

SACRED RELICS EXPOSITION



Anchor Bay Council 5981
State Council Program Award Entry
Faith Category

Grand Knight: Matt Hoxsie
Program Director: Richard Burke



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THE SAINTS



““The only difference between the saints and us is that they took action...”

– Father Michael Schmitz

A relic at the exposition from Blessed Michael J. McGivney



INTRODUCTORY LETTER BY THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Service Award Program Selection Committee:

It is with great pride that I submit the “Sacred Relics Exposition” Faith in Action program for your review as a Faith-based Service Award Entry. Anchor Bay Council # 5981 hosted this program on behalf of St. Mary Queen of Creation parish in New Baltimore, MI on September 16th, 2022. **The program featured the relics of over 150 Saints and Blesseds, including those of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.**

This exposition is a program that our Council has been hoping to host for some time. Council Officers had been in contact with the curator of the exposition, Fr. Carlos Martins since 2019, but due to an inability to align our schedules, as well as the temporary suspension of the exposition due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were not able to find a date that worked for all parties until 2022.

When Fr. Martins reached out to the Council with availability on August 17th, 2022, asking if we wanted to host the exposition on September 16th, the Council was so excited to be able to finally host the event that the Brothers accepted the challenge of planning this in short order and worked alongside of the Parish Staff to start working through the logistics.

A major component that the Council focused on to make this program successful was our Communication and Media plan. We worked to be featured in local newspapers, bought social media ads, emailed every parish within a twenty mile radius to be featured in their bulletins, asked the Michigan State Council to publish the event, and asked all of the Councils in our District to promote the event.

Over three-hundred people from across the Metro-Detroit area attended the exposition, with many of them driving over an hour away to attend. Our Parish Hall was completely filled for two hours, with lines going around the exterior wall of the hall and out of the door and building.

Participants in the program were all encouraged to touch, pray, and venerate the relics. Many attendees could be seen visibly moved by the experience, with many participants praying for healing for themselves or others they were close to.

All of the Brothers and Ladies supporting the event felt extremely grateful to do so as they got to spend extra time with Fr. Martins and all of the relics.

It was an honor to host this program, and we would gladly do so again.

Thank you for your consideration.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Matthew Hoxsie

Matthew Hoxsie
Grand Knight
Anchor Bay Council # 5981



PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE EXPOSITION

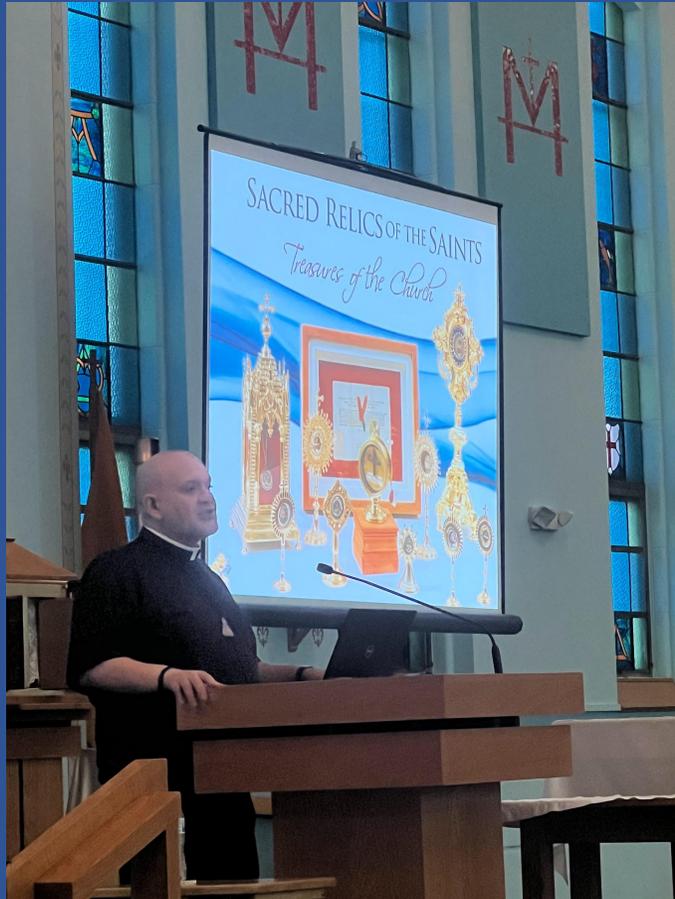
On, September 16th, 2022, Council 5981 hosted a Sacred Relics Exposition in our Parish Center that featured the relics of over 150 Saints and Blessed. Featured among the relics were: Wood from the True Cross, a Portion of St. Mary's veil, and a relic from Blessed Michael J. McGivney.



Wood from the True Cross



PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE EXPOSITION



Fr. Martins teaching us about relics and the Saints.

Participants were first hosted in the Parish Sanctuary where they listened to a teaching about the significance that Sacred Relics play in our ability to follow the examples of the Saints. The teaching focused on the example of St. Maria Goretti, and how her innocence and ability to forgive lead others, in particularly the man that killed her, to the faith.



THE PROGRAM BENEFITED ALL OF THE FAITHFUL

This program benefited all of the Faithful in their ability to learn and connect with the Saints. Any one who attended the event was able to listen to the teaching about following the model that the Saints give us, and then were able to personally experience a connection with over 150 Saints and Blessed by spending time with their relics. Anyone who attended was able to physically touch the relics, pray with them, touch other objects to the relics to create 3rd class relics.



Over 300 people were in attendance.



THE PROGRAM BENEFITED ALL OF THE FAITHFUL

This program allowed the Faithful to have a physical experience of an encounter with many Saints and opened up a door for those Saints to make a connection with anyone who attended. While we allowed two hours for participants to spend time with the relics, many people lingered at the event until it ended, oftentimes spending several minutes in prayer with the relics. A Deacon in our parish came to the event to specifically find a relic from his patron Saint and namesake, St. Lawrence. He was filled with joy after spending ten minutes venerating the relic.



A child named "Jude", hugging his namesake "St. Jude"



WHY WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THE SAINTS



A young boy reading an information placard about a Saint.

This program made the Saints physical and tangible. Participants were not allowed allowed to touch the relics, but were encouraged to. The Faithful were told to bring any religious items that they would like in order to create 3rd class relics to take home. Father Carlos Martins, the caretaker of the exposition, asked everyone to say a prayer to the Holy Spirit that a particular Saint or Blessed may touch them during the program and become their patron Saint. Father Martins also encouraged everyone present to ask for physical or spiritual healings as they spent time to the relics. Father shared stories people who have had experiences at past Sacred Relic expositions where they were healed from different ailments.



WHY DID COUNCIL 5981 SELECT THIS PROGRAM

In 2019, Council 5981 hosted an exhibit on the Shroud of Turin, that touched many of the Faithful in our area. Full of the Holy Spirit, Council Officers then discussed with our Pastor what we could do next to have a similar experience. After some research, we discovered the "*Treasures of the Church - Sacred Relic Exposition*" that tours the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Council Program Director at the time reached out to curator of the exposition and started to try and coordinate dates. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions affecting the schedule we were not able to host the exposition in 2020 or 2021.



Council 5981 wanted to build off of the success of previous Faith-based programs.



WHY DID COUNCIL 5981 SELECT THIS PROGRAM

In 2022, Fr. Martins reached out to the Grand Knight with some availability, and the Council sprung into action. The Council Officers worked with Fr. Martins, the Pastoral Staff team in hosting the event on parish grounds. We volunteered to help the parish set up the Parish Center in the proper configuration so that relics could be viewed. We assisted in setting up audio/visual equipment in the Sanctuary for the teaching, and coordinated the flow of traffic for all of the attendees. Council 5981 handled all of the communications for the event in Archdiocesan, Parish, and Secular media. We also covered any of the financial costs for the event, including providing financial support to Fr. Martins ministry with the relics.



Council Officers helping Fr. Martins to set up the exposition



THE EXPOSITION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



Due to the marketing campaign managed by the Council, over three-hundred people attended the teaching and to venerate the relics, including several members of the Clergy. As Council Officers walked around and spoke to those attending, it became clear that many participants had driven over an hour to come to the parish and experience the exposition.

Many of those that attended the exposition were personally touched by what they saw and experienced. It was not unusual to see people praying and venerating relics, or caught up in emotion from making a personal connection to a particular Saint. Many attendees stayed the full two hours at the event, and would have stayed longer if they could have.



THE EXPOSITION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



Fr. Martins accepts donations for his ministry work as well as provides Faith Formation material about the Saints, including St. Maria Goretti.

Through a suggested donations basket, Fr. Martins was able to collect over \$1200 for his ministry, which covers his costs in maintaining the relics and taking them around the country.

After the event, Council 5981 also provided the Fr. Martins ministry, *Treasures of the Church*, with additional financial support.



The line to get into the Parish Center to view the Sacred Relics was so long, it went out of the door for the building. Brother Knights helped to control the flow of traffic.



PLANNING FOR THE PROGRAM

Since 2019, Council 5981 Officers have been in contact with Fr. Carlos Martins to schedule and coordinate hosting an exposition at St. Mary Queen of Creation parish in New Baltimore, MI. In the summer of 2022, Fr. Martins reached out and the schedules between the Council, the parish, and the exposition were aligned.

At that point, Council Program Directors stepped into action and gathered the requirements from Fr. Martins. They then reached out to the Parish Staff, secured the facilities to host the program, and started a media campaign.

Due to the nature of the travelling exposition, the Council had less than a month to plan and execute the program with the Parish.



THE TEAM

Council 5981

- GK Matt Hoxsie and Lady Laurie Hoxsie
- DGK/PD Richard Burke and Lady Joanne Burke
- Chancellor / Faith Director: Jared Proctor
- DD 118: Ron Depestel and Lady Jeanine Depestel
- Life Director: Duane Gaedcke and Cheryl Gaedcke
- Warden: Ken Morrow and Jeanette Morrow
- Brother Jay Strassburg

St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish

- Fr. Charles White
- Deacon Lawrence Paczkowski
- Barb Hoef
- Maureen Dailey

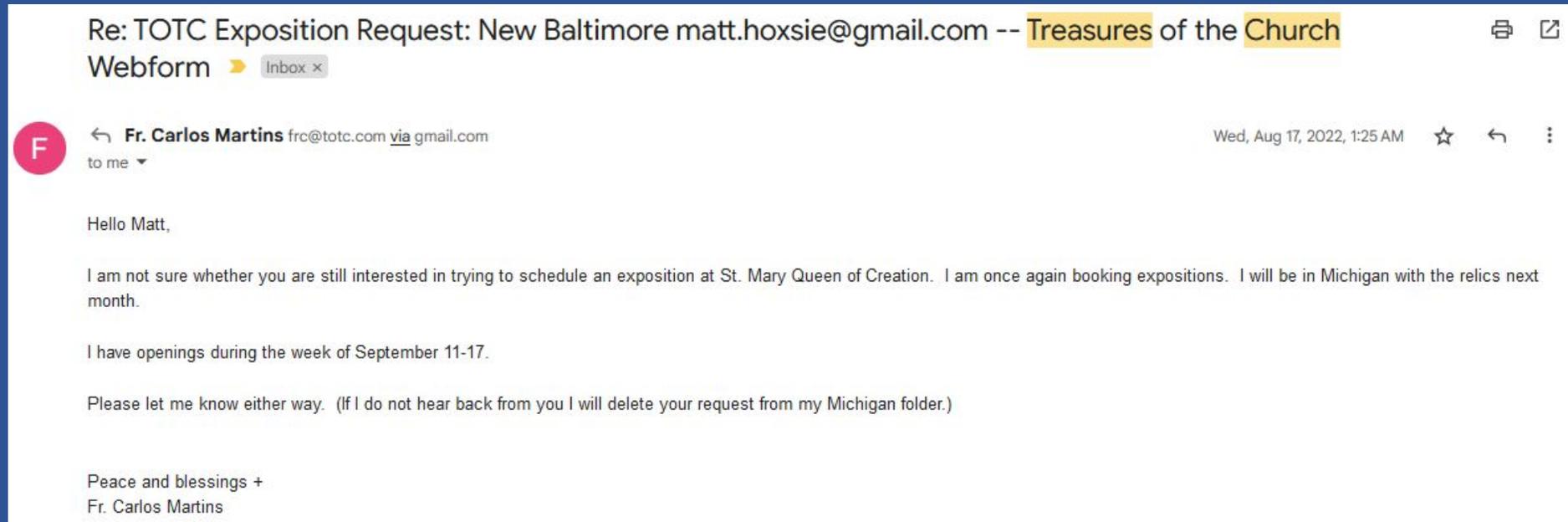
Treasures of the Church Ministry

- Fr. Carlos Martins

The entire event was planned and executed by these people with four weeks of planning.



TIMELINE - A MONTH TO PLAN!



Fr. Martins reached out to GK Matt Hoxsie on August 17th with a small window of opportunity to host the exposition. From that point, the clock started, and we had less than a month to put a plan into action.



TIMELINE - A MONTH TO PLAN!

GK Matt Hoxsie immediately reached out to Fr. Charles White to find dates.



Matt Hoxsie <matt.hoxsie@gmail.com>

to Father, pd5981, GK ▾

Wed, Aug 17, 2022, 7:29 AM



Father Charles,

Fr. Carlos Martins, curator of the **Treasures** of the **Church** Exhibit, has reached out to see whether we want to host the exhibit for a day during September 10-17th. (In 2019, you had asked me to reach out to Fr. Carlos to see if it would be possible for SMQOC to host the exhibit, but we've always had difficulty lining up our calendars with the exhibit's.)

More info on the exhibit can be found here: <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/>

I have very little details right now and it is somewhat short notice, but before I go forward and start having conversations with Fr. Carlos, I want to double check to see whether the Council and the Parish still want to host the exhibit. I may be able to squeeze a one night exhibition into the Council calendar, but we will need access to the Parish Center and possibly the **church** to host the relics and maybe offer a prayer service or liturgy.

Looking at the Council calendar, I am thinking Thursday, September 15th probably is the best day to try and pull something together.

Thoughts?

Thanks,

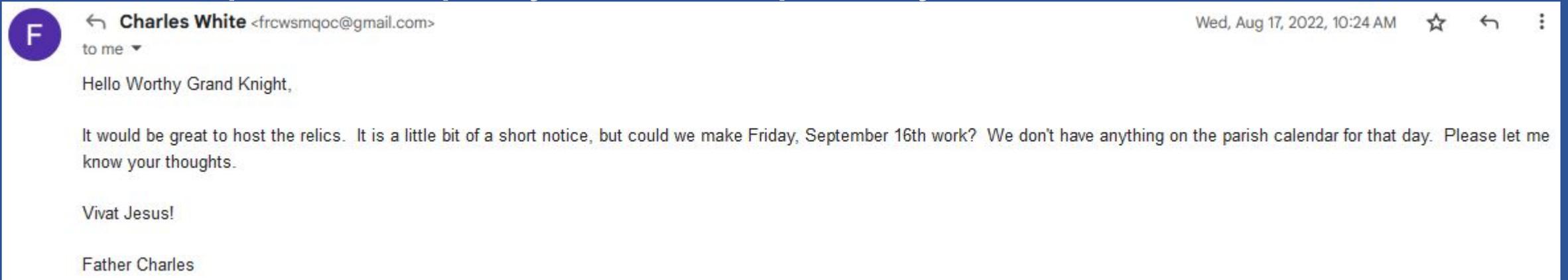
Vivat Jesus!

Matt

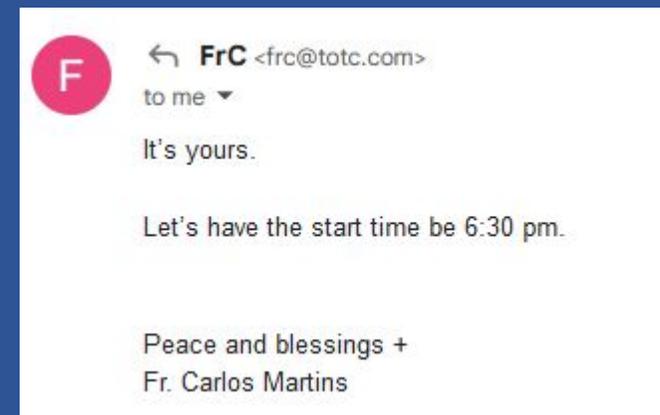


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Fr. White responds back quickly and a date is picked by the Pastor.



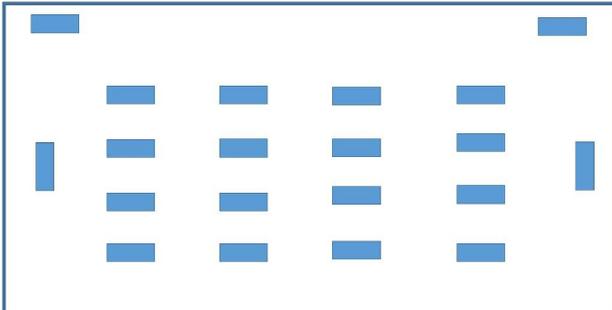
Fr. Martins agrees to the date, and the planning begins.



LOGISTICS

Treasures Table Set-Up within a Rectangular Hall

Note: If your hall is not rectangular, not to worry. Please just set the tables up as close as possible to the following and I will adjust upon my arrival.



Spacing, Material, and Equipment Requirements:

The following is a list of things the parish would need to provide on the date of the exposition.

1. The parish hall or school gym (i.e., the parish's largest facility) must be available as the location for the display of relics. This is the largest traveling relic exhibit in the world and requires significant space. In addition, the church must be available as the location for the talk and teaching. The purpose of spatially separating these two components is to allow as much free space in the hall for the veneration as possible (i.e., without space taken up by large numbers of chairs).
2. Two extension cords (set-up in the church).
3. A small table on which to put a digital projector and computer (set-up in the church).
4. 20 CLEAN tables; either 6 or 8 feet in length are fine; round tables will not work, unfortunately; tablecloths are provided by Treasures of the Church (set-up in the hall).
5. Two volunteers to help set up at the start of the day and takedown at the end of the day (please, NO MORE than two).

Council 5981 worked with the Parish Staff to ensure the Parish Hall and Sanctuary were set up to Fr. Martins's specifications, this included ensuring that the Sanctuary could host the audio/visual equipment that Father needed for the teaching.



MEDIA CAMPAIGN - SOCIAL MEDIA

Council 5981 used Religious, Secular, and Social Media to reach as many people as possible.

Blue Water Vicariate
Published by Matt Hoxsie · September 12 at 10:20 PM

COMING THIS FRIDAY, September 16th, at 6:30pm, the Anchor Bay Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Friday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary Queen of Creation parish in New Baltimore. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be present with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of St. Mary and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.

There will be no cost to attend the exposition, other than free will donations.

Here is the link to the website for the exposition: <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/> and a YouTube video with more info: <https://youtu.be/6htFBYxYmac>



FRI, SEP 16
Treasures of the Church - Sacred Relics Exposition
New Baltimore
11 Went · 43 Interested

53 9 Comments

Post Insights

September 12, 2022

Post Impressions	Post reach	Post Engagement
--	2,291	--

The Council took out multiple Facebook ads to promote the event. One ad reached 2,291 people!

The Council also shared information in well known Metro-Detroit based Catholic Facebook Groups to spread the word..

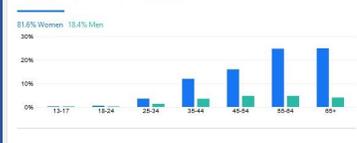


Audience

This ad reached 1,738 people in your audience.

People Placements Locations

11.6% Women 18.4% Men



Audience details

Location - Rising to
United States: New Baltimore (+25 mi) Michigan

Age
18 - 65+

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Payment method
Visa • 4749
We'll charge a backup if there's a problem with this payment method. Change

Amount spent
Total Amount \$25.00

Performance

\$25.00 spent over 3 days.

Event Responses	Reach	1,738
46	Cost per Event Response	\$0.54

Activity on Facebook Activity on your website

Post engagement	119
Post reactions	50
Link clicks	48
Event responses	46

See all

Ad rating

Are you satisfied with this ad?

No Yes

Details

Status: Completed

Goal: Increase awareness

Total budget: \$25.00

Duration: 3 days

See all

WRITE UP IN “THE VOICE” NEWSPAPER

LOCAL NEWS

Sacred relic exposition coming to New Baltimore church



A sacred relic exposition will be hosted at St. Mary Queen of Creation Church in New Baltimore Sept. 16. (Courtesy of treasuresofthechurch.com)

By **MEDIA NEWS GROUP** |
August 30, 2022 at 1:10 p.m.



The Anchor Bay Knights of Columbus will sponsor a teaching and exposition of sacred relics this fall.

The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at St. Mary Queen of Creation Catholic Church in New Baltimore. Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be at the church with a Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph; St. Maria Goretti; St. Therese of Lisieux, or the “Little Flower;” St. Francis of Assisi; St. Anthony of Padua; St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring their articles of devotion, such as rosaries and holy cards, and pictures of ill friends and family members to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

St. Mary Queen of Creation Church is located at 50931 Maria St. in New Baltimore.

For more information about the exposition, go to treasuresofthechurch.com.



MediaNews Group

MEDIA CAMPAIGN - MULTIPLE PARISH BULLETINS

Saint Mary Queen of Creation – New Baltimore, Michigan

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THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of manfully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE
THE UNVEILING OF LOVE

SCHEDULE:

6:00am Breakfast and fellowship
6:10am TMIY Presentation
6:30am Small Group discussion
7:10am Closing Prayer

TUESDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH CENTER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13

REGISTRATION:

Register online at <https://bit.ly/TMIYSMQoC>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM
EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

St. Mary Queen of Creation

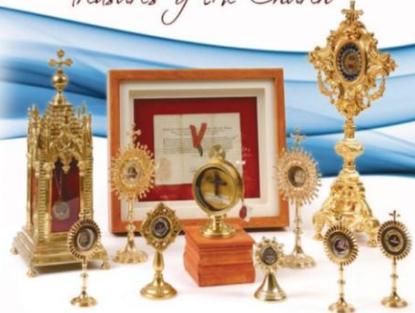
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presented by Father Carlos Martine of the Companions of the Cross

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information



St. Mary Queen of Creation (New Baltimore) Bulletin

Sacred Relics

Friday, September 16
6:30pm

St. Mary Queen of Creation
New Baltimore
Exposition of Sacred Relics
And teaching by
Father Carlos Martins
Over 150 relics will be present.

St. Mary's Catholic Church—The Current

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St. Mary (St. Clair) Bulletin

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

Friday, September 16 at 6:30pm

St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish Center

Over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of the 12 Apostles, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, and more, also a fragment of Our Lady's veil and pieces of the wood of the True Cross.

Blue Water Vicariate Bulletin

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM

RSVP/Questions



Knights of Columbus
FATHER CARLOS MARTINE OF THE COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS

June 2022 Knight of the Month
Chip Gerlach

June 2022 Family of the Month
The Rummel Family

July 2022 Knight of the Month
Chip Gerlach

July 2022 Families of the Month
The Rummel Family

Women's Welcome RETREAT

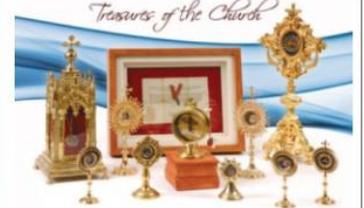
September 24 - 25
St. Christopher Parish

Discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it, because you deserve to live with passion and purpose.

RSVP/Questions

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

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Presented by Father Carlos Martin of the Companions of the Cross. Held in the church on:

Friday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary Queen of Creation Church
50931 Maria Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047
586-725-2441

St. Augustine (Richmond) Bulletin



FINANCIALS, SETUP AND CLEAN-UP

Cost:

There is no cost for hosting an exposition. This is to allow all parishes—even poor ones—the opportunity to host an exposition. There is also no collection taken at an exposition. The only financial commitments for which a parish would be obligated are 1) to allow free will baskets at the exposition for those who desire to make a donation; and, 2) to not have any simultaneous collections or fundraising occurring during an exposition.

Fr. Martins did not charge the Council to host the exposition, but the Council did provide a financial contribution to his ministry as well as cover any logistical or promotional expenses for the program. Through free-will donations, Fr. Martins was able to raise over \$1,200 for his ministry.

Brothers and Ladies assisted Fr. Martins with the Setup and Clean-Up from the event. We unloaded and reloaded his trailer, setup all of the tables and relics, and coordinated all of the flow of traffic from the participants moving from one area to another to make the lines to see certain relics orderly.



MEDIA CAMPAIGN - K OF C COMMUNICATIONS

Michigan Knights of Columbus

By: Gary Merritt

Exposition of Sacred Relics

- Wed, Aug 24, 2022 8:42 AM

Anchor Bay Council Knights of Columbus Council # 5981 will be sponsoring an Exposition of Sacred Relics at St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish on Friday, September 16th at 6:30pm. This exposition contains: one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in world, a portion of the Veil from our Blessed Mother, and a relic from our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney.



TREASURES OF THE CHURCH IS A MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A promotion from the Michigan State Council for the exposition..

 Michigan K of C GK 5981 <gk5981@mikofc.org>

Blessed McGivney's Relics Coming to New Baltimore on Friday!

GK 5981 <gk5981@mikofc.org> Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 7:42 AM
To: GK 10724 <gk10724@mikofc.org>, GK 856 <gk856@mikofc.org>, GK 2251 <gk2251@mikofc.org>, PD 10724 <pd10724@mikofc.org>, PD 2251 <pd2251@mikofc.org>, PD 856 <pd856@mikofc.org>
Cc: District Deputy 118 <dd118@mikofc.org>, PD 5981 <pd5981@mikofc.org>

Worthies,

Just a reminder that Anchor Bay Council is hosting a relics exposition at St. Mary Queen of Creation coming THIS FRIDAY, September 16th, at 6:30pm.

Featured in the exposition will be relics from Blessed Michael J. McGivney, wood from the Cross, and a portion of St. Mary's veil.

There is no cost to attend. The night will start with a lesson on sacred relics in the church at 6:30pm and from there, we will move over to the Parish Center to venerate the relics. You will be allowed to bring devotional items (prayer cards, rosaries, medals, and etc.) to touch to the relics.

Please let your Councils know about this once-in-a-lifetime event to see and venerate so many relics in a single location at a single time, including the relics from our founder.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

SK Matt Hoxsie
Grand Knight
Anchor Bay Council No. 5981
gk5981@mikofc.org

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Email to all of the GKs and PDs in District 118.

 Michigan K of C GK 5981 <gk5981@mikofc.org>

*****Exposition of Sacred Relics - September 16th - Hosted by Anchor Bay Council*****

Knights of Columbus Email <no-reply@kofc.org> Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 10:06 AM
Reply-To: JeffWooten@griffinternational.com

Good morning Worthy Brothers,

Here's a nice date night opportunity on Friday September 16th. Our Brothers at the Anchor Bay Council are hosting an Exposition of Sacred Relics event.

This looks amazing and you won't want to miss it.

Please see the attached flyer and put it on your calendars.

Being surrounded by all the Sacred Relics on Friday will likely improve your golf game on Sunday for our annual Golf Outing ...

Vivat Jesus!

SK Jeff Wooten, GK
Au Lac Council 10724

 Exposition of Relics.pdf
3477K

Email to all of the members of neighboring Council 10724 from Worthy GK, Jeff Wooten



MEDIA CAMPAIGN - FLYERS AND POSTERS

Flyers and posters were hung in our parish, neighboring parishes, and throughout the local community.



This picture was used in all of our Social Media promotion.

A poster for 'EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS Treasures of the Church'. The title is in a large serif font, with 'Treasures of the Church' in a cursive script below it. The image shows several ornate golden relics, including a large monstrance, a smaller one, and several circular medallions on stands. A framed document with a red border and a white background is also visible. The background is a blue and white wavy pattern.

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HELD IN THE CHURCH ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM
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St. Mary Queen of Creation Church
50931 Maria Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047
(586) 725-2441

An example of our Poster and Flyer template.



TESTIMONIES

Several participants were touched by the event and wrote us...

Dear Brother Knights of Council 5981,

Thank you for hosting the Treasures of the Church Sacred Relic Exposition here at Saint Mary Queen of Creation parish. There was a great turnout and people were truly moved and inspired by the opportunity to spend time with the relics of so many Saints.

Over the days since the exhibit was held here, many people have expressed to me how the relics and the presentation by Father Martin gave them a deeper appreciation for the Saints. Several people have told me how they were particularly edified by Saint Maria Goretti's story (shared by Father Martin during his talk).

Thank you, again, for hosting this event. It was greatly appreciated by those who attended.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Charles White
Chaplain
Knights of Columbus Council 5981

Pastor, St. Mary Queen of Creation: Fr. Charles White

Fr. Carlos' explanation of the relics as being in the presence of the saints offered a good perspective about how to approach the time we have among the relics. Knowing that one of the saints would be looking to form a friendship with us, he encouraged us to pray for the grace to locate that saint. During my time among the relics, it was certainly a very grace-filled experience. It was obvious that we were all there to grow closer in our relationship with God and the saints which made for an uplifting experience, "uplifting" in the sense of our desires being oriented toward Heaven. I am grateful for the Anchor Bay Knights of Columbus for hosting Fr. Carlos and the Treasures of the Church. Truly a gift.

God bless.

Fr. Phil

Pastor, St. Augustine (Richmond),: Fr. Phil Ching

From: **Megan Leyva Kelley** <mmleyva57@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 8:40 PM

Subject: Re: Sacred Relic Exposition - Reflections on the Program

To: David Kelley <davidekelley@gmail.com>

I truly enjoyed the Treasures of the Church presentation. Father Martins presentation was very captivating. Learning about the different types of relics was interesting. I enjoyed his delivery of the story of St. Maria Goretti, which really had the attention of those in attendance and was a true example of our call to forgive others. Also, to be in the presence of relics such as the True Cross of Jesus and Our Blessed Mother's veil was remarkable and brought about a sense of peace. I have already recommended attending to family members in hopes that that might be able to attend a future presentation. Thank you for bringing this to your church!

Lady Megan Leyva Kelly, wife of DD 103, David Kelley



TESTIMONIES

Several participants were touched by the event and wrote us...

Holy Relics Exhibit

1 message

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Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 4:46 PM

Vivat Jesus WGK SK Matthew,

The Holy Relics exhibit that your wonderful Council 5981 hosted was nothing short of fantastic, inspirational, faith-strengthening, and amazing!

My wife Colleen and I were at some times overwhelmed with the Holy Spirit as we touched, read, observed, and prayed over these incredible artifacts of our Holy Catholic Church.

There is no doubt that our faith was strengthened, just being in the midst of all the Holiness in that room made spiritual memories for us that we will never forget.

I only wish every Catholic Church and Knights Council would embrace this exhibit as you did, to show the believers, the semi-believers, and the non-believers that they **CAN believe** and will not be disappointed by the promises of Christ.

Thank you again for the effort and organization it took to fulfill this event, and of course for all you do for the Knights and your Council Matthew, you are more of a role model than you even realize, and you are very much appreciated Sir.

In Christ,

SK Jeff Wooten, Grand Knight

Au Lac Council 10724

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Sat, Sep 17, 2022 at 8:42 PM

Reflections on Treasures of the Church Exposition

I had the awesome privilege of attending the Treasures of the Church Exposition at St. Mary Queen of Creation Church in New Baltimore, MI on September 16, 2022. A special thank you to the Anchor Bay Council 5981 for sponsoring this event. A large number of people were present and it was evident that many people, including myself, were moved by the presentation and the opportunity to see and touch the sacred relics. Thank you again to our brother Knights for providing this wonderful experience!

Mark Kehoe PGK/FDD (Iowa)
Recorder & Program Director

Mark Kehoe, Program Director, Au Lac Council 10724



THE PARISH HALL AND SANCTUARY WERE CROWDED!



LINES OUT THE DOOR AND AROUND THE WALLS!



CHILDREN GOT TO EXPERIENCE THE SAINTS!



RELICS FROM THE CROSS AND CROWN OF THORNS!

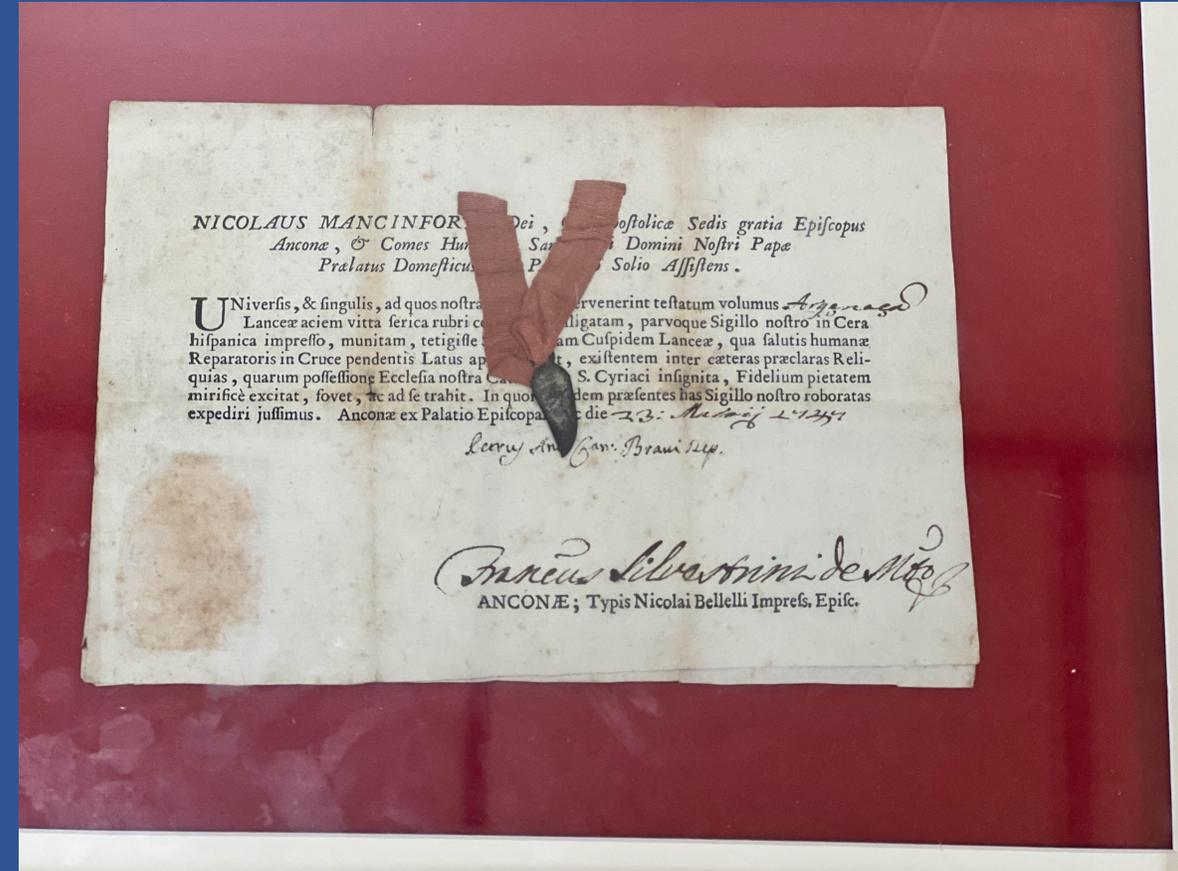


Fragment of a Thorn from the Crown of Thorns

"The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head." John 19:2



Contained in this reliquary is what is believed to be a fragment of the Crown of Thorns which pierced the head of Our Lord. Writers of the first six centuries A.D. speak of a relic of the Crown of Thorns known to be still in existence and venerated by the faithful in Jerusalem and then Mount Zion. After being transferred to Byzantium, the seat of the Roman Empire, where it remained some 500 years, the Crown was transferred in 1238 by Baldwin II, the Latin Emperor of Constantinople, to St. Louis, King of France. St. Louis built the Sainte-Chapelle, a large and beautiful church in Paris to receive and house it (completed 1248). Though relics have been removed from it over the centuries, the major remnants of the Crown are still at the Sainte-Chapelle.



RELIC FROM THE CRIB OF OUR LORD!



Crib of Our Lord

Ex praeseptio (piece of the manger)

Profile:

As the Scriptures attest, Our Lord was laid to rest in a manger in the town of Bethlehem (Luke 2:7). A manger is a place in the stable where the food for domestic animals is put.

Contained in this reliquary are pieces of wood from what is believed to be the actual manger in which the Child Jesus rested.

At the present time the bulk of the remains of the manger are preserved in the Archbasilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. They consist of five pieces of board which, as a result of the investigation conducted by Father Lais, sub-director of the Vatican Observatory, during the restorations of 1893 were found to be taken from a sycamore tree of which there are several varieties in the Holy Land.

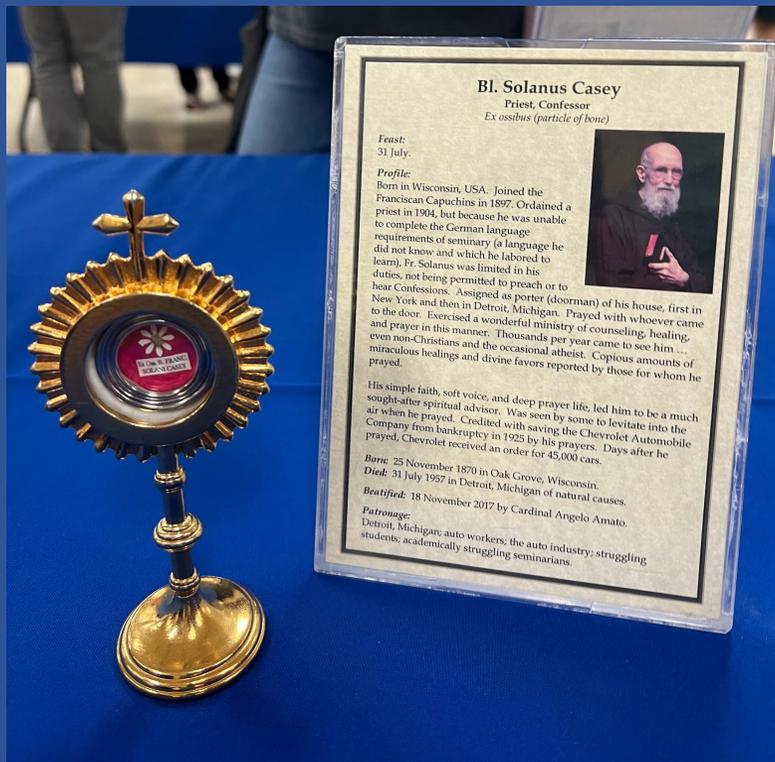
A manger ... a poor bed for so great a king!



RELICS FROM ST. MARY AND ST. JOSEPH!



RELICS FROM BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY!



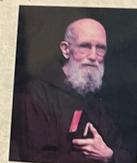
Bl. Solanus Casey

Priest, Confessor
Ex ossibus (particle of bone)

Feast:
31 July.

Profile

Born in Wisconsin, USA. Joined the Franciscan Capuchins in 1897. Ordained a priest in 1904, but because he was unable to complete the German language requirements of seminary (a language he did not know and which he labored to learn), Fr. Solanus was limited in his duties, not being permitted to preach or to hear Confessions. Assigned as porter (doorman) of his house, first in New York and then in Detroit, Michigan. Prayed with whoever came and prayer in this manner. Thousands per year came to see him... even non-Christians and the occasional atheist. Copious amounts of miraculous healings and divine favors reported by those for whom he prayed.



His simple faith, soft voice, and deep prayer life, led him to be a much sought-after spiritual advisor. Was seen by some to levitate into the air when he prayed. Credited with saving the Chevrolet Automobile Company from bankruptcy in 1925 by his prayers. Days after he prayed, Chevrolet received an order for 45,000 cars.

Born: 25 November 1870 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin.

Died: 31 July 1957 in Detroit, Michigan of natural causes.

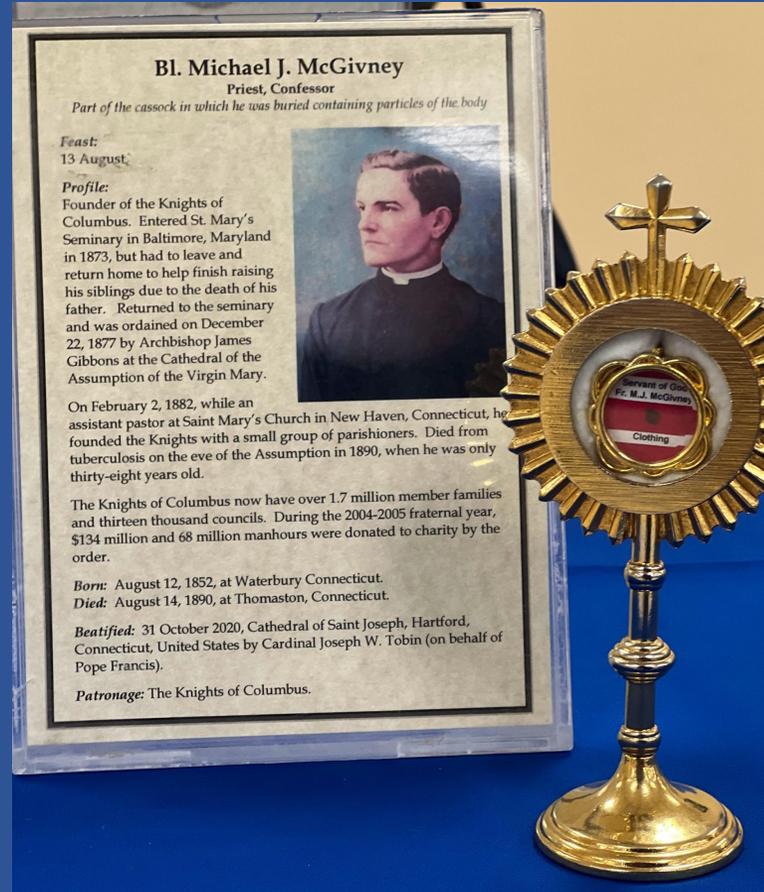
Beatified: 18 November 2017 by Cardinal Angelo Amato.

Patronage

Detroit, Michigan; auto workers; the auto industry; struggling students; academically struggling seminarians.



A RELIC FROM BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY WAS THERE!



Bl. Michael J. McGivney

Priest, Confessor

Part of the cassock in which he was buried containing particles of the body

Feast:
13 August

Profile:
Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland in 1873, but had to leave and return home to help finish raising his siblings due to the death of his father. Returned to the seminary and was ordained on December 22, 1877 by Archbishop James Gibbons at the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.



On February 2, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, he founded the Knights with a small group of parishioners. Died from tuberculosis on the eve of the Assumption in 1890, when he was only thirty-eight years old.

The Knights of Columbus now have over 1.7 million member families and thirteen thousand councils. During the 2004-2005 fraternal year, \$134 million and 68 million manhours were donated to charity by the order.

Born: August 12, 1852, at Waterbury Connecticut.
Died: August 14, 1890, at Thomaston, Connecticut.

Beatified: 31 October 2020, Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, Connecticut, United States by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin (on behalf of Pope Francis).

Patronage: The Knights of Columbus.



RELICS OF SAINTS WHO WERE ON DISPLAY

1. Agnes of Rome
2. Alphonsis Liguori
3. Andre Bessette of Montreal
4. Andrew (12Ap)
5. Angela Foligno
6. Anna Maria Taigi (Bl.)
7. Anne, Mother of Mary
8. Anthony Padua
9. Anthony the Abbott
10. Apollonia
11. Athanasius
12. Augustine
13. Benedict
14. Barthomomew (12Ap)
15. Bartolo Longo (Bl.)
16. Bernadette of Lourdes
17. Bernard of Clairvaux
18. Blaise
19. Carlo Acutis (Bl.)
20. Catherine Laboure
21. Catherine of Siena
22. Cecilia
23. Charbel Makhlof
24. Charles Borromeo
25. Charles Garnier
26. Charles Lwanga
27. Christina the Astonishing (Bl.)
28. Clare of Assisi
29. Contardo Ferrini (Bl.)
30. Cosmas
31. Crib of Our Lord
32. Damian
33. Damian of Molokai
34. Dismas
35. Dominic
36. Dominic Savio
37. Dymphna
38. Edith Stein
39. Elizabeth Ann Seton
40. Faustina Kowalska
41. Frances Xavier Cabrini
42. Francis de Sales
43. Francis of Assisi
44. Francis Xavier
45. Francis Xavier Seelos (Bl.)
46. Gabriel Lalement
47. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother
48. Gemma Galgani
49. Gerard Majella
50. Gertrude the Great
51. Gianna Molla
52. Helen (Mother of Constantine)
53. Holy Crown of Thorns
54. Holy Lance
55. Ignatius Loyola
56. Ignatius of Antioch
57. Irenaeus
58. James Kern
59. James the Great (12Ap)
60. James the Less (12Ap)
61. Jane Frances de Chantal
62. Januarius
63. Jean Brebeuf
64. Jean de Lalande
65. Jean-Theopane Venard
66. Jerome
67. Joan of Arc
68. John (12Ap)
69. John Berchmans
70. John Bosco
71. John Neumann
72. John of the Cross
73. John Paul II
74. John the Baptist
75. John Vianney
76. John XXIII
77. Josaphata Hordashevskia (Bl.)
78. Josemaria Escriva
79. Joseph Cupertino
80. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary
81. Josaphat
82. Josephine Bakita
83. Jude (12Ap)
84. Junipero Serra
85. Justin Martyr
86. Kateri Tekakwitha
87. Lawrence
88. Lawrence of Brindisi
89. Leo the Great



RELICS OF SAINTS WHO WERE ON DISPLAY

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| 90. | Longinus | 112. | Maximilian Kolbe | 133. | Polycarp |
| 91. | Louis de Montfort | 113. | Michael the Archangel (<i>rock from apparition site</i>) | 134. | Rene Goupil |
| 92. | Louis Martin | 114. | Michael J. McGivney (Bl.) | 135. | Rose of Limia |
| 93. | Lucy | 115. | Miriam Teresa Demjanovich (Bl.) | 136. | Rita of Cascia |
| 94. | Luke the Evangelist | 116. | Monica | 137. | Sebastian |
| 95. | Malachy | 117. | Nicholas of Myra (i.e. Santa Claus) | 138. | Simon (12Ap) |
| 96. | Margaret Mary Alacoque | 118. | Oliver Plunket | 139. | Solanus Casey (Bl.) |
| 97. | Margaret of Castello | 119. | Padre Pio | 140. | Stanislaus Papczynski |
| 98. | Margaret of Cortona | 120. | Patrick | 141. | Stephen, King of Hungary |
| 99. | Marguerite Bourgeoys | 121. | Paul, Apostle | 142. | Tarskia Matskiv (Bl.) |
| 100. | Maria Goretti | 122. | Paul Miki | 143. | Teresa of Avila |
| 101. | Mark the Evangelist | 123. | Paul of the Cross | 144. | Teresa of the Andes |
| 102. | Martha | 124. | Peregrine | 145. | Teresa of Calcutta |
| 103. | Martin de Porres | 125. | Peter (12Ap) | 146. | Therese of Lisieux |
| 104. | Martyrs of Gorkum | 126. | Peter Chrysologus | 147. | Thomas Beckett |
| 105. | Mary Magdalene | 127. | Peter Damian | 148. | Thomas Aquinas |
| 106. | Mary of Jesus Crucified | 128. | Phillip (12Ap) | 149. | Thomas More |
| 107. | Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd | 129. | Philomena | 150. | Thomas (12Ap) |
| 108. | Mary, Mother of God | 130. | Pier Giorgio Frassati (Bl.) | 151. | True Cross, Fragment |
| 109. | Matthew (12Ap) | 131. | Pius V | 152. | Unknown Bishop and Martyr |
| 110. | Matthias (12Ap) | 132. | Pius X | 153. | Vincent de Paul |
| 111. | Maurice the Legionary | | | 154. | Zelie Guerin |

The 11 Martyrs of Novogrudok:

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| 155. | Maria Stella (Bl.) |
| 156. | Anna Kukulowicz (Bl.) |
| 157. | Eleanor Juzwik (Bl.) |
| 158. | Eugenia Mackiewicz (Bl.) |
| 159. | Helena Cierpka (Bl.) |
| 160. | Jadwiga Zak (Bl.) |
| 161. | Jozefa Chrobot (Bl.) |
| 162. | Julia Rapiag (Bl.) |
| 163. | Leokadia Matustzewska (Bl.) |
| 164. | Paulina Borowik (Bl.) |
| 165. | Veronika Narmuntowicz (Bl.) |



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

