

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

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OUR NEWSLETTER IS CELEBRATING YEAR ONE!

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of our first year. Congratulations to all!!

ONE
YEAR
and counting

Thank You!

SO, LET US BEGIN YEAR TWO!!

GREAT NEWS!

Archdiocese of Detroit is permitted to resume public Masses. Fr. Suresh is working on a new email for all the church members including Masses preparations. He expects that to be ready by Monday, May 18th. This will be a large undertaking and we should all be prepared to offer our assistance as much as we are able to do so.

USHERS

Dennis Hamilton has submitted our ushers meeting schedule to Parish Secretary Lou Butka, and will post same when received. Fr. Suresh is expected to advise us on our usher duties when the new Mass structure commences. Our duties will change to some degree regarding the collection, offertory, distributing bulletins, etc. All ushers are asked to be judicious about their own health and that of their loved ones. The sign-in sheet in the usher's room will be removed temporarily for hygiene purposes. In the meantime, stay safe and God Bless to everyone. Thanks for your kindness and readiness to serve.

AS WE BEGIN RESUMPTION OF MASSES, IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT.

According to the directive by the Archdiocese, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit will resume public Mass by Friday, May 29, 2020. Here are the conditions for the resumption of public Masses:

1. Face-coverings/masks are to be worn by the faithful in and around the church.
2. Cleaning and sanitizing of church facilities before or after Masses.
3. Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.
4. Parish churches are not to exceed 25% of total capacity for the church.
 1. This limit should allow people to remain at least six feet apart.
 2. Depending on church layout, this may have to be less than 25% of capacity.
 3. An additional location on the church property (e.g. social hall, parking lot) may be used as an “overflow” for additional people desiring to attend public Mass.
 1. This should not exceed the same 25% capacity for the space.
 2. Both indoor and outdoor Masses require adherence to strict physical distancing guidelines.

The brief summary is only a small part of the directives provided by the Archdiocese of Detroit. For much more information, here is the link to the guidelines:

<https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse#guidelines>

A Video of what you need to know about returning to mass is provided on our parish and school website at <https://www.saintpiusschool.org/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON MARK!



Congratulations Mark Tabai who will be ordained a Catholic Priest on June 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. He will be ordained separately to allow for as many of his family to attend. Four other deacons will be ordained individually on different dates.

Mark's ordination will be live streamed. In a Facebook message, he plans to post the links "so you can watch and pray with me during this special day."

On July 1, Mark will become an associate pastor at St. Fabian in Farmington Hills. We are so happy for Mark. He has been a good friend to St. Pius community and out Knights of Columbus.

TONY CERZO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED FOR JUNE, 2021

We are so pleased to announce that although the First Annual O'Brien Council 3956 Golf Outing will be postponed by one year, it will honor our dear friend and brother knight who we lost this past March. Thank you brother Frank Racano for such a thoughtful and inspiring tribute to Tony.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK GARCELLANO, NOW A THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT!

Thanks to his attendance of an online Exemplification on May 7th! If there is a Brother Knight that has a candidate for membership, or would themselves like to become a 3rd Degree Knight using these special online Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (all in around 30 minutes!), contact Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org for a special invitation to the events. (Wives and Family are now encouraged to observe).

FRATERNAL BENEFITS WEBINAR PLANNED

We are having a Fraternal Benefits Webinar on Wednesday, May 20th starting at 7PM sharp which is open to all Catholic men and their families. Hosted by Supreme Council Fraternal Benefits Field Agent Tom Jackson, join us for a one hour presentation on the Knights of Columbus along with the benefits and opportunities for you and your family.

For more information, contact Tom Jackson Field Agent, K of C at thomas.f.jackson@kofc.org Or Ray Bilyk, Financial Secretary at raybilyk@kofc3956.org direct signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baaae29abff2-knights>

NOMINATION and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At our May 6, 2020 General Membership meeting via Skype, we began the first nomination of officers for 2020/2021. The second nomination of officers is planned for our next meeting on June 3, 2020. We hope that circumstances will allow us to meet in person. We encourage all who would be able to attend to consider accepting a nomination to the board. New and fresh faces bring new and fresh ideas!

JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

As noted above, we hope and pray that we can resume our in person general membership meetings. June 3, 2020 is the planned date, in the Social Hall, if permitted. For the health and safety of our members and their families, only members in good health with no underlying health concerns should attend. Social distancing practices should be in place including use of face masks and protective hand sanitizers and gloves. In the event we need to stay at home, it may be likely that a Skype meeting will still be necessary. Please expect an email prior to next month's meeting if it remains as scheduled or is postponed due to suspension of activities in the parish. Deputy Grand Knight Bob Schooner (rds11553@yahoo.com) will continue to keep brother knights informed of our meetings.

DIAMOND JACK TRIP IS TENTATIVE

Diamond Jack trip and K of C Picnic has been postponed until 2021. A meeting was planned to determine if the cruise could still happen or be cancelled until later in the summer. We have been told for reasons associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and the temporary closing of the Grosse Ile free bridge, that it has been decided that both events have been suspended for 2020.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Unless changes are announced, the food pantry is asking for monetary contributions at this time. Food donations are not being accepted until further notice. Monetary donations will certainly be welcomed and can be addressed to the Downriver Food Pantry, 25322 Petras, Huron Twp., MI, 48134. Attn: Joyce. Dennis Hamilton will continue to keep us informed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

We would like to congratulate all members who celebrate birthdays in May:

Christain Abello (May 3rd)
Dennis Hamilton (May 3rd)
Frank Kootsillas (May 3rd)
Steven Minella (May 6th)
Bruce Presutti (May 6th)
Timothy Jones (May 10th)
Alexander Brown (May 16th)
Gilbert Ortiz (May 19th)
Guy Vitale (May 20th)
Harold Paddock (May 23rd)
Patrick Phillips (May 23rd)
Father Suresh Rajaian (May 24th)
Val St. German (May 26th).



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John and Valerie Husar who celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary on May 6th

Our apologies to any one we missed. If you would like to share any birthdays, anniversaries or any other special events please contact Brother Ray Bilyk @ raybilyk@kofc3956.org

Thank you Brother Ray Bilyk for sharing these Birthday and Anniversary to the membership

SPECIAL PRAYERS

At our last meeting, we asked for prayers for Michael Keefe, a Past Grand Knight is Riverview who died from complication of the Corona Virus. Other prayers requested included

David Hughes

Bill Robert's daughter Terry-Anne

Walt's Daughter Mary-Anne, and Grand-Daughter Heidi

Bob LaForest

Phyllis Cerezo

Clayton Batko

The people throughout the world who may be affected by the Corona Virus and first responders and care givers on the front lines of providing support to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please continue to remember in prayer, brother knights, parishioners, their family and friends in need of God's mercy for whatever challenges they face, particularly those in poor health and in crisis.

OUR PARISH NEEDS US

Please continue to support the Parish in whatever ways you can as we begin to re-open public masses. Both your time and resources are very much needed at this time. Fr. Suresh and staff still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to support our parish community.

NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO BUILD UP OUR CALLING

We encourage all men in the parish to join the K of C. Visit our website at www.kofc3956.org. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus (*Select option to join local Council and type our number '3956'*). Thank you to Membership Chairman Dave Sajdak.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 20
7:00pm
Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Webinar

Thursday, May 21
Ascension Day

Monday, May 25, 2020
Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31, 2020
Pentecost

Wednesday, June 6, 2020
K of C Council 3956 Membership Meeting, Plan on either attending in person or participating via Skype. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We will attempt to keep all member informed if we will be able to gather in the Social Hall.

Sunday, June 7
Trinity Sunday

Thursday, June 11
Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 21
Father's Day. Celebrate You!

Sunday, June 28
11:30am
Mass & Knights of Columbus Exemplification of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees

Friday, July 3
Independence Day observed

REFLECTION

We are all experiencing what I pray will be a once in a life time event that has challenged our total being: Our strength, our faith, our purpose, our livelihood and our future. There has been tremendous toll on people's health and welfare. In the short time that we have had to face this crisis, I have seen many friends and family bury their loved ones who died alone. It has been mind boggling. In this tunnel, there is light I have spent more time building and rebuilding relationships that before I had taken for granted. I have had deeper conversations with my wife and my kids who have taught me to embrace the empty nest. I have spent more time in prayer, started viewing more religious programing, and used more of my time and resources to help those less fortunate. I have become a bit more aware of what is important. I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and spirits. God is with us and always will be. Blessings to all. Peace!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Fear Not, for I Am with You

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ... For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:10



In this tunnel, there is light

Vivat Jesus

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