

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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K of C COUNCIL 3956 OFFERS HELP TO FLORIDA CHURCH IN AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN

(Respectfully submitted by Anthony (Tony) Chirco, Editor and P.R. Director)

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini church is located in Parrish Florida. The hurricane hit the memorial garden and devastated its beautiful flowering plants and trees. The garden has been a source for many community worshipers to find comfort in peaceful prayer.

On business and family trips to Florida, St. Cabrini has been our home away from home. The Pastor, Fr. Joseph, like our Fr. Suresh cares deeply for his parish. He has estimated the damages to be between \$35,000 - \$40,000.00. Having learned of the devastation, I reached out to their local council Grand Knight Hector Morales to offer our assistance. Our own GK Mark Garcellano has also spoken with him. Plans are being discussed among our council officers to raise money through fund raising activities. As we begin this process, we will be reaching out not only within our local council here at St. Pius, but throughout the district.

In the weeks ahead, we will be requesting help from brother knights in whatever way you can to assist us. Imagine what it is like to have faced this devastation and its aftermath. Parishioners there have had their own homes pounded by the storm. These very people that the parish would rely on to help rebuild the destruction have themselves had damage to their homes. Any help we can provide will help. Any financial help we can give, will help to ease the burden of restoring their beloved memorial garden.



Photos taken after the hurricane
Courtesy of Hector Morales

GOD IS WITH THEM



At our request their Grand Knight has provided us with before and after photos of the memorial garden. We noticed among the photos a marvel of nature and a testament of God's protection: Even in the turbulence of the storm, as the grounds were ravaged, the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary remained in place, essentially shielded from the desolation. Inspired by this sign of God's protection, let us be generous in our thought, prayers and resources.

Heeding the call of Supreme Knight Brian Kelly:

"Our brother Knights, their families, and communities have been greatly impacted. At the same time, these very Knights have sprung into action, serving those around them.

"As Knights of Columbus, we continually respond to the call of those in need - whether it be for persecuted Christians, for our brothers in Ukraine, or for the unborn child and their mother. Now must be no different."

Respectfully submitted by Anthony (Tony) Chirco, Editor and P.R. Director



Photos of St. Cabrini, Parrish Florida Memorial Garden before Hurricane Ian hit.
Courtesy of Hector Morales

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

[Acts 20:35](#)



October 5, 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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

**Social Hours begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by one hour meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Please bring a friend!**



MESSAGE FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My Fellow Brother Knights! Our small service fraternity has held several events to help our Parish, our school and just to have fun. If you have a relative or friend that may be interested in joining us, please invite them to one of our events to check us out.

We are always looking for more Catholic gentlemen to join us. Remember, first year's dues are free! Please see me or our Membership Director Robert Park to find out how.

I would like to thank all our brother Knights and their families who support our Council by volunteering. You are who make these events happen! I humbly thank you for your support.

On the pages that follow, I have some overdue pictures I wanted to share with you on our recent Knights of Columbus events over this summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK

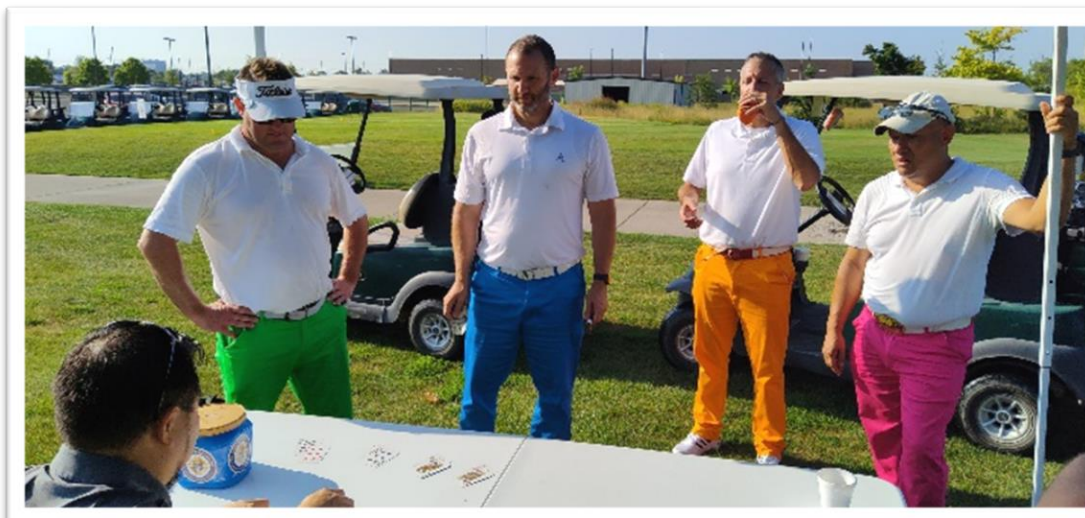
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July 19, we had an evening cruise on the Detroit River on Diamond Jacks Tour Boat.



On August 6, we conducted the Second Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament.



On August 13, we joined the Robert Jones Picnic.



On August 20, we supported SPX Festival running a Dime Toss Booth and a hot dog stand.



On September 10, we attended the K of C State Officers Installation at Detroit Yacht Club.



On September 22, we held a Family Concert with John Troast at the St. Pius Social Hall



On September 23, we conducted our annual Soccer Challenge for students of St. Pius X School



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



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

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Please keep Justin Pudelek, our Faithful Pilot from our assembly in your prayers. His mother passed away in a car accident on the day of his wedding.

Enhancing our membership is not going to be as easy as events bringing in new members. People might expect the K of C to do events and not think we need help, we do. We are not looking for numbers, we are looking for good people. We are all members of the membership committee

For those looking for a fun event, the Mixed bowling tournament Westland Lanes on October 15, 2022

The Knights of Columbus as a district through councils , like here at St. Pius are participating in essay contest, spelling bee, free throw, poster contest. The deadline for the St. Pius School poster contest is December 23. 2022.

Thank you to those who attended the fraternal benefits seminar; there will be another one coming up this month.

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 to Bishop-Foley

Please contact Mike Collins, 313.690.4142 or mcollins9989@gmail.com with questions

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

MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT



REFLECTIONS FROM FORMER GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

TIME

Time, a commodity that cannot be purchased. I am sure we all have said, I wish I had more time with our parents, friends and loved ones. But unfortunately, it only comes once so we must make the time to enjoy it. How much time we have varies from individual to individual. God gives each of us a finite time on earth. How we spend it is up to us. Enjoying our time on earth is a personal decision each of us make. God asks each of us to be part of his family. Helping our neighbor and giving of ourselves gives us personal satisfaction and growth as a person.

God did not print an expiration date on us. In fact, he said: be prepared for you will never know the date or time when it will be your time to leave this world. Be prepared and use your time to the fullest.

While there are number of charitable organizations, the Knights of Columbus offer Catholic men the opportunity for spiritual growth in their faith (Holy Hour, Spiritual Reflection, Rosary Program, Pilgrim Icon Program), with outreach to the Community (Coats for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Free Throw Program, Soccer Challenge) and support of Life.(March for Life, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Center Support, Ultrasound Program and more).

The K of C is an organization to help you use your time to help others and grow personally in your faith.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BAKTKO REPORT

Next concert up will be John Tibbs on December 2nd in the Church. It will be mostly acoustic so will be straightforward John has performed here before and was a big hit Christ the King has an 8th graders bell ringing group They said they would be willing to perform. We'll have them perform before John Tibbs. They don't require any money, but we can make a donation.

Suggested taking a bus trip to National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH. It is a two level church, and there are a lot of crutches there from people who were healed at the Shrine. Our mission is always to bring people to the church or strengthen their faith and if we can do both, that is even better



DEACON CHUCK

LOVE LETTERS

I remember the story of a widow who was still so deeply in love with her late husband that she would sit alone at night and read his love letters she'd received while he was away. She quietly reflected on the words and pondered memories of their relationship even though he was gone for many years. When around family and friends she looked forward to conversations that gave her the chance to learn how he touched others. The stories made her feel alive as she re-experienced the intimacy they once shared. That love was her treasure of the heart, her pearl of great value. One that she wouldn't let go of at any price.

Our love for God is much like the widow's and the Bible much like those letters. Scripture is God's love letter to us and many hold it near and dear to their heart. Reading the word and pondering it to gain understanding brings many to a deeper intimacy with our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ. Sharing with others who have the same love relationship is energizing and refreshing. Studying sacred text is a way to find a pearl and build up treasures of the heart.

Jesus tells us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal. (Mt 6:20).

The Bible holds a place of prominence in the home. Like those old letters it's coveted and would be the last book to find its way to a thrift store, garage sale, or (God forbid) trash. Yet sadly, some are collecting dust as mere home decor. If you're looking for a pearl of great value or need to store up treasures of the heart, take time to dust it off and leaf through those pages filled with so much love. Like the widow, you'll rekindle that relationship time and time again.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck/Lecturer



There is planned a Prep Bowl at Ford Field on October 12, 2022. The fourth degree color corps and senior members will be there. We will also be paying for tickets to have kids go.

Fourth degree exemplification is October 29, 2022 in Troy

Downriver councils will be supporting the Thanksgiving parade in Wyandotte - Meet at the Wyandotte council, then march in the parade.

Looking ahead to next year, a Memorial mass will be at St. Pius on February 28, 2023 with a dinner afterward

THOUGHTS FROM CHANCELLOR RICHARD GREGOIRE

I am intrigued at the many instances that Jesus was at dinner somewhere sharing his time, conversation and a meal with someone. There are so many bible stories about this and it seems to me for Jesus all are invited. Levi after he was called to follow Jesus had a great feast for Him and of course the Scribes and Pharisees were having fits because he was eating with sinners and Publicans (You know them tax collectors).

Then there was Zacchaeus (head tax collector) who climbs a tree so he could see Jesus because he was a little short and then Jesus hollers at him to come down and then Jesus invites Himself over to Zach's place. Wow! More grumbling! What about the wedding feast at Cana where His Mom and his disciples are invited, and she tells her son "They have no wine"! Jesus replies "what do you want me to do, my hour hasn't come .

I think we all have to pay attention to Mary's famous last words when she tells the attendants "Do whatever He tells you." Wow! Then there is a dinner with Jesus' friends' Mary and Martha with Martha hollering at Jesus "have Mary help me!" We all know the work involved and we do know the better part that Mary had. So, dinner with friends is more than just eating. I think presence and sharing our time must be important. Jesus can teach us a lot about sharing a meal.

This other time when thousands were following Jesus around because He was so intriguing and fascinating teaching about forgiveness, the Kingdom of God and the crowds obviously didn't even care or realize that they were out in the boondocks not thinking, then maybe thinking " Hey I don't there is anything to eat out here!" So, Jesus fixes yet another dining experience . It's pretty cool that Jesus' miracle of feeding the multitudes is recorded in all four Gospels. If we come to Jesus, I believe He feeds us!

Then of course on the night before He died when He shared the Passover meal with His Apostles and now shared with us when He said, "Do this in memory of me". After His resurrection wouldn't you know it!! He was recognized when there was cooking and eating and sharing going on! Soon after they found the tomb empty two disciples were on their way out of town towards Emmaus totally heartbroken were met by this guy and this guy was wondering why they were so sad and of course they couldn't understand why or didn't know the terrible things that had happened. The day was getting late, and they urged him to stay with them for the hearts were burning within them when He was explaining scripture.

God Bless us all.

Editors Notes:

Richard doesn't always have the time to prepare an article, but when he does, as you read above, his messages are thought provoking. We look forward to next month when we can share the second half of his article. Robert and I have noticed that since we encourage our officers and directors to contribute their thoughts to the newsletter, they have become quite the writers. Thank you to regulars like Deacon Chuck, GK Mark Garcellano, FGK Bill Robert, DGK Dave Kudla and our "guest contributors like Richard. No Dick, your contributions to this newsletter are not too much; they are just "write"!



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETETARY RAY BILYK

For Right to Life, we had LifeSaver donations and raised \$383.00

The Rosary Altar Confraternity donated \$100 and K of C donated \$125, so we purchased a table for 8 people.

Additional money was raised at Donuts Sunday for Ukraine and Tootsie Roll Drive after October 9th masses.

We had a positive income over expenses in September.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM CHARIMAN ROBERT PARK

Grand Knight Mark Garcellano discussed that looking for a way to have a presence with the parents of the kids playing sports. A shared thought with Athletic Director Victoria Dudek was to sell blankets with St. Pius X logo and Knights of Columbus emblem. We could sell bumper stickers, personalized jerseys, foam fingers, fans, koozies, etc. AD Dudek loved the idea, and she can get us labor to sell it. We just have to procure the merchandise. She is willing to give us a table in the hall near the gym and have parents do the selling for us.

We are getting prices from Fully Promoted. Then we would also distribute the items which will help us interact with the parents. On October 23, 2022, there is a planned CYO sports mass. We can have the parents come to the social hall and we will present the idea to them.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Richard Gregoire

We are so lucky to have Richard as our Chancellor. His presence at our meetings and his contribution to the newsletter are significant. He is also in charge of providing food and beverages at our meeting. His Chili last month was delicious. Dick was so impressed with the good works we were doing, that he became much more involved. Dick, Thank you for all that you do

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - Robert and Gail Bailey

Robert and Gail have been front and center for Right to Life. Now more than ever, we need people like Bob and Gail to do the hard work to protect those that can't protect themselves. They take the time to attend events and promote fund raisers for Pro-Life. Please support them in their endeavors. Contribute to their worthy efforts and support them in your prayers. Bob and Gail, Thank you for all that you do.

Special thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Dave Kudla for your endorsement of these fine people.



Soccer challenge happened on September 23, 2022

Last year we had 3 participants; this year we had close to 50. Gym teacher Mike Camilleri, Principal England, and AD Victoria Dudek assisted. The district challenge was two days later, and a couple of our students won their district

Calling all Dads

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. Among our goals for this new school year is to get to better know the dads of St. Pius and to get the dads of St. Pius to better know our Knights of Columbus. Principal Kathleen England, Grand Knight Mark Garcellano and Membership Chairman Robert Park are committed to this goal. We encourage all our brother knights to bring a dad to any of our events; to find out why we are so passionate in our "calling" to help those less fortunate than ourselves, to also help our precious student, their children.

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 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.

**VOTE NO on the Abortion Referendum deceptively called,
"Reproductive Freedom for All"**

Among dangerous consequences,
***Teen abortions will be permitted WITHOUT
parental consent or even notification!***

- ✓ Unborn babies **killed through all 9 months** of pregnancy
- ✓ Forced **tax-payer funding** of **abortion-on-demand**
- ✓ Schools to facilitate teen abortions without parental knowledge
- ✓ Unsanitary clinics with no regulations and licensing
- ✓ Minors sterilized/permitted sex change treatments without parental consent
- ✓ Viable unborn children aborted due to denial of medical care
- ✓ Unregulated abortions by non-doctors
- ✓ Increased late term and partial birth abortions

PLEASE NOTE

Voting NO on this referendum
WILL NOT affect needed care
for miscarriage and ectopic
pregnancies.

**November 8th
Vote NO on Proposal 3**

For More Info:
www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org

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ON NOVEMBER 8
protect
the bond between
mothers & their children

VOTE NO
ON PROPOSAL 3

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 Calendar

October 2022

- October 15, 2022 K of C Coed Bowling Tournament, Westland Bowl, 10AM
- 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 26, 2022 Officers Planning Meeting, Robert Jones K of C, Lincoln Park, MI, 7PM
- October 27, 2022 Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League Meeting, JFK K of C, Clinton Twp, MI
- October 28, 2022 Trunk or Treat, St. Pius X Parking Lot, 6PM-10PM
- October 28, 2022 We Are One Committee Halloween Party, Zucarro's, Chesterfield, MI, 6:00 P.M.
- 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
- October 31, 2022 Feast Day of Blessed Fr Michael McGivney

November

- November 2, 2022 General Membership Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM-8:30PM
- November 5, 2022 Coats for Kids Distribution, St. Andre Bisset in Ecorse, 10AM
- November 6, 2022 DAVL Memorial Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 11AM

November (Continued)

- November 8, 2022 Election Day - Get out there and VOTE NO on PROPOSAL 3!
- November 19, 2022 Downriver K of C March in the Wyandotte Christmas Parade, K of C, 9AM
- November 20, 2022 Donut Sunday, St. Pius X Social Hall, After Sunday Masses
- November 30, 2022 Officers Planning Meeting, Robert Jones K of C, Lincoln Park, MI, 7PM

December

- December 2, 2022 John Tibbs Christmas Concert, St. Pius X, 7PM
- December 3, 2022 Holy Cross Childrens Services Sweatshirt District Pickup/Dropoff
- December 7, 2022 General Membership Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM-8:30PM
- December 10-11, 2022 St. Pius School PTO Cookie Walk, St. Pius X Social Hall, after all Masses
- December 11, 2022 Council 3956/St. Pius Ushers Club Joint Christmas Party, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM
- December 23, 2022 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Entry Deadline
- December 25, 2022 HAVE A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
- December 28, 2022 Officers Planning Meeting, Robert Jones K of C, Lincoln Park, MI, 7PM

The latest Calendar of Events can be found at:
<https://www.kofc3956.org/calendar-of-events>

Last Updated: 2022-10-11

MESSAGE BOARD



Coats for Kids Update

Coats for Kids kicked off on September 17th by Chairman Dave Kudla. It will continue until the end of October. Distribution on envelopes is going well, we had to order an additional 100!

- Distribution will be 11/5 at St. Andre Bessette in Ecorse 10am to 1pm
- We will be able to affect our local downriver community directly. The 6 other councils from our district will be there too
- If you have never been and would like to go, we could use help. Volunteers should be there at least 30 minutes prior. We will send out a Signup Genius.

Trunk or Treat at St. Pius Parking Lot October 28, 2022

We were approached by the PTO about helping out in terms of sponsoring or helping out. This year, we will provide funds for donuts and drinks and Tootsie Rolls. It will be a good event to build relationships with the school parents.

Fifth Sunday Rosary on October 30, 2022

We will be passing out ring rosaries at 4pm mass and will get glow in the dark rosaries to pass out before 11am mass

Christmas Party!

Our Christmas party with the ushers is planned for December - 12/10 won't work; will work with Dennis Hamilton on a new date in December or January

John Tibbs Concert

So excited to invite John Back to St. Pius. Planned for October 2, 2022 in the church.

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

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:

- Dennis J. Hamilton (October 1) 49 Years of Service
- Brain J. Heasley (October 1) 49 Years of Service
- Dan A. Somenauer (October 1) 47 Years of Service
- Frank A. Allevato (October 6) 17 Years of Service
- Gary T. Maveal (October 19) 14 Years of Service
- Robert R. Park (October) 6 Years of Service
- M. Chuck P. Degroat (October 4) 2 Years of Service
- Craig McKinney (October 9) 2 Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Richard C. Myers (October 16)
- Brian T. Batko (October 22)
- Anthony J. Chirco (October 25)
- Paul J. Pauline (October 25)



WIVES BIRTHDAYS

Our Better. Behind every good man is a GREAT WOMAN indeed!



- Angela Chirco (October 2) Wife of Tony Chirco
- Melissa Minella (October 2) Wife of Steven M Minella

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
[Ephesians 5:25](#)

Congratulations!!

- Ray J. and Jennifer Bilyk (October 12)
- Brian T. and Debbie Cronan (October 17)
- Dennis J. and Debra Hamilton (October 22)
- Cary J. and Karen Ann Polaski (October 24)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!!

- Deacon Scott M. LaForest (October 6) 15 Years of Service to our Lord

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:



- The families of Justin and Amy Pudelek
- Robert Laforest
- Joe Hernandez
- Larry and Liz Ridenour
- Miguel and family
- Justin Pudelek
- Dave Kudla's granddaughter Lydia

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

How can we make the Knights of Columbus worthy of your time? I would like to invite each of you to attend our Christmas Social planned for December 11th in the Social Hall. This will be a great opportunity for many of us to get to know more about each other, learn what makes us tick and find out how we can make the Knights of Columbus be more a part of your life, the way you want it to be.

Many of our active brothers were for a while, sometimes a long while inactive and then they came back to help, in whatever way best suited them. We are asking you to do the same. We want our Knights of Columbus council to be your Knights of Columbus council. Think of all the great things we hear about when ordinary people find within themselves to do extraordinary things. We each have that capability.

We each joined for a reason. Our Grand Knight Mark Garcellano, District Deputy Ray Bilyk and our officers and directors are awesome people who care very much for our community here at St. Pius. We have a core of outstanding men who along with their wives, friends and families that would love to meet you. Please put that date in your calendar now. Make a point to be there with your families. Our Christmas Social is always a great time.

Tony Chirco and Robert Park, Co-Editors
The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH

PAY IT FORWARD. You can make quite an important difference in this world. Not only will you brighten another person's mood, but you will also set a chain reaction in motion. If you pay it forward to three people, who again pay it forward to three others themselves, the entire planet could be transformed. Every ordinary person can help to make this world a better place.

What is the concept of paying it forward? What does it mean to pay something forward? The idea is that whenever you benefit of a good deed, you let others participate by doing a (random) good deed, instead of repaying the benefactor.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." **Winston S. Churchill**

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:35-40

Vivat Jesus

Anthony J. (Tony) Chirco,
Brother Knight, Public Relations Director and Trustee
Newsletter Co-Editor