

ST. BRENDAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

ATTENDEES: Fr. Mark, Fr. John Paul, Kimberly Antolini, Stephen Bonawitz, Madeline Dubas, Ada Flores, Ginny Grant, Cynthia Graves, Ronald Hickson, Matt Kelly, Celeste Korpon, Tom Kuncewitch, Bob McGahran, Pat McLaughlin, Charles McShane, Vincent Russo.

EXCUSED ABSENT: Fr. Anit, Lucille Nazzario, Sandra Nelson

GUESTS: Bob Houser, Jeanne Miller, Bernadette Hearne

- 1, Fr. Mark opened the meeting at 9:33 am with a prayer.
2. Ginny Grant welcomed the new members of the Council...Fr. John Paul and Cynthia Graves (Columbiettes).
3. Minutes of the June 6, 2024, meeting were approved with one correction previously made,
- 4.. **FINANCE:** In the absence of Lucille Nazzario, Fr. Mark reported trend is up; funds added to savings; \$125,000 was paid against the mortgage principal.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Former rectory now listed and is being shown. Proceeds from sale will be applied to existing loan.
- At Fr. Marks request, Bernadette Hearne gave a brief overview of the QR code and bit.ly links. Because the Council had not had sufficient time to review the information in her written report, further discussion was tabled until the October meeting to allow time to review the report. (Copy Attached.)
- Charlie McShane advised that two new sessions were planned with Cape Fear Life Care. Tentative dates are November 21 or 22 for Advance Directives, Living Wills and with Normal Aging vs. Not Normal Aging on October 24 at 9:45 am. Thirty four people signed up for the Advanced Care Planning program (signed up from QR code) which was held in June. Programs will again be advertised in the bulletin with sign up both online and at the Stewardship Desk.
- Charlie McShane asked the Council to review the Annual Summary posted on the website and alert him to any ministries or events that had been missed. Asked for assistance with compilation and obtaining data for this year's summary.
- Work on upgrading tools will now proceed by taking into account Bernadette's information on QR codes and bit.ly.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- Fr. John Paul's birthday is October 23. A reception honoring his birthday was recommended for the weekend of October 19 and 20. Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will provide light refreshments after all Masses. His birthday cake will feature the colors of the Uganda flag ie.red, black and yellow.
- Ada Flores shared that that is also the weekend of the St. John XXIII's retreats for men and women. Fr. Anit will again celebrate Mass with the attendees.
- Pastoral Council elections will be held on the weekend of December 7 and 8. Bulletin announcement and applications will begin on the weekend of November 9/10. The Election Committee will meet following the Council meeting. Kim Antolini will provide the QR code.
- It was requested that we reconsider the name tags issued to Council members during the "no spend period". Members are embarrassed to wear them. Matt Kelly will research the possibility of obtaining new ones.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ST. MICHAEL MINISTRY**—See Attached Reports. Ron Hickson and Jeanne Miller are Co- Coordinators and may alternate making reports. Meets twice monthly. Safety and Welfare—protection for all at all times. Protect the sanctity of the Mass.
- **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**—See Attached Reports. Entire church campus will be closed from September 16- 20 for cleaning. One A/C unit is down—conducting repair or replace study.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—See Attached Reports. 40 football books left to be sold this weekend.

- **COLUMBIETTES**—See Attached Report.
- **LITURGY**—No. Report.
- **FAITH FORMATION**--See Attached Report

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS. MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE MC GIVNEY CENTER.

FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday, November 6

Thursday, December 5

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am with a closing prayer. Fr. Mark also offered a prayer for the martyrs of Uganda.

REPORT TO ST. BRENDAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Topics:

1. **QR Codes and bit.ly links**
2. **Online giving options**
3. **Communications Initiative: Stewardship storytelling**

1. QR Codes and bit.ly links

QR (quick-response) codes and bit.ly links are quick, easy ways to navigate to the church’s most popular communication vehicles. Our starting point was a question: Could we use these tools to help parishioners and visitors access our communications more effectively?

Fr. Mark provided this example of a QR Code pew placard (could also make a handy refrigerator magnet):



Another form of quick-connect link is known as a **bit.ly** code. Bit.ly codes are basically shortened website links that you can customize to read as you wish. The vendor Bit.ly allows you to create both QR codes and bit.ly links in a single account, with a single action (twice the result for half the work). Our communications could feature both options, giving parishioners and visitors a choice of how to access our resources.

Here are some temporary sample QR and bit.ly codes for the St. Brendan website and newsletter, created with a free bit.ly account (creates the links, but provides no usage data).

Website:



This code has an optional “scan me” call-to-action label and arrow. Many people find it difficult to resist the instruction, so a call-to-action can generate more visits.

The matching bit.ly code is: bit.ly/StBWebsite You want something personalized (St B), specific (Website) and easy to remember/type into your browser accurately. Online, bit.ly codes also can be used as hotlinks: just click and go!

Newsletter:



This QR code has no call-to-action label. It just assumes that people know what to do with it. Here, the matching bit.ly code is: bit.ly/StBNewsletter

We can create QR codes/bit.ly links for any online information we wish to highlight; in addition to the two shown, we could direct people to the weekly bulletin, online streaming of mass, a page created just to promote a specific event: for example, the annual May 5 festival, the various Knights of Columbus charities, Loaves and Fishes, etc., etc. And, if we adopt an online giving tool, we could use QR codes and bit.ly links to drive visitors to the site, increasing our donations.

Depending on the plan we choose, QR codes can be customized by color or by adding a logo (like St. Brendan’s ship) in the center of the code.

Costs:

All of the bit.ly accounts are very reasonable priced, varying based on the services and data levels selected:

Pay annually Pay monthly

Save up to 34% with our annual plans

Free	Core	Growth Recommended	Premium
\$0 /month	\$8 /month (annual charge of \$96)	\$29 /month (annual charge of \$348)	\$199 /month (annual charge of \$2,388)
Get Started →	Get Started →	Get Started →	Get Started →
<p>Try it out for free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 QR Codes/month ✓ 10 links/month ✓ 1 custom landing page ✓ 5 custom back-halves ✓ Unlimited clicks & QR Code scans ✓ QR Code customizations 	<p>Unlock powerful data Everything in Free, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 QR Codes/month ✓ 100 links/month ✓ 3 custom landing pages ✓ 30 days of click & scan data ✓ UTM Builder ✓ Advanced QR Code customizations ✓ Link & QR Code redirects 	<p>Create memorable brand experiences Everything in Core, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 QR Codes/month ✓ 500 links/month ✓ 5 custom landing pages ✓ Complimentary custom domain* ✓ Branded links ✓ 4 months of click & scan data ✓ Bulk link shortening 	<p>Scale your connections Everything in Growth, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 200 QR Codes/month ✓ 3,000 links/month ✓ 10 custom landing pages ✓ 1 year of click & scan data ✓ Custom campaign-level tracking ✓ City-level and device type click & scan data ✓ Mobile deep linking

Additional information:

Stefani Ashkinazy, Stewardship & Engagement Coordinator for the Raleigh diocese, (919.364.8670) has offered to help with QR codes, etc. We would need to talk more with Stefani to understand more about what she can provide free, as a service of the diocese, versus what she would do through her private marketing sideline. They're so quick and easy to create, however, that we could handle this task in-house/volunteer.

2. Online Giving

A strong use for QR Codes/bit.ly links is to direct parishioners and visitors to a parish's online giving site. Because St. Brendan's doesn't have an online giving option, Fr. Mark asked to investigate options.

Our own Rusty Joy suggests a very cost-effective solution **for parishioners: encourage them to schedule their weekly donations through their banks' online banking systems**. This costs the parishioners and the church nothing, simplifies the giving process, and ensures that the church receives parishioners' donations even when they are unable to attend mass. This simple, common-sense approach, however, needs the boost of a communication campaign to raise awareness and encourage participation. Creating articles and notices in the bulletin and weekly newsletter could achieve this. (More on that in Section 3.)

This tactic, while likely to be effective with parishioners, is unlikely to encourage giving by visitors, however. Online giving is the best way to reach these potential givers. It also doesn't accommodate giving to the many "second collection" items that occur throughout the year.

Online giving platforms do carry a cost, usually a small percentage of each donation (2% to 3%). The organizations I spoke with, including the Raleigh diocese, all agreed that it is important to give contributors options for how to give, and that online giving platforms usually generate contributions that far outweigh the costs. In fact, **churches with online giving options generally see a 25+% increase in giving, beyond the cost of the utilities' fees**. In fact, a 2023 study by vendor Vanco found that **churchgoers are nearly three times more likely to give via recurring electronic donations than they were in 2015, and 81% of e-givers choose to also pay the processing fee**.

Dozens of companies offer online giving applications for churches and charitable organizations. The three investigated here, which are widely used by churches in our area and in the Raleigh diocese, are:

- a. **eCatholic.** Strong emphasis on building a church’s website in conjunction with online giving functionality. Has the highest fees of the three sites investigated, and no special “extra” functionality to justify the added cost. However, eCatholic does donate a portion of its revenues to seminary education and priest retirement, which no other vendor does. Fees are 1.0% + 35 cents/transaction for bank transfers and 3.1% + 35 cents for credit/debit card donations. If we want/need website help, more research into eCatholic may be warranted: <https://ecatholic.com/online-giving>
- b. **Blackbaud.** This utility is recommended by the Raleigh diocese because it integrates well with the accounting system that all churches in the diocese are migrating to. Stefani Ashkinazi, Stewardship and Engagement coordinator for the diocese, says that there is currently no plan to dictate to churches in the diocese which online giving system to use. However, she anticipates that in 3-5 years, the diocese will ask churches to migrate to a single system chosen by the diocese. This is likely to be Blackbaud.

Stefani strongly encourages all churches in the diocese to offer online giving. Donors want choices in how and when to give, and online giving (by computer or mobile) is an important part of this mix. If you aren’t offering online giving, she says, “you’re leaving money on the table.” All churches in the diocese who offer online giving, she said, receive additional donations beyond the cost of the fees.

To encourage adoption of Blackbaud for online giving, **THE DIOCESE WILL PAY ALL FEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR.** The diocese also manages the site for you, but you can log in and download giving reports as needed. This option would allow St. Brendan’s to experiment with online giving at no cost, to learn how effective it is for our parish.

After the first year, each church pays its own fees, which are 2.6% of all donations. However, consistent with the Vanco study findings, Stefani said that most repeat donors (parishioners) click the option to pay the fee, so that the church gets the full benefit of their donation. Many one-time or occasional donors (visitors, primarily) also choose to pay the fee.

Blackbaud’s online giving website reports that, on average, churches that use it experience a 35% increase in donors; 48% more donations; and a **44% increase in money raised**.

All givers receive a “thank you” email from this system, which documents the donation and serves as a receipt for tax purposes. Stefani is investigating whether the “thank you” message can be customized to include a bit of information about the church’s outreach activities, such as Loaves and Fishes, supported by donations to the church, to make givers feel good about their donation.

Here is the site of St. Peter the Fisherman, a Raleigh-diocese parish in Oriental that uses Blackbaud: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/donate-online-st-peter-fisherman-oriental>

- c. **Vanco.** This online giving vendor has been in business for 20 years and is used by several churches in the Raleigh diocese, by Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in North Myrtle Beach, and by 25,000 churches nationwide. As a former OLSS parishioner, I found it easy to use because I could set up my donations – including second collection offers – in one session and then forget about it. Vanco also includes a wide variety of “extras” in the base offering, plus optional add-ons (at an additional price).

For a church the size of St. Brendan’s, Vanco recommends its THRIVE pricing plan. Thrive pricing has three components:

- i. \$49/month fee
- ii. 2.65% + 39 cents/donation on debit/credit card donations
- iii. 0.9% + 39 cents/donation on ACH (bank account debit) donations

As with other plans, most givers opt to add the cost of the fee to their donation. Vanco estimates that this is true of 81% of givers on its platform.

“Extras” included in the Vanco plan, beyond what other vendors offer, include:

- a. Giving by text
- b. Giving by program; instead of donating to the church’s general fund, givers can choose to support the church’s/dioceses’ specific ministries/fundraising campaigns, chosen from a drop-down list. (Parishioners can also set up their giving for these

- second-collection items at the beginning of each year.) Clicking on a ministry name also brings up a brief description of that ministry’s purpose and accomplishments.
- c. **Online payment for events.** For example, people could have signed up and paid for the recent chicken parmesan dinner online. Their receipt would have served as their ticket to claim their meals.
 - d. **Ability to accept digital payments at events** such as the annual festival. Plugging a “Square” device into a cellphone equipped with the app would allow the church to accept digital payments for baked goods, crafts, etc. (Square devices must be purchased separately.) This functionality also could be used when selling Monday Night Football books, 50/50 raffle entries, etc.
 - e. **Extensive training** and ongoing, US-based support at no charge.
 - f. **Storytelling support.** The site incorporates space for telling the stories of your ministries. These “up close and personal” stories are especially important for millennial, Gen Z and Gen Y givers, who want to know that their donations are doing good. A 2023 Vanco survey found that the preference for “cause-specific” giving has nearly doubled among those age 45-54 in the past two years, and that 50% of those 35-44 strongly prefer directed giving. (This is another place where Communications can support the church’s programs.)

Sample Vanco site: <https://www.vancovalleychurch.com/>

Real Vanco site at Our Lady Star of the Sea in North Myrtle Beach: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5DY/home>

The staff members at OLSS who work with the Vanco system say that they like it, find it easy to use, and that it has significantly increased donations (though they didn’t have access to statistics on how much). They also said that it does a good job of accommodating the church’s frequent special collections. Vanco has been in use at OLSS for approximately 8 years.

Additional resources provided by Vanco:

[Vanco Online Short Video Demo](#)

[Vanco Mobile Short Video](#)

https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/asset-every-giving-letter-your-church-needs?utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website-ctas&utm_campaign=Faith-Website-CTAS&utm_content=Every+Giving+Letter+Your+Church+Needs?utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website-ctas&utm_campaign=Faith-Website-CTAS&utm_content=Every+Giving+Letter+Your+Church+Needs

Vanco also offers add-on services, such as Vanco Live, a live-stream product that also integrates online giving:

<https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/blog/live-streaming-for-churches>

3. **Communications Initiative: Stewardship Storytelling**

- a. St. Brendan’s has many wonderful ministries and charitable programs but, as a relatively new parishioner, I don’t feel that I hear very much about them. Proposal: similar to Fr. Mark’s “get to know them” features in the bulletin, we should research/write profiles of our various ministries and how they help people. These little stories would create support, drive volunteer involvement, and encourage giving in support of their missions. I’d be happy to research/write these on a volunteer basis.
- b. While we investigate online giving, and in support Rusty’s idea of encouraging giving via parishioners’ online banking accounts, we need communications to alert our members to this option. A short article in the bulletin and newsletter, plus a brief standing reminder in each weekly edition of these publications, could be enough to start the ball rolling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Saint Michael Ministry September, 2024

The Saint Michael Ministry began recruiting ministers in August of 2023. We currently have a total of 55 ministers. 37 Security Ministers and 18 Medical Ministers.

We went “live” during the November 2023 5PM, 8AM and 11:00 AM Masses and have been serving ever since.

In the last six months our Medical Ministers oversaw the research and purchase of three additional AEDs. Matt Kelly, Facilities Coordinator ensured they were installed in each of our buildings. These AEDs are now being inspected on a regular basis to ensure that scheduled, preventative maintenance occurs. This is an extremely important safety issue.

Since January 2024, we have responded to 18 incidents. The majority of these incidents are medical in nature: Mass attendees feeling ill or faint, most often due to failure to take their medicine, failure to have something to eat, etc. Our Medical Ministers begin emergency first aid, but will call for EMS when warranted.

The SMM is currently researching expanding the video surveillance camera for both inside and on the campus parking lots. This type of equipment has a synergistic effect on the efforts of all our ministers to enhance and expand security on the St. Brendan campus.

We will be recruiting for additional ministers before and after Masses on the weekends of September 14 and 15; and September 21 and 22. We currently have two recruitment goals: recruit ministers to serve at the Sunday, 9:30AM Mass and increase our total to 75 Ministers. If you know anyone who might be interested in serving our faith community in this way, please encourage them to reach out! An information sheet regarding the Saint Michael Ministry is attached.

Saint Michael Ministry Recruiting

The Saint Michael Ministry is a cohesive team of parishioners with various skills and expertise who work together to provide basic medical/first aid, safety and security for our parish family.

Our motto: *Protegas Me Ovium*, roughly translate into “Protect My Sheep”

Whether it is responding to an emergency medical condition, call 9-1-1, getting a wheelchair, helping the mobility impaired, acting as “eyes and ears” to identify suspicious activity or identifying situations that create an issue of harm or threat, we are looking for volunteers.

Our Mission.

The Saint Michael Ministry focuses its skills and capabilities to:

1. Identify and assess potential risks and threats.
2. Take preventative action to mitigate and/or avoid risks and threats.
3. Train and practice for a wide variety of emergency situations and scenarios to develop individual and team skills and capabilities.
4. Respond to active threats by focusing on safety and protection of the Parish Community (e.g., evacuation, shelter in place, defend, emergency first aid).
5. In the event of a hostile threat situation, provide the initial command and control capabilities until Emergency First Responders arrive and assume control.
6. Engage and coordinate with Emergency First Responders to achieve effective transfer of command.

Guiding Principles:

1. Priority #1: The safety and welfare of the Parish Community.
2. Preserve and protect the sanctity of the Mass.
3. Eyes and Ears: “See Something, Say Something” with a bias to engage Emergency First Responders ASAP. (i.e., call 9-1-1)

4. Responding to issues, emergencies, threats includes:
 - a. Prevention
 - b. De-escalation
 - c. Medical response (when and where required)
 - d. Safety & protection (evacuation, shelter in place) and defense (where practical and as needed).
5. Plan and prepare for these types of challenges.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Facilities Management Report August 2024

HVAC: One of the two large HVAC units that serve the church sanctuary space is down. Conducting repair versus replacement analysis. The remaining unit is carrying the cooling load.

Janitorial: Carpet and tile floor cleaning pricing has been finalized and work is scheduled to take place between 9/23/24 – 9/27/24.

Kitchen: The new griddle has been installed.

Plumbing: Nothing significant to report.

Parish

Inventory: Some additional data entry work is pending.

Rectories: New Rectory – One minor punch list item remains open.

Old Rectory – The property has been placed on the MLS. There has been some traffic through the property by potential buyers. We lost a week of activity due to the recent hurricane.

Roads &

Grounds: Turf areas that were disturbed as a result of irrigation repairs need to be regraded and seeded.

Roof: A small leak behind the altar was identified after the hurricane. Awaiting a repair estimate from our contractor.

Misc.: The ceiling on the right side of the church had some visible mildew growth after the hurricane. This was caused by a “chimney effect” with moist warm air rising to the ceiling. One of our parishioner owned companies (A+ Pro Services) will treat this area and remove the stains. Touch-up painting will be scheduled at a later date.

Facilities Look Ahead

- Deep cleaning of the church and parish hall in September.

Facilities Management Report June/July 2024

HVAC: Repaired HVAC units that serve the ladies room in the gathering space and the vestry.

Janitorial: Finalizing costs to deep clean carpets and tile in the parish hall, church and Michael J. McGivney Pastoral Center. Work will take place between 9/23/24 – 9/28/24.

Kitchen: Preventive maintenance on all equipment was completed. Our griddle (which has exceeded it’s useful life) is in need of replacement. The new griddle is scheduled for installation by 8/2/24.

Plumbing: The main irrigation line that serves the McGivney building was damaged and subsequently repaired. The affected area by the main entrance sign still needs to be regraded and seeded.

Parish

Inventory: Data from the final two ministries has been received and needs to be entered into the master inventory.

Rectories: New Rectory - Two minor punch list items remain to be completed.

Old Rectory – The deal with a potential buyer was unable to be fully executed in accordance with the terms of the offer. Several repairs were made to the property to increase its marketability (replaced rotted wood, interior/exterior painting, roof repairs, landscape enhancements, HVAC repair, and a white glove cleaning). The property is scheduled to be placed on the MLS on 7/30/24.

Roads &

Grounds: Several irrigation leaks were repaired which impacted a portion of the parking lot and turf areas. Additionally, the portion of the irrigation system that serves the rear of the church and has not been operational since 2022, has been repaired and is now fully operational.

Roof: Nothing to report.

Misc.: By completing curb and gutter pressure washing, irrigation repairs, door closer repairs, and several repairs to the old rectory, in-house, the facilities team was able to save the parish approximately \$3,500.

Facilities Look Ahead

Ø Deep cleaning of the church and parish hall in September.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 9039 Report – September 2024

- Labor Day Monday September 2nd
- The September First Friday Rosary for Life will be prayed September 6th at 8am at St Brendan's Church
- The Knights are conducting a Bible Study on Sunday Evenings in September open to all parishioners. See ed Beckley for details.
- Our next General Council Meeting is Monday September 9th at 7pm in the McGivney room.
- The Knights Monday Night Football Fund raiser games start on September 9th. We would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to our Charities and Brothers who sold the books to make our program a success.
- The monthly Knights social Lunch get together at Homestyle foods Wednesday September 11 at 12pm
- The Knights Adopt-A-Highway litter and refuse collection on Georgetown Road will be Saturday Morning September 14th 8am.
- The Knights will have a Meatball Hero Sandwich Dinner to go at the St Brendan's Kitchen/Hall on Saturday September 21 from 1-6pm. The cost is \$12/dinner and \$40 for a family four pack
- The monthly KofC Council Officers meeting will be Monday September 23rd at 6pm in the McGivney Room
- September is a Fifth Sunday Month, and the Rosary for Life will be prayed before mass on September 29-30
- The October First Friday Rosary for Life will be prayed October 4th at 8am in St Brendan's Church
- Fr John Paul will conduct a Spiritual reflection at 9:30 after the First Friday Mass on October 4 in the church Hall. Topic still pending.

Respectfully

Tom Kuncewitch

Council 9039 Report – August 2024

- The August First Friday Rosary for Life will be prayed August 2 at 8am at St Brendan's Church
- Fr Anit will hold a Spiritual Reflection about St Thomas the Apostle on Friday August 2 after the 9am mass in the Church Hall.
- The Knights will have an exemplification on Monday August 12th at 6pm before their regular meeting.
- Our next General Council Meeting is Monday August 12 at 7pm in the McGivney room.

- Blessed Michael McGivney Birthday Monday August 12th
- The Knights Monday Night Football Fund raiser will continue sales in the Gathering space throughout August, books are almost sold out.
- Blessed Michael McGivney Memorial Tuesday August 13th
- Feast of the Assumption Thursday August 15th
- Semi-annual Audit Due to KofC on August 15
- The KofC Soccer Challenge for Brunswick County will be held at Town Creek Park on Saturday August 17 10am-1pm
- The monthly Knights social Lunch get together at Homestyle foods Wednesday August 14 at 12pm
- The Knights will have a Chicken Parmesan and Ziti Dinner to go at the St Brendan's Kitchen/Hall on Saturday August 17th. The cost is \$12/dinner and \$40 for a family four pack
- The monthly KofC Council Officers meeting will be Monday August 26 at 6pm in the McGivney Room
- Labor Day Monday September 2nd
- The September First Friday Rosary for Life will be prayed September 6 at 8am in St Brendan's Church
- September is a Fifth Sunday Month, and the Rosary for Life will be prayed before mass on September 29-30

Respectfully ,Tom Kuncewitch

Council 9039 Report – July 2024

- The First Friday Rosary will be held at St Brendan's Church at 8am on July 5th.
- Our next General Council Meeting is Monday July 8th at 7pm in the McGivney room.
- The Annual KofC Golf Outing was held at Sea Trail Jones Golf Course on Wednesday June 12th and is a great success. Thanks to the Golf Tournament Team and volunteers for their contributions to make the event a success.
- The Knights Monday Night Football Fund raiser will continue sales in the Gathering space throughout July
- The Columbiettes and Knights Communion Breakfast was held at Crow Creek on June 16 and we would like to thank Fr Mark for his generosity.
- The Knights annual Pelican Game/Picnic Outing will be held Thursday July 11 at 6pm at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, the \$38 cost includes All You can eat Picnic Dinner and baseball Game tickets.
- The Knights will have a Sausage and Peppers Hoagie Dinner to go at the St Brendan's Kitchen/Hall on Saturday July 13. Cost is \$12/dinner and \$40 for a family four pack
- The monthly KofC Council Officers meeting will be Monday July 22 at 6pm
- The August First Friday Rosary is August 2 at 8am St Brendan Church
- Fr Anit will hold a Spiritual Reflection on Friday August 2 after the 9am mass in the Church proper.
- The Knights will have an exemplification on Monday August 12th at 6pm before their regular meeting.

Respectfully
Tom Kuncewitch

COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTES AUXILIARY 9039 NOTES – SEPTEMBER 2024

1. Columbiettes had a board meeting in July to discuss future events.
2. An audit was done for the period from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
3. The backpack program was conducted and 170 backpacks were distributed.
4. The September meeting will be held on the 12th at 7:00PM with socialization at 6:30.
5. Events to be discussed at the meeting are as follows:

- Belk Charity Sale
- Bake sale at the craft fair
- Doughnuts and coffee for sale at the craft fair for the shoppers
- Gift card raffle boards
- Christmas party in December
- Providing scarves, hats and mittens for the Knights coat drive
- Patriots Prayer
- Veterans dinner with the Knights

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation begins October 6, 2024. We are preparing for this special Ministry. At present we have a total of 170 students from Grades Pre-K to 8. More is expected as the new school year begins. (This happens every year.)

The Columbiettes did an awesome job in sponsoring Back Pack Day on August 18th and 25th. Much planning and hard work went into these days....end result....a huge success! Thank you to these wonderful ladies and their dedication to helping others.