



BEATIFICATION SET FOR K OF C FOUNDER

He was a roll up your sleeves, face adversity head-on, thick-skinned kind of guy. He worked hard for the Church and the faithful during a time, when an anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant movement was rampant throughout New England.

It is because of this one man's determination and forward-thinking actions that more than two million men from many nations work together for a stronger community and better world today.

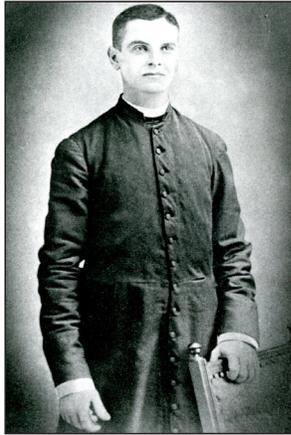
Now, 130 years after his death, the Church is preparing to celebrate the beatification of Venerable Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus and model priest, on Oct. 31 during a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

He was born on August 12, 1852, the first child of Patrick and Mary McGivney, of Waterbury, Connecticut, who like hundreds of thousands of their countrymen immigrated to North America from Ireland during the Irish Potato Famine.

Father McGivney had 12 siblings, six of whom died as babies or in their youth. He learned at a young age to cherish family, honor God, and never give up on doing good. He saw first-hand the unfair reality of social injustice, religious persecution, and financial disadvantages.

The normal age for finishing school at the time was 16. Father McGivney was so advanced academically, he graduated at 13. He wanted to begin seminary immediately, but because of the family's financial needs, he had to put that on hold and work at a brass factory.

Three years later he was able to leave home to begin his studies for the priesthood.



Throughout his formation years he was taught by the Vincentians, known for their charitable focus; the Jesuits, known for their academic and intellectual approach; and Sulpicians, known for their commitment to ongoing education of priests.

When he was 20, his father died. So, he left his Canadian seminary to return home and help his mother and siblings.

Once they were on their feet, and with the help of the bishop of Hartford, McGivney was able to enter St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained in 1877, and celebrated his first Mass at his home parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury with his mother and family present. The hardships he experienced in his youth did not make him bitter or angry, but instead made him an empathetic and strong-minded priest.

He was assigned to the newly erected St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic church, in New Haven. From the start the church was unwanted by the community. The New York Times featured an article calling it the "Monstrosity on Hillhouse Avenue," because it was located in the most affluent neighborhood among the mansions of New Haven. Residents berated the Catholic church and the "undesirables - the poor and disease-ridden Irish Catholics" it would bring to the area.

This didn't intimidate McGivney. He didn't stay confined to his rectory or church. He went out into the protestant and Catholic communities, becoming a living example of the commandments "love God and love your neighbor."

He organized baseball games and youth outings. He made the church the center of activity for families. He visited prisons

and sat with prisoners, sharing the Word of God, mercy, and the importance of responsibility. His priority was to evangelize, bring people into the church, and strengthen the faith of his parishioners.

During this era, if a woman was widowed and did not have financial means to care for her family the state would take her children and place them in institutions. This ripped at his heart.

Father McGivney intervened for these women in the local courts and in one instance became the legal guardian for a boy after the death of the father.

The Irish priest could not sit idle. In fall of 1881, he gathered the men of his parish and shared his idea of a Catholic men's group. A group for charity, unity, and fraternity focused on keeping families Catholic and together, while also serving the community. The organization would also provide insurance to Catholic families and financial support for widows. On May 15, 1882 the official charter was signed, naming them the Knights of Columbus.

The group took the name of the revered Christopher Columbus, who was celebrated by both Protestants and Catholics as the founder of America's land of renewed hope. McGivney knew Columbus was Catholic and selected him as their namesake, believing the name would help bridge the division between Irish immigrants and other nationalities living in Connecticut.

McGivney died at the age of 38, after suffering from tuberculosis and pneumonia during the Russian/Asiatic flu pandemic.

Pope Benedict XVI declared, Father Michael McGivney Venerable on March 16, 2008.

To find out more about Father McGivney and to watch the Beatification Mass live at 11am, Oct. 31st from Hartford [CLICK HERE](#).

MOVING MCGIVNEY MIRACLE

When a baby is born, many faithful naturally say, "Thank you, God, for this miracle."



For a couple in Tennessee, when they hold their youngest son, they have no doubt they are embracing an authentic miracle. Rome confirmed it.

After Father Michael McGivney was declared a Venerable Servant of God in 2008, hundreds of letters were received by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in Hartford, Connecticut, declaring they believe their illnesses were cured because of McGivney. In addition, many congregants of St. Mary's in New Haven shared with their pastor Father Joseph Allen, that they too were blessed with a miracle after praying McGivney would intercede.

However, the Church must laboriously investigate to determine if an event is actually medically unexplainable, instantaneous, and truly divine intervention.

On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis declared the healing of the unborn child of Dan and Michelle Schachle was indeed a miracle of Venerable Father Michael McGivney.



In 2014, the Schachles, a devoted Catholic couple, were excited to find out she was pregnant with a baby boy. The couple went to the doctor for a follow-up ultrasound and discovered the child would be born with Down syndrome. Loving and strong in their faith, the couple considered it a blessing for their family to welcome a child with Downs.

However, their world was shaken after their next routine visit to the doctor. This time the scan revealed the baby to be retaining fluid, a fatal condition called fetal hydrops. The Schachles were told there were only two options - terminate the pregnancy or let the child die on his own and have a still birth. Without hesitating they knew they would keep the baby until it died in the womb naturally, abortion was not an option at all.

Once they were alone and quiet it was Dan who spoke up and said "Fr. McGivney needs a miracle. Let's pray this child is his miracle."

The Schachles were members of the Father McGivney Guild, a K of C organization established to support the cause of McGivney becoming Saint. Thanks to an incentive trip Dan had received as an insurance agent for the K of C, the couple, still pregnant,

visited Fatima. Before departing for the pilgrimage, the couple made a plea to family, friends, and their parish to pray for the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney that their child would survive. The Schachles vowed if the baby was meant to be a miracle and live, they "would name him Michael after (Fr. McGivney)."

On March 16, 2015, at a Mass in Fatima, one of the readings was the story of the Second Sign at Cana.

"It was the story of a man, who asks for a miracle for his son," Dan Schachle said in many interviews since. "The lord said, 'Go forth your son will live.'"

When Dan Schachle heard those words, "the brokenness in my heart was lifted," he said.

Michelle Schachle said, she was overwhelmed at that moment. "I physically felt like a veil was lifted," she said. Had a miracle just occurred in the womb?

Just days after returning home, Michelle was scheduled for a routine ultrasound. It revealed exactly what they prayed for - the hydrops was gone!

On May 15, 2015, Michelle Schachle was 31 weeks into her pregnancy Michael McGivney Schachle was born during an emergency c-section.



Two months premature, he weighed less than 4 pounds, but "Michael was perfect just the way he was," Michelle Schachle said.

The Schachle's story is blessed with God winks:

- Michael was born on the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus' Supreme Council charter signing of May 15, 1882.
- Father Michael McGivney was the eldest of 13 children.
- Michael McGivney Schachle is the youngest of 13 children.
- Michelle Schachle's birthday is Aug. 12th, so was Fr. Michael McGivney's.

The documentary - *Father Michael McGivney, An American Blessed* - can be viewed at fathermcgivney.org site or by [CLICKING HERE](#). It includes a moving interview with the Schachle family.

To read more about the Knights of Columbus go to their website at KofC.org.

The Diocese of Nashville presents a story about Mikey Schachle on their website [HERE](#).

CELEBRATE ST. JUDE ON HIS FEAST DAY, OCT. 28TH



We call on saints to intercede for us in nearly every circumstance. One saint in particular is summoned during the most desperate of situations – impossible causes. St. Jude Thaddeus, pray for us.

The Church celebrates his feast day on Oct. 28th. He is one of the original 12 Apostles, the brother of St. James the less and according to Matthew 13:55 he is a relative of Jesus Christ.

He evangelized Jews in Galilee, Samaria, and Judea, before traveling to present day Iraq, Libya, Turkey, and Persia with St. Simon.

The Gospel letter of Jude warns Christians about imposters who teach false facts and ideas about the faith. He urges them to be steadfast in their faith, and no matter what difficulties they face God is always with them.

The Church believes he was martyred while preaching in the Middle East. His body was taken to Rome and entombed beneath St. Peter's Basilica.

Prayer cards and religious images of St. Jude typically show him with a flame over his head, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, which came upon the apostles at Pentecost. He is often holding an image of Jesus near his heart, representing the importance to focus on Jesus always.

Novena to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly -(make your request here)

- and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Prayer to St. Jude

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time. Amen.

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. Amen.

St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blessed be St. Jude Thaddeus, in all the world and for all Eternity.

(say this prayer, followed by the Our Father and the Hail Mary)

Dear Apostle and Martyr for Christ, you left us an Epistle in the New Testament. With good reason many invoke you when illness is at a desperate stage. We now recommend to your kindness (name of patient) who is in a critical condition. May the cure of this patient increase his/her faith and love for the Lord of Life, for the glory of our merciful God. Amen.



MCGIVNEY MODEL PRIEST

The following is from Bishop Mark Brennan's homily during the ordination to the priesthood for Fr. Justin Golna on June 27, 2020. Bishop Mark cited Fr. Michael McGivney as an exemplary priest with compassionate focus.

Fr. Michael McGivney, has been approved for beatification, the final step before canonization. Fr. McGivney was a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT, in the late nineteenth century. He saw and tried to meet two serious needs: that of strengthening the faith of Catholic men in an era rife with anti-Catholic agitation; and that of helping the widows and orphans of workers who died or were disabled in a time before Social Security and workmen's compensation. He founded the Knights of Columbus to meet both needs.

We live in an era in which the faith of our Catholic people needs to be strengthened, so that they can meet the challenges that a society increasingly hostile to our way of life poses to living their faith. There are also many people in this State, some of our faith and others not, who need the hope that the Gospel offers and the concrete help that Christians inspired by that Gospel can offer. I encourage you to recognize the challenges before our people and to work with me, your fellow clergy and the lay faithful in responding to them.

Like Christ, who is teacher, priest and shepherd, you will speak the truth, whether convenient or not; offer the sacraments of God's grace to his flock; and guide them in righteous living. That is the legacy Fr. Michael McGivney has left us. He made Jesus his model. Make him yours.

NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

By: Tina Cogar, Catholic Charities West Virginia Outreach Coordinator

During these difficult times and throughout the pandemic, our Catholic Charities West Virginia Webster Springs Outreach Office has been partnering with Mountaineer Food Bank (MFB), St. James Catholic Church, and First Fruit Farms in order to ensure that no one in Webster County suffers from food insecurity.

Modifications have been made as we continue to offer our services in the safest way possible. Since March, we have partnered with MFB to provide drive-up mobile pantries. Three of those distributions were in different rural areas in Webster County. Thanks to our partnership with St. James Catholic Church, we have been able to add fresh milk and produce to the food being given away by the local schools, and we have begun partnering with First

Fruit Farms to offer fresh produce to the community.

Barbara Kopanko, a resident of rural Hacker Valley, stated that our distribution



at the local elementary school helped numerous families in their area.

“We have a large population of elderly people in Hacker Valley”, Kopanko said. “Most of these people don’t drive and rely on neighbors, like us, to take them the 40-minute drive to Buckhannon for

food. During the last mobile pantry, my husband and I were able to pick up for an elderly man who is caretaker for his wife, who cannot be left alone. “

Barbara went on to say that not only did it help the elderly in the area but also even saved them money on the gas it takes to get to the nearest grocery store.

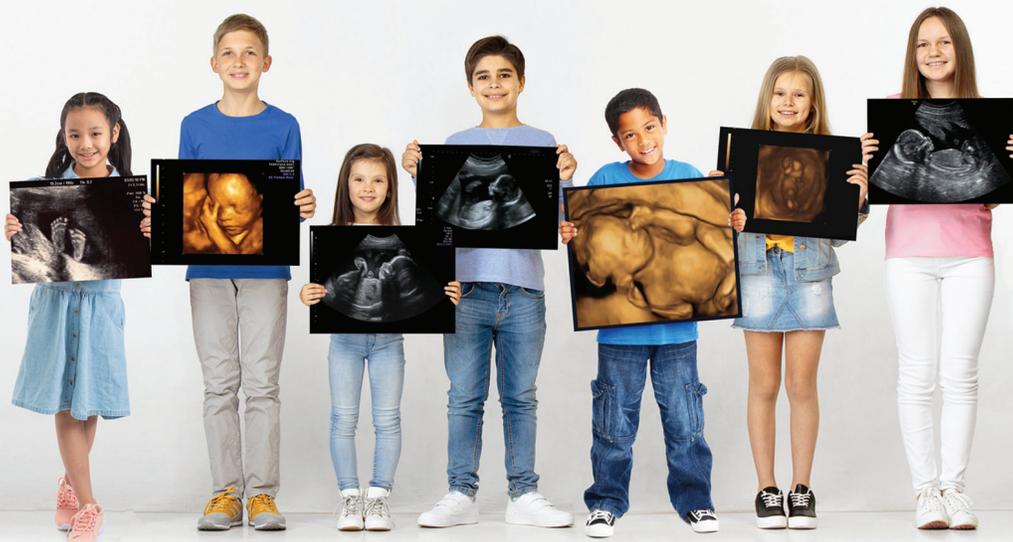
During this time, we have helped distribute over 70,000 pounds of food. The impact we’ve made in Webster County is undeniable. COVID will not stop us from doing the work of Jesus Christ!

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

ABORTION

DOES NOT END THE LIFE OF A POTENTIAL HUMAN BEING...



ABORTION ENDS THE LIFE OF AN ACTUAL HUMAN BEING
WITH GREAT POTENTIAL

MASS READINGS FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading EXODUS 22:20-26

Thus, says the LORD:

“You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. “If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

Responsorial PSALMS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress,
my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe
from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my
savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed
kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Alleluia JOHN 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MATTHEW 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may always reach out to those in need with financial and spiritual aid, extending God’s grace to every corner of the world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For refugees, widows, orphans, and all who suffer with loneliness, loss, and uncertainty, that they may be treated with love and compassion so that they may find peace and serenity in their difficult circumstances, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those around the world who are persecuted for their faith, that the early church in communities like Thessalonica may give them hope and inspiration, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are suffering with their own personal battles not matter how great or small, may they find hope and strength in the name of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

Liturgy of the Hours

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
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- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)