

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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## FESTIVAL TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!

We are in need of glassware and ceramic cups for our "World Famous" Coin Toss. Please Contact Dave Sajdak at [dmjs1111@gmail.com](mailto:dmjs1111@gmail.com) or Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org). You could also bring your spares to the game tent on any day of the Festival.

## A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO CAME!

Another successful K of C event as many fellow Knights, family and friends enjoyed Diamond Jacks River Boat Cruise on July 17, 2019. We boarded at the Bishop Park dock. The weather turned out wonderful and the company was outstanding!



As you read this fourth newsletter, consider the Four Core Principles of the Knights of Columbus (As referenced from [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)):

**Charity:** Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need.

**Unity** - None of us is as good as all of us. Together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. Please encourage other men to join the K of C. Each new member increases our potential.

**Fraternity** - Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded Knights of Columbus, in part, to provide assistance to those who had lost a family member. Please pray for the recently deceased and their loved ones.

**Patriotism** - Members of the Knights of Columbus are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both.

## GENTLEMAN, IT'S OUR TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

We encourage each of you to share your thoughts and ideas of how to make a greater difference in our parish community. God gave each of us skills, talents and an individual mind and body to share these gifts. Come to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month in the social hall, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Go to our website at [www.kofc.3956.org](http://www.kofc.3956.org) to learn all that our vibrant chapter is up to.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Thank you PGK Ray Bilyk and Brother Knight, Worthy Recorder Robert Park and everyone who helped to update our website. It is a very resourceful tool for each and every brother knight. It is user friendly and packed full of information on all current topics and events. Excellent Job!

### **ST. PIUS PARISH FESTIVAL ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Please volunteer your time to this most important fundraiser. Let's show our new pastor, Fr. Suresh how blessed our faith community is with your participation. We need help with the "World Famous" Coin Toss. We also need plenty of glassware to replenish last year's supply. Contact Dave Sadjak at [dmjs1111@gmail.com](mailto:dmjs1111@gmail.com) and Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org) to sign up. We also need any sort of glassware. Please also consider helping with the many projects of the Festival. There may still be time to become licensed Black Jack Dealers. Our Parish and School rely heavily on the success of this annual event. More information on how to participate will be provided in upcoming parish bulletins.

### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT NIGHT DATE SET**

Brother Knight Brian Batko has arranged for our K of C council to host a Euchre night on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall. Thank you Brian for this great idea for the men of the parish to socialize and learn about the Knights of Columbus Council 3956. Please come to our September 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm to participate in the discussion and learn more about the event.

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

Father Suresh, Grand Knight Bill Robert and Brother Knight Brian Batko have been working diligently to contract this new state of the art electronic message center to replace the existing sign. Thanks to Brother Knight Sal DiPasquale for volunteering to assist with reinforcing the foundation to accommodate the message center. Sal is an example of a long time member, becoming more involved and sharing his talents with our council.

### **DOWNRIVER KNIGHTS FAMILY PICNIC COMING SOON!**

This 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Event will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Centennial Farms Park at 25797 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on Grosse Ile from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. All Knights and their families are invited. Menus will include Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Corn on the Cob, Cookies, Fruits and more. A full flyer with all the details is provided on our website at [www.kofc.3956.org](http://www.kofc.3956.org)

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **August 24, 2019**

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

#### **August 30, 2019 - September 1, 2019 (Labor Day Weekend)**

Parish Festival and K of C Dime Toss in Game Tent

#### **September 4, 2019**

K of C Council 3956 Regular Membership Business Meeting in Social Hall. 6:00 pm.

#### **September 22, 2019**

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

#### **October 2, 2019**

K of C Council 3956 Regular Membership Business Meeting in Social Hall. 6:00 pm.

#### **October 4, 2019**

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

#### **October 5, 2019**

K of C Council 3956 Euchre Tournament in Social Hall. 7:00 pm.

### **THE RETURN OF PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND DONUT SUNDAYS IS FAST APPROACHING**

Fall is just around the corner and so will be these two monthly events. As a fundraiser and a social event, many parishioners look forward to these events each month. Please consider taking the time to help our wonderful crew of fellow knights with these activities. Please come to the meeting on the first Wednesday to learn more or contact Grand Knight Bill Robert at [billrobert218@gmail.com](mailto:billrobert218@gmail.com)

### **DOWNRIVER FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGE**

Thank you to all the regular contributors to the Downriver Food Pantry. There is an acute shortage of many items including Instant Oatmeal, Canned Chicken and Beef Stew. Thank you to Ushers Club and particularly Brother Knight Dennis Hamilton for your hard work and communication. Please drop off any non-perishable food items at the Pantry across from the Social Hall.

### **NEWSLETTER NOW A PART OF OUR PARISH BULLETIN!**

We are excited to announce that beginning in August excerpts of the newsletter will be published weekly in the St. Pius X Parish Bulletin to expand our reach to all members of our faith community. Thank you Debbie Solis, the editor of the bulletin for not only welcoming a K of C weekly article, but also giving it its identity "Knights Corner"

### **ANOTHER POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Brother Brian Batko is looking into the possibility of another Christmas Concert with popular acts in Christian Music. 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.

### **REFLECTION**

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you (1 Timothy 1:14). Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

### **PRAYER FOR THE MONTH**

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brother and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be the healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may all people live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

### **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 and Editor