

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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## **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT II, SET FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2019**

Our first Euchre Tournament on October 5<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! We are inviting more members, family and friends to enjoy a second card party, set for November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. for sign in. Tournament begins at 7:00 p.m. We will be offering an opportunity for those new to Euchre to learn this exciting game! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. There will be a need for volunteers to help on that night. Please make an effort to participate. This is a great idea for the members of the parish to socialize and learn about the Knights of Columbus Council 3956. Thanks to Brother Brian Batko who has done a great job getting this event started.

## **RECRUITMENT DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 27, 2019**

We are requesting as many knight as possible to attend the 11:30 Mass to encourage men to join the Knight of Columbus. This is the same day as our Donut Sunday. Brother Dave Sajak and Father Suresh will each speak to families to encourage fathers, sons and brothers to join. Please prayer for a successful recruitment.

## **K OF C SQUIRES YOUTH PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD**

A meeting was held October third with St. Pius principal, Michelle Seward to discuss how to provide information about the Squires to the children and their families. These efforts should demonstrate the benefits of being a Knight of Columbus to the youth of the parish. Acts of Service to the Church and community are great ways to encourage these youths and their parents to aspire to the K of C one day soon.

Anticipated projects may include Spelling Bees, Sports tournaments, Pinewood Open, which involves the whole family in model derby car competition, the "Keeping Christ in Christmas" experience, Youth Essay Contest and Leadership training. Thank you PGK Ray Bilyk, GK Bill Robert and Michelle Seward for your enthusiasm and commitment to the great program!

## **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

Beginning with a fellowship dinner at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00, come to show your support for the many programs that benefit our community. We welcome new suggestions that can only become reality if members give freely of their time and talents.

### **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER UPDATE**

At our October membership meeting, Brother Batko reported that brickwork is completed for the parish sign. Instead of creating a metal skirt for the sign, new brickwork was coordinated by Brother Sal DiPasquale. This will save the parish \$2000. Thank you Brothers Sal and Brian for all the work you are doing for the Council and St. Pius.

### **SEMINARIAN DESERT MEAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020.**

Our successful run of Desert Meals to support our Seminarians will continue. Set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Super bowl Sunday, we encourage friends and family to participate in this necessary event. More details to follow.

### **OFFER OF FELLOWSHIP FROM JONES COUNCIL**

Brother Dave Hayward, an usher and parishioner here at St. Pius, and a member of the Jones Council in Lincoln Park has extended an invitation to our O'Brien council to use of their new building on 3528 Fort St in Lincoln Park. The Jones council has a full kitchen and raffle tickets for sale every month as well as a daily 3 digit and Wednesday bonus days. The Jones Council offered their building for informal meetings.

**A CARIBBEAN CRUISE** January 16-23 of 2021 has been initiated by the Jones Council. At a group rate, the cost will range from \$921-\$1352 per person. For more information, anyone interested can contact Brother Dave at (313) 574-4139

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Plans are underway for a tentative Christmas Concert with Christian Acts such as Beta Radio, Josh Garrels, and Deanna Corteza. If these acts are booked, there will be a greater emphasis on Christmas music. Approval is still required for use of the sanctuary. Costs could be lower than past concerts. Still tentative, if approved it would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday after Thanksgiving. The date would be December 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. Thank you Brother Brian Batko for working once again on the exciting program for St. Pius Parish.

### **USHERS NOTES:**

Ushers, mark your calendar for our next meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Any usher who has not paid their \$5.00 dues yet, please bring it to the meeting. Our Christmas Social this year will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. More details in the coming months. Our upcoming meetings in 2020 are on March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **DOWNRIVER FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGE**

There continues to be a serious shortage of many items. Brother Dennis Hamilton mentioned a need for canned chicken, chili, sloppy joes and other foods with a long shelf life that doesn't require refrigeration. Please drop off non-perishable food items at the Pantry across from the Social Hall. Thank you to ushers and all regular contributors to the Downriver Food Pantry.

### **WOUDN'T IT BE NICE**

A directory of all brother knights would be nice to include their names, names of spouses, birthdates, anniversaries, and other special dates in their lives. Could one or more members please consider taking on this worthwhile responsibility? Please let us know of your interest by responding back to me or attending our next membership meeting. Once prepared it could be used and periodically updated to celebrate these dates in our newsletters.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday October 27, 2019**

**Donut Sunday in the Social Hall after 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses**

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

**All Saint's Day**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**All Soul's Day**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

**K of C Council 3956 Regular Membership Business Meeting in Social Hall.**

**Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 pm., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**November 11, 2019**

**Veterans Day**

**Saturday November 16, 2019**

**Euchre Tournament II in Social Hall. Registration and training begin at 6:00 p.m.**

**Games start at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun!**

**Sunday November 17, 2019**

**Charity Family Breakfast in the Social Hall after 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses**

**Sunday November 24, 2019**

**Donut Sunday in the Social Hall after 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses**

**November 28, 2019**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHARITY PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND DONUT SUNDAYS

Consider taking time to help our wonderful crew of fellow knights with these activities. As a fundraiser and a social event, we provide information on these Sundays to promote current activities and recruitment of new members. To sign up to volunteer for each Charity Family Breakfast: Go to <https://www.kofc3956.org/signup/> and click on signup form



Congratulation to Father Suresh who is officially installed as our Pastor by Bishop Battersby at the 11:30 mass on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

A reception for father followed in conjunction with our Charity Family Breakfast after the mass. Please take the time sometime soon to get to know Father Suresh. His humility, spirituality and charm are inspiring.

## MESSAGE BOARD

- The Focus on Life annual dinner will be held at Arnoldo's on Quarry Rd at 5:30 on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The speaker is Rev. Paul Clark, of St. Paul Lutheran church.
- Weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> will be another petition drive to sign the end of dis-membership abortions. If you have already signed the petition, you should not sign again. The petition is approximately 200,000 signatures short.
- District Deputy Lalli attended our October meeting and encouraged fellowship among councils for attending each other's events and to support each other's parishes. More information may be discussed at our November 6<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.
- The March for Life is January 24 in Washington DC. \$109/night in Alexandria Virginia Hampton Inn. Contact any board member to assist in getting more details.
- We encourage each brother knight to visit our website at [www.kofc.3956.org](http://www.kofc.3956.org). Our Website at [www.kofc3956.org](http://www.kofc3956.org) is a tremendous resource for all things related to the Knights of Columbus. Primarily pertaining to our local council, it provides information on regional, state and national levels. Thanks to PGK Ray Bilk, Worthy Recorder Robert Park, and everyone who has helps to bring this communication together.
- Get well wishes to worthy insurance advocate Tom Jackson who is recovering from knee surgery. Please continue to pray for all 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.
- We encourage men in the parish to join the Knights of Columbus. Information is available at [info@kofc3956.org](mailto:info@kofc3956.org). Simply go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> (Select the option to join a local Council and type in our number '3956')

## REFLECTION

In preparation for this newsletter, I came across an article "CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH", subtitled the way of prayer. It provides some insight into Christian prayer, as it applies individually between God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin. A link is provided here: <http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/p4s1c2a2.htm#2673>

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

To our Blessed Mother. We fly to your protection, most holy Mother of God; please listen to our petitions and needs, and deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin Mary... With your gracious assistance may we be near you in the glory of Christ's kingdom come to sing with you and all the faithful the eternal praise of God. Amen.

<http://catholic.net/op/articles/941/to-our-blessed-mother.html>

Vivat Jesus

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