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MSGR. James M. Downey Council 3660

Deceased Brothers Report

Alphabetical by Last name

William J. Borst
John P. Cahill
Stephen M. Chaplin
Marvin L. Feldman
Earl W. Huffman
Michael T. Mazza
Victor J. Sahm
David L. Speth
Robert Susemichel
John L. Wilson
David B. Yanasak

Memorial Mass

Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00pm

The Mass will be held at Downey Event Center / home to Msgr. Downey Council 3660 located at 4071 S. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227

At that time, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered by Fr. Eustace Thang Associate Pastor of St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

Council breakfasts

Breakfasts are the 2nd Sunday of every month, September through May.
Breakfasts Our next breakfast is **Sunday, November 8, 2026**.

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

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Trustee (1-Year)	John Magee, PGK
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,

I thought I could keep up with, maybe even beat my grandson in timing each other around the parking lot on our bicycles and I did on the first lap. I still haven't completed the second lap.

We were timing each other, and he wanted to see how the lap feature worked on the phone's stopwatch. I always want our time together to be at least somewhat educational. After my first lap He said, "I pressed the lap button, keep going!"

I took off knowing time was already ticking and didn't make it through the first turn. (Left turn, of course, this is Indianapolis.)

So now I'm sitting in my recliner with both the tibia and fibula in my lower left leg broken. Not how I wanted to spend my time but I'm still hobbling around.

November is when we remember all the Knights that have left this earthly existence. We have a memorial mass coming up. Stay tuned to the Cross and Compass or call us to find out when. We do our best to keep up with the ones that have left us but call us with any news. We still have the landline at (317) 784-3660.

The knights have carried on with our Bingo each Tuesday night. Please stop by and at least play some games with us. Doors open at 5 and we start calling at 6:30.

We have Breakfast every second Sunday of the month. Bring the family next month.

Several knights asked me to again appeal to all of you able bodied Men to help keep our organization going. Our K of C Council is unique. One of the few still reaching out to beyond any one parish and striving to be the binding force for all Catholics of the Area.

In fact, check out the Advent Retreat coming up on November 14th. Jim Gibbons of the Mater Dei council downtown is organizing this and advertising it to all in the area. We are happy to host all knights for this event.

Enjoy these great fall days (I did not fall, I had an accident on my bike.)

Hope to see you soon

Vivat Jesus,
Robert J. Sanders
Grand Knight

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

2026 Nuns Christmas Party

We are welcoming and thanking our nuns again!

Sunday, December 6th, 2026 from **2pm — 4pm**

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

Donations are needed. Contact Scott Crossen.

Council Building Christmas Decorating

We are decorating our Council building to welcome our lord and savior Jesus Christ into the world.

Saturday, November 28th, 2026

Time TBA

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.
License #001620

October 2026 Gibault Newsletter

https://www.gibault.org/october-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
mavelasco7@hotmail.com **Crown Point, Indiana 46307-8945**

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

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 11great 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

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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

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day	**2**	**3** Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	**4** Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	**5** Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	**6**	**7**
8 Council Breakfast 8am-11:45am 4071 S Keystone	**9** Memorial Mass 6pm 4071 S Keystone	**10** Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	**11** Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	**12** Home Association Meeting 7pm 4071 S Keystone	**13**	**14** Advent Awakening Retreat 11:00am-4:00pm 4071 S Keystone
15	**16**	**17** Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	**18** Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	**19** Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	**20**	**21**
22	**23**	**24** Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	**25** Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	**26** Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	**27**	**28** Decorate Council for Christmas TBA 4071 S Keystone
29	**30**	**December 1** Bingo 5pm doors open 4071 S Keystone License #001620	**December 2** Mens Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm St. Roch's Parish Life Center	**December 3** Thursday Rosary 5pm Good Shepherd 2905 Carson Ave	**December 4**	**December 5**