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Council breakfasts

Breakfasts are the 2nd Sunday of every month, September through May.

Breakfasts Our next breakfast is Sunday, October 11, 2026.

Breakfasts dates for 2026-2027

October 11, 2026

November 8, 2026

December 13, 2026

January 10, 2027

February 14, 2027 (Valentine's Day)

March 14, 2027

April 11, 2027

May 9, 2027 (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

Building beautification day

2nd Saturday of every month*

9:30am to 12pm

See the [Council beautification days 2026-2027 page](#) and yearly event list below for more details & dates.

*Barring building manager availability

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Grand Knight	Robert Sanders
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Trustee (2-Year)	Joseph Humbert, PGK
Trustee (3-Year)	Michael Ilko, PGK

Downey Home Association 2026-2027

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Sick Committee

Holy Name
St. Jude
Good Shepherd
Sacred Heart
St. Roch
St. Mark
St. Barnabas
St. Patrick

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

We need 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,

Another month has gone by, and we are heading into the scary season. Not Halloween, winter.

I wanted to thank all the people who came to our first breakfast of the year back on Sunday September 13th. We had a fantastic turnout, one of our best ever. We cooked all the eggs we had in the kitchen, and we were considering raiding any local chicken coops we could find. It turned out ok; we had just enough for everyone with a little left over. The hardest part of serving the breakfast is knowing when to stop cooking. Come be with us every second Sunday of the month through this scary winter.

With our membership average age getting older by the day, we deal with more members passing over to God's hands. We lose so many each year. We do our best to keep track but if you know of a recently deceased member, please don't hesitate to contact us. We want to make sure they are honored at the time of death and at our December remembrance Mass.

One member we recently suddenly lost was Mike Mazza. He had stepped up to help us with serving the food at Bingo and next we heard, he was in the hospital. Attending his service and seeing the outpouring of stories from his family was very memorable.

I mention Mike also because his family ran into a conflict with the room at Nativity used for funeral meals. They contacted Scott and he made the Downey Home event center available for their funeral meal. We were honored to welcome them, and Scott even found a CD player at home to play their family home movies. (I think Scott has just about anything.) This is exactly the way in which I hope we can honor all our members. We want to be available for all of you and your families in whatever way we can.

Speaking of fellowship, there is a retreat planned for November 14 at Downey Home. Jim Gibbons is planning with Deacon Paul Vonderwell speaking to prepare us for the Advent season. Consider it as part of your preparations of the birth of Christ. We need to create more hope in our world

This past meeting the council decided on the charities to benefit from our Bingo proceeds. We want to support several parish schools, several other charities and especially Gibault Children's Services. It is wonderful to see our hard work come to fruition. Come and be a part of providing this entertainment every Tuesday night.

Vivat Jesus,
Robert Sanders
Grand Knight

October 2026 member social

Monday, October 26, 2026

6pm - 8pmish

[Downey Event Center - 4071 S Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227](#)

Come gather with your fellow members for an event of social interaction, sports and food.

Food, most likely pizza, will be provided as water and soft drinks.

For more information, please visit [October 2026 Member Social](#) event page.

Volunteer bartenders needed

The Downey Home Association is looking for volunteers to help tend the bar during our tentative operating hours of Fridays from 3–9 PM and Saturdays from 11–8 PM. If you're willing to serve a shift, please let us know. Your help makes these events possible and keeps our council thriving.

St Roch's "The Saint Rockers" men's bible study

Every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm at
St. Roch's Parish Life Center All ages welcome

Bingo

Bingo is here **EVERY TUESDAY**

Doors will open at **5:00pm** and bingo will begin around **6:00pm**. Our max capacity will be around 50 players.

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September 2026 Gibault Newsletter

<https://www.gibault.org/september-2026-newsletter/>

2027 is our 18th TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



OPEN TO ***ALL*** WHO BELIEVE IN LIFE

- Wednesday, January 20** Depart from one of our locations throughout the State, approximately 8:00 pm. leaving on tour bus. There will be several stops along the way.
- Thursday, January 21** Breakfast in Maryland; arrive in Washington approximately 10 am, tour DC mall, or Arlington, or other venues, proceed to hotel. Leave for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception or the Saint John Paul II Museum or free time. Return to hotel and crash, **YOU'LL BE TIRED!**
- Friday, January 22** Full breakfast at hotel, pick-up box lunch, board bus, proceed to Rally, begin March, after March tour the Mall, then return to hotel for dinner.
- Saturday, January 23** Full breakfast at hotel, board buses and head home, arriving about 8 pm.

COST: **\$381.00** Price includes: Round-trip to & from D.C, all transportation in D.C. on touring bus, rally and March, hotel for 2 nights, Double-occupancy, 2 full breakfasts, Box Lunch for the march, Fri. night dinner & celebration and a wonderful feeling having participated!

*\$222.00 first payment **ASAP**, final \$159.00 by November 30th*

Get a down payment of some amount in **ASAP** to reserve your spot.

Keep track of your payments-Date of 1st payment _____ Check # _____ Amount _____
Date of 2nd payment _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

CHECKS ONLY made payable to: **Indiana State Council Memo Line: DC March**

- Send your check and the bottom of this form to: Michael Velasco
3993 Willowood Court
Crown Point, Indiana 46307-8945
mavelasco7@hotmail.com

**YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE THE WONDERFULL FEELING FROM
ATTENDING THE MARCH FOR LIFE, D.C.**

---RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK

"PRINT ALL INFORMATION, NEATLY" If we can't read it, you won't be going!!!

Name _____ Council # _____

Check one of the following: Member ___ Spouse ___ Son or Daughter of Member ___ Other ___

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone Need cell phone for the march! () _____

Email Address _____ Roommate Preference _____

Leaving from: Choose 1st and 2nd Choice Merrillville ___ South Bend ___ Fort Wayne ___ Indianapolis ___

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone () _____

Please list any medical condition/food allergies _____

HELLO!!

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!!

Advent Awakening

An Advent Preparation Retreat

Knights of Columbus Council Retreat

Saturday, November 14, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Downey Event Center

4071 S. Keystone Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46227

Retreat Purpose

Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas. It is a season of **watchfulness, preparation, conversion, joy, and expectant hope**. This retreat invites our brother Knights to step away from the busyness that so often accompanies the weeks before Christmas and prepare themselves spiritually for the coming of Christ.

Through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and fraternity, we will consider the four weeks of Advent as a spiritual journey:

Week One — AWAKEN: Hope and Watchfulness

Week Two — PREPARE: Conversion and Peace

Week Three — REJOICE: Joy in the Lord

Week Four — RECEIVE: Love, Trust, and Saying Yes to God

Throughout the retreat, Scripture references and readings should be taken from the **New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)**.

For information, please see the event page [Advent Awakening Retreat November 2026](#) on our website.

Retreat Agenda

11:00 a.m. — Arrival and Fellowship

Welcome arriving Knights and provide an opportunity for informal fraternity and conversation.

11:30 a.m. — Lunch

Lunch and fellowship.

12:00 p.m. — Welcome Jim Gibbons

Opening welcome, retreat purpose, housekeeping, and introduction of Deacon Paul.

12:05 p.m. — Preparing for the Season of Advent Deacon Paul

Introductory spiritual reflection on Advent as a season of preparation and expectation.

Suggested themes for Deacon Paul's remarks:

- What does it actually mean to "prepare the way of the Lord"?
- The difference between preparing for **Christmas** and preparing for **Christ**.
- Advent's call to watchfulness.
- Making room for Christ amid the distractions and obligations of December.
- The responsibility of Catholic men to help prepare their homes and families spiritually for Christmas.
- Entering Advent intentionally rather than simply allowing Advent to happen to us.

12:30 p.m. — Session One: AWAKEN — The First Week of Advent Theme: Hope and Watchfulness

1:10 p.m. — Session Two: PREPARE — The Second Week of Advent Theme: Conversion and Peace

1:50 p.m. — Break

2:00 p.m. — Session Three: REJOICE — The Third Week of Advent Theme: Joy in the Lord

2:40 p.m. — Session Four: RECEIVE — The Fourth Week of Advent Theme: Love, Trust, and Saying Yes to God

3:20 p.m. — Brief Break / Personal Reflection

3:30 p.m. — Creating My Advent Road Map From Retreat to Action

3:55 p.m. — Closing Prayer and Blessing

4:00 p.m. — Retreat Concludes

Proceeds Benefited 168 Families Last Christmas

Only 260 Tickets Will be Sold! | Ticket Prize Pool \$11,500

Reverse Raffle

Primo's
2615 National Ave.

Sunday, November 1, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m. • Buffet: Served at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

\$125.00 per ticket

Ticketholder and 3 guests
admitted per ticket

Must be 21 or older to be admitted
NO RESERVED SEATING!

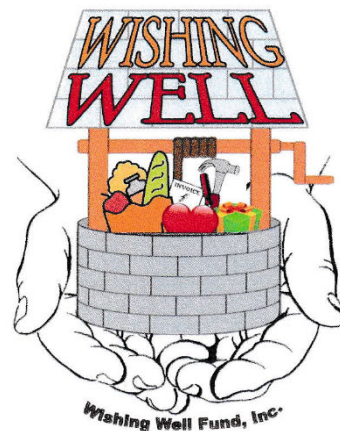
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www.wishingwellfund.org

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**\$5,000
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254th Ticket Drawn.....	\$350
255th Ticket Drawn.....	\$400
256th Ticket Drawn.....	\$500
257th Ticket Drawn.....	\$1,000
258th Ticket Drawn.....	\$1,500
259th Ticket Drawn.....	\$2,000
260th Ticket Drawn.....	\$5,000

Your Ticket Also Includes:

- Buffet
- Complimentary Draft Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks
(Other drinks at discount prices)
- Games of Chance throughout the day
- Door Prizes
- Hourly 50/50
- Silent Auction
- Raffle items: TVs and much more!

SYMPATHY

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

✠ **Brother John L. Wilson, 86, Indianapolis, passed away on December 14, 2025**

John is survived by his wife Mary, father to Jennifer, John, Steve, Tim, and Tom, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Stephen M. Chaplin, 78, Indianapolis, passed away on January 3, 2026**

Steve leaves behind many family members and friends who loved him dearly and will carry his memory in their hearts.

✠ **Brother David B. Yanasak, 69, Indianapolis, passed away on April 23, 2026**

David is survived by his wife Dawn, father to Rose Fugit, Michael, and Toni Bruce, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Marvin L. Feldman, 92, Indianapolis, passed away on April 30, 2026**

Marvin is survived by his children Barry, Brian, Nancy Sowers, Bruce, Brent, Brad, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Victor J. Sahm, 83, Greenwood, passed away May 5, 2026**

Victor is survived by his wife Ann, father to Michael, Alyssa Blankenship, Amy Nettles, Ann Kesterson, and 7 grandchildren.

✠ **Brother William J. Borst, 84, Indianapolis, passed away on July 11, 2026**

Bill is survived by his Hellis, father to William, Deborah Hoetger, and Andrew, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Earl W. Huffman, 93, Indianapolis, passed away on August 3, 2026**

Charles is survived by wife Carol, father to Earla Imel, 2 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

✠ **Brother John P. Cahill, 67, Martinsville, passed away on August 21, 2026**

Robert is survived by his wife Roberta, father to Charlie, Claire Johnson, Emma Gibson, Martha Gordon, Molly Alliston, Caroline Owens, and 18 grandchildren.

✠ **Brother Michael T. Mazza, 88, Indianapolis, passed away September 7, 2026**

Father to Susan Savage, Charles, Michael Mazza, Tina Gardner, Salvatore, Mark, 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild.

✠ **Brother David L. Speth, 80, Indianapolis, passed away on September 22, 2026**

David is survived by his wife Mary Ann, father to Erin Koester, David, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

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

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS •

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COUNCIL 3660 FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you seen our latest Facebook update?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207513074712932/>

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

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 27 Soccer Challenge 11am-2pm Central Catholic School	September 28	September 29 Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	September 30 Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	1 Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	2	3
4	5	6 Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	7 Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	8 Home Association Meeting 7pm 4071 S Keystone	9	10 Building beautification day 9:30-noon 4071 S Keystone
11 Council Breakfast 8am-11:45am 4071 S Keystone	12 Member Meeting 7pm 4071 S Keystone	13 Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	14 Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	15 Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	16	17
18	19	20 Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	21 Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	22 Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	23	24
25	26 Member Social 6pm 4071 S Keystone	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween