



**Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified during a special Mass on October 31st, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.**

On May 27th, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed". The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved a U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion. That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to Father McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops. Father McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. Generally, two miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession are required for sainthood - one for beatification and the second for canonization. The Knights of Columbus have set up a new website for Father McGivney's sainthood cause: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>

**Gatherings for Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Old #1 Southside.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me."*—MATTHEW 5:11. We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the faith.

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