Greensburg Diocesan Chapter

Knights of Columbus

November Newsletter

Remembering the Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER 2026

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Father Paul Lisik

President
Don Granata

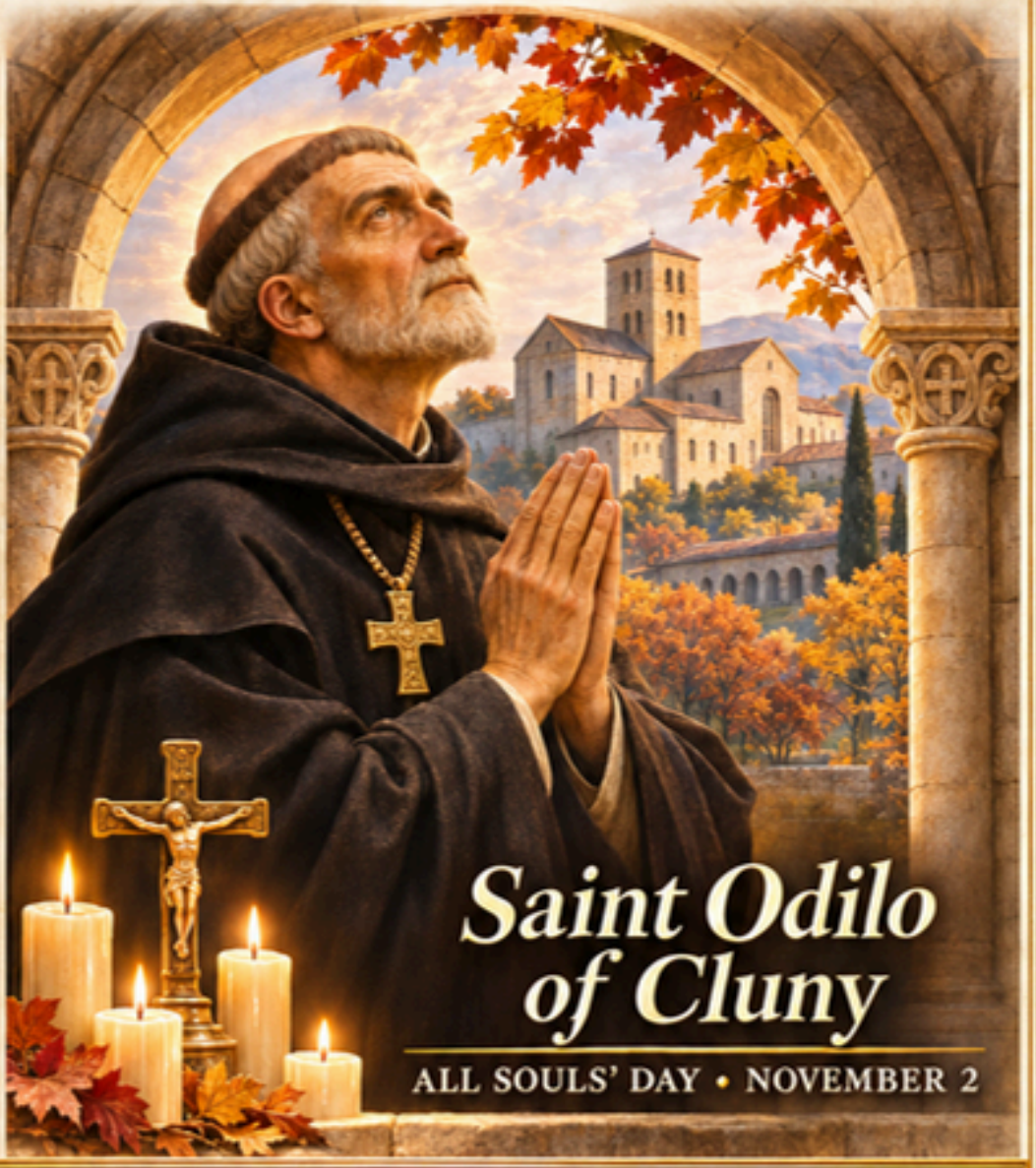
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Who Was Saint Odilo?

Saint Odilo of Cluny was a Benedictine abbot in France. In 998, he established November 2 as a day of prayer for the faithful departed in the monasteries under his care. His legacy helped shape All Souls' Day and the Church's tradition of praying for those who have died.

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Memorial Mass



Clelian Heights Chapel

November 16 • 7:00 PM

Dinner to follow

Please join us in honoring our deceased brothers.

May their souls rest in peace.

Submit Names & RSVP

Please send the names of your council's deceased brothers from the past year to Don Granata so they may be honored. Please also RSVP with the number attending.

Don Granata

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From Chapter President Don Granata

Moving Forward Together

Your Chapter, Your Voice

Recently, a special meeting was held with veteran Chapter officers to discuss how we can revitalize the Greensburg Diocesan Chapter and better serve the needs of our individual Councils.

One of our primary goals moving forward is to encourage greater participation from Council officers and members. We want you to have a voice in planning Chapter activities, developing programs, and identifying ways we can work together to strengthen our Councils throughout the Diocese.

The Chapter Is More Than Just Another Meeting

The Chapter should not simply be another meeting on your calendar. It should be a place where Councils come together, share ideas, support one another, and work together to accomplish things that may be difficult for an individual Council to do on its own.

We want Council members and officers to become more involved in the planning and development of Chapter events and activities. Your experience, ideas, and participation can help shape the future direction of the Chapter.

Better Communication and Coordination

We are also looking at ways the Chapter can better coordinate and communicate upcoming Diocesan fundraising activities. Our goal is to provide Councils with advance notice, better coordination, and opportunities to become involved so that we can work together more effectively in supporting our Diocese.

A New Direction

We recognize that change takes time, commitment, and participation. Our hope is to establish a renewed Chapter structure and a fresh approach by the end of this fraternal year.

As we move forward, we will keep you informed, updated, and involved in the process.

Remember, this is YOUR Chapter!

The Chapter exists to bring our Councils together, strengthen communication, share resources, coordinate efforts, and help us become more effective by working together.

The strength of the Chapter comes from the participation of its Councils and Brother Knights. Your ideas, involvement, and willingness to serve are essential to our success.

Let's make the Chapter a place where we come together—not simply to attend another meeting, but to work together, support one another, and make a difference.

Your Chapter President, working for you,

Don Granata

Greensburg Diocesan Chapter President

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COR 2.0

Catholic Leadership Video Series





Brothers,

New Tools for Council Evangelization & Faith Formation

We are excited to introduce COR 2.0, providing Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Directors with new and effective tools to help bring men into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

COR 2.0 includes new video series on a variety of Catholic faith topics, along with study guides to help Councils lead meaningful discussion, reflection, and fraternity.

COR 2.0 Workshop – This Saturday

Our State COR Directors, Nathan Sudie and Eric Johnson, will be conducting a COR 2.0 workshop this Saturday at **10:00 AM** at **St. Joseph's in Verona.**

If you are a Grand Knight, EFF Director, or interested in helping bring COR to your Council, please let me know if you would like to attend.

Looking Ahead – January 2027

Beginning in January, we will launch a new COR series:

Catholic Leadership: Following Christ

This is a powerful video-based program designed to help men grow as Catholic leaders by looking to Jesus as our model.

We are also working toward providing a time of reflection and prayer before each Chapter meeting. More details will be announced as plans are finalized.

A Reminder About COR

Open to All Men

COR is a separate program open to all men, not just Knights of Columbus members. Its purpose is to help men come into a closer living relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, reflection, formation, and fraternity.

One of our goals is to equip our Council EFF Directors with the training and resources they need to make COR an effective part of their Council's evangelization and faith-formation efforts.

I encourage you to get involved. Together, we can help more men discover the strength, brotherhood, and joy that come from following Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Don Granata

Diocesan Evangelization & Faith Formation Coordinator

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Membership Update

NOVEMBER 2026

Thank you to every brother who has welcomed a new member and invited others to share our mission. Our tracker records 12 new members across 24 listed councils. Seven councils have recruited, while 17 show no new members yet. Every council can help move our diocese forward.

12	7	17
New Members Recorded	Councils with New Members	Councils with No New Members Yet

12 of 168

Combined Council Membership Goals

7.1% achieved

District	New Members	Council Goals	Progress
216	0	39	0.0%
217	3	24	12.5%
218	2	35	5.7%
219	3	22	13.6%
220	1	28	3.6%
221	3	20	15.0%

Your Invitation Matters

- Invite a Catholic friend to learn about the Knights.
- Help your council plan a church membership drive.
- Follow up with prospects and coordinate exemplifications with your District Deputy.

Every personal invitation gives another man the opportunity to serve his parish and community.

Johnathan Gamon

Diocesan Membership Chairman

Tracker reviewed November 10, 2026. Covers 24 listed councils. Progress uses summed council goals.

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Council Spotlight

District 217

Murrysville Council 4226

7 New Members

Council 4226's recent membership drive brought in seven new members. Congratulations to our new brother Knights!

District Meeting Plans



December — **Year-End District Meeting**
A year-end District meeting is planned for December.

Early January — **District Zoom Meeting**
A District Zoom meeting is planned for early January. Date to be announced.

Supporting Mother of Sorrows



Council 4226 will support the Mother of Sorrows Women's Guild Craft Show by selling religious articles and helping in the kitchen. The council has participated in this event for many years.

Councils in District 217

15373 • Slickville
14078 • Saint Barbara's
6299 • Trafford
4226 • Murrysville

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Council & Assembly Spotlight

Fr. McNelis Assembly 968

Indiana

★ Honoring Our Veterans ★

St. Bernard's Parish • November 11, 2026





St. Bernard's Parish in Indiana presented a Veterans Day program on November 11, 2026. The Color Corps from Fr. McNelis Assembly 968 was invited to present the colors as part of the program.

The program offered a meaningful tribute to our veterans and their service to our nation.

Participating Fourth Degree Members

Pat Scanlon
Dr. Don Hogan
Mark Fike
Norb Rayko

★ *With Gratitude for All Who Served* ★

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DISTRICT 219 REPORT

November 2026 • Larry Barkowski, District Deputy

Monthly council visits continue. District FTC: February 14.

COUNCIL 1011 • KITTANNING

GK Frank J. Battaglia
fbattaglia@windstream.net

In Memoriam (1/1/26–6/30/27): James Panchek; William Peck.

Activities: Hosted chapter meeting 8/17/26. Hosting CUF exemplification January 24. Membership drive January 9–10. Active monthly Cor group.

Council Tracker

Forms 185, 365, 1295 & Chapter Delegates: Complete.
EFF-C: James Gaggini.
SEP: 75% compliant; 25% pending.
Form 1728: Due January 1.
Columbian: FIA (F, C, FM, L) & COR in progress.
McGivney: 0 of 5; no progress.
Founders: 0 of 7; FA attended 8/6 meeting.

COUNCIL 1381 • FR. HERTZOG

New Kensington / Lower Burrell
GK Michael Collett
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In Memoriam (1/1/26–6/30/27): Timothy Crowell; Joseph M. Bosco; Vincent Hannon.

Activities: Hosted chapter meeting 9/21/26 and CUF 7/26/26. Ongoing recruitment. Active monthly Cor group.

Council Tracker

Forms 185, 365, 1295 & Chapter Delegates: Complete.
EFF-C: Larry Barkowski.
SEP: 100% compliant.
Form 1728: Due January 1.
Columbian: FIA (F, C, FM, L) & COR in progress.
McGivney: 3 of 7; reported 38%, with prospects.
Founders: 0 of 7, FA attended 11/10 meeting.

COUNCIL 6715 • GREATER-KISKI

Leechburg / Vandergrift
GK Jeffrey Stewart
jeffreyastewart@comcast.net

In Memoriam (1/1/26–6/30/27): Fr. Michael Sciberras; Frank J. Moliterno.

Activities: Planning a third-quarter fraternal-year membership drive with FA and pastor.

Council Tracker

Forms 185, 365 & 1295: Complete.
EFF-C: Terry George.
Chapter Delegates Form: Due September 1.
SEP: 75% pending.
Form 1728: Due January 1.
Columbian: FIA (F, C, FM, L) & COR in progress.
McGivney: 0 of 5; no prospects.
Founders: 0 of 7; no progress.

COUNCIL 17178 • DIVINE TRINITY

Ford City
GK Brian Cesare
BKCesare@gmail.com

Activities: Membership drive January 9–10.

Council Tracker

Form 185: Complete.
Form 365: Due 7/31/26; past due.
EFF-C: To be determined; submission past due.
Audit 1295: Finished; needs submission.
Chapter Delegates Form: Due September 1.
SEP: Pending Form 365 & confirmation.
Form 1728: Due January 1.
Columbian: FIA (F, C, FM, L) & COR in process.
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Council Spotlight

Uniontown Council 1275

Remembering Our Brothers

Each November, Uniontown Council 1275 remembers its deceased Knights at a Mass of Remembrance at one of the churches it serves. Their families receive a special invitation to attend.

Mass of Remembrance

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church
November 15, 2026
Celebrant: Rev. Anthony J. Klimko

In Loving Memory

Robert H. Shiffbauer
William A. Manyak
Francis T. Varto
Frank J. Marmol
William L. Rozzell Jr.
Fred A. Giachetti Jr.
Lawrence "Larnie" Tajc
Rev. James F. Petrovsky
Nicholas T. Gulino

Serving Our Neighbors



Brother Knights, left to right: J. Filicky, G. Stuck, T. House, F. DeCarlucci, and G. Muzika.

OVER 1,100 LBS *of food collected*

$505.21 *in cash donations*

In October, brother Knights held a food drive at Shop & Save on Walnut Hill Road to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) food pantry in Uniontown. We are grateful to the store and its customers for their generosity and support of those in need.

May their souls rest in peace.

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Council Spotlight

Council 940



Coats for Kids

8 BOXES DONATED

Council 940 donated eight boxes of coats to the Derry Area and Greater Latrobe School Districts through the Coats for Kids program.

Helping Our Parish

Donated to St. Bartholomew Parish's Festival Bounce Back Casino Bash, helping the parish recover after weather canceled this year's annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival and fireworks.

Warriors to Lourdes

Donated to the Supreme Knight's Sponsor a Pilgrim Challenge for the 2027 Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage.

Wreaths of Remembrance

Sponsored wreaths at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, to be placed on Saturday, December 19.

Supporting St. Anne Home

Members will help St. Anne Home sell its annual lottery calendars at local parishes.

Faith in Action

Thank you to the brother Knights of Council 940 for serving our parishes, supporting our veterans, and caring for our neighbors.

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Council Spotlight

Jeannette Council 1222



Honoring Those Who Served

Veterans Breakfast

Saturday, November 7

Jeannette Council 1222 held a Veterans Breakfast in honor of those who have served our nation.

With gratitude for the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Membership Drive

November 14 & 15

At Both Parishes

Sacred Heart Parish + **Ascension Parish**

Discover Faith, Fraternity & Service

Join Council 1222 at either parish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and opportunities to serve your parish and community.

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Council Spotlight

St. Barbara Council 14078



Fall Pancake Breakfast



Knights Serving at Mass



Columbus Day Memorial Mass

Triangle Hoagie Sale

A team of 12 Knights sold ***250*** Triangle hoagies at ***five*** locations in just ***two*** hours. The council's first Triangle Hoagie Sale supported charitable gifts and was led by Brother Knight Stan Podkul.

Baby Bottle Campaign

Led by Brother Knight David Ernette, the annual Baby Bottle Campaign collected ***over $6,000*** to support pro-life efforts. Thank you to the Knights who distributed and collected bottles and to the generous parish community.

Faith, Unity & Remembrance

At the annual Columbus Day Memorial Mass for deceased brothers, Knights served as cantors, Communion ministers, lectors, gift bearers, altar servers, cross bearers, and ushers. They wore KofC shirts in a show of unity and fraternity and helped with the Donut Social following the morning Masses.

Fall Pancake Breakfast

More than 20 Knights supported the Fall Pancake Breakfast on November 1 after both Sunday morning Masses. Funds raised support charitable giving. The event was led by Brother Knight David Kent.

Kentucky Project

20 Years of Service

Thank you to the men and families who support the Kentucky Project, now in its ***20th year***. Skip and Barb Kustra were recognized by our bishop for their service. The bishop in Kentucky also recognized St. Barbara Parish for its monthly support. Skip and Barb presented his gifts to the parish.



Skip and Barb Kustra

Celebrating 20 Years as a Council

From 38 founding members to more than 100 Knights!

Annual Council Social • Friday, November 13, 2026

Social 6:00 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM

Manor Valley Golf Course *(lower-level entrance)*

Guests include members' wives, Fr. Dan, Fr. Daniel, and Deacon Jeff.

Event chair: Brother Knight Bill Hilderhoff.

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Council Spotlight

St. Jude Council 9019 • Irwin



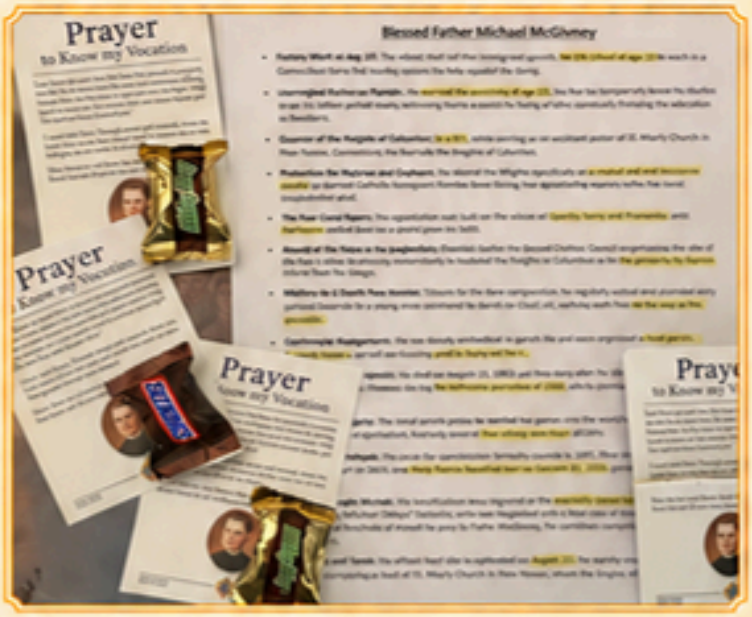
Star Council Recognition

District Deputy Paul Whalen presented Council 9019 with the Star Council Award for 2026. Congratulations to our brother Knights on this recognition!



Trick or Trunk at St. Agnes

Council 9019 participated in Trick or Trunk at St. Agnes for Halloween. Brother Knights shared Father McGivney holy cards, candy, and interesting facts with the children.



Sharing Father McGivney's Story

The display paired holy cards and vocation prayers with facts about Blessed Father Michael McGivney, introducing children to the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

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Veterans Memorial

In Grateful Remembrance



With grateful hearts, we remember the men and women who served our nation and have now passed into God's eternal care. In every branch, in every generation, their courage, duty, and devotion helped protect the freedoms we cherish. We honor their service, hold their families in prayer, and pledge to keep their memory alive.

A Prayer of Remembrance

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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U.S. AIR FORCE

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Pennsylvania State Council

Raffle Basket Donations

129th Pennsylvania State Convention

King of Prussia • 2027



Help make our convention a fun-filled success!

Our fraternal year is off to a great start. Let's keep the momentum going!

We invite councils, districts, chapters, regions, assemblies, and individual brother Knights to donate a raffle basket for the 2027 State Convention.

Start planning your basket now!

Please contact Chuck Bradford as soon as possible to pledge your basket so he can prepare an accurate count.

Thank you for your generosity and fraternal support. We look forward to seeing you at the convention!

Chuck Bradford
Raffle Basket Chairman
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PENNSYLVANIA
AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY
2026-2027

A Note From Supreme

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

MEMBER INCENTIVE

GO FOR TWO MORE!



Members who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2026, will be entered into a drawing to receive a *cash prize of $2,000!**

10 second place winners will receive a customized Knights branded football jersey.

Recruit four men in that time frame to be entered into the drawing twice!

More Knights mean more mission. Go big this season - extend the invitation and extend it again.

Go For Two More!

* Only valid to members in the US and CAN

For the Lovely Ladies

Happy Thanksgiving

Good food...
Good company...
Grateful hearts.



Grandma's Best Thanksgiving Stuffing

Buttery, flavorful, and perfectly seasoned—the stuffing everyone will remember!

Ingredients

- 1 large loaf of day-old white bread (about 12 cups cubed)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2–3 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt (adjust to taste)
- ¼ cup fresh chopped parsley
- 2 large eggs, beaten

Directions

1. **Prepare the bread.** Cut bread into cubes. Spread on baking sheets and let dry overnight, or bake at 250°F for about 30–40 minutes until dry.
2. **Cook the vegetables.** Melt butter in a large skillet. Add celery and onion. Cook about 10 minutes until soft and fragrant.
3. **Add the flavor.** Stir in sage, poultry seasoning, thyme, pepper, salt, and parsley.
4. **Combine.** Put bread cubes in a very large bowl. Pour the buttery vegetable mixture over them.
5. **Add broth.** Slowly add broth until the bread is moist but not mushy.
6. **Add eggs.** Stir in the beaten eggs to help bind.
7. **Bake.** Transfer to a buttered 9×13-inch baking dish. Cover with foil and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 15–20 minutes until golden brown.

My Little Secrets

- ☑ Use plenty of butter. That's where the wonderful flavor comes from!
- ☑ Don't make the bread soggy.
- ☑ Use a little extra sage if you love that traditional Thanksgiving aroma.
- ☑ Let it rest for 10 minutes before serving.

Cook stuffing separately rather than inside the turkey for easier temperature control. The center should reach 165°F.

Enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving

To You and Your Family

May your Thanksgiving be filled with the warmth
of family, the joy of friendship, and the peace of Christ.
May God bless you and your loved ones today
and throughout the year.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of life, the love of family and friends,
and the blessings You provide each day.
Bless our food, our homes, and all who gather in gratitude.
Hold close those who are ill, lonely, grieving, or in need,
and help us share generously with our neighbors.
Fill our hearts with humility, our words with kindness,
and our lives with faith, hope, and charity.
May we carry a thankful spirit beyond this day
and serve You joyfully in all we do.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With gratitude and prayers,

Greensburg Diocesan Chapter
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