

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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**WELCOME FATHER SURESH TO ST. PIUS X PARISH COMMUNITY.** In his own words "we are looking forward to working together to building on the foundation set (by Father Bob) for the glory of God and his Kingdom.

**THANK YOU FATHER BOB,** for Eleven wonderful years. Your ministry has been a blessing. We wish you well! As you reassured us, we are in great hands with our new Pastor Father Suresh Rajaian.



*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.* The theme for this, our third Newsletter is a call for fellowship; to work together for our common goal to strengthen our parish community in prayer and good works.

## **ST. PIUS PARISH FESTIVAL (LICENSED BLACK JACK DEALERS NEEDED)**

Our Parish Festival is fast approaching and we are encouraging members of our Knights of Columbus to volunteer to this very important fund raiser. Brother Dan Maguire expressed a need on behalf of the festival committee to encourage brother knights to become licensed Black Jack Dealers. Our Parish and School rely heavily on the success of this annual event. Information on how we can participate will be provided in upcoming parish bulletins. More details will be made at our August membership meeting.

## **UPDATE ON NEW ELECTRONIC SIGN!**

The proposal to replace the existing sign with an electronic, programmable message center is moving forward. The best cost we have to date is approximately 4 foot tall by seven feet wide, with a new skirt to replace the crumbling existing brick. Father Suresh has been active in working with us. Thank you GK Bill Robert and Brother Knight Brian Batko for all your hard work. We are hopeful to have the message center up and running in time for our Festival.

## **FATHER BOB'S FARWELL RECEPTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

It was a packed house for our farewell reception for Father Bob on June 28, 2019. Father Bob's last Sunday mass at St. Pius on June 30, 2019 was followed by another gathering in the social hall.

## **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP.**

St. Pius is hosting this workshop on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Brother Knights are encouraged to participate as volunteers. For more information, please refer to the AOD website for registration information at: <https://www.virtusonline.org>

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

Brother Brian Batko has proposed hosting a Euchre night in October 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 24, 2019**

K of C Picnic at Centennial Farms on Grosse Ile. The cost is \$5.00 per car.

**Parish Festival**

Labor Day Weekend Festival

**September 22, 2019**

Major Degree at Robert Jones Council at Christ the Good Shephard. Mass at 8:00 a.m.

## ANOTHER POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Brother Brian Batko is looking into the possibility of another Christmas Concert this fall with acts such as Josh Garrels or Unspoken performing. Past concerts have had good turnouts and non-parishioners attending with hope of them discovering their faith at St. Pius.

## RIGHT TO LIFE PETITION DRIVE

Brother Bob Bailey updated the council on the petition beginning in September to have the Right to Life put on the ballot for next year. 400,000 signatures are required.

## GRAND KNIGHT ADDRESS:

We have been blessed once again with a great new Pastor. Due to changing of the guard, efforts for the festival are behind schedule. I hope I can count on each of us to participate as much as possible.

At our recent meeting, I brought up the need for Brothers to get certified for Safe Environment training to be able to volunteer with children and young adult parish activities. Safe Environment training is also known as Vertus or Protecting God's Children.

## DOWNRIVER FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The food pantry is short on beef stew and cereal. More information will be published in the parish bulletin and posted in the usher's room. Please drop off any non-perishable food items at the Pantry across from the Social Hall.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Thank you Worthy Recorder Robert Park for offering to assist PGK Ray Bilyk with of website.

## 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

Dear heavenly Father, Help us all to walk in the light as you are the light. Draw us together in love, unite us together in fellowship and sustain us and strengthen each one of us in our Christian walk, in Jesus name we pray. Amen

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We encourage men in the parish to join the Knights of Columbus. More information is available at [info@kofc3956.org](mailto: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')

**Vivat Jesus**

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Brother Knight