

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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BROTHER KNIGHTS, WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF OUR REVIVED NEWSLETTER!

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and spread the good news of the gospel, and as proud members of Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 of the Knights of Columbus, we have restored our newsletter to establish a monthly source of communication for our members and parishioners of St. Pius X.

Who we are: *The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization dedicated to promoting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare to render aid and assistance to the needy.*

Our Membership Director, Dave Sajdak, asked your help to recruit new members. Give him a call or email him at info@kofc3956.org. Signing up ONLINE is easy by going to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> (Make sure that you select the option to join a local Council and type in our number '3956')

Our council of the K of C meets the first Wednesday of each month. The following provides a summary of recent and upcoming events and activities:

Father Bob's Going Away Party: Father Bob requested an inexpensive get-together on a Friday night June 28th in the Activity Center from 6:30-9:30. The committee is asking for donations to help cover the cost of the party. Please see further details as they progress in the church bulletins and our next newsletter.

Request from Father Bob: Father Bob wanted Brothers to prayerfully consider a few things to continue after his move to Divine Child. One larger project is to work on with the new Pastor is the procurement of a digital sign in the front of the Church. Fr. Bob estimated the cost to be \$14,000 to \$16,000. Father Bob's belief is that it will be a way to evangelize the community and invite them into the Church in small ways: giving blood, invitation to the yearly festival, Lenten Fish Fry's. Initial steps had been taken with Brother Brian Batko to speak with the city at the next city council meeting in Southgate.

Welcoming Father Suresh Rajaian: Father Suresh becomes our new pastor at St. Pius X on July 1, 2019. He is currently pastor of St. Ignatius in the Cayman Islands. Father Suresh had previously been pastor of St. Valentine Parish and School in Redford. He is an enthusiastic advocate of catholic education. We look forward to his leadership.

Thank you Deacon Mark Tibai. Deacon Mark will be reassigned effective June 1, 2019. We have been enriched by his service, including his stewardship in faith formation classes. We send him our best wishes as he continues his ministry. A reception for Deacon Mark will be at 12:30 on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Please refer to our parish bulletin for further details.



Thank you for your generous heart! You will be missed.



Thank you Deacon Mark
Our best wishes to you!



Welcome Fr. Suresh, our
new Pastor, July 1, 2019

Calendar of Events at a Glance:

May 17, 2019
Right to Life Yard and Bake Sale

May 18, 2019
Blessing of the Bikes

May 19, 2019
Coffee and Donuts after masses

May 26, 2019
Deacon Mark reception after 11:30
Mass

June 5, 2019
K of C Membership Meeting at 7:00

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Details of Upcoming Events

Right to Life. On May 17th, a Yard and Bake Sale is planned at the Right to Life Center on 2010 Eureka Rd in Wyandotte. Recently we participated in the showing of two movies; On March 28th, we attended as a group the showing of the movie UnPlanned, which provides a clear and at times graphic focus of the crime of abortion. The other film is Tolton the story of the first black priest in America. Thank you, Brian Batko for your continued efforts.

Blessings of the Bikes: On May 18th, beginning with breakfast at 8:00, then blessing of the motorcycles. If this newsletter reaches you before, we welcome your assistance and participation.

Coffee and Donuts: On May 19th, our brother Knights are sponsoring another fellowship with Coffee and Donuts after each mass.

Deacon Mark reception: On Sunday, May 26th at 12:30. We join together to offer our best wishes to Deacon Mark after 11:30 mass, as he moves on St Pius, to fulfill the plan God has set for him.

Our Next General Membership Meeting: June 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Among the many project to discuss is complete the nomination and election of our upcoming board. Please join us. Food, refreshments and fellowship will follow the meeting.

Father Bob's Going Away Party Friday, June 28th in the Activity Center from 6:30-9:30. Let's show how much our dear pastor has meant to this parish and the legacy he leaves us. He will be missed, but never, ever forgotten!!

Father Suresh Rajaian becomes our new pastor at St. Pius X on July 1st. Father Bob speaks very highly of our incoming pastor. We encourage each brother knight to show their support to Fr. Suresh and assist him in his ministry.

The Knights on the River Cruise on the Diamond Jack, July 17th. Tickets are \$25/person or \$40/couple. There are a limited number of tickets available.

The K of C Picnic is August 24th at Centennial Farms on Grosse Isle. \$5 per car. Lots of great games for the kids, adults and terrific Food!

Thank You:

On behalf of each member, I would like to thank Grand Knight Bob LaForest and all the members of this past year's board for all that they have done for this council and look forward to their continued participation in the years to come.

Thanks to Bill Robert for the gentle twisting of my arm to getting this newsletter going and to Robert Park for providing the minutes to work from and his fact checking. He's going to make a great editor's assistant!

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Calendar of Events (Continued)

June 28, 2019

Father Bob's Send Off Party
6:30-9:30

July 4, 2019

First Mass scheduled for
Father Suresh

July 17, 2019

The Knights on the River
Cruise on the Diamond Jack

August 24, 2019

The K of C Picnic at
Centennial Farms on Grosse
Isle.

Message Board:

Pancake Breakfast will resume this fall. Thank you to our brother Knights that worked hard to put this project together each month and blessings to the many financial contributors.

Downriver Food Pantry: 8,205 pounds have been delivered since August 2018. Thank you Denny Hamilton for all that you do.

Membership Drive. With all that our council of the Knight of Columbus does, it is imperative that we build our ranks. We request each of us invite one person per year to join us as a member. The fellowship and stewardship are an enrichment of our Catholic faith. Thank you Dave Sajdak for your continued leadership to recruit new members.

St. Pius X School Shout Out!

We congratulate Father Bob, Mrs. Seward and staff for the tremendous job they have done which as posted on their website, have *403 blessed students* in grades Prekindergarten to 8th grade!