

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #30

OCTOBER, 2021



GOD BLESS THESE AMAZING STUDENTS OF ST. PIUS SCHOOL!!!

I joined the Knights of Columbus almost five years ago. I've had some very proud moments; none can compare to what I experienced on Wednesday. The Student Council at St. Pius School in just a few weeks raised over \$1400 for Coats for Kids. We were awe struck and humbled by what these young men and women have accomplished. Our future is in great hands if these students are the leaders in the years to come. I am so proud of what Principal Kathleen England and her staff are doing with these amazing children. On behalf of all the members of our O'Brien council of the Knights of Columbus, we would like to commend the administration and every one of these teachers and students. These are OUR role models!



Very Special Thanks to the Student Council who with the help of their sponsors, Mrs. Demerly and Mrs. Scanlon, organized the fund raiser. The Student Council is Luke Hagood, Mady Furtah, Faith Karawan, Anderson Heggie, Maggie McMullen, Jenna Woodworth, Luca Vitale, Ty Bergeron, Walker, Torolski, Olivia Edge, Josie Wesley, Nico Hagood, Violet Barazsu, and Luke Dudek.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE SUCCESS!!



Our recent Tootsie Roll Drive was by far the most successful in years. Special Thanks to Larry and Glenda Rossi who took the initiative to obtain approval from the City of Southgate to solicit donations at the intersection of Dix-Toledo and Eureka Roads.

Throughout the weekend of October 8-10, over \$1600.00 was raised from collections from drivers and parishioners after masses to support Special Olympics.

Shout out to GK Bill Robert, DGK Mark Garcellano, Officers Frank Cusceri, Robert Park, Brian Batko and Bob Schooner, plus other brothers and ushers.

MESSAGE FROM DGK MARK GARCELLANO

The PTO would like to invite all St. Pius students and their family to a Halloween Trunk or Treat event that will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the school's parking lot. We will have donuts and drinks beginning at 6:00 pm. Trunk or Treating begins at 7pm. The DJ will play music until 8:00 pm. For the safety of our families, cars will not be permitted to leave the parking lot prior to 8:15 pm and may not leave until directed to exit by a parking attendant.



The cost is \$6.00/car for up to 6 people. Additional guests may join your car for \$2 per person. This price includes a DJ, donuts and drinks! If you would like to attend, please contact Stefanie Isenegger at (734) 323-5111 or Anne Scharnhorst at (313) 530-2922.

Please feel free to decorate your car(s). Decorated cars will be judged and prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third Place! With the fun extending until 8:30pm, please consider adding decorative lights to your car to help brighten up our dark parking lot. This is one of many events our K of C council will be assisting our gem that is St. Pius Catholic School.



COATS FOR KIDS UPDATE

Our Knights of Columbus Council 3956 Faith In Action Coats for Kids 2021 campaign began the first of October and will extend through October 24th. A coat rack has been placed in the church main entrance with envelopes to make donations. Each coat cost about \$20.00.

We are starting the program earlier this year so the coats can get to the kids in time for the winter months ahead. Last year we raised about \$3000.00 which helped to purchase 150 coats. Announcements will be made at all masses. This year the Coats for Kids distribution will be October 30th at Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter Street in Detroit. See Flyer for more details.

Thank you to GDK Mark Garcellano who has volunteered once again to oversee this much needed fund raiser.

THE WORD IS OUT!

Plans are underway for our Knights of Columbus council to host a Spelling Bee competition at St. Pius School. Principal Kathleen England wants to proceed with students exclusive to St. Pius with our Knights picking the words. Information relating to the Spelling Bee word lists and other forms are now available at <https://www.kofc3956.org/spellingbee>.



We will need a list of participants as well so that we can prepare the Certificates of Participation for all of the students. We'll also need to discuss what would be suitable awards (dictionaries, thesauruses, savings bonds, etc. besides champion certificates)



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

"By engaging creativity and imaginations of our youth, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas," The winning entries may serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the holiday. More information to follow. Please see the flyer below for more details.

Knights of Columbus



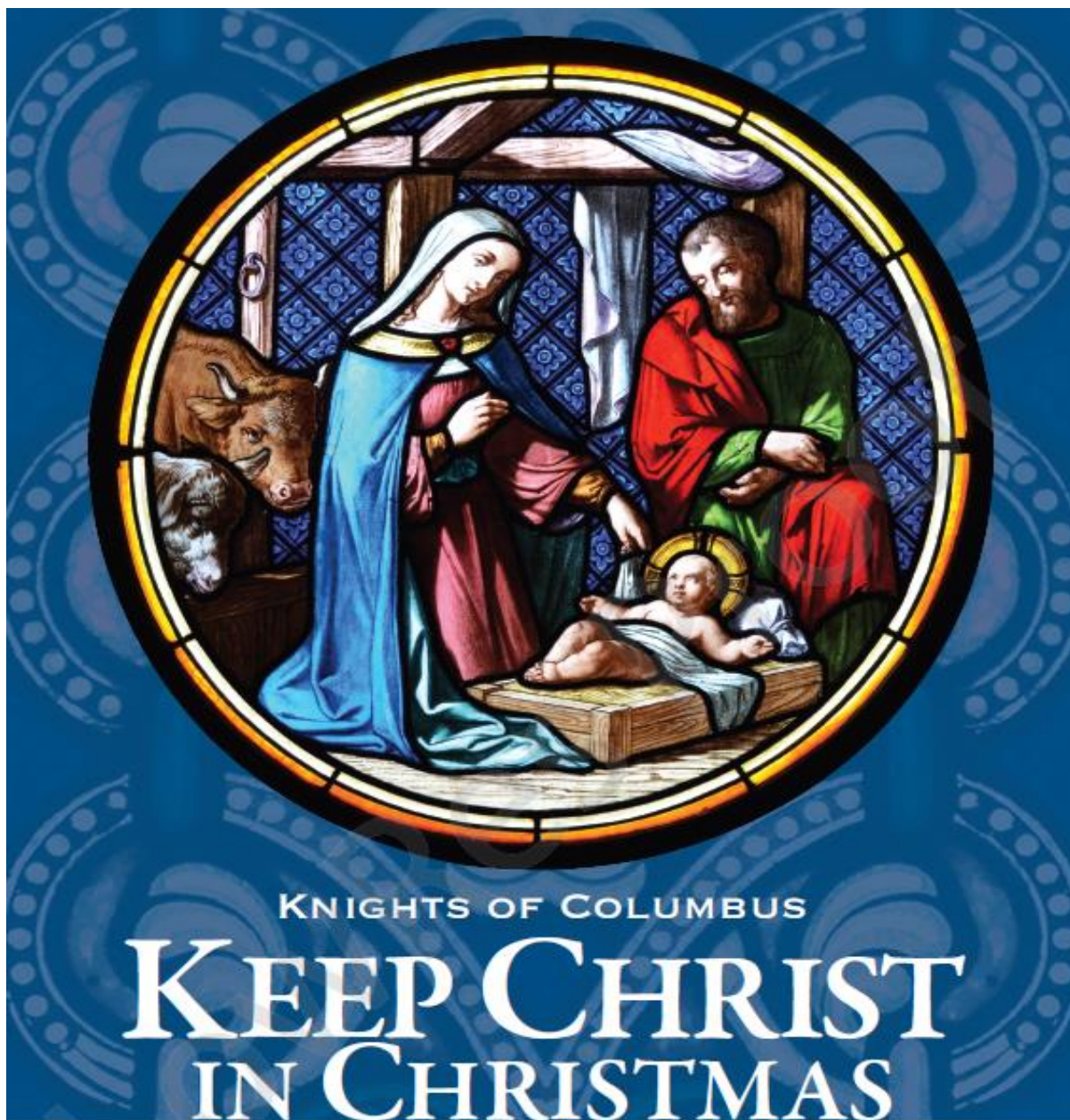
FREE COATS FOR KIDS!!!!!!!!!!

Where: Most Holy Trinity Church
1050 Porter St, Detroit MI 48226
When: Saturday, October 30th 2021
Time: 11 am to 2 pm
Coat Sizes: Boys and Girls size 4 to Teen size XL

**Sponsored by Michigan Knights of Columbus
And Ste Anne Council 8697**

**CHILD MUST BE PRESENT AND
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED
MASKS REQUIRED For UNVACCINATED**





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST

Due: January 3, 2022 - kofc3956.org/postercontest

Sponsor: Bernard P. O'Brien (St. Pius X) Council 3956

Contact: Robert Park - (248) 980-4434



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FAITH IN ACTION

FAMILY



NOVEMBER 3, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

We are working closely with St. Pius School to be a more active partner with programs. We encourage all members to help in whatever way is possible. We also would like to reach out not only to our past members, but to the fathers of students to attend our next meetings to learn how much we can accomplish if we work together.

What: General Membership Meeting
 Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church
 When: **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**
 Time: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Members may participate via zoom. To learn how to “Zoom” in, please contact District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT

I am proposing at our Officers meeting, that instead of having a regular meeting in December, having a potluck dinner. Rather than on the first Wednesday, we move it to Saturday December 4th. The Social Hall is available. Bringing a caterer for just the meats. Saturday after Mass. Here in the Social Hall wives invited. Also inviting all the Ushers.

Our recent Donut Sundays have turned out very well. Took a lot less work and the profits turned out well. Congratulations also to a very successful Tootsie Roll Drive on October 8-10. Cans and Bottles for Seminarians are still being collected and accepted at Robert Jones Council.

November 3rd is the Next Meeting. Nov 13th is the Chili Cook-off at the 4pm mass Saturday. Bringing them to the Activity Center. Not the Social Hall. I received Letters of appreciation from Special Olympics-Area 23(our local Area) and a Letter from St. Louis Center Village. I am very proud of every one who helps so selflessly.

DONUT SUNDAYS



Our October 17th Donut Sunday raised \$625.00 for the Downriver Pregnancy Center. Many of the Coats for Kids envelopes were collected. This was to be our last coffee and Donuts event of the season; however, it may be possible that one more such event will be scheduled this season.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, STUDENTS AND STAFF

As Principal Kathleen England gets settled in, we are committed to assisting her, staff and students. PR Director Tony Chirco will be liaison to the administration, PTO and booster club. DGK Mark Garcellano will be events coordinator and Dr. Stephen Gall will have a role as Mark designates. St. Pius X Elementary School is regarded as among the best learning institutions within the Archdiocese of Detroit. We are proud to be a part of this fine institution.

A FEW MESSAGES FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK

Opportunities for prayer and time with Jesus:

Wednesdays

Holy Hour. Every Wednesday at 11:00 am. at St. Patrick Church, Wyandotte with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Divine Praises followed by the 12 noon Mass.

Thursdays

Second Thursday of every month: the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to the **6:00 pm Holy Hour** with Exposition, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany and Benediction followed by the 7:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Scapular.

Fridays

First Friday of every month:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and all day Adoration at our Lady of the Scapular (Tenth and superior Blvd., Wyandotte) Visitors are welcome all day; Adorers are encouraged to schedule a regular hour of prayer each month. 9:00 am - Exposition followed by the Rosary; 12 Noon - The Angelus is prayed; 3:00 pm - The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed; 6:30 pm - Benediction, Divine praises and reposing of the Blessed Sacrament; 7:00 pm - Holy Mass

November 10

Benefit Dinner for Saint Luke Productions, celebrating 40 years; **Leonardo Defilippis** will present his vision and plans for two upcoming movies:

- *Heart of Mercy*, the story of St. Faustina and Divine Mercy
- *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, the story of the first Black priest in America

Park Place, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn; Tickets at SLPbenefitdinner.eventbrite.com or contact Debbie Bloomfield, 734-934-2599.

Join District Deputy Ray Bilyk for a Couple of Fun Events!

Friday, October 29th, 2021

Michigan K of C Installation of State Leadership Committee 2022 are hosting a Harvest Festival Party at Zuccaro's, 46601 Gratiot Ave in Chesterfield, Michigan with doors opening at 6PM. \$45 each includes an open bar, buffet dinner, fall games and good times. (In fact, if we get 7 more people to attend, the price per ticket drops to \$40 each. See the flyer for more details.

Saturday, November 6th, 2021

Come out for a fun night of dinner, drinks and laughs as Jennifer and Ray welcome the 10th Anniversary of the Father Saylor Comedy Show at Fr. Saylor Council Hall in Allen Park. As usual our opening act and MC for the night is Fr. Saylor Council's own Sal Demilio. Sal has put together another fantastic show for us as he brings in Tim Finhel as our Feature Act. Tim is a public school teacher by day who charades as a comedian by night and has traveled and performed on as many stages as his wife has given him permission to do.

Our Headliner is Bil Benden who hits the stage and immediately you know you're in for one entertaining and fun show. Bil grabs the audience by the hand and takes them with him, as he tries to figure out just when he stopped being a fun guy and became a dad. Bil realizes that a lot more has changed than just the hairline and waist line. He lets us in on all the not ready for prime time moments of family life that we're not going to see on TV any time soon. From childhood to parenthood and all the creamy, fluffy filling in between, the audience experiences all through the eyes and ears of this gifted storyteller!

Tickets are \$30 per person and will include dinner and draft beer and wine. Mixed drinks will be available for purchase. Doors will open at 6pm for cocktail hour with dinner being served from 7pm until 8pm. Showtime will start around 8:15pm (Hopefully). They will also run one big 50/50 raffle and give away a nice door prize as they celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this spectacular show.

For either event, contact District Deputy Ray Bilyk at DD105@mikofc.org or 313-247-2110.

MESSAGE FROM LARRY ROSSI, WARDEN AND MI DRIVE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of my wife Glenda, I would like to thank my brother Knights for unselfishly giving of their time to participate in collecting donations on the street corner and making our recent Tootsie Roll Drive a huge success. Furthermore, I would like to thank our Parish members for always making our charitable drives as successful as they are every time. Thank you to all, Larry Rossi.

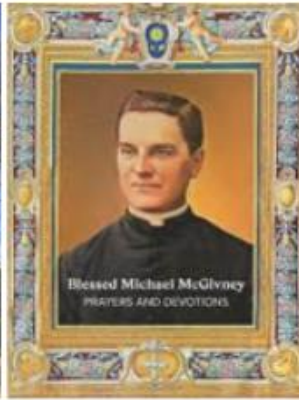
WE NEED A PLACE FOR OUR STUFF

Father Suresh has approved our request for KNIGHTS DISPLAY CASE. In recent years, we have accumulated quite a few items that we would like to share with the parishioners. Thanks to Fr. Suresh's permission we will soon have a permanent showcase. Larry Rossi has volunteered to get quotes from local merchants.

THIS JUST IN!

Below is the article regarding the Mass of Thanksgiving and Exemplification honoring Blessed Fr. McGivney on October 31st. Included in the Article is discussion regarding Exemplification following the Mass.

This is open to all new member Candidates. Please encourage your Councils to bring these candidates and their families to the Cathedral for a truly memorable event. Let me know if you have any Councils bringing Candidates so we can plan accordingly.



Mass of Thanksgiving & Exemplification Honoring Blessed Fr. McGivney

Our State Chaplain, Fr. Paul Ballien will be celebrating

mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 on **Sunday October 31st at 2PM.** This mass commemorates the one-year anniversary of Blessed Fr. McGivney's beatification. All Knights of Columbus and their families are invited to attend this special mass of Thanksgiving.

Immediately following mass there will be an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. This is a great opportunity to bring your new member candidates and First-Degree Brothers to the Cathedral for this special exemplification in honor of our founder Blessed Fr. McGivney.

Let us all join together and celebrate Blessed Fr. McGivney's beatification and bring new Brother Knights into our Order. I hope to see you all there with candidates.

Vivat Jesus.

Hans Hansen

h.hansen@mikofc.org

Archdiocesan Membership Director / Region #5 South
Knights of Columbus
734-765-6767

CALLING ALL COOKS!!
Bernard P. O'Brien K of C #3956
2nd Annual Chili Cook Off!



Saturday, November 13, 2021
St Pius Activity Center - 5PM to 8PM

Enter your BEST Chili in one of the following categories
with a chance to win BEST INSHOW:
Vegetarian, HOT, Regular, Specialty

We're looking for the best chili cooks to participate in a chili cook off!
If you would like to participate and enter your **homemade** chili, please review the guidelines below.

Send an email including your name & chili category to: raybilyk@kofc3956.org
no later than Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Chili Entry fee is \$20/cash or \$21.50/credit card
(payable the day of the event)

Attendee fee (allows you enjoy unlimited tasters of all the entries plus judge the event) - \$5/cash or \$6/credit card per person

Chili Cook-off Registration

All interested parties are required to complete and submit this registration form by November 10, 2021.
Registration fee per contestant/team is \$20.00/cash or check - \$21.50/credit card (can be paid day of event)
Make checks payable to: **Knights of Columbus 3956** -- Space is limited, so sign up early!

Group or organization (if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed Entry Fee: \$ _____

For additional information or questions, contact Program
Director Brian Batko at bbatko@gmail.com or 313-550-1330

Mail or email completed form and
registration fee to:
Ray Bilyk, Knights of Columbus 3956
15728 James St
Southgate, MI 48195-1313
Email: raybilyk@kofc3956.org



Open Bar

Buffet Dinner

50/50 Drawing

Basket Raffle

Fall Games

**Honorary
Chairpersons
Christopher
&**

Julie Kolomjec

**All Proceeds to Benefit the
Knights of Columbus
Installation of State
Leadership 2022**

**Halloween Costumes
Encouraged**

Halloween Theme Dance Music

ZUCCARO'S

Banquets & Catering



A Tradition of Hospitality

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes
for Best Costume**



**46601 Gratiot Ave., Chesterfield, MI 48051
Friday October 29, 2021**



**Advance Tickets
\$45 each ~ Discount ~10 Tickets for \$400**

\$48 at the door

*** Kids Under 12 years of Age \$10.00**

**Doors Open 6:00
Dinner promptly at 7:15**

**Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus
Mail with flyer to:
Kevin Rowley
16090 Forest
Eastpointe, MI 48021
Phone 586-596-8649**

Council/Organization Name: _____ Council No. or Org. No. _____

Contact Name: _____ Ph # _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Order _____ Tickets @ \$45.00ea. = _____ Discount 10 Tickets @ \$400.00 = _____

Children's Tickets _____ Tickets @ \$10.00 ea. = _____

**Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus – Please Remit Payment with complete order form to:
Kevin Rowley - 16090 Forest, Eastpointe MI 48021 Ph. (586) 596-8649**



Left to right.
Brian Batko, DD Ray Bilyk, Sem. Lizandro Barbo, DGK Mark Garcellano & Frank Cuscieri

TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

Our Bernard P. O'Brien council, under the Supreme Council's RSVP Program, donated \$500 to Seminarian Lizandro Barba to support him during the upcoming year at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This will assist him with expenses beyond the tuition and books. Students pay for their own car insurance and other incidentals and don't have a way to earn money as when they aren't in class and studying they are active in the parishes around the Archdiocese. This will be an annual award and we look forward to seeing Lizandro around for events including the Desert Meal. Please keep Lizandro and the other Seminarians in your prayers as they journey to the priesthood. Special thanks to all our religious for doing God's work among us.

FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Please help out by donating the following items to our Downriver Food Pantry:

- Stuffing Mix
- Scalloped/Au Gratin Potatoes
- Grape Jelly
- Instant Oatmeal

RIGHT TO LIFE

Request has been made at charity-Ed Rainey Crisis pregnancy center. Their furnace is in need of service. At our last K of C general membership meeting a motion was made and passed to donate \$250 to Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please stay up to date by visiting the Michigan website for Right to Life at <https://rtl.org>. We encourage brother Knights, family and friends to continue to pray and stay active regarding the Born Alive Abortion concern.



Upcoming Events:

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C



Sign up for important updates from K of C Council 3956.

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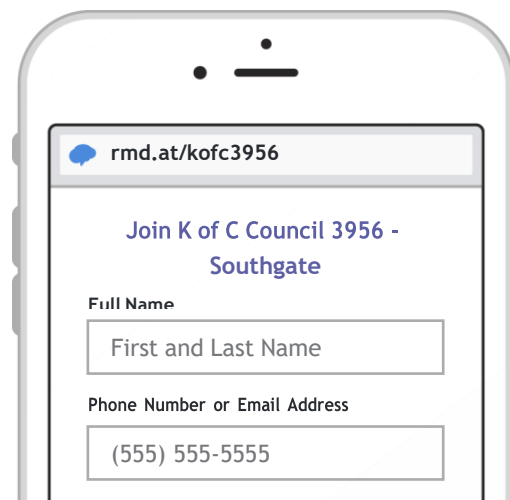
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If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/kofc3956

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message **@kofc3956** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/kofc3956 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notification.



PREP BOWL® XLIX

To ensure that all guests have a safe and enjoyable visit to Ford Field, guests are not permitted to bring the following items into the stadium: Alcoholic beverages or beverages in any type container, any hard objects, noise makers of any kind, any large bags (Only NFL and Ford Field Approved), balloons, balls, cameras (with lens longer than 5 inches) cans, fireworks, food, guns, weapons, laser devices, strollers, umbrellas, or weapons. The following items will be permitted after inspection: small bags (maximum size 8 1/2" x 14" x 10"), diaper bags (only if accompanied by a child, binoculars (and case), small cameras (5 inch lens limit), small radios, small compact umbrellas, and school/league approved posters/signs without poles or sticks.

Gates Open!

7:15 am

CYO Exhibition #1 7:50 am

CYO Exhibition #2 8:15 am

CYO Exhibition #3 8:40 am

Knights of Columbus Presentations and National Anthem 9:10 am

CYO C-D CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 9:15 a.m.

HALFTIME: CYO Cheerleaders

CYO A-B CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 11:00 a.m.

HALFTIME: Scholar-Athlete Presentations

HIGH SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY 12:45 pm

High School Pom-Pon/Dance Routine

Educator Awards

National Anthem

Warm-up for High School Game # 1

Intersectional Division J.V. Championship Presentation

KICK-OFF – 1:30 pm

Cardinal Division Championship

HALFTIME: Scholastic All-Catholic Presentations – Class of 2024

POST-GAME: 4:30 Game Warm Up

Scholastic All-Catholic Presentations – Class of 2023

All-Academic, All-League and All-Catholic Football

Warm Up Bishop Division Championship

Reunion Team Presentation

KICK OFF – 4:30 pm

Bishop Division Championship

HALFTIME:

All-Academic, All-League and All-Catholic Football,
Scholastic All-Catholic Presentations – Class of 2022

Central Freshmen and J.V. Football Championship Presentation



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Dennis Hamilton

Denny does a lot of work for us with the Ushers Club and Food Pantry which includes keeping records of all the food donations.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Dennis Hamilton Family

Thank you to Denny and his family for their active leadership with the Downriver Food Pantry. Keeping us informed of the needs and shortages of foods needed month to month. Not only food donations but distributions. The Hamilton family has been involved in many of our programs.

FIRST IN LINE AWARD

Congratulations to Worthy Trustee, Program Director and Lecturer Brian Batko for submitting his article well before the deadline and providing photos. He is our First In Line Award recipient for October. The usual suspects, *Worthy Recorder and Assistant Editor Robert Park and Deputy Grand Knight Mark Garcellano receive honorable mentions for submitting their articles soon after.* Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR OPPORTUNITY

Our long time membership Director Dave Sajdak is relocating to Florida. Under his leadership over the years, we have seen many new members help to build one of the most successful K of C councils in the state. We encourage one of our brother knights to step forward while Dave is here to help with the transition. We are seeking an individual of faith and confidence that will work with other officers to bring more men into this council. Now that we have built a partnership with the St. Pius School, there are many opportunities to reach out and recruit fathers and friends of the school and parish. We encourage any that would like to learn more about this very rewarding opportunity to approach Grand Knight Bill Robert at billrobert218@gmail.com or District Deputy Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org

Here is a summary and description:

- Appointed annually by the Grand Knight
- Oversees recruitment and retention for the council with assistance from board of Directors.
- Collaborates with the Grand Knight in setting the calendar of membership programs for the fraternal year.
- Manages the recruitment and retention committees and insurance promotion chairman as they implement the council's membership growth program
- Work with Financial Secretary to ensure that Membership Applications are transmitted to both the Membership Records Department at the Supreme Council and the general agent.
- Keeps the council's Public Relations Chairman informed of all membership programs and activities for promotion to the parish community and to local media

Thank you Dave whose leadership has made it so easy for the next Membership Chairman to step into a fun and rewarding opportunity.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Trunk or Treat beginning at 5:30 pm in the Parish Parking Lot. If anyone wants to join passing out the Tootsie Rolls and hand out Glow in the Dark Rosaries with the pamphlet how to pray the rosaries, contact DGK Mark Garcellano at markgarcellano@yahoo.com.

Friday, October 29, 2021

State Secretary invites Oct 29 Fall Harvest and Costume Party. Zuccaros Banquet Center, 46601 Gratiot Ave in Chesterfield. 45 ticket or 400 / table. Contact District Deputy Ray Bilyk with questions at raybilyk@gmail.com

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Coats for Kids distribution at Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter Street in Detroit. Please note the new location. All Councils can participate and help distribute the coats!

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Officers meeting 7:00 - 8:00 pm in Social Hall (In person and virtual).
Contact Grand Knight Bill Robert for confirmation at billrobert218@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall and Zoom)
14101 Superior St., Southgate, MI 4819

Fellowship meal served beginning at 6:00 pm. Business meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Chili Cook Off at the 4pm mass Saturday. Bringing them to the Activity Center. Not the Social Hall.

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Wyandotte Parade, Living Rosary/Walking Rosary. Recommend if you can to come. At the end of this Parade will be the Tree Lighting.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

With regret we send our condolences to Brother Dan McGuire who lost his mother Martina McGuire who passed away October 3, 2021. Mass service for Ms. McGuire was October 9, 2021.

Please pray for healing for our brother knights, their family and friends:

- Linda Robert, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
- Daryl Zylka.
- Joe Hernandez
- David Hughes

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Alfred A. Kovacik (October 10)
- Richard C. Myers (October 16)
- Brian T. Batko (October 22)
- Anthony J. Chirco (October 25)
- Paul J. Pauline (October 22)
- Thomas F. Phillips (October 29)



YEARS OF SERVICE

Cheers to the following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership to the Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council #3956 in October:

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| • Dennis J. Hamilton | (October 1) | 48 Years of Service |
| • Brian J. Heasley | (October 1) | 48 Years of Service |
| • Dan A. Somenauer | (October 1) | 46 Years of Service |
| • Frank A. Allevato | (October 6) | 16 Years of Service |
| • Gary T. Mavael | (October 19) | 13 Years of Service |
| • Robert R. Park | (October 16) | 5 Years of Service |

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to these men and their wives who celebrate their anniversaries in October:

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| • Ray J. and Jennifer Bilyk | (October 12) | 25 th Anniversary |
| • Brain T. and Debbie Cronan | (October 17) | 23 nd Anniversary |

If there are any missing wedding anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries you would like to share, please send them to Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org so they can be added to our list. We would love for this to be as accurate as possible. Thank you Ray!



REFLECTION

I have an embarrassing secret. I've been in the Knights of Columbus for seven years and until this year I have never participated in our most notable event. You may have seen us outside the church or out on the street corners handing out Tootsie Rolls to collect money for mentally impaired citizens. If you were like me and you've never had the opportunity, you've been missing out.

Larry Rossi and his wife Glenda were the team behind this event. They shared something with me while we were recapping the day. Sometimes people just need to be asked to help. For me it was a matter of rescheduling some errands earlier and later in the day. Others took time from caring for loved ones to help out. Everyone who gave rediscovered or remembered the same universal and scriptural truth.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

We must have collectively thanked 500 to 1000 people this weekend, and Larry and Glenda thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who gave. We saw people clamoring to reach for their purses and wallets, eager to hand a few dollars to help someone in need. It was a joyous affirmation of God's grand design. They were giving with cheerful hearts, feeling what God wants us to experience when we sacrifice for others.

That part is not a secret. We see it all around us. Our happiest colleagues, brother Knights, and family are the ones who are actively giving of themselves. They know that the act of giving doesn't empty your soul, it fills it. Sometimes you just need to be asked to help.
(Robert Park, Assistant Editor)

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

October is "**rosary month**" in the Catholic Church, when the faithful are encouraged to pray the rosary. Many of us are familiar with the concluding prayer of the rosary.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen



May God Bless each one of us, our families and all others in need of our prayers with good health in body, mind and spirit.

Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco, Newsletter Editor, PR Director and Trustee

Robert Park, Assistant Newsletter Editor and Worthy Council Recorder

Ray Bilyk, Special Contributor, Worthy District Deputy and Financial Secretary