

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!



FIRST DAY OF LENT, ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022



Ash Wednesday
Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

~Ecclesiastes 3:20

The Annual KOC O'Brien Council Free Throw Contest

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council held the annual KOC Free Throw contest at St. Pius X school in conjunction with Mike Camilleri's Phys. Ed. Class. The event was deemed a success as had 44 students participate. Of the 44 participants, there were 11 winners. The 11 winners received a Council Certificate as well as a new basketball.

The 11 winners are invited to participate at the District Free Throw Contest that will be held at St. Pius Activity Center on Sunday, February 6 at 1:00 PM.

2022 Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956 Free Throw Champions				
#	Gender	Age	Name	# of FT Made
1	Boys	9	Nolan Schwartz	14
2	Girls	9	Sophia Zapinski	2
3	Boys	10	Brendan Ross	10
4	Girls	10	Sloane Hasler	12
5	Boys	11	Jacob Borowicz	12
6	Girls	11	Danielle Panlasigue	7
7	Boys	12	None	-
8	Girls	12	Oluchi Ukegbu	2
9	Boys	13	Sean Zaker	10
10	Girls	13	Kendall Stearns	6
11	Boys	14	George Assimacopoulos	6
12	Girls	14	Alison Guyette	8



Our participation with St Pius School grows as we celebrated sportsmanship with students and staff. A Zoom meeting for parents. Certificates had K of C Emblem on it to promote the council.



BREAKFAST BURRITO SUNDAY!!!

Family Charity Breakfast will be serving up Breakfast Burritos to go. Sausages and Chorizo will be the flavor of choice.

Come join us after Saturday Mass, February 12th in the Social Hall to prep the Burritos and Sunday back in the Social Hall to serve them after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.

Stay for a well-deserved fresh hot meal among friends and family!



SAINT JOSEPH ICON AT SAINT PIUS X

Beginning Sunday, February 13th and staying through Saturday, February 19th. The Blessed Icon will be on display for adoration. Plans for extended prayer services are proposed, including the Tuesday, February 15th Mass at 7:00 pm.

The icon is part of a long-standing tradition, in which every few years a sacred image is selected to inspire the Knights and their communities. This year, the Knights have chosen an Icon of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus.



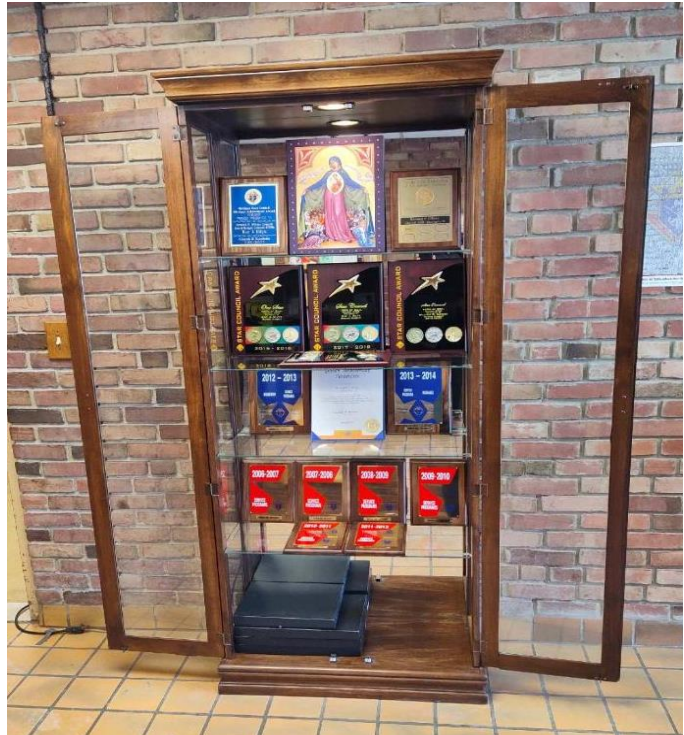
OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TABLECLOTH ARRIVED.

As we sponsor so many upcoming events, we now have a formal presence at these events, Special thanks to DGK Mark Garcellano for working on behalf of our council to obtain the 6 foot cover.

THANK YOU FR. SURESH

Permission was granted for your Knights of Columbus council to showcase our good works and recognition of our recent accomplishments. We are proud of what we have done together here at Bernard O'Brien Council 3956 at St. Pius Church and School. Please take time to look over our new Display Case located across from the Social Hall .

This will also give us opportunity to promote up-coming events and provide many men in our parish a means to gain a better understanding of why it is so important to become a member of our vibrant council. The reward both for the community and individual can be life changing!



CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE

Our long-anticipated meal among Family and Friends is March 12th, serving up Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners in the St. Pius Social Hall. This event which will begin after Saturday evening mass from 5:00 through 6:30 and then some.

This is the same evening as the St. Pius School Auction, which we are also in participation with as donors. Please mark your calendars to attend. We look forward to enjoying a Celtic meal and socializing among new and old friends, Bring the gang along!



St. Pius Catholic School 
Study, Pray, Serve

Sponsoring School Auction on March 12, 2022 at the St. Pius X Activity Center.
Please Follow Church Bulletin, School Website, Facebook and newsletter
for upcoming details.



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MENS KNIGHT OUT and FELLOWSHIP EVENING

Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 3:00- 6:00 pm, Wyandotte Beer Company. 3016 1st St, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Taco bar plus pizza calzones. Specialty beer St. Pius brew. Social afternoon for the men of St. Pius. Give us an opportunity to spend time with each other. This is the first leg. Women's night will follow. The intent is to build fellowship, camaraderie and esprit de corp, similar to the effect after the Alpha program 5-7 years ago. Get a beer coupon, food. As usual, we work together to keep costs down. Sunday March 20th 1 week before desert meal. Join us and bring along anyone you would like to have a beer with.

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

Gentlemen,

Thank you for your interest in joining the Knights of Columbus.

Our local Knights of Columbus Council, Bernard P. O'brien would like to invite you to formally join the Knights through a Third Degree Exemplification. The date is Sunday, February 20, 2022 10:30 AM at Crystal Park Hall, 17113 Champaign, Allen Park. Your family is also welcomed to attend. Please see the attached flyer.

There are ranks within the Knights from First Degree through Fourth Degree. This Exemplification installs the First, Second and Third Degree to the new Knight.

Please let me know if can attend so I can arrange a sponsor for you.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Also, we have upcoming Council events I would like to invite you to.

1. Family Breakfast after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at St. Pius X Social Hall.
2. 3. Bernard P. O'brien General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:00 PM Social Hour/Dinner 7:00 PM Meeting
3. Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2022 beginning at 5:00 PM at the St. Pius X Social Hall.
4. 3. Men's Fellowship Night on Sunday, March 20, 3:00PM at the Wyandotte Beer Company
5. Desert Meal to sponsor the Seminarians on Sunday, March 27 at Arnaldo's in Riverview



**Become a 3rd Degree
Knight of Columbus in One Day!**

Sunday, February 20th, 2022

9:30 am – Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Church
(6442 Pelham Rd, Taylor, MI)

10:45 am – Exemplification Begins

(please have candidates and their families arrive by no later than 10:30 am)

Class Honoree: Joe Martinez, IPGK

WHERE: Crystal Park Hall
(17113 Champaign, Allen Park)
Hosted by Fr. Saylor Council 3774

All Families and 1st Degree Members seeking advancement are welcome to join us for the exemplification. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be a short brunch following the ceremony in our Lounge immediately afterwards. All members are invited to attend.

(Attire: Business Casual)

For More Information

Grand Knight Donald Siegel – 734.308.2386 / GK3774@mikofc.org
Membership Dir. Len Vokal, PGK – 313.949.0652 / MD3774@mikofc.org
District Deputy Ray Bilyk – 313.247.2110 / DD105@mikofc.org

WORTHY DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK REPORT

I have been requested to share with each of you that Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council 3860 is having a St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group every 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Dearborn Heights. The start time is 7pm and lasts an hour maybe a little longer as we reflect on the upcoming weekend readings as well as a discussion on the readings. This is lead by our Deacon and fellow Brother Knight Regis Buckley. We have been doing this for almost 8 months and want to open up to all Catholic men that would like to attend there is no charge at all men of your parish

Please contact me regarding the following events

Feb 21-25 John Olson is the Regional training director for improving councils. Mon Feb 21 he will be at Father Saylor's doing a live training starting at 7.

February 26 Michigan State council, Zaccaro's in Chesterfield Township. March 12 Retreat at St. John Neuman in Canton \$20/person.

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

FREE MEMBERSHIP (for the 1st year) EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2022 WITH THE PROMO CODE MCGIVNEY2020. Make sure you give the candidate this information:

- ***I am interested in joining a local council = Click checkbox & enter 3956***
- ***How did you hear about us? = Select K OF C MEMBER & enter PROPOSER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (found on proposer membership card)***

I look forward to helping us grow the Order, strengthen our Councils, and deepen our Faith, with God all is possible! Together let us Rise Up and Answer the Call!

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 - DD105@mikofc.org

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

In recent months, the following non-food items have been requested at the Food Pantry: Toilet Paper, Body Wash (Men and Women), Deodorant (Men and Women)

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. The coldest months of the year are when family's struggle to get food and essentials become more difficult.

Thank you for your continued support - Dennis Hamilton.

ASHES



DEACON CHUCK

Soon many Catholics will receive ashes to kick off Lent. As we go about our business that first Wednesday of March, we will see many bearing the mark. Although it makes my heart glad, I often wonder what's behind their display of piety, in turn, what's behind mine?

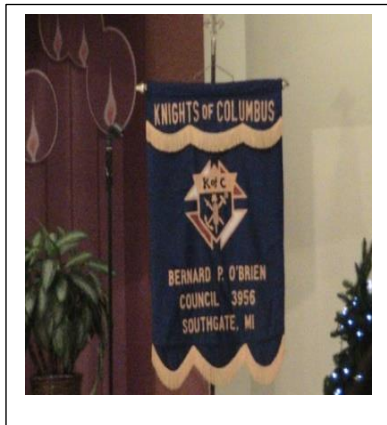
The practice of wearing ashes comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. The wearing of ashes is an outward sign of the grief we bear for having sinned and caused division in our relationship with God. Like the people of Nineveh, we look to the Lord, asking for mercy and pardon from our transgressions (Jonah 3:6-10). Or so it should be.

Ask yourself, when I receive ashes, why am I receiving them? Is it because of a sense of duty? Is it because, as a Catholic that's what's expected? I don't want to go against the grain. Personal remorse for my sins has nothing to do with it. It's what I was taught you do on Ash Wednesday and that's the way it is.

Perhaps, I receive ashes to wear like a badge of honor. Like the Pharisees and Scribes who widened their phylacteries and lengthened their tassels (Mt 23:5). Is it a demonstration my great piety or an admission of my sinfulness to the world? Pride or humility? The person looking at me won't know, but inside I should.

On Good Friday we will commemorate our Lord's passion as he continues to be that great atonement for the world's sinfulness to which we are a part. As we approach Ash Wednesday in the coming weeks, let us take the time to prepare ourselves so that when we don ashes it's for the right reasons. It will prove to make Lent more meaningful

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck



OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS MARCH 9, 2022

Please make a note of the meeting date pushed back one week in respect for the Solemnity of Ash Wednesday

Where: St. Pius Social Hall, Across the corridor from Church
When: **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**
Time: Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO STILL OWE DUES:

We have members who have been sent their membership cards, either because they are Honorary Life members, they are Exempt members, or they have paid their dues. This means that only 34 members as of this writing that are officially in arrears. There are several ways you can pay your dues:

- Send your payment (made out to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3956) to me at 15728 James St, Southgate, MI 48195-1313
- Pay online using your credit card (for a small fee) by going to <https://www.kofc3956.org/pay-dues/>
- Arrange for pickup or drop-off by email raybilyk@kofc3956.org or phone 313-247-2110

No matter what, we not only don't want to lose you as a member, but we will fight to keep you! If you are having problems paying (it's happened to all of us at one time or another), contact me by email or phone and we can work out a plan or some other arrangement.

Stay safe and God Bless!

Ray Bilyk, DD

Financial Secretary

raybilyk@kofc3956.org - 313.247.2110

PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

Desert meal has been moved to March 27, 2022 at Arnaldo's at 8275 Quarry Road in Riverview. We are not up charging a lot for the tickets. Purpose is to get attendees to contribute to the seminarians. This is a fundraiser for the seminarians to help defer the cost of their trip to the Holy Land. With Covid happening, the extra time is thought to provide for this variant to run its course. Cost of tickets will be \$20/ per person.

Fellowship Knight at Wyandotte Beer Company. We propose to invite fathers of St. Pius students to be faithful followers. Looking for the impetus for joining. We ask for ideas for events from our general membership such as revisiting Euchre Nights.

We are planning a Motorcycle Blessing for May 14th. More details will follow. We are considering another Christian Music event. More information regarding this and other activities, dates and venues will be forth coming on our website, Facebook and K of C Council Newsletter.

Next coffee and donuts Sunday is scheduled for March 20th.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave Sajdak will remain an advisor to the committee until he locates to Florida later in the year. We will be developing relationships with other groups to broaden our message. The fathers of St. Pius students, family and friends of current members and members of other church organizations will be a focus to gain recruitment opportunities.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956

Southgate, MI

The February 2022 Knight of the Month is awarded to Nicola "Nick" Vignola.

Nick has been an active Knight who regularly attends meetings as well as volunteers for the Donut Sunday's and Family Breakfast events. The last event Nick volunteered at was the KofC O'Brien Council Free Throw Contest.

Thank you Nick for your dependable support of KOC events! Congratulations!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:



John and Carleen Pigott and Family are our Family of the Month. They add so much to our Parish. Carleen is the Art Teacher for St. Pius School and John is a member of the School Advisory Committee and does a lot for the marketing/advertising at St. Pius. The two oldest children, Ella and James, are altar servers and the only reason the youngest doesn't is because he's only in kindergarten. John, Carleen and the kids can be seen every weekend in the pews at Mass. Again, congratulations to the Pigott Family!!



Upcoming Events:

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

For more information call Chancellor Gerald Ottenbreit at 313-593-5181 or gottenbr@umich.edu Any Knights interested in exemplification on March 5, 2022 should contact Chancellor Gerald Ottenbreit at 313-593-5181 or gottenbr@umich.edu

Father Saylor is having a Super bowl party Feb 17th. They are raffling a 70 inch TV. Raffle Tickets are 10/ticket or 3/20 Going on until February 13th.

Knights Spiritual Reflection



Calling Knights
from all councils
and men from the
parish!



You are invited to join the Foley Knights
at 8:30 Mass on Saturday, February 26th
and then meet for breakfast with a spiritual talk for
men from our Brother Knight, Father John Dudek

DCHS APR Room, Enter Door #13

Breakfast is gratis

Contact Mike Collins for more information
313.690.4142 or mdcollins9989@gmail.com



INTO THE BREACH FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Presented by

The Knights of Columbus & Church of the Divine Child

Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The Into the Breach series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. All men are welcome to join as we watch and discuss Into the Breach. Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

Every Monday starting
February 21 - April 4 we will meeting
in the gathering space @ 7 PM

Learn more | bit.ly/IntoTheBreach_KofC



MESSAGE BOARD

Election of Council Rep for the K of C State convention. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday preceding Memorial Day weekend. May 26-27th

1st Delegate Nominations- Mark Garcellano

2nd Delegate Nominations-Brian Batko.

Alternates Nomination-Robert Park, Sean Roland, and Stephan Gall

We continue to participate with Returnable cans for Seminarians. \$7,000 worth of cans have been collected to date at Robert Jones Council. Barrel is located Just inside council building.

Tootsie Roll Drive on Sat and Sunday 4/9 and 4/10. Deacon Chuck asked about a signup sheet. Last year Warden Larry Rossi organized the activity that went very well.

Fraternal Benefits night. Joe Jordan-Zoom only event. Wanting to set up Wed 4-27 at 7pm. Looking for 10 people to watch the event.



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.

Tips on how to promote KnightCast:

- Learn more at 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



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.

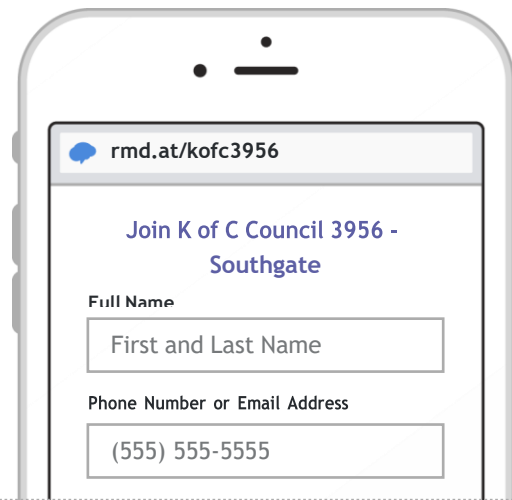
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A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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

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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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Family Breakfast Prep-Meet in the Kitchen after mass to Prep Burritos.

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Family Breakfast Planned (after every Sunday Mass)

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Super Bowl Sunday 8:00pm

Sunday, February 13 - Saturday, February 19, 2022

Blessed Icon at St. Pius. Proposed to have an extended prayer service or mass. Tues Mass is 7:00 pm. Proposed day 2-15 prayer service.

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

Region Level Free Throw Competition (Tentative)

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Third Degree Exemplification, 10:30 am. We would like e-members and any current or potential members. @ 17113 Champaign, Allen Park. Crystal Park Hall

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast Proposed

Saturday, March 5, 2022

4th Degree Exemplification

Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Wednesday, March 9, 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.

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner St. Pius Social Hall. Runs right after 4pm mass. 5-6:30

Saturday, March 12, 2022.

St. Pius School Annual Auction beginning at 6:00 pm. In Activity Center

Sunday, March 20

Donut Sunday (after every Sunday Mass)

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Men's Knight Out - Fellowship Evening 3:00- 6:00 pm, Wyandotte Beer Company.

3016 1st St, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Downriver Desert Meal (Come Break Bread with the Seminarians)

At Arnaldo's at 18275 Quarry Road in Riverview. Cost of tickets will be \$20/ per person

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Lindsay P. Mclean (February 3)
- Edward D. Stol (February 3)
- Deacon Scott LaForest (February 4)
- Robert M. Liddle (February 4)
- Michael J. Gyolai (February 7)
- Henry Pochini (February 8)
- John F. Astonino (February 16)
- John G. Husar Jr. (February 17)
- Robert J. LaForest (February 22)
- Catherine A. Chirco (February 22) Joey's Wife



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Steven and Melissa Minella (February 16, 1996) 26 Years

YEARS OF SERVICE

- Patrick J. Phillips (February 20) 59 Years of Service
- Dennis J. Levko (February 1) 39 Years of Service
- Michael J. Levko (February 1) 39 Years of Service
- Ray J. Bilyk (February 23) 34 Years of Service
- Patrick D. Tidwell (February 1) 31 Years of Service
- James A. Kandrevas (February 14) 8 Years of Service
- Brian T. Cronan (February 21) 5 Years of Service
- Norman W. Lemay (February 19) 5 Years 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 so they can be added to our list. We would love for this to be as accurate as possible. Thank you Ray!



REFLECTION

You don't have to look too far around our parish to see examples of commitment. Father Suresh and Deacon Chuck have taken vows to live out their commitment to the Church. When I look at the longevity of the marriages of my brother knights, I see decades of commitment to the vocation of marriage and the sanctity of the family. There are a number of things done behind the scenes that the laity take care of in order for us to even be able to attend mass in the comfort we do.

There are many faithful stewards of our Church that commit to doing the little things that make the trains run on time. They provide services we wouldn't know we'd miss until they are gone. They make little sacrifices of their time and scheduling convenience to serve. I'm sure it's obvious to if you're really paying attention. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our own lives, we don't recognize the kindness others have put forth to help out.

My best advice to show appreciation for these acts is to make things a little easier on the people who are doing the heavy lifting. Commit to telling them you'll be attending one of the events they are putting on. Commit to telling them if you can't make an event they might need help at. That information is helpful too. If they are using an online sign up to organize a project, try to use that format. Let them know that you see their efforts and how much you appreciate them. In my experience, these dedicated individuals aren't looking for appreciation. Most often they are giving of themselves with a cheerful heart.

(Robert Park, Co-Editor)

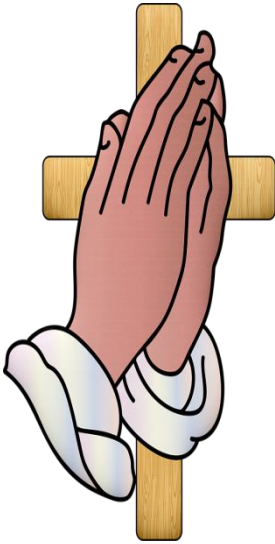
The Bernard P. Obrien Council of the Knights of Columbus

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. Amen.

Philippians 4:6-9



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Carolie Martin, 79. Beloved Mother of our brother Knight Kevin (Kim) Martin. Please remember Carolie and her family in your prayers. Beloved wife of the late Richard Martin. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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

- Daryl Zilka
- Larry Rossi
- Bob LaForest
- Brother Knights who are taking care of financial issues.
- Dan McGuire-recovering from surgery.
- John Kruso's Grand Daughter -Baby Lucy.
- Many of our own are Victims of Covid. Please pray for us and our families that good health is our blessing.

Please pray for expectant mothers and their babies soon to be born, particularly Pauline Park and Catie Chirco.

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.

Vivat Jesus

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

Robert Park, Newsletter Co-Editor and Worthy Council Recorder

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