

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

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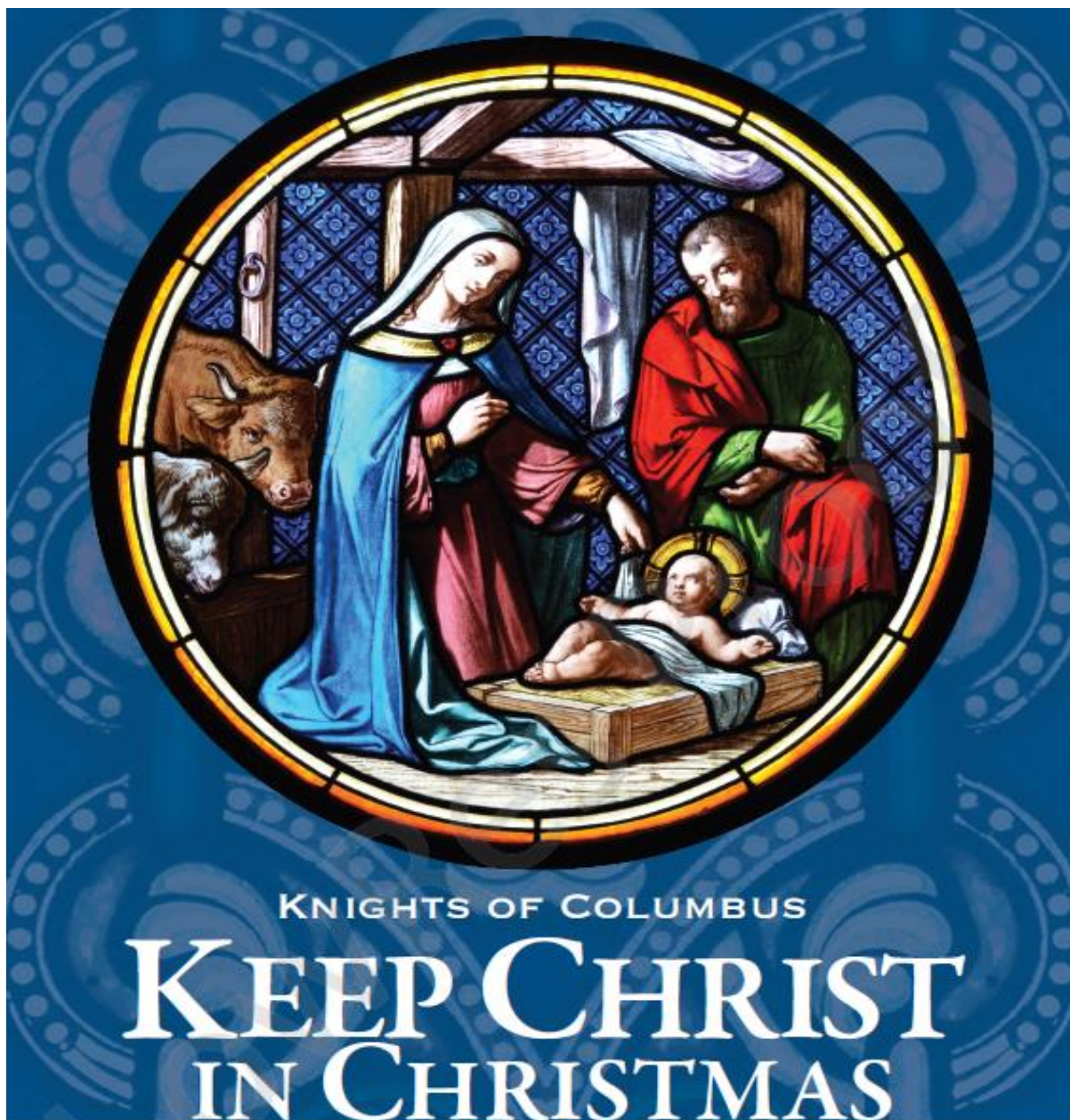
**WISHES FOR A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I encourage all my Brother Knights to offer the gift of Knighthood in this CHRISTmas Season. This may be the best gift you can give! Give him the gift that strengthens his ***Faith***, grows his engagement in ***Charity***, provides the ***Unity*** of men serving Church, family, community, and ***Fraternally*** linking him and his family to the largest Catholic lay organization in the world.

Offer this gift of membership to your family, friends and work colleagues during this CHRISTmas Season. Your gift to him could truly change his life and it is FREE!

Just direct him to [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus) promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** along with their interest in joining **Council 3956** and your membership number (*found on your membership card*) and he will be a Knight before CHRISTmas.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

## POSTER CONTEST

Due: January 3, 2022 - [kofc3956.org/postercontest](http://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

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### A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

On December 19, 2021, for the first time in two years we came together with our wives and members of St. Pius staff to celebrate. Our Christmas Dinner was very enjoyable by everyone that attended. The social was preceded by an abbreviated December general meeting. In good company great things happen. The cost for the event was covered by our council asking only that members participate in a 50/50 raffle for charity.

The company was fantastic, the conversation was pleasant and the food was delicious! Irene's Catering of Wyandotte out did themselves. Special thanks to each of the officers, fellow knights and wives that helped organize this special gathering of friends and family. It was great to see many old friends including Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest. Thank you to Father Suresh and Lou Butka for joining us.

Thank you to Grand Knight Bill Robert who helped make this event happen and to Dave Sajdak for running the 50/50 Raffle. Special thanks once again to DGK Mark Garcellano's lovely wife Jocelyn who was kind enough take the time to provide photos:



Photos courtesy of Jocelyn Garcellano

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT BILL ROBERT**

I would like to pass along a message from Brother in Christ Garret A. Kelenske Merry Christmas! Please remember that the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest has to be judged at the Council level which moves to the District level, which then moves to the Diocesan level and finally to the State level. Please make sure you give your participants the opportunity to be recognized at each level. Please Rise Up and Answer the Call!

A Membership group is forming to try to replace the efforts of Dave Sajdak. It is a testament to the fantastic job that he has done for so long that one single man can't replace him. Four will try to fill his shoes. All are welcome. We will miss Dave, but he has earned a break after doing so much for the people of St. Pius. Dave will guide the committee until he relocates later this spring. Members include Bob Schooner, Tony Chirco, Robert Park and David Kudla.

At our Officers Meeting we discussed paying for the Bible Study books to be used in Catechism after the 11 am Sunday mass. It was originally brought up by District Deputy/Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk. It was approved at our general meeting by a motion from Recorder Robert Park. Seconded by Warden Larry Rossi. Motion Passed. The O'Brien K of C will pay for the books titled "Bible Basics for Catholics"

Please continue to donate your recyclable bottles and cans for our Seminarians that are being collected together with other local councils. Please contact Worthy District Deputy Ray Bilyk at [DD105@mikofc.org](mailto:DD105@mikofc.org)

### **MESSAGE FROM DGK MARK GARCELLANO**

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council are proud that St. Pius School had a "Good News" article written and published by the News-Herald regarding the student's support of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program.

Thank you to Joe Gray who included a photo of the students proudly displaying a "check" of the funds they raised and listed members of the student council by name. He added the amount they collected and that they also collected coats and backpacks. A copy of the article is provided for those that did not get an opportunity to see it.

Please send your message of appreciation if you would to Mr. Gray via email at [jgray@medianewsgroup.com](mailto:jgray@medianewsgroup.com)

The following dates are the deadlines for the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs:

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest- January 15, 2022

Spelling Bee Contest @ St. Pius X School to be conducted in January or February, 2022

Free Throw Contest @ St. Pius X School will be conducted in January or February, 2022

Regards,  
Mark Garcellano, DGK

## THINGS TO DO

### St. Pius X School aids Knights of Columbus fundraiser



Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus #3956

By JOE GRAY | [jgray@medianewsgroup.com](mailto:jgray@medianewsgroup.com) | News-Herald  
December 4, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.

This year's Knights of Columbus Faith in Action program, Coats for Kids, received an extra boost when the Student Council at St. Pius X School in Southgate raised \$1,437.15 for the fundraiser, which provides coats for children in need.

The students also collected several new coats and backpacks for the children. The Knights of Columbus #3956 is thanking the students with an ice cream social.

The Student Council consists of 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.





**DEACON CHUCK**

### **Preparedness**

As I sit here contemplating how COVID affected my personal health, it also allowed me to reflect on preparedness. It's easy to think that when tragedy, suffering, sudden loss come around, it surely involves the other guy or someone else's family. No one ever thinks it will happen to them; not really. But when it does, it brings to realization that we are just as much a part of the human condition as our neighbor.

So, had my condition turned for the worse, was I ready? Should time stop, what then? I guess, from the standpoint of my family's livelihood, not bad, but there is definitely room for improvement. Spiritually; a work in progress; better than I was but not as good as I could be. But, is that acceptable? Is that the best I can offer my King?

Advent is a time for reflection and preparation. In our complacency, we tell ourselves that Christmas is just around the corner & will be a repeat of last year. A celebration of Christ's first coming; the crèche, Mass, presents, the tree, etc. But what if, to our surprise, that morning actually turned out to be the Parousia; the second coming. What then? What is our preparedness compared to last year?

Will we be one of the faithful Jesus gathers to himself because we have prepared to enter the Wedding Feast of the Lamb like the wise virgins? Or are we still the one calling Lord, Lord, to which he responds "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you" (Mt 25:12).

As we move through this season, we should take to heart what our Blessed Lord tells his disciples, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13) Don't let complacency cause procrastination. Let's grow closer in relationship to the Lord; personally and communally. I look forward to serving you all again once this illness is over.

Vivat Jesus,  
Deacon Chuck



### **OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE WILL BE JANUARY 5, 2022**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AS WE PLAN OUR AGENDA FOR 2022. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT JOINED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS TO ATTEND.**

**Where:** St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church

**When:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022

**Time:** Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### JAZZ NIGHT WAS ONCE AGAIN SO MUCH FUN

For the first time since COVID hit, Brain Batko organized another Jazz Night on Friday, November 19, 2021 in the Social Hall. Doors opened by 6:30 and music played from 7:00-9:00 pm. Those who attended got to witness the transformation of the social hall into a Jazz Club.

The professional musicians put on a fun and engaging show for us. Refreshments included gourmet hot dogs, snacks, and beverages. Thank you again to Brian and to Ray Bilyk for sharing his secret recipe craft beer. As with many of our social events, a free will donation was accepted.



Photos courtesy of Jocelyn Garcellano



### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, STUDENTS AND STAFF

Principal Kathleen England has been very generous with her time as we work together on the many events coming up. The Keep Christ in Christmas program is underway and plans are moving forward with the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs including the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest-January 15, 2022, the Spelling Bee Contest proposed to begin at St. Pius in January or February, 2022 and the Free Throw Contest which is planned during school lunch and recess at St. Pius School in January or February as well.

A meeting was held with Ms. England to make preparation for these and other events planned for 2022. Robert Park is taking on the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster competition and Mark Garcellano has taken the lead in the Spelling Bee and Free Throw Contest.

We have had much success so far including the school volunteered participation with Coats for Kids and the Ice Cream social that followed. We encourage all the fathers of students to join us as brother knights. We assure you, it will be very rewarding.

## WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK REPORT

Thank you to the men who have and will step forward to form the Membership Committee. This council needs three more members to join before the end of the year and more in 2022. It is my belief that EVERYONE on the Membership Committee can and should access the email account. It is ACTIVELY used by me (sending as DD) and by the State Council.

### FROM OUR STATE COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

We are Catholic men striving to be the best husbands, fathers and leaders we can serving our community. Service and charity are a core belief of the Knights. We aim to live every day doing the good and necessary work that needs to be done in this world. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families we serve our communities and Christ. Through our programs our Knights grow closer to their families, parishes and Christ. We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith.

Free E-Membership Extended One More Time! The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney is back again! The free online membership code is MCGIVNEY2020. Here's how it works:

- Direct prospects to [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus)
- Enter promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit
- Invite e-members to your Council's next Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification
- Or use the On Demand Exemplification through officers online at [kofc.org](https://kofc.org)
- Or schedule District Exemplification or recorded virtual Exemplification.

Vivat Jesus!

**Ray Bilyk**

**District Deputy #105 - Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus**

**Financial Secretary - Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956 Knights of Columbus**

Southgate, MI - [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org) - [DD105@mikofc.org](mailto:DD105@mikofc.org)

<https://www.kofc3956.org> - <https://www.mikofc.org>



### Upcoming Events:

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C.  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled for March 5, 2022

The Fourth Degree encourages all brother Knights to join them. For more information call Chancellor Gerald Ottenbreit at 313-593-5181 or [gottenbr@umich.edu](mailto:gottenbr@umich.edu).

Our Deputy Grand Knight is a part of the Honor Guard and member of the council. He would be happy to provide updates of events and to help you learn more about the Fourth Degree. Brother Mark can be reach at 734-968-6900 or email him at [markgarcellano@yahoo.com](mailto:markgarcellano@yahoo.com)



## DONUT SUNDAY JANUARY 16, 2022



First of the year Coffee and Donuts is planned for January 16, 2022 after each Sunday Mass. This date is subject to change should it conflict with other parish events

Thank you to all parishioners that have been very generous in our recent Donut Sunday and Family Charity events. Donations for each social are raised to assist organizations such as Right to Life, Downriver Food Pantry, and other charitable organizations. It is so wonderful to see our friends come join us for a great cause.

## SPELLING BEE UPDATE!

Plans for St. Pius X School students to participate in a Spelling Bee competition with the assistance of our Knights of Columbus council are moving forward. Principal Kathleen England has asked our Knights to pick words. Information relating to the Spelling Bee word list is available at <https://www.kofc3956.org/spellingbee>.



## 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 for more details. Council Keep Christ in Christmas poster winning entry to be sent to Archdiocesan Program Director Lou Brotnier by Jan 15, 2022.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

We are still anticipating the Sacred Heart Seminary Desert Meal in February. More information regarding the date and venue will be forth coming on our website, Facebook and K of C Council Newsletter. Moving into 2022, we are considering another Christian Music event. We have had discussions with notable artist such as Jonathon Lawry from Unspoken or John Tibbs. John entertained us in the school parking lot earlier in the year.

### **WHY I JOINED THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FROM TRUSTEE FRANK CUSCHIERI**

Hello Everyone, I am Frank Cuschieri and I'd like to tell you a little about myself and the reasons I joined the Knights of Columbus. Currently I am a proud member of the O'Brien Council Board of Trustees.

I worked many jobs for 43 years until I retired in the year 2000. It was important to me that I support my wife and children to the best of my ability. I spent as much time as possible doing this for others. After retirement, I was able to devote more time to helping and making things that others could use. I've always enjoyed creating things with wood and converted my garage into a workshop. It gives me great pleasure to share these items with others.

One day after Sunday Mass, I saw something about the Knights of Columbus and become interested. I learned that the K of C was an organization that does things for many in need, which is what I like to do, and provides fellowship with fellow knights. I enjoy being in a group and I learn from them as well. I'm happier helping others and working with them.

I enjoy traveling and playing euchre, and being with our children and grandchildren. I learned from them and I try to teach them things as well. I have a loving wife Sharon and family and many friends at St. Pius. I appreciate your friendship and being a part of the K of C organization. God bless all of you.

Frank

### **A MESSAGE FROM NEW MEMBERSHIP TEAM MEMBER DAVE KUDLA**

On Monday November 15, 2021 we the members of K of C Council #3956 sponsored an Ice Cream Social for our St. Pius X School. Everyone was invited to share in the joy, from the preschool children to our Pastor Fr. Suresh. We also sponsored lunch for our teachers and staff at the Parish Office. This was our way of thanking them for the jobs that they do. When the Good Humor trailer arrived it brought instant smiles to everyone. Two to three classes came out at a time and after they received their ice cream they all yelled out "Thank You".

Many of our children went to St. Pius School, graduated and did quite well in life. St. Pius is where they got their foundation. One of the first or second graders, a young girl, looked right at me and said, "Jesus be with you". I nodded and thanked her for this kind wish.

Upon reading this we trust that all of you had a joyful Thanksgiving. We also hope all of you will have a very Merry Christmas and may Jesus be with all of you.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMED**

We are seeking all our brother knights to join with our membership committee to seek new members to our council. Dave Sajdak will be hard to replace. We are seeking individuals of faith and confidence to become a proud Knight of Columbus here at O'Brien 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](mailto:billrobert218@gmail.com) or District Deputy Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org).

### **SAFE TRAVELS FATHER SURESH**

Due to the beginnings of the Delta variant of COVID last year, Father had to wait until now to visit with his family in India. Father Suresh's time away is well deserved and we wish him a safe and enjoyable trip. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We pray that your travels are without incident: That after a wonderful time with your loved ones that you return to your parish family in good health in body, mind and spirit.

### **RAFFLE PARTICIPATION FOR ALL NEW K OF C RECRUITS**

District Deputy/Financial Secretary/Usher/and all around great guy Ray Bilyk has been at most masses handing out raffle entries. To participate, all that I ask is that prospective Knights share limited contact information and at least consider becoming a brother Knight. All are welcome to fill out raffle cards. They are a thank you for the generosity of our parish members. There is no fee or raffle ticket purchase price.

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

#### **Richard Gregoire**

Dick has been a long time member of the O'Brien council who had been less involved until he noticed a resurgence as new members grew the council. He became more involved and what a difference that has made for our chapter and the lives of us all. His contribution has been inspiring.

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH:**

#### **The Ray Bilyk Family**

Our Worthy Financial Secretary and District Deputy has been a constant difference maker for our council and the men within it. Ray has been involved with the K of C since his younger days as a Squire. Special thanks to his wife Jennifer and their children who not only permit him to take on these responsibilities, but also help along the way.

### **FIRST IN LINE AWARD**

Trustee **Frank Cuschieri** submitted his article in advance of the other directors and officers. This was Frank's first contribution to the Newsletter. Like Frank, we each have a story to tell of why we joined the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to **DGK Mark Garcellano** and Recorder **Robert Park** who tied for recipients of the most First in Line Awards in 2021.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

Join us on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the state capitol building steps as we march for the dignity of every human life! Hosted by Right to Life of Ingham County. Our local Upper Right to life is having a March for Life Sunday January 23. 12:15 start to march to Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Please help out in any way you can, whether it be items in need, monetary donations, and especially your prayers. Please stay informed.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

We are entering into the coldest months of the year when family's struggle to get food and essentials become more difficult. Please become a regular contributor with foods and monetary contributions when possible. There remains acute shortage of the following items: Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Stuffing, Scalloped/Au Gratin Potatoes, Jelly and Oatmeal.





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### Lansing, MI

Michigan State Capitol  
100 N. Capitol Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48933



Right To Life  
OF INGHAM COUNTY



## Upper Downriver RTL March for Life

January 23, 2022 @ 12:15 pm



### Wyandotte, MI

Join us on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Scapular as we march from the church to Mt. Carmel Cemetery (Ninth Street & Ford Avenue). At 1:00 p.m. there will be a prayer service at the indoor chapel adjacent to the Memorial Monument for the Unborn. Hosted by Upper Downriver Right to Life.

### Our Lady of the Scapular

2609 10th St.  
Wyandotte, MI 48192





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

Get information for **K of C Council 3956 - Southgate** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **K of C Council 3956 - Southgate**:

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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](https://rmd.at/kofc3956)

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

A smartphone screen displaying the Remind app sign-up page. At the top, the URL "rmd.at/kofc3956" is shown. Below it, the title "Join K of C Council 3956 - Southgate" is displayed. There are two input fields: "Full Name" with the placeholder text "First and Last Name", and "Phone Number or Email Address" with the placeholder text "(555) 555-5555".

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# 80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MICHIGAN KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT



**Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 to Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**CO-HOSTED BY:**

**Bishop William F. Murphy Council #3257**  
22040 Ryan Road  
Warren, MI 48091

&

**Michigan Knights on Bikes**

**Astro Lanes**  
32388 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
(248) 585-3132

**Host Hotel:**

**Best Western Hotel and Suites - \$89**  
7447 Convention Boulevard  
Warren, MI 48092  
(586) 977-7270

**OFFICERS TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, February 12**      **Sunday, February 20**  
**9:00 am & 1:00 pm**      **10:00 am**

**OPEN DIVISION**

**Saturday February 19, 2022 to Sunday March 13, 2022**

**Information & Updates Available  
on the K of C Bowling Website at  
MICHIGANKOFCATHLETICS.COM**

**FOR INFORMATION OR ENTRY FORMS**

**CONTACT**

**KARL J. ZAWALSKI, SECRETARY**  
kzawalski@wideopenwest.com  
(586) 322-5275

## MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING ASSOCIATION

**Entry Fee \$23.00**  
**Per Person / Per Event**

Prize Fund	\$8.50
Bowling	\$7.50
Tournament Expenses	\$7.00
Optional All Events	\$6.00

**Estimated Prize Fund \$15,000**  
Based on 100 teams

**Handicap & Actual  
Cash Prizes  
Brackets & Jackpots**

**PAY RATIO**  
At least 1 for every 10

**HANDICAP**  
Based on 90% of 230

**ENTRIES**  
Limit, two in each event

**Open to all Michigan Knights of Columbus Members**  
Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to be followed

**2022 Michigan State Knights of Columbus  
Officers' Tournament  
USBC CERTIFIED**

Hosted By, Michigan State, K of C Bowling Association  
Bishop William F. Murphy Council #3257 and Michigan Knights on Bikes  
Saturday February 12, 2022 or Sunday February 20, 2022

Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ MI. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE [WWW.MICHIGANKOFCATHLETICS.COM](http://WWW.MICHIGANKOFCATHLETICS.COM)

Tournament House  
Astro Lanes  
32388 John R Road  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
(248) 585-3132

TEAM ENTRY FEE \$115.00  
ENTRY FEE BREAK DOWN  
Prize Fund \$42.50  
Bowling \$37.50  
Tournament Expenses \$35.00  
Prize Fee Returned 100%  
Minimum 1 in 10 Cash

Please indicate date/time. Preferred dates & times will be honored on a first in first serve basis

Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Host Hotel  
Best Western Hotel and Suites  
7447 Convention Blvd  
Warren, MI 48092  
(586) 977-7270

FIVE MAN TEAMS AVERAGE RULES ON REVERSE SIDE

	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>USBC Membership #</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>Email</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Make Checks Payable to, Knights of Columbus State Bowling Association  
A \$50.00 fee will be assessed on all checks returned by your bank and the entry will be returned.

Mail Entries & Entry Fee To:  
Karl J. Zawalski, Secretary  
3202 Esch Dr.  
Warren, MI 48091  
[kzawalski@wideopenwest.com](mailto:kzawalski@wideopenwest.com) or 586-322-5275

## 2022 Tournament Rules and Regulations Officers' Division Entering Averages

EVERYONE WILL USE HIS KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS TOURNAMENT AVERAGE. TOURNAMENT AVERAGES ARE BASED ON ALL GAMES BOWLED OVER THE LAST FOUR TOURNAMENT YEARS (2016-2019)

If you have not bowled in this tournament in the last four years' averages will be rated as follows.

1. Highest League Average as of May 31, 2021, verification is the responsibility of each bowler.
2. If you did not bowl in the 2020-2021 season you will use your current 9 game average, as Of Six Days Prior to Participating in This Tournament. You must bring verification with you.
3. If None Of The Above Apply Entering Average Of 150 Will Be Used.

It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average whether submitted by the bowler, team captain or others. Average Changes must be report 10 minutes prior to the start of the bowler's first scheduled event. Average corrections can be made up to the end of the bowler's first game of a series. After which time the bowler's average can only be adjusted upward. Failure to use proper average or make a correction prior to time of bowling shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.

1. **HANDICAP:** The handicap for this tournament is 90% of the difference between entrant's highest average and 230. Maximum individual handicap is, 100 pins per game/ 300 pins per series.
2. USBC Rule 319a-2 (10 or more pins over the previous years' average) will not be in effect.
3. USBC Rule #319d, the reporting of previous tournament prize winnings in excess of \$300 has been waived.
4. **Eligibility:** All Entrants and Substitutes must be Members in good Standing of the Knights of and shall be prepared to present a current membership card.
5. **Participation:** Bowlers may participate in the TEAM EVENT multiple times, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) Twice without changing any players but may cash only once, that being with the highest score.
6. No entry fees will be returned after having been accepted.
7. Not more than three substitutes will be permitted on any five-man team.

SUBS FOR MISSING BOWLERS CAN NOT BE GUARANTEED.  
IT'S RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN.

8. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** No entries will be accepted after 9:30 am Saturday February 12, 2022
9. **All entries must be paid in full when submitted.** THERE WILL BE A \$50.00 NSF FEE.
10. Tournament management has the right to disqualify any participant for unsportsmanlike conduct or unruly behavior.
11. **Prizes & Awards:** Prize fees will be returned 100% in cash prizes.  
Handicap prizes will be awarded on a basis of at least one (1) prize for each ten (10) entries.
12. Errors in scoring must be reported to the secretary within 48 hours.

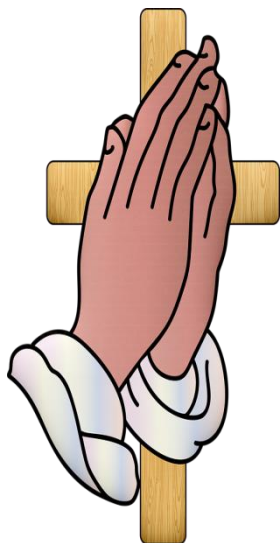
ALL RULES NOT COVERED BY THE ABOVE WILL BE COVERED BY THE USBC RULE BOOK



## PLANNING AHEAD

Help encourage other men to become initially an E-Member. Joining is still Free. It is easy and convenient. Once joined online, these members can be recruited to our council.

Free Throw competition is scheduled for early next year between January and February. Plans are to host the event during school hours to encourage more students to participate. The family of children who took part in the last competition did very well for themselves. It's a fun event for the kids and their families.



### IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

- Anita Goluster who recently passed away, Sister of Joe Hernandez
- Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
- Daryl Zylka
- Gary Gardner
- David Hughes
- Victims of Covid


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.



KnightCast is a groundbreaking new video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. Featuring host Jonathan Reyes as well as guests and subject matter experts in each episode, KnightCast seeks to cover topics ranging from sports and marriage to evangelization and the Saints. New episodes premiere each month at [kofc.org/knightcast](http://kofc.org/knightcast).

### Tips on how to promote KnightCast:

- Learn more at [KofC.org/KnightCast](http://KofC.org/KnightCast)
- Keep an eye out on our Knights of Columbus YouTube channel for clips from current and past KnightCast Episodes.

Follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn) for updates, and feel free to like and share KnightCast with your council and parish. 

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25, 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve and Solemnity of Mary Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Epiphany of our Lord Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Social Hours, 7:00 meeting

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall and Zoom)

Council 3956 Membership Committee Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

A Diocesan meeting at the Father Saylor Council

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Council Keep Christ in Christmas poster winning entry to be sent to Archdiocesan

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)

Monday, January 17, 2022

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Sunday, January 30, 2022 - Sunday, February 13, 2022

District Level Free Throw Competition (Tentative)

Sunday January 23, 2022

Upper Right to life March for Life (12:15 start to march to Mt. Carmel Cemetery)

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Super Bowl Sunday 8:00pm

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Family Breakfast Planned (after every Sunday Mass)

Monday, February 14, 2022 - Sunday, February 20, 2022

Region Level Free Throw Competition (Tentative)

Monday, February 20, 2022

Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast Proposed

Date to be confirmed

All Downriver Desert Meal (Come Break Bread with the Seminarians)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- John C. Byers (December 1)
- George W. Kelly (December 4)
- Wesley B. Barnard (December 11)
- David M. Kudla (December 11)
- James M. Higgins (December 17)
- Andrew F. Moul (December 22)
- John S. Molnar (December 28)
- Dave M. Sajdak (December 30)
- Debbie Cronan (December 12)  
(Wife of Brian T. Cronan)



## YEARS OF SERVICE

Cheers to Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of service to the Knights of Columbus

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|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| • James L. Guyete       | (December 1)  | 38 Years of Service |
| • Daid L. Houston       | (December 1)  | 29 Years of Service |
| • Dennis E. Assenmacher | (December 7)  | 5 Years of Service  |
| • Guy A. Vitale         | (December 4)  | 2 Years of Service  |
| • Kevin Martin          | (December 9)  | 2 Years of Service  |
| • Joseph D. Chirco      | (December 27) | 1 Year of Service   |

If there are any missing birthdays, anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries please send them to District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto: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

We gathered together in Christian fellowship on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> for a Knights of Columbus parish Christmas Party. The last time we were able to gather together was the Usher's club parish Christmas party in 2019 before the start of the Covid 19 quarantine. Bringing back familiar traditions with familiar faces is the direction I hope our parish is headed. It was great to see the spouses of our Brother Knights. A quick hello before or after mass is pleasant. It's no substitute for sharing a meal together and getting to know the better halves of our fellow Knights. They are the backbone of our parish.

For those who weren't able to attend, you were missed. We will face many new challenges in the coming new year. We will have to adapt to new comfort levels with meeting together. New variants of the Covid 19 virus pose real threats to mass attendance. The Church has endured worse. We will find the solutions to these challenges in our faith. The real presence of Christ exists and is found in our mass when we commune with God and each other.

*(Robert Park, Assistant Editor)*

The Bernard P. Obrien Council of the Knights of Columbus

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. - **Isaiah 9:2**

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. - **Isaiah 9:6**

Vivat Jesus

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