

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS!!

Your Knights of Columbus stepped up with help from young and old as we assisted during the St. Pius Festival. If we can boast, the Dime Toss Booth was once again a big hit! We had great participation from both volunteers and the semi pro dime flingers.

Our cooperation with St. Pius School worked both ways; throughout the event, the student volunteers not only gave a helping hand, but made it so much more exciting for us older folks. Thanks you Anthony Jarvis, Nico Hagood, Lily Cheney, Molly Chatham, Lauren Garcellano, Lucas Korogiannos, Olivia Amore, Katelyn Ciochon and Reese Grabetz. The rookies shined!!



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERAN KNIGHTS!

GK Garcellano, PGK Roberts and their crew ran a very successful Hot Dog concession during the festival. The Knights served up a well balanced meal of hot dogs, chips and beverages to at times a standing room crowd. We even had a visit from an old friend!



We look to next year when the Festival is expected to return to a full weekend event. The Coin Toss Booth and the Hot Dog Concession were successful, because young and old came together for the greater good. Like many of our events coming up, please pray that we can count on more of our brother knights to step forward to help out for the sake of our parish.

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN

Last year we were astounded as our St. Pius students took it upon themselves to raise a tremendous amount of money to purchase more coats than we had ever before. This year, we have joined with the school to make an even better impact. Eight cases have been ordered. The campaign kick off begins on Sunday, September 18, 2022 and will run through October. Our "Coat Rack" will be placed as we did last year in the church vestibule. Date of distribution is November 5, 2022 at St. Andre Bessette in Ecorse.

Knights of Columbus



Please support Bernard P. O'Brien (St. Pius X) Council 3956 in a donation for the Coats for Kids Program.

With your donation, **new** coats will be purchased for needy children to ensure no child goes without a coat this winter.

New coats cost \$20. Any donation amount is accepted.

Checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus 3956. Please take an envelope off the coat rack for your donation and place in the Mass collection basket.

Thank you for your support!

Campaign begins September 18, 2022 through October, 2022

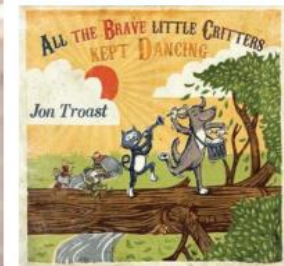
Distribution: November 5, 2022 at St. Andre Bessette in Ecorse

Time: 11 am to 2 pm (Subject to change)

Coat Sizes: Boys and Girls size 4 to Teen size XL

Sponsored together with St. Pius Staff and Students

The Knights of Columbus Presents:
Family Concert Night
With
Jon Troast



Listen, Laugh, Cry and sing with Songs and Stories of Family,
Friends and Faith. You won't be disappointed!

Thursday, September 22nd 7:00 PM
In the St Pius Social Hall
Free Will Donation

Light Refreshments Served
More about Jon at www.jontroast.com



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERT IN THE SOCIAL HALL

This is going to be fun! Jon Troast is a very entertaining and engaging musician who comes to St. Pius to share his gifts. Not so much a Christian Concert as a Family Friendly entertainer. Thank you to Brian Batko who has put this together for us. He says "Last year, Sean Roland and I attended this event and had a GREAT time! Let's get this news out so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy!"

WE HAD NOT ONE, BUT TWO FAMILY PICNICS!!



You and your family can not miss this next year! There were two opportunities to attend a Knights sponsored picnic in August. One sponsored by the Jones Council on August 13th and the second, on August 27th. The first, with the Jones Council, was quite a celebration of summer. Lots of good food, games and ice cream for the kids at Gregory Park in Lincoln Park. This is and always has been a first class operation! Word from Ray Bilyk was it would be very hard for our Council to duplicate or host.

The second picnic on August 27th was the 16th Annual Downriver K of C picnic held on Grosse Ile at Centennial Park. It was a sunny warm summer day (90F), with lots of games for the children, food and beverages. Ray Bilyk's family hosted a number of children's games and Dave and Valerie Kudla worked the food line. Inside the building, there were a number of raffles for appliances for the adults and there were two tables for children raffles. (The children took part by winning tickets from the games.

I can tell you personally that my grandchildren had a great time! They thought that Christmas had come in Summer with the number of gifts they won in the drawings. The food was good (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, potato salad, chips and fruit for desert) and the interaction with the councils was great. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Tom Jackson, our insurance agent, was the chair of the picnic. He worked tirelessly to ensure it ran smooth.

- Thank you Past Grand Knight Bill Robert for sharing your experience

MESSAGE FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO



My Fellow Brother Knights! For this month's article, I would like to give an update on our recent activities and upcoming events. As for the council membership, we currently have 112 members. At our September Monthly General Membership Meeting 26 members attended. Which is up from the previous meeting! So, what have we have we done so far in July and August?

On July 19, we had an evening cruise on the Detroit River on Diamond Jacks Tour Boat. The weather was perfect for an enjoyable evening with the opportunity to mingle with other Knights from our local councils, enjoy good pizza and drinks, sing karaoke, and see the

On July 31, we kicked off of our Fifth Sunday Rosary program at St. Pius X Church before all the Masses. In conjunction with the Rosary Confraternity, we passed out Rosaries and Rosary Prayer Guides to the congregation to encourage praying the Rosary 30 minutes before all Masses.

On August 6, we conducted the Second Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament. Again, we God's grace the weather was perfect and a great time was had by all who attended.

On August 13, we joined the Robert Jones Picnic. We were very impressed by the large size of their picnic! It has been an on-going event for more than 30 years!

On August 20, we supported the SPX Festival by running a Dime Toss Booth at the game tent and running a hot dog stand. Combined we were able to raise more than \$1100 for St. Pius X Church.

On August 27, we attended and supported the Downriver District Picnic on Grosse Isle as Centennial Park. Our Council sponsored the children's games and all who attended enjoyed the comradery.

What's next for September and October?

On September 10, we attended the K of C State Officers Installation at Assumption Grotto and Reception at the Detroit Yacht Club. More than 1000 Knights in leadership positions gathered to celebrate the new officers of the state of Michigan.

On September 18, we kicked off the Donut Sunday Program after the Sunday Masses at St. Pius X Church. All proceeds to benefit the Ukrainians.

On September 22, there will be a Family Concert with John Troast at the St. Pius Social Hall starting at 7PM.

On September 23, we will conduct our annual Soccer Challenge for the students at St. Pius X School.

On September 24, we will beautify the Church by weeding and performing maintenance on the church landscaping.

On October 8, we will conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive to support mentally challenged people. On October 16, we will kick off the Family Breakfast Program after the Sunday Masses at St. Pius X Church.

In summary, our small service fraternity maximizes our resources to help our Parish, our school and one another. If you have a relative or friend who may be interested in joining us, please invite them to one of our events or even encourage them to join us (the first year's membership dues are free).

We are always looking for more Catholic gentlemen to join our fraternity. As I said before, our council is small, but we are active and have coordinated events comparable to councils three times our size. In closing, I would like to thank all our brother Knights and their families who support our Council by volunteering. You are our resource. You bring into reality all our plans, our events and our charities. I humbly thank you again for your support, and your friendship. You are my brother!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK

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October 5, 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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

Please come around 6PM to St. Pius Social Hall for some socializing and planned food and beverages. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Our upcoming events and are very important to our community: Coats for Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive for the Disabled, School programs and competitions, and so much more for our families and our students. Please make the time to attend and participate.

Each of us has a purpose. [Let's do this together!!](#)

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK

Memorial mass coming up at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Sunday November 6, 2022.
We have the opportunity to memorialize a knight or family member with a memorial plaque.

Membership: We want people to join because it is an opportunity for them to help us do good.
We want people who are going to be active in our parish and in our schools.

Ballot initiative coming up in November - Pray, educate, and engage to hopefully defeat it

Prep bowl coming up on 10/22; tickets are \$6 for Knights and family/friends; \$10 at the door.
If all councils in the district donate \$25, Wyandotte council will purchase half page ad

We reached out to athletic director, who said there are 100 kids in the fall athletic programs.
We can offer them tickets for \$6. We'll try to get them to give us the total number of tickets they want. Proposal is that we buy those tickets.

We have created a traveling exemplification team in district. Only difference is that the parts will be memorized. If we invite traveling team, state will pay for refreshments. Participants will receive a special state challenge coin that they can take in remembrance of the event.

The poster features a dark background with vibrant, flowing, abstract shapes in shades of red, orange, and blue. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The main title 'CIGAR KNIGHT, 4th annual' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the ticket price '\$25 per ticket and you choose' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The list of prizes is in a white, cursive script font. The ticket availability information is in a small, white, sans-serif font. The contact information is in a small, white, sans-serif font. The event date and location are in a large, white, serif font at the bottom.

CIGAR KNIGHT, 4th annual

\$25 per ticket and you choose

either a Leaf by Oscar Connecticut or a Montecristo White Series and

1 "gone fishing" cigar, either an Arturo Fuente Hemingway Short Story or
a Rocky Patel Vintage 2006 Fumas

enjoy a cigar with some great company and help support the Foley Council!

Tickets are available from any Foley Knight or via Venmo @ Bishop-Foley

Please contact Mike Collins, 313.690.4142 or mdcollins9989@gmail.com with questions

October 15th, 7-10pm @ 405 Nightingale St, Dearborn

MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT



CRISIS

It seems that watching TV, reading the news in the paper or listening to the radio all we hear is bad news. Robberies, fighting and killings seem to permeate the news. Our politics are divisive. Heck, it seems the two past candidates for President are still arguing over the results. This is very depressing but if you read the Bible Jesus said it would be this way. We have to focus on what we can change, our families.

Many of the problems with our society exist because our family structure is being broken down. A father and mother provide the nurturing and teach the values needed to become successful adults. Sometimes it seems our leaders have forgotten this. It seems also that as our society has abandoned God, crime, despair and despondency have increased.

We need the values taught by our Church and the Knights of Columbus that allow us as men to give of ourselves, interact with other like-minded men and grow in your faith. The world will only get better if we reach out and give of ourselves to others. Who is my neighbor, Jesus was asked? Not only my family but my enemies. That's really tough but it is asked of all of us!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRIAN BAKTKO REPORT



We Are excited to welcome Jon Troast as he will play a mini concert for us, Thursday, September 22nd in the Social Hall. A Christmas concert is still under consideration in December.

Our October family breakfast will have two Dominican Sisters Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor in attendance.

Deacon Bob Tremmell, a friend of Deacon Chuck, may be invited to come in and do a talk about the Shroud of Turin.

We could have some seminarians come in and speak about their call to enter the seminary. We can reach out to the seminary and suggest presenting videos about their testimony,

FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

A recent delivery to the Downriver Food Pantry determined there is an acute shortage of the following items: Hamburger Helper (Lasagna and Cheeseburger), Rice-A-Roni (Beef and Chicken), Mac & Cheese, Beef Stew. Please consider providing the items listed above in your next donation. God Bless to all. - Dennis Hamilton.



GUIDING LIGHT

Most Catholics have a fidelity to Mary. This is especially true of Knights. When I first joined, I was given a rosary. I was told to carry it always and to pray it regularly. As you probably noted, over the past few months our meetings have ended with reciting a decade. This added devotion caused me to ponder the correlation.

I knew Christopher Columbus was Catholic and sailed on the Santa Maria (Holy Mary), but it seemed that such a simple link was unlikely to cause such a tight bond. Not surprising, the research revealed the existence of a more in-depth relationship between Our Lady and our namesake not often mentioned. I thought it might be important to know as Knights.

To begin with, from the writings of Bishop Bartolome de las Casas, I found that Columbus was a Third Order Franciscan. The Bishop wrote that Columbus “was most devoted to Our Lady and to the seraphic father St. Francis.”

Further, journals from his second son Fernando state that, “When he [Columbus] had to write anything, he would not try the pen without first writing these words, ‘*Jesus cum Maria sit nobis in via* (May Jesus with Mary be with us on the way).”

In addition, Columbus’ flagship was not merely the Santa Maria but in reality, the *Santa Maria de la Inmaculada Concepción* (Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception).

If that weren’t enough, ship’s logs indicate that every night the Salve Regina was sung by 90 men on the decks of all three ships (Santa Maria, Nina, Pinta) followed by prayer led by Columbus.

Lastly, the first sight of land (the Bahamas) occurred on the Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, the name given to the Blessed Mother in the context of the traditional belief that Mary, while living in Jerusalem, supernaturally appeared to the Apostle James the Greater while he was preaching in Spain.

From what I’ve gathered, it appears there’s definitely a much deeper association between Mary and Columbus than first realized. Keeping this in mind, we too can be confident, like our namesake, that we have a guiding light we can turn to help keep us on course. So, when you pull those beads out of your pocket remember that historical connection and legacy of dependence. Mary pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA

“A Dream Cruise on Superior”

Soon Superior Street will be completely repaved. This will certainly be a Dream Cruise to St. Pius. Upon entering our post-festival parking lot, please consider joining the K of C and/ or the Usher's Club. Both organizations could really use our help. The Ushers are seeking all adult St. Pius parishioners (male or female) to come and join their ranks. Many of the Ushers are K of C members, however we wish to exclude no one. I hope a few of you will come and join us so I won't have to be the “New Guy.”

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla

AUGUST KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Dave Kudla

I would like to thank my Fellow K of C brothers for selecting me as their Knight of the Month. I do not wish to waste space writing about myself. My biggest helper and volunteer at a number of festivities that the K of C sponsored is my wife Valerie. Many years ago I heard someone saying that, “behind every decent man there is a strong woman.” I never understood what this meant until now. This is so very true! I am proud to say she is my partner in life. She once asked me, “Aren't you glad you joined the K of C?” Yes I am. I am also proud to announce that on August 28th we received a new granddaughter named Lydia. God has been good.

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla
Deputy Grand Knight

AUGUST FAMILY OF THE MONTH - The Butka Family

Our Family of the Month is the Butka family. Lou is married to Frank and has two grown sons. She also has two grandchildren. Lou has been at St. Pius since she was married. For those of you who do not know, Lou is our parish secretary. Lou has done this job for many years. Fr. Bob McCabe (previous pastor) once remarked that, “Lou knows everybody.” Lou told me she loves St. Pius, and all the parishioners are her extended family. She really likes working with the parish staff, the school, and our pastor. She liked and got along with all of our pastors. Lou is also a MAJOR volunteer at our festivals. -Congratulations Lou! and the Butka Family!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BROTHERS OF COUNCIL 3956

District Deputy Report-Ray Bilyk

Since 1882, **membership** in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

The message of the District Deputy has been consistent, "We need more men." What's often lost is the reason the message has been so consistent. We need more men to help serve both our local parish of St. Pius X and the greater cause of the Catholic Church. We have been truly blessed to have such an active membership. Our greater purpose is to evangelize through the works that we do. In order to do this, "We need more men."

We welcome our newest members Bob and Joe with their friends who invited them to our council Henry and Robert. We're looking forward to working with you to serve the parish and the Church.





We recently met with Principal Kathleen England to work on plans as the new school year begins. There is much to do, and help is always needed. Our focus this year will be to encourage dads to help us as we help their children. Below is an excerpt of the discussion.

Soccer Goal Contest-Sept 23rd

Mark Garcellano has already dropped off the flyers and met with Mike Camilleri about the Soccer Goal contest. Our assumption is that since the contest will occur during school hours, no additional volunteers or resources are needed. Please let us know if that changes and if any help is required.

Trunk or Treat-October 28th

Starts at 6:30pm. Last year the Knights had a Trunk open, and Ray and Jennifer Bilyk handed out candy. This year we can grill hot dogs, burgers, and possibly have a table with Cider and Donuts. Robert will coordinate bringing up the volunteer list at the next meeting, asking Father for use of the grills, and getting the cider and donuts. Principal England will send out an email blast to the parents of the school. Included in the message "Calling all dads"-for help with trunk or treat.

Coats for Kids

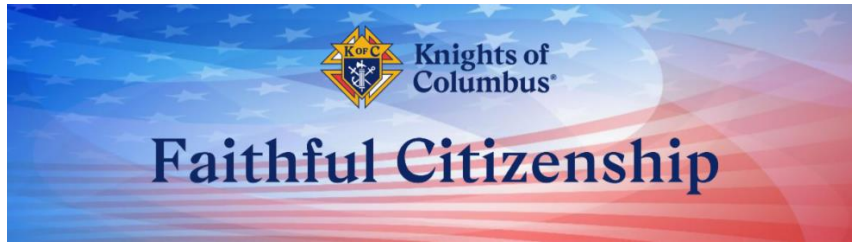
Announcement went out and coat rack is in the hallway between the Church and Social Hall. Deputy Grand Knight Dave Kudla will help to coordinate with Principal England. We will need to provide Dave's phone number to Kathleen. Tentatively planning on meeting Tues 9-20 @ 2:15. Either Mark or Robert will join meeting. We will also need to provide Kathleen with a Flyer for Coats for Kids and a Coat.

Our intention is to make the school more of a partner this year because they did so much of the heavy lifting last year. We still need to provide pictures, flyers, and a coat rack with envelopes, but allowing the school to manage the collections and storage how they best see fit.

We didn't bring it up at the meeting, but we would want to provide an Ice Cream truck or some sort of reward to the kids of the school again.

Check-ins for 11-1

- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest-Art Teacher has been notified-Due date 12-15
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest-Due Date 1-7-23.



As faithful citizens, we are called to take an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

The Knights of Columbus stands ready to encourage and provide you information and potential opportunities for active engagement.

Additional resources include the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and your [state catholic conference](#). These organizations speak for the Church and our bishops and depend on the involvement of all the faithful.

Dobbs V. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Key Holdings

- The Supreme Court holds that no provision of the Constitution contains a right to an abortion and, therefore, overturns its decisions in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992).
- By clarifying there is no constitutional right to abortion, the Court further holds that abortion laws at the state and federal level should be considered, like most other laws, on the standard of rational basis review.
- In response to those who might say such a ruling would imperil the protection of other unenumerated rights protected by the Due Process Clause, the Majority Opinion is explicit in its scope saying:

K OF C RESPONSE TO THE DECISION

'Proclaim the Dignity of Every Human Life'

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's Statement on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Mothers and Children First

On June 10, Supreme Knight Kelly announced the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, a new initiative to strengthen K of C assistance of pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

Proclaim the Dignity of Every Human Life

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 Calendar September 2022

- September 22, 2022 Family Concert- John Troast, St. Pius X Social Hall, 7PM-8:30PM
- September 23, 2022 Soccer Challenge (Council Level), Fr. Bob McCabe Field, 8AM-3PM
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baaae29abff2-volunteer1>
- September 24, 2022 SPX Weed Removal Day, St. Pius X Church, Noon-3PM
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baaae29abff2-stpius>
- September 25, 2022 Soccer Challenge (District Level Competition - if needed), Fr. Bob McCabe Field, 12:30PM
- September 27, 2022 Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting, 7PM
Wyandotte Council 1802 K of C, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- September 28, 2022 Officer's Planning Meeting, 7PM-8:30PM
Robert Jones Council 3078, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192

October 2022

- October 1, 2022 Soccer Challenge (Detroit Archdiocesan Level Competition), 12PM
Our Lady of the Lakes (Behind the School), 5495 Dixie Highway (US-24),
Waterford, MI 48329
- October 2, 2022 Right to Life - Life Chain, Fort St and Eureka Rd, 2PM
- October 5, 2022 General Membership Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM-8:30PM
- October 8-9, 2022 Tootsie Roll Drive, Intersection of Dix and Eureka, St. Pius X Church
(after Masses)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084baaae29abff2-fall>
- October 13, 2022 Downriver Focus on Life Event, 6PM, Faith Christian Assembly, 25201 W
Outer Dr, Lincoln Park
- October 15, 2022 Michigan K of C Coed Bowling Tournament, Westland Bowl, 10AM
<https://www.michigankofcathletics.com/>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (Continued)

- October 16, 2022 Charity Family Breakfast, St. Pius X Social Hall, After Sunday Masses
- October 22, 2022 Prep Bowl, Ford Field
- October 25, 2022 Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting, 7PM
Wyandotte Council 1802 K of C, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- October 26, 2022 Officer's Planning Meeting, 7PM-8:30PM
Robert Jones Council 3078, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- October 28, 2022 Trunk or Treat, St. Pius X Parking Lot, 6PM-10PM
- October 29, 2022 4th Degree Exemplification, 8:30AM-3PM,
<https://kofcmidistrict1.org/exemplification.html>
St Anastasia Roman Catholic Church, 4571 John R Rd, Troy, MI
- October 29-30, 2022 Fifth Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X Church, 45 minutes before Masses

MESSAGE BOARD



Right to Life Chairman - Bob Bailey

Life chain is coming up in October, usually we are on the corner of Eureka and Fort.

Hard copies of our newsletter are available in both the church lobby and in front of the social hall.

Please help us Saturday, September 24, at 8:00 am on parish grounds as we clean up overgrowth of weeds. We also would like to plant new mums.

Bottle and Cans for Seminarians

Still collecting Cans and bottles for seminarians. Can hold at Robert Jones, or hand to District Dep Ray Bilyk.



YEARS OF SERVICE

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

- John S. Molnar (September 1) 50 Years of Service
- Edward D. Stol (September 1) 45 Years of Service
- Rev. Suresh Rajaian (September 12) 12 Years of Service
- Robert M. Liddle (September 17) 7 Years of Service
- John G. Husar Jr. (September 21) 22 Years of Service
- John G. Husar (September 25) 22 Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- George S. Kotonis (September 4)
- Cary J. Polaski (September 5)
- Sam S. Lamb (September 8)
- Daryl E. Kilka (September 9)

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!





IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

- Past Grand Knight Bob LaForest
- Liz and Larry Ridenour
- Joe Hernandez
- Schooner family
- Deacon Bob and Micki Bovitz
- Miguel's family
- Brian Batko

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.



REFLECTION

The saying goes, "There are no atheists in foxholes." Fortunately, I've never been in a foxhole. The implication is that you'll turn to God if you're in great distress. I was in some distress this past week; my youngest daughter was a little sick. She's better now, but there's really nothing that can make you feel more helpless than a loved one with health problems. All I could do was pray. There is comfort in knowing that when we turn to God, He will be there for us just as He always has been. I was comforted by the instinct to turn to God and pray. I hope the instinct is built into all of us, that the origin of the phrase. "There are no atheists in foxholes," is one of those universal truths that is understood by all, needing no further explanation.

God welcomes us when we turn to him, God actively searches the horizon for us. That is one of the parts of the reading of the Prodigal Son that was pointed out to me. "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him." It meant that the father was looking for his lost son, he hadn't written him off as a wastrel. He was searching for him and waiting to shower him with his love. He's looking to do the same for all in great distress. If you know someone who is in this situation, invite them to mass with you. Pray with them and allow them to be lavished with God's love.

Robert Park, Co-Editor
The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH

Maybe the reason many of our membership are leaving the heavy lifting to those of us who regularly participate in our very necessary work is that you are afraid of the commitment. How about baby steps?

How about those of you that attend church regular. (I hope that is most of us). consider speaking with one of the ushers before mass to volunteer to help usher for that mass. Baby steps...just that mass. We are good men who care for each other and support our families. You would have a chance get a taste of what we do and why it is so fulfilling for us.

We could really use your help. We have busy lives too. I assure you, there will be no pressure and you may just like to help some more!

Peace!

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5: 11-18

Vivat Jesus

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