am until 11:45 am

**Cost:** \$10.00 each adult (Ages 10+), \$5.00 each children ages 5-10, Under 5 are free

**Downey Home Association Building 4071 S Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227**

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## 2025 (52ND) NUNS CHRISATMAS PARTY

**Sunday, December 7th, 2025 from 2pm — 4pm**

**St Roch Parish Life Center 3603 S Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46217**

Photos will be posted on our Facebook page shortly after.  
The committee has been working hard to prepare for this special event.

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## ST ROCH'S "THE SAINT ROCKERS" MENS BIBLE STUDY

**Every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm**

**at St. Roch's Parish Life Center**

All ages welcome

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## DOWNEY HOME ASSOCIATION HALL RENTAL

Home Association Hall for Msgr. James M. Downey K of C Council 3660 is now ready to rent for events.

The hall is designed to cater to a variety of events, from intimate gatherings to events handling up to 75 people.

This versatile space can be tailored to meet your specific needs, whether a sophisticated atmosphere or a casual, laid-back setting or for you to create a personalized event that reflects your unique style and vision.

Please contact FS Scott Crossen for details. Phone or text: 317-691-5369

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St. Barnabas  
St. Patrick

Council 3660 website: <https://www.kofc3660.com>

**We are in need of brothers to step up for many of the Director positions to share the load with our council officers.**

**If interested in a director position, contact Financial Secretary, Scott Crossen.**

**financialsecretary@kofc3660.com**

# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

November and December are the Holiday months for our K of C Council after all the activities planned have been accomplished. They were all successful. However, as always, we could have used more member participation. I am hoping at this writing that more Brother Knights and families will partake in the Corporate Communion after Thanksgiving November 30 at 10:30 am at Holy Name Church, Beech Grove.

We are still participating in a Rosary and Mass at Good Shepherd Parish every Thursday at 5:00 pm. Please come and support Good Shepherd's Faith efforts, at least for the Rosary.

Our Advocate Brother Nathan Blank is still conducting a St. Rockers Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the St. Roch's Parish Center. Come join us.

We all are also working feverishly to complete attaining Board of Health, Liquor and Gambling (mainly Bingo) Permits / Licenses for the Downey Event Center.

As we have been doing annually, Council 3660 is giving the Nuns a Holiday Christmas Party Sunday, December 7, 2025 at St. Roch's Parish Center. Let us know if you wish to join in.

Our next monthly breakfast will be December 14, 2025. Come enjoy breakfast with us from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

We are continuing our pursuit in communicating with Indianapolis college Catholic youth student organizations.

Please continue noting in our correspondence and Cross and Compass as well as the Columbia Magazine all that we offer and the activity of the Knights of Columbus which we can be involved with, either by attending or helping or observing.

General info - [10099 24 Hrs Change Life](https://www.kofc3660.com)

In the Name of the Holy Family,

Michael J. Ilko, Jr.

Grand Knight

## NOVEMBER 2025 GIBAULT NEWLETTER

<https://www.gibault.org/november-2025-newsletter/>

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## SYMPATHY

The officers and members of Monsignor Downey Council offer their sympathy and prayers to:

✠ **Brother William Bergman, 72, Indianapolis, passed away on April 15, 2025**

William is survived by his wife Diana, father to Anthony, Ryan, and Brooke, 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Carl E. Abbott, 82, Franklin, passed away on May 11, 2025**

Father to Brian, John, Missy March, 8 grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Timothy P. McMillan, 70, Indianapolis, passed away on May 30, 2025**

Timothy is survived by his wife Shelle, father to Cory, Justin, Ashley, and Sean, 12 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

✠ **Brother William F. Schaefer, 66, Indianapolis, passed away on June 10, 2025**

William is survived by his wife Helen.

✠ **Brother Ronald F. Kiel, 85, Indianapolis, passed away on June 14, 2025**

Ronald is survived by his wife Vivian, father to Michael, Stephen, Eve Alexander, 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Louis F. Stumpf, 85, Indianapolis, passed away June 21, 2025**

Louis is survived by his wife Susie, father to Marie Sais, Joe, John, 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother John T. Wirtz, 82, Indianapolis, passed away on August 8, 2025**

John is survived by his wife Judy. John was an educator at Roncalli High School for 33 years where he was also a baseball and basketball coach. John was a member of the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and Indiana Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame. John was also a founding member of Hearts and Hands of Indiana.

✠ **Brother Charles R. McGuire, 86, Indianapolis, passed away on August 9, 2025**

Charles is survived by his children Kelly Barnhart, Kerri Coleman-Gravely, 4 grandchildren and a proud great grandpa.

✠ **Brother Robert J. Daeger, 72, Indianapolis, passed away on August 27, 2025**

Robert is survived by his wife Gloria and stepchildren Wendy Mathene, Shawn Harper, Heather Spiegleser, 4 grandchildren.

✠ **Brother William E. Niezgodski, 92, Indianapolis, passed away September 21, 2025**

Williams is survived by his wife Barbara, father to Cynthia Helfgott, Kathleen McCan, Mary Nate, Susan Smith, Tracy Simmons, William, 18 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Robert Susemichel, 86, Whiteland, passed away on November 11, 2025**

Robert is survived by his wife Toni, father to Robert, Paul, Margaret Martin, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

**May Their Souls and The Souls Of All The Faithful Departed,  
Through The Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.**



## UPDATES FROM THE FINIACIAL SECRETARY

Dues statements, along with Gibault Raffle tickets, will be sent out in mid to late December. Please return them promptly so we can work toward surpassing the \$2,000 raffle goal. We’ll also be including a request for support for our Seminarians.

**Bingo Update:** The council is looking to get approval to host Bingo on Tuesdays from 5 to 11 p.m. We’re coordinating with State Gaming for an inspection, and we’ll share more details in the January issue. If you’d like to help out on a Tuesday night, email Scott Crossen to be added to the volunteer roster.

**Liquor License Update:** The license has been sent to the State for approval, and we’re working through a few hurdles to meet their requirements. We’re optimistic about having more updates by December.

## COUNCIL 3660 FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you seen our latest Facebook update? We’ve shared photos from the coat distribution at Central Catholic Grade School, where the council purchased 120 coats and donated them to children and a few adults.

Thanks to your generosity, this event was a wonderful success.

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30 Corporate Communion Mass Holy Name 10:30am 1st Sunday Advent	1	2	3	4 Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	5	6
7 Nuns Christmas Party St. Rich Life Center 2pm	8 Immaculate Conception Member Meeting 7pm 4071 S Keystone	9	10	11 Home Association meeting 7pm 4071 S Keystone	12	13
14 Council Breakfast 8am - 11:45am 4071 S Keystone	15	16	17	18 Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Christ our savior is born	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	January 1, 2026 New Years Day Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	January 2, 2025	January 3, 2025