# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956**

Newsletter St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #2 June, 2019

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.

This, our second newsletter is directed to not just brother Knights, but to all groups and supporters of St. Pius X Parish. We are all blessed to be a part of this vibrant community of faith. We seek your involvement in any way God directs you to assist us with your talents, time and resources to be a charitable participant.

#### **NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN!**

The Knights of Columbus are spearheading the funding for an electronic message center to replace the existing sign at the entrance of the church. We agree with Father Bob, that an interactive sign will evangelize the community, invite them into the Church and participate in our many activities. With the financial assistance of other groups within the parish, we intend to have the message center installed before our Festival. Thank you Brother Brian Batko and Grand Knight Bill Robert for taking this project on.

#### JOIN US TO THANK FATHER BOB FOR ALL HE HAS MEANT TO US

Please attend the farewell reception for Father Bob on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Activity Center from 6:30-9:30 p.m. **RSVP to Lou Butka** by June 21<sup>st</sup> (Office Ph. 734-285-1100). To cover the cost, please consider placing a contribution in the offertory basket at mass to Lou Butka's attention or call the parish office. Father Bob's last mass here at St. Pius will be Monday, June 30, 2019 at 8:00 am.

#### WELCOME FATHER SURESH

Please join us with a warm welcome for our new pastor Father Suresh Rajaian. We look forward to assisting him as his ministry here at St. Pius X begins July 1, 2019.

## **MEN'S EUCHRE NIGHT COMING SOON!**

At our meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Brother Brian Batko suggested hosting a Euchre night in the social hall for the men of the parish to socialize and learn about the Knights of Columbus and the men involved in Council 3956. Details will follow once the date can be finalized

#### **KNIGHTS ON THE RIVER**

Tickets are going fast for Diamond Jack River Boat Tours hosted by the Knights of Columbus on July 17, 2019. Boarding at 7PM, Tour 7:15 - 9:15. \$25.00 per person, two tickets for \$40.00. Pizza and snacks provided and cash bar. For availability information, please email PGK Ray Bilyk for availability at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC**

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



Congratulations to newly installed Grand Knight Bill Robert. Bill was elected at our June 5, 2019 meeting. Thank you to Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest for your leadership this past year.



Congratulations to newly installed Deputy Grand Knight Bob Schooner. Bob was elected at our June 5, 2019 meeting

## **Calendar of Events**

#### June 25, 2019

Diocesan Meeting 7:00-9:00 St. John Neumann Council 44800 Warren Rd Canton MI Registration starts at 6:00 Dinner Included See GK Elect Bill Robert for Details and to RSVP.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW K of C COUNCIL 3956 OFFICERS of 2019/2020

Grand Knight Deputy Grand Knight Financial Secretary Chancellor Recorder Treasurer Advocate Warden Outside Guard Trustee 1 yr Trustee 2 yr Trustee 3 yr Bill Robert Bob Schooner Anthony Cerezo Dick Gregoire Robert Park Walt Kabalka Kevin Pelkey Larry Rossi Dan Maguire Brian Batko Dave Hughes Frank Cuschieri

## **GRAND KNIGHT ADDRESS:**

GK Bob LaForest and Bill Robert attended State Council which dedicated to date 56 ultrasound machines. \$6000 has been raised for coats for kids, \$100,000 for Right to Life Dinner, \$220,000 to the Special Olympics, and \$40,000 to prevent dismembership abortions.

To assist us in the St. Pius festival, any Knights visiting yard sales, please keep a look out for glasses that can be used for our dine toss booth. Also, PGK Ray Bilyk will be organizing our Squires program this fall. I am sure he will accept any help from brother Knights. This will aid our organization to recruit new members. And we need to consider fundraising for the new electric sign.

## REFLECTION

Please pray for brother knights, parishioners, their family members and friends in need of God's mercy for whatever challenges they face, particularly those in poor health and in crisis. Please refer to website and church bulletin for list of those in need of prayers.

#### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

We encourage men in the parish to join our chapter of the Knights of Columbus as we need help to help others. More information is available at <u>info@kofc3956.org</u> Signing up ONLINE is easy by going to <u>https://www.kofc.org/joinus</u> (Make sure that you select the option to join a local Council and type in our number '**3956**')

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the Knights of Columbus Council 3956 at our website <u>https://www.kofc3956.org</u>, on Facebook at @KofC3956Southgate, and on Twitter @SouthgateKofC.

## Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco, Brother Knight

## 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

K of C Picnic at Centennial Farms on Grosse Isle.

## August 30,31 & Sept1,2019.

Parish Festival Labor Day Weekend Festival Meetings begin June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall

## Message Board:

**Downriver Food Pantry:** Please drop off any nonperishable food items at the Pantry across from the Social Hall.

#### Shout Out!

Congratulations to Adam Nowak, a St. Pius alumni who was ordained on June 8, 2019 along with Derik Peterman and John McKenzie

May God bless Father Adam Nowak, Father John McKenzie and Father Derik Peterman, ordained today as priests for the **Archdiocese of Detroit**. On behalf of the faithful, I thank them for devoting themselves to serve Christ and his Church. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for them!

