



# Father Jeremiah F. Treacy Assembly 0004

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## Special points of interest:

- Navigator Notes
- December is the Month for the Immaculate Conception

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## Notes from the Navigator



Worthy Sir Knights,

Advent is upon us. Please be prepared to support Advent activities in your Parishes, your Councils, and particularly our Assembly. This is an extremely busy time of year between Holiday shopping, various potlucks, charitable activities, and traveling to spend time with family. Remember to breathe! Take some time to let the stress out so that it doesn't overwhelm you. If you find yourself getting overwhelmed, please reach out for help. We are a fraternal organization, and we look out for each other.

This December 7th is the 45th Anniversary of the bombing on Pearl Har-

bor. Being a member of the Patriotic Order, I ask that you take a moment sometime during your busy day on this particular Wednesday to say a special prayer for this solemn, infamous anniversary.

As always, I know that you all do good works in your parishes and communities. Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours so we can track those throughout the year. It makes it easier to submit our report in January if we maintain a running record of our activities. Thank you for all that you do!

Rick Hycoop, Faithful Navigator

## Month of the Immaculate Conception



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The Church has dedicated the month of December to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God created Mary with characteristics of purity and grace suited for her exalted dignity. She was preserved from original sin for the moment of her immaculate conception. She never strayed from God and sin never tainted her soul. There's no mistake that the Immaculate Conception coincides with the themes of Advent. Let us follow the Blessed Mother's example and spend this month in grace and piety by being charitable towards those in need.

### Prayer

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

## November Sir Knight of the Month

Last month, we recognized Sir Knight Mike Weist, as our Sir Knight of the month for his tireless volunteer services in our Assembly and the military community at large. Sir Knight Weist is extremely active as the Deputy Grand Knight for Council 11672, the Color Corp Commander for our Assembly, and as President of the local Warrant Officers' Association. In these roles, he supports the Lenten Fish Fries, wheel chair ramp construction projects, Special Olympics, and many others as well as arranging our Assembly's Honor Guard details.

Our Assembly has allotted a \$50 donation to be forwarded to the charity of the award winner's name. Sir Knight Weist's donation is going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Sir Knight of the month award, please let me know with a short description of why you think that person deserves to be recognized. Yes, it really is that easy!



## Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2016

Volunteer Hours are capture by calendar year and are reported to Supreme each January in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, Form 1728. Hours are separated by category as follows:

Church  
Community  
Youth  
Habitat for Humanity  
Culture of Life  
VAVS (Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services)  
Food for Families  
Special Olympics  
Miscellaneous

This form also tracks the number of blood donations and the number of visits to the sick or bereaved. If you do any volunteer activity, so visit someone who is sick or comfort someone who is grieving a loss, please let me know so I can roll it up in our report.

The table on the right shows what I've captured so far for 2016.

<u>Categories</u>	
Church	302.2
Community	242.35
Youth	36
Habitat for Humanity	
Culture of Life	27.5
VAVS	
Food for families	
Special Olympics	
Miscellaneous	56
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# of visits to the sick	3
# of visits for bereavement	3
# of blood donations	2
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	

## Assembly Advent Activity Sign Ups

In place of our regularly scheduled Assembly Meeting on Thursday, December 8th:

- Corporate Communion for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) at 6PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- Assembly Holiday Potluck at 7:30-ish (Following Mass) in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall (Sir Knights and their family members)

⇒ Sign up for potluck **no later than Monday, December 5th** at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba4ab2ca5f58-assembly>

Honor Guard for Midnight Mass for Christmas at Holy Spirit Catholic Church:

- Show time 11:30PM Saturday, December 24th

⇒ Sign up for Honor Guard, or for those participating in tux and social baldric:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba4ab2ca5f58-honor>

## December Schedule of Events

December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent  
 December 5th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 at Good Shepherd  
 December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 Assembly 0004 Corporate Communion  
 6:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 December 8th - Assembly 0004 Christmas Potluck  
 7:30pm at Holy Spirit  
 December 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 at St. Mary of the Visitation  
 December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 11th - Council 11672 at Good Shepherd

8:30-10:30am Monthly Breakfast  
 December 15th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe  
 December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 December 18th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast  
 8:00-11:00 am at Holy Spirit  
 December 20th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 December 20th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting  
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd  
 December 25th - Christmas



December Happenings

## January Schedule of Events

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
 January 2nd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 at Good Shepherd  
 January 8th - Council 11672 at Good Shepherd  
 8:30-10:30am Monthly Breakfast  
 January 12th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 January 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 at St. Mary of the Visitation

January 15th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast  
 8:00-11:00 am at Holy Spirit  
 January 16th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 January 16th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting  
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd  
 January 19th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe



January Happenings

## February Schedule of Events

February 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30 at Good Shepherd  
 February 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 February 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting  
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation  
 February 12th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast  
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd  
 February 14th - Valentine's Day

February 16th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe  
 February 19th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast  
 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit  
 February 20th - President's Day  
 February 20th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting  
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit  
 February 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting  
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd  
 February 28th - Mardi Gras



February Happenings

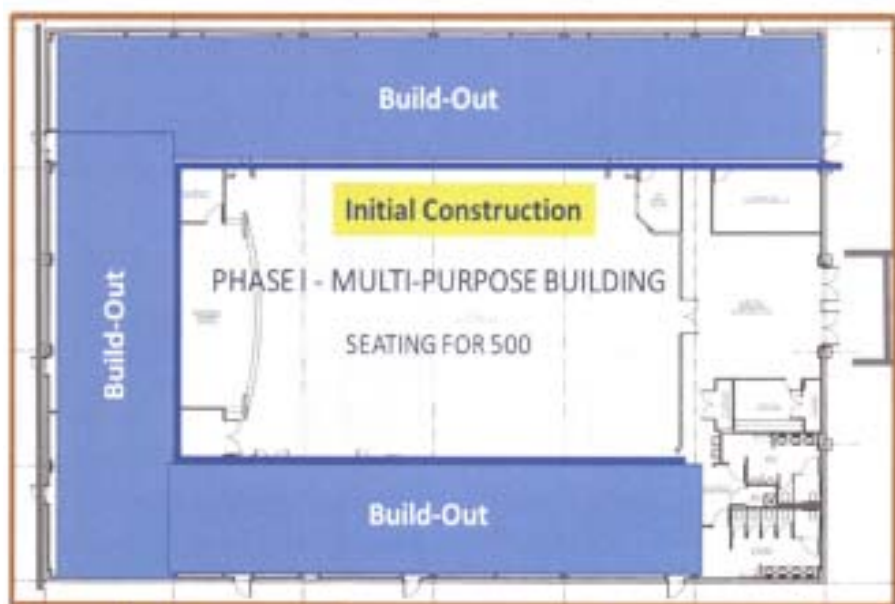
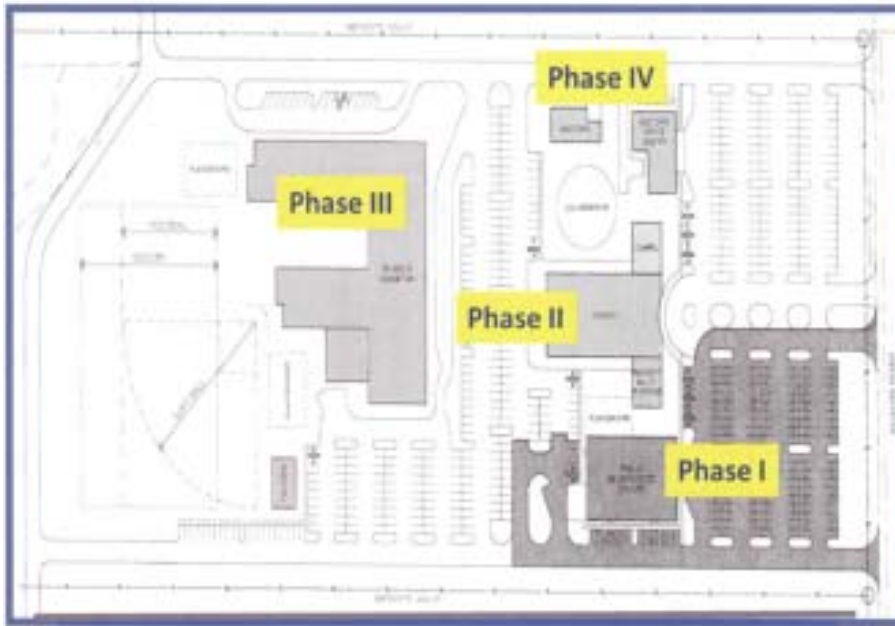
## Most Merciful Jesus Catholic Church Update



Mercy Parish began its journey on July 1, 2016 at Mill Creek Elementary School. The property at Segers Road was blessed on June 12, 2016 by Father Joy and the Parish Coordination Committee. A ground breaking ceremony was subsequently held on August 21, 2016 with visiting Priests from St. John's, Queens, St. Paul's and St. Joseph's Parishes. Since then, the Multi-Purpose Building (MPB) that will serve as Church, Parish Life Center, and facilitate Religious Education for Mercy Parish has begun to rise on Segers Road, and is set for completion by July 2017. The building of the MPB marks the first phase of a four-phase campaign for bringing the Segers Road campus vision to a reality over the next few years. Mercy Parish was blessed to have the support of \$500,000 from St John the Baptist Catholic Church and \$120,000 from the Diocese of Birmingham. These gracious gifts enabled Mercy Parish to secure financing for the initial buildout of the MPB. Mercy Parish has also been blessed with a rapid growth of Parish members and their generous financial support. As of November 1,

2016 we were just shy of 200 families and 500 members. And... as we will continue to grow, it is time for Mercy Parish to embark on a capital campaign to meet our current loan obligation of \$1,600,000 for the initial construction of the MPB. In addition, the capital campaign will begin to secure the necessary funds to resource and/or finance an additional \$1,400,000 to complete the buildout of the MPB as soon as possible.

"Mercy and Stewardship by All for the Good of All" is our Parish theme for this campaign. In that vein, all Parish members are called to contribute to the level they feel they can. All contributions will be graciously and sincerely appreciated, just as those who labored in the vineyard for only a short while versus those who labored all day, all will receive God's grace and mercy for whatever they can contribute to the capital campaign. Come; join us in the vineyard... In December, a campaign pamphlet with more information will follow this introduction.



Initial Construction  
July 2016-July 2017

Complete Build-Out  
July 2017-July 2018

Initial MPB Building Construction

- Metal Building
- Interior Nave Walls/Altar
- Vesting
- Initial Sacristy
- Restrooms
- Confessional
- Parking

Completion of the MPB

- CCD rooms
- Kitchen
- Complete Lobby Area
- Complete the Sacristy
- Additional Parking





## Good Shepherd Catholic Church

13550 Chaney Thompson Road

(256) 882-1844

<http://www.goodshephsv.org>

Home to Council 11672

[Council11672.weebly.com](http://Council11672.weebly.com)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

11:00 AM



## Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road, Huntsville

(256) 881-4781

<http://holyspirithsv.com/>

Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004

[Assembly0004.weebly.com](http://Assembly0004.weebly.com)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:45 AM



## Most Merciful Jesus

Coming Soon to Segers Lane, Madison

(Currently holding weekend Masses at Mill Creek Elementary School, Madison)

<http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:45 AM



## Our Lady of the Valley

376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal

(256) 842-2175

<http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil/smores.aspx?keyid=2567&showtype=2#>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM



## Our Lady, Help of Christians

1201 Kingsbury Ave SE, Huntsville

(256) 801-9157

<http://ourladyhelpofchristians-al.org>

Traditional Latin Mass  
Schedule:

Sundays Only

Low Mass 8:00 AM

High Mass 10:00 AM

## Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville  
 (256) 852-0788  
<http://www.olqu.org/home.php>  
 Home to Council 16248

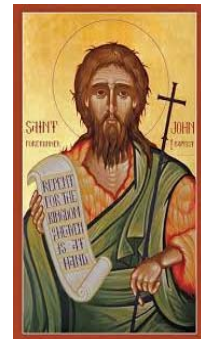
Mass Schedule:  
 Saturday 5:00 PM  
 Sunday 9:00 AM  
 11:30 AM



## St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison  
 (256) 722-0130  
<http://www.stjohnbchurch.org>  
 Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420  
[madison-kc.org](http://madison-kc.org)

Mass Schedule:  
 Saturday 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 7:00 AM  
 8:30 AM  
 11:30 AM  
 5:30 PM



## St. Joseph's

2300 Beasley Ave. NW, Huntsville  
 (256) 534-8459  
<http://saintjosephcc.com>

Mass Schedule:  
 Saturday 5:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:15 AM  
 11:15 AM



## St. Mary of the Visitation

222 Jefferson St. N, Huntsville  
 (256) 536-6349  
<http://www.smvparish.org>  
 Home to Council 4080

Mass Schedule:  
 Saturday 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 8:00 AM  
 11:00 AM



## Donating Regalia

Sir Knight Joe Costello has decided to donate his regalia to the assembly. Thank you very much!

We all joined the 4th Degree because we all have the passion to support the patriot degree. We all feel compelled and privileged to perform our honor guard/color corps duties when called. But time is a cruel adversary, and there comes a point when we know that we won't be able to join our brothers in regalia, as much as we feel duty-bound to participate. When that time comes, please consider donating your regalia to someone in your family, or to the assembly so they can carry on the honor and privilege of representing the Patriot degree.



## Sir Knight Joseph L. Arnold, Sr. (MSG, Ret.)

### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy  
staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the pres-  
ence of mine enemies: thou anointest my  
head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.*

**IN MEMORY OF**  
MSG (Ret.) Joseph L. Arnold, Sr.  
**DATE OF BIRTH**  
March 12, 1950  
**DATE OF DEATH**  
November 14, 2016  
**PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE**  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
12:00 Noon  
**CLERGY**  
Father Joe Lubrano  
**IMMEDIATE FAMILY**  
Wife: Theresa J. Arnold  
Sons: Joseph L. Arnold, Jr. and wife, Taylor,  
and Richard Arnold  
Granddaughter: Olivia Grace Arnold

Special thanks to those who answered the call to be members of the Honor Guard and pall bearers for Sir Knight Joe Arnold. It really meant a lot to his wife, Theresa.



## *In Service to One, In Service to All*

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From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action.

In 2014, we set new records in charitable giving for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Our charitable contributions increased in 2014 by more than \$3.4 million over the previous year to a record \$173,550,680. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service, volunteering more than 71.5 million hours. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of more than 1.9 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

## **The Patriot Degree**

On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of this degree was held in New York City. The ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, was eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. Currently, any member of the Third Degree in good standing, regardless how long he has been a Knight, may join the



Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.