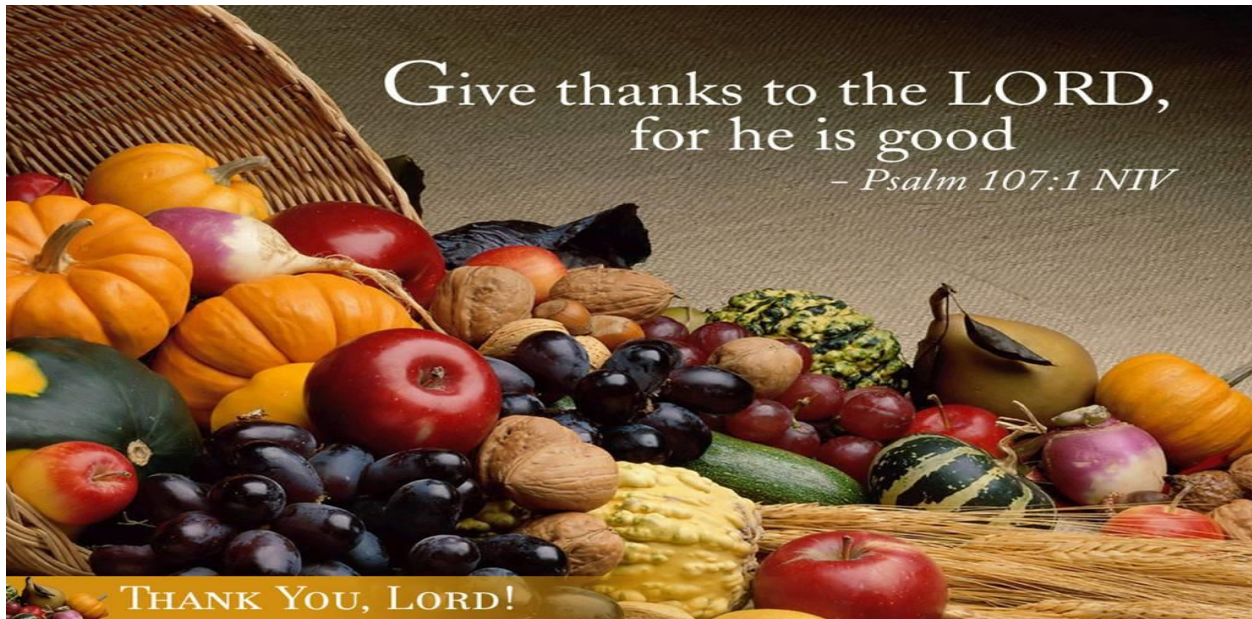


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #43

NOVEMBER, 2022



THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE THAT DONATED THEIR TIME AND MONEY TO COATS FOR KIDS 2022

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

Distribution of Coats will be November 5, 2022 at St. Andre Bessette in Ecorse. Please come to help.

Time: Set Up at 9:00 a.m.

Distribution from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Clean up from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored together with St. Pius Staff and Students



ON NOVEMBER 8

protect
the bond between
mothers & their children

VOTE NO
ON PROPOSAL 3

For more information: www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org

Paid for by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society PO Box 752, South Lyon, MI 48178-9998

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

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MESSAGE FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

I wanted to share a message I found in the Knights of Columbus website, written by Chad McAuliff

“The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.”

Member Benefits:

1. Subscription to the monthly Columbia magazine
2. Daily mass remembrance
3. Insurance program
4. Annuity program
5. Long Term Care Insurance
6. Accidental death coverage
7. Orphan benefit
8. Family fraternal benefit
9. New member annuity plan
10. Widow benefits
11. Scholarships/Fellowships
12. Leadership development
13. Fourth degree eligibility
14. Honorary life membership at age 70
15. Catholic information service
16. Membership card
17. Family activities eligibility
18. Young programs opportunities

Why did I join the Knights of Columbus? (Written by Mark Garcellano)

When I joined the Knights of Columbus, I really wasn't aware of the full extent of what the organization did, however I did want to “give back” and support the church, so I joined. After joining the Knights, I did learn of all their programs including insurance as well as the numerous programs the Knights run. From what I learned though, there are intangible benefits that are not mentioned in the above member benefits. On the human side, I learned that our local council are comprised of good men. Men I've made friendships with. Men I've come to depend on as I've taken a leadership role on the council. These men have become my brothers.

I've also learned of a sense of deep satisfaction when helping those in need. Such as: to the needy by giving a child a coat, or serving a fellow parishioner breakfast as a couple of examples. I've realized that by joining the Knights, I take great pride in setting a positive example to my children, my wife, my family, fellow brother knights and other parishioners. I think joining the Knights has helped me further my efforts of being a good father, husband, son, uncle, and overall role model and setting a good example. Furthermore, from what I have learned being a Knight, it gives us the advantage of having a moral compass to guide us. That's the intangibles that I have attempted to put into words.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK

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SHARING THOUGHTS FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA

Late in September, a few of our K of C members got together to do a little beautification at the front of our St. Pius X church. Bushes were trimmed, mulch was brought in and laid in the flower beds. An exorbitant number of weeds were pulled. Two of our Mrs. of the Knights of Columbus also came and worked very hard; namely Jocelyn Garcellano and Valerie Kudla. (Thank you so much for coming). It was a fun get together for all involved and left a nice improvement to our grounds. Maybe next year a few more Mr. and Mrs. of the Knights of Columbus would like to join us.

The front bushes which we circled with paving stones came about from a Boy Scout Eagle project, some 10 - 15 years ago. I noticed for the first time that weekend, that the bushes are trimmed to spell out **St. Pius X**. I mentioned this to my fellow knights and their response was "*Where did you come from?*". How about the rest of you reading this...did you notice? Come join us at the K of C and you too could learn something new at every new event!



December 7, 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 DISTRICTMESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



"Why did I join the Knights of Columbus?" by District Deputy Ray Bilyk

Did I join because I was a Columbian Squire? Yes.
Did I join because my father was a Knight and I wanted
to be like him? Yes.
But... there is more to this story...

I was born in Southwest Detroit. It was not the best
neighborhood, and I was hanging out with the wrong
crowd. I knew I wasn't doing the right things at the
time, (I was Catholic after all) but I wanted to be 'cool'
like my friends.

At 13, I attended a street fair sponsored by Holy Cross Council 2739. My Dad by that time was a proud member of Msgr. Michael Bochnewich Council 8344 and sold roast beef sandwiches. I end hanging out with a group of kids my age who managed the free throw booth. They were laughing and having a good time, and I found out they were like "Junior Knights", they called themselves Columbian Squires. I wanted to be a part of that! 3 weeks later, I was going to events with them, attending meetings, and became a member of Fr. Daniel A. Lord Columbian Squires Circle 801. I moved up to become Chief Squire, Area Director and State Notary Squire.

I could have been hanging out with my old friends on the street corner, but I was having too much fun with my new friends. I was learning a lot and staying out of trouble. I found out later that one of my old friends ended up in jail, and another ended up getting killed. The Columbian Squires (and their sponsors, the Knights of Columbus) saved my life!!! I owe them everything... my wife, my children, my job, everything!

I'm an active Knight because I want to be the same good role model to my kids that my father was to me. I want to give those Catholic guys who were maybe at a crossroads in their lives a chance to make the right decision. I want to be a better and stronger Catholic. I want to defend our Faith and our Values!

Does every Knight have to be active like me? No, but I want to make sure every Knight has the OPPORTUNITY to be active like me. I'm not only CATHOLIC AND PROUD, but I'M A PROUD KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS! I want MALE CATHOLIC to join us, not to work, but to learn to be a BETTER CATHOLIC, A BETTER HUSBAND, A BETTER FATHER and DEFENDER OF OUR FAITH! THAT is why I joined the Knights of Columbus!

Ray J. Bilyk - District Deputy 105
Archdiocese of Detroit - Michigan Region 5
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FAITH AND FAMILY FIRST!

Join the Knights of Columbus! FREE 1st year Membership with promo code TJACKSON

<https://www.kofc.org/joinus>

THE MONTH IN PHOTOS

CHARITY FAMILY BREAKFAST RETURNED IN GRAND FASHION



Our Family Breakfast raised \$358.00 plus an additional \$110.00, each for MI DRIVE which supports programs such as Special Olympics.

TRUNK OR TREAT WAS A BLAST FOR THE MULTITUDE THAT CAME



The Parking Lot at St. Pius X was transformed into a festive celebration of all Hollow's Eve as young and old came in costumes for a night of fun and fancy. There were nearly vehicles too many to count with trunks open to share each family's contribution to the excitement.

Our Knights provided for the manpower to give out sub sandwiches, hot dogs, beverages, along with our donations of hundreds of doughnuts that were gone by the end of the evening.

Thank you to GK Mark Garcellano, DGK and Mrs. Dave Kudla, Ron Wagner (and his grandchild), Robert Park, Richard Gregoire, Joe Hernandez, and Yours Truly.



Thank you to Deacon and Mrs. Chuck Dault, who donated a beautiful glass display case that is now gracing our many service awards, trophies, and religious artifacts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Thanks to the generosity of many of the members of our K of C Council 3956, who individually, at their own expense, made donations of diaper bags that were presented to Jennifer Bilyk representing Lincoln Park Crisis Center.

TRUNK OR TREAT

On Friday, October 28, 2022, St. Pius X School held their annual Trunk or Treat Halloween activity. The students and teachers were dressed in costume as were many of our parents. Our parking lot was pretty well full of joyful, smiling faces on a beautiful fall evening.

We from the Knights of Columbus Council 3956 passed out toosie rolls, hot dogs, sandwiches, various snacks and chips, water, flavored pouches, and donuts, donuts and more donuts. All of us had a good time. We offered recruiting opportunities and in heard “don’t have time”. Our answer was, we don’t want your time, we want you!

Many of you young fathers saw us in action that evening; Join us, you won’t be sorry you did. Ask any K of C member why we joined and why we are glad we did. Come to our next monthly meeting. Every first Wednesday of the month, in our Social Hall, beginning at 6:00 for our social meal and our meeting beginning at 7:00. See you there!

Respectfully,

Dave Kudla, Deputy Grand Knight

Holy Cross Christmas Wishes

This Christmas our wishes are ...



Sweatshirts

with sports or college team logos
Sizes from infant to Youth XS S, M, L
Adults S, M, L only.

Please leave unwrapped..gift bags would be appreciated



Stockings

unstuffed

Holiday Candy * Fidget Spinners
Journals * Chapstick
Fuzzy Slippers * Water Bottles
Cards * Art Supplies



Pajama's

Sizes from infant to Youth XS S, M, L
Adults S, M, L XL only.

Please leave unwrapped..gift bags would be appreciated

Gift Cards

\$5-\$50 Increments-please fill
out the gift card form and
submit with cards
Target * Walmart
Nike * Meijer
Macy's * Amazon
Bed Bath & Beyond *
Starbucks



Bath Baskets

Shampoo/Conditioner * Body Wash
Toothbrush/Toothpaste * Body and Hand lotion
Deodorant * Bath puff/Loofah
Emery Boards * Shower Shoes

Items NOT permitted

Scissors * Nail clippers * Pencils * Aerosol Cans * Hairspray * Brushes * Sharp Objects



HolyCrossServices
where the heart is

all items must be new

Drop off destinations

The date to drop off sweatshirts, pajamas, bath baskets and gift cards is:

Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 am – Noon

at all Diocesan locations

Detroit North and South Samaritan Center 5555 Conner Detroit 48213	Kalamazoo James Highfield (home address) 57380 Highfield Rd 3 Rivers 49093
Gaylord and Marquette Holy Cross Services 213 E. Main St Gaylord 49735	Lansing New Hope Community Center 430 N. Larch Lansing 48912
Grand Rapids Martin Brown (home address) 2925 Bristol NW Gd Rapids 49544	Saginaw Queen of Angels 3400 S. Washington Saginaw 48601

For more information contact Wendee Rex

Donor Engagement Officer 248-980-4830 wrex@hccsnet.org



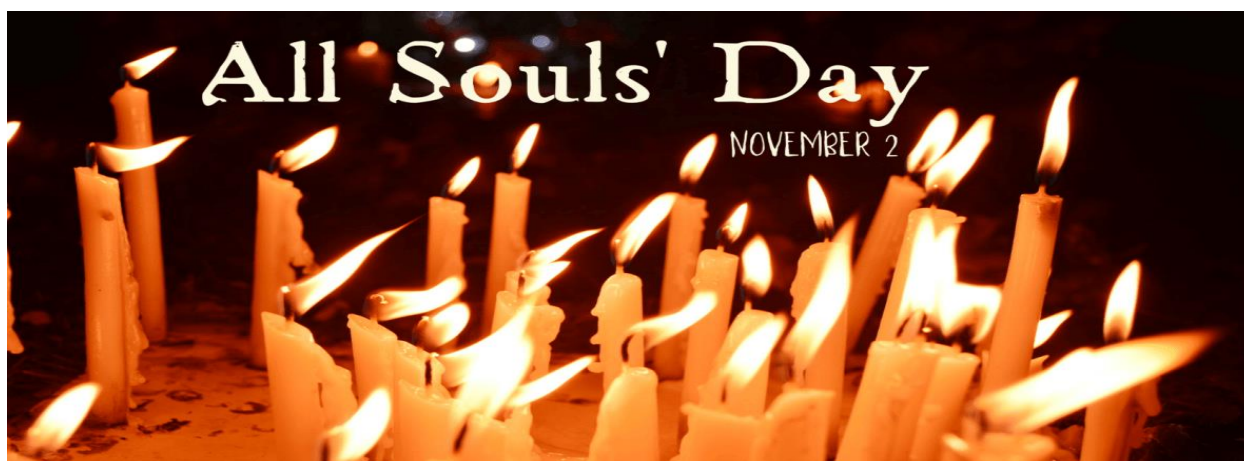
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - LARRY ROSSI

He is a Navy veteran who served from 1963-1967. He is a Downriver American Legion Honor Guard member. He is married to Glenda for 35 years, has four grown children, 12 grandchildren and one great grand child. He is our Warden of Council 3956. Larry has been instrumental in getting City of Southgate mayor and city council to approve out Tootsie Roll Drive more than one time a year. He also organized our Charity Family Breakfast. He has been a K of C member for 15 years. The thing that Larry likes about St. Pius X community is its Christianity and Fellowship. Well Done Larry and Well deserved!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH - KATHLEEN ENGLAND FAMILY

For the past two years Kathleen England has been our St. Pius school Principal. She is married to husband Dylan. No children. When asked what she likes most about her job, she says with a smile “being able to interact with the children every day”. She knows that God will always love the children and asked her staff to be there for them, no matter what. Mrs. England has been a teacher in the Catholic School system for seven years and is honored to have been selected for this position. We of the K of C thank you for all that you do and for all the cooperation you give us.



ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL MASS

On Tuesday, November 2, 2022 a Mass of Remembrance was celebrated for our loved ones that we lost in the past year. Please keep them and their families in your prayers:

Martha McGuire
 Giuseppa Bommarito
 Salvatore Vitale
 Joyce Mate
 Dennis Robinson
 Rudy Rodriguez
 David Weglarz
 Pearl Wansa
 Robert Jett
 Irma Mancini
 Donald Skidmore
 John Damron Sr.
 Frank Miruzzi
 Norma Wurmlinger
 Gay Creith
 Jerry Hayes
 Alfred Kovacik
 Nancy Kabalka
 Charles Parke
 Gora Kaluzinski
 Dominic Fontenot
 Eugene Drabczyk
 Suzanne Darmetko
 Theresita De Pana

Leonard Styla
 Stella Ader
 Joan McFarland
 Anthony Stringa
 Emily Notariacomo
 Denise Parish
 Catherine Clark
 John Kapp
 Lorraine Weglarz
 Carolie Martin
 Joseph Guel
 Art Kooournoian
 Jerry Rama
 Margaret Fennelly
 Paul Kolokowski
 Marta Rivero
 Bernadette Astorino
 Mary Abler
 Ellen Good
 Barbara Gratz
 Duilio Moretti
 Dora Hernandez
 Richard Snyder
 Cecilia Duarte

Prayer For The Soul Of The Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of
 God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Editor's Note Thank you to Laura Howard and Bill Robert and who provide the list above.

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO



DEACON CHUCK

For some time the Church embraced the New Evangelization. Much has been said about missionary zeal, about bringing others to Christ. Like anything else it presents challenge and many find themselves reluctant. We should look to Scripture for help. In the Gospel of Luke (Lk 5:18-20) we see a story of the paralyzed man and compare his dilemma with ours and someone we know.

The paralyzed man could represent a friend or family member who would like to come to Jesus but really doesn't know how. For them Catholicism seems complicated.

They find it difficult to understand, so they need help to move toward a relationship with Jesus. In a sense, they are paralyzed, like in the story we are his friends. Let's compare. First there is the crowd; others in society that prevent us from bringing our friend Jesus; telling us we can't or why we can't. Like the paralyzed man's friends, our love will enable us to go around them.

Next, the climb; our reasons for not taking time for what needs to be done. Like rungs of the ladder we have many excuses to not step up. We look at life's obligations and talk ourselves into viewing the most trivial as more important than the love for that person, so we remain on the ground. Knowing Jesus said, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it" (Lk 8:21), enables us to go up the ladder leaving rungs of excuses behind.

The last barrier, the roof. The tiles represent fears, numerous and not easily penetrated. They must be removed before we have access. We have the fear of rejection, belittlement, misunderstanding, self-doubt, or harsh reprisal. They may be what's preventing us from bringing our friend to Jesus. Most are self-induced and overcome with prayer, reflection and reasoning. Like an ax, the Holy Spirit will help us break through.

In the end, the reward is great as we experience the healing power of Jesus in our friend or family member embraced by His love. Like the paralyzed man, our friend or relative is counting on us to be a true friend willing to pick up their stretcher and start the journey to the Lord.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck



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



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

Congratulations to Dave Kudla, Mark Garcellano and each person and student that helped raise money for Coats for Kids. At the time of this writing over \$3,000 had been raised. Our students came through once again, not only in the hard work they and their parents put into raising money, but also for donating not just coats, but items such as back packs. Thank you so much.

Please support our District Event. Our neighboring councils have supported us in programs such as Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing. Their events are always fun and like us, need support for their charities.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

The John Tibbs Concert in the Church at St. Pius X is set for Friday, December 2, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for advance purchase or at the door. Christ the King 8th Grade Bell Ringers will perform as an opening act.

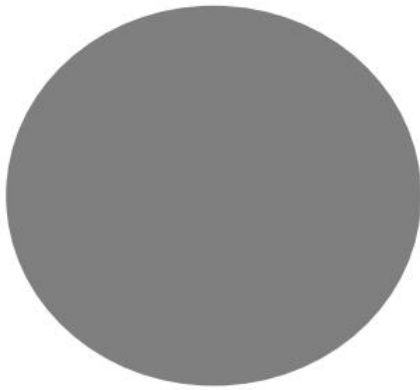
The Desert Meal to support of Seminarians is planned for Sunday, February 19, 2023. We plan to return to Crystal Garden on Fort Street in Southgate, north of Pennsylvania Road. Last year's meal was at Arnoldo's on Quarry Road. The food was outstanding. Since we are anticipating a larger crowd next year which would make more sense to go back to the larger venue at Crystal Gardens.



REFLECTIONS FROM FORMER GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

DREAMS

I was watching a TV program and the comments by the main character really made me think of his dilemma. What happens when you attain your dream of being successful and its more than you can handle? The character in the story was about 70 and a successful rancher with a loving family. He found that being a successful cattle rancher (he had doubled the number of cattle and horses on his ranch) took much too much time away from his wife and family. His conclusion was perhaps attaining your dreams isn't always the best outcome. For me, there is a lesson to be learned here! It makes one reevaluate priorities. What is more important, money and success or the love of your family and being financially comfortable? I suspect many of us have had to judge this during our lives.



St Pius Christmas Concert

Friday Night
December 2nd
7:00pm

Featuring John Tibbs!

wsg: Christ the King 8th Grade Bell Ringers

Tickets \$5 in advance \$8 door

Call 734-285-1100 for more info
14101 Superior Street Southgate, MI





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It's Christmas Season! Let's celebrate!

Annual SPX Ushers and Bernard O'Brien Council
Christmas Dinner. Come enjoy great food and min-
gle with your fellow Brother Knight and Ushers!

Sunday, December 11, 2022 6 PM

Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant

14315 Northline Road, Southgate

Cost \$25 per couple, \$12.50 single

Sign up with the Usher Captains at each Mass.

4PM– Dennis Hamilton

9AM– Brian Hughes

11AM– Larry Rossi

*Make checks payable to
Knight's of Columbus #3956.*



MORE THOUGHTS FROM CHANCELLOR RICHARD GREGOIRE

I like to share stories. From the Bible: Peter down in the dumps; being a fisherman he decides to go fishing and takes along some of His buddies. You know who they are. If you know how fishing can go, well, they fished all night and Nothing! At daybreak they see this guy on shore with a little fire going with a couple of fish on it and he yells at them, Hey got any fish. Nope! The guy says cast your nets to the right side and you'll catch some. Then wouldn't you know it was so many fish they could not get the net up.

That's all it took! John knows now and he hollers at Peter " it's the Lord. So Peter makes a b-line for the shore. Jesus tells them" grab a few more fish, we'll throw them on the fire. Come let's have some breakfast. Hey I have bread too. Eating is a really big deal to Jesus. The gathering is important. He fixes problems there. We have to eat to live but Jesus said "man does not live on bread alone".

I think it's a big deal to Jesus because it also opens the door to deepen friendship. To welcome strangers. To serve the poor. When the Knights gather there is usually always food whether it is a charity breakfast or fund raisers or.' a chance to enjoy music or just get to know each other and share our Faith. So we can learn to recognize Jesus together where ever He may be. So come on down. You are always and absolutely welcome and maybe there will be some food!

I have to go now. I think Tony our "worthy editor" will probably think I rattle on a little much.

God Bless us all.

Editors Notes:

If that was rattling on, please rattle on some more my brother Richard!!. Thank you for sharing your gift of story telling. Richard is an example of sharing our God given talents for the good of the order and for the good of our community.

ST. CABRINI, PARRISH FLORIDA UPDATE

A private donation from one of our members was given to St. Cabrini church in Parrish, Florida for hurricane disaster relief. Unfortunately, our media is quick to "move on" to the next big story. Truth is, those people and communities are still suffering, homes are still destroyed, and families have still lost loved ones. Our council is committed to providing an additional donation. Please keep all those are STILL suffering in your prayers.

MEMORIAL WALL

Many of us believe is it time to embrace the idea of a memorial wall or garden to honor members of our families that have gone before us, lest we forget. GK Mark Garcellano, Deacon Chuck and your truly, are optimistic that with the endorsement of Fr. Suresh, we can set aside a place, either by expanding what is existing or a new location.



Webinar Registration

Tom Hegna - Who wants to be a Millionaire

In this presentation, Tom will share simple concepts that can help anyone become financially independent. Not only can people become very wealthy using these tips, research shows they will also likely be much happier and even live longer! Most people think you have to make a lot of money to become wealthy, but Tom will show how it is NOT how much you make that counts, it's how much you keep.

Spending less than you earn, investing in appreciating assets, having an emergency fund and protecting your blind side with insurance products can allow nearly everyone to become financially successful. Poor planning, procrastination, credit card debt, divorce, and a failure to understand the Opportunity Costs of purchases doom many people to a life of financial stress and unhappiness. This is a presentation you don't want to miss!

[Register Here](#)

[Free Fraternal Benefit Seminar as a webinar Tues, Nov 29 at 8 pm EST > Borrelli Agency | Knights of Columbus \(borrellikofc.com\)](#)

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFO ASKED FOR YOUR COUNCIL TO BE COUNTED

Date: Nov 29, 2022

Time: 8:00 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME (7:00 PM CENTRAL TIME)



K of C Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 SPX Spirit Sear Fundraising Plan

Background

In our ongoing commitment to support St. Pius X School, our council has been coordinating Faith in Action at the school. This upcoming school years events include:

1. K of C Soccer Challenge
2. K of C Spelling Bee
3. K of C Free Throw Contest
4. K of C Support of the Trunk or Treat Event
5. K of C Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
6. K of C Support of the St. Pius X School Field Day

The support and relationship with the school is strengthening. We have re-established the Knight of Columbus Scholarship for needy students at St. Pius X School.

A new idea has been conceived to partner with SPX Athletic Director to sell Spirit Wear at home games. Profits from the sales would be split evenly to support SPX and K of C Council charities. There are multiple benefits for this fundraising campaign such as

- Fundraising for SPX School needs.
- Fundraising for K of C programs for community needs and charities.
- Volunteer hours opportunities for SPX parents by selling the spirit wear.
- Opportunities for Knights to meet parents and recruit fathers for membership.

Fundraising Plans:

- Choose spirit wear products to market. Create Design (existing or new with joint or separated SPX and K of C Council Logos)
- Select Products to market. Consider Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Blankets/Throws, Koozies, Foam Fingers, Bumper Stickers, Baseball Caps, Winter Caps, Umbrellas, Fans, Tumblers, Pennants, Bells and Whistles
- Seek bids from spirit wear suppliers for products, pricing and availability.
- Determine location of Spirit Wear Shop. (Inside the gym, in the hall, outside tent).
- Select a K of C Chairman/Committee to administrate program, establish ordering process, recruit and train volunteers.
- Establish pricing and profit margin.
- Provide for storage and stocking of supplies.
- Determine sales methods and purchase options. (Cash, Credit, Debit

Let's support our district councils...

Father Saylor Council #3774 Knights of Columbus

Knight Notes

November 2022

Dear Brother Knights and Guests,

Hello One and All, November is filled with more fun events. I want to take the opportunity to thank again everyone involved with all of them here at the Council/Lounge.

I attended a Downriver Right to Life event on October 13 and found it very informative. The website RTL.org is available to anyone who wants information about Proposal 3. This website helped answer questions that I have been asked about proposal 3.

Our membership team has been very successful so far, this Fraternal year with recruiting new members. We do need to participate in two Fraternal Benefits Nights in the next six months. The information for the webinars comes from the State. We will put it on our website as soon as we are informed of it. The Benefit Nights are a good resource for financial planning and financial investment information from the Knight of Columbus and are also a great resource for retired, soon-to-retire, and hope-to-retire members.

As the month of November closes, I am reminded of how Thankful I am for my family, my brother Knights, and all those that call me friend.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! As always feel free to contact me at 734-308-2386 or email me at GK3774@mikofc.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Donald Siegel

For more information about Father Saylor Council 3774, visit their website at www.kofc3774.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 Calendar

November 2022

- 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 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: 2022-11-05

MESSAGE BOARD



Coats for Kids Distribution

- **We will be meeting to set up on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at St. Andre Bessette Parish, 4250 W Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, Michigan beginning at 9:00am, with distribution of the coats from 10AM to 1PM. Clean up should not last too long, maybe an hour after distribution until 2:00 p.m.**
- 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.

Tootsie Roll Drive

- Our next Tootsie Roll Drive is planned for Saturday and Sunday, November 12th and 13th. Following the Southgate City Council approval, we will need help as we distribute the candies and collect donations at the intersection of Eureka and Dix-Toledo as well as collection after masses.

Coffee and Doughnut Sunday

- Our Knights of Columbus council will be providing and serving up fresh coffee and Doughnuts after each Sunday mass on November 20, 2022.

John Tibbs Concert

- So excited to invite John Back to St. Pius. Planned for October 2, 2022 in the church beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the Christ the King 8th grade Bell Ringers!

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 November:

- Cary J. Polaski (November 1) 45 Years of Service
- Harold G. Paddock (November 6) 45 Years of Service
- Deacon Charles Dault (November 6) 24 Years of Service
- Kurt N. Enders (November 1) 23 Years of Service
- Sal D. DiPasquale (November 2) 13 Years of Service
- Scott A. Corso (November 5) 8 Years of Service
- Burrell Hughes (November 5) 8 Years of Service
- Dr Okechukwa Unogu (November 10) 8 Years of Service
- William R. McLaury (November 12) 8 Years of Service
- Ronald J. Wagner (November 25) 8 Years of Service
- Christian S. Abello (November 8) 7 Years of Service
- Dr. Stephen A. Gall (November 1) 2 Years of Service

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Congratulations!!

- Guy and Maria Vitale (November 10, 2001)
- Robert C. and Angela Munroe (November 23, 2009)

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- Robert D. Schooner (November 5)
- Nicola Vignola (November 6)
- Richard M. Gregoire (November 7)
- Franz Albright (November 9)
- James A. Kandreas (November 9)
- Michael J. Levko (November 10)
- Sean A. Roland (November 16)
- Ronald J. Wagner (November 24)
- Mitchell E Garcellano (November 25)



WIVES BIRTHDAYS

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



- JoAnn Paddock (November 4) Wife of Harold Paddock
- Linda Robert (November 30) Wife of Bill Robert

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:

- Robert Laforest
- Joe
- Hernandez
- Larry and Liz Ridenour
- Family of Frank Kootsilas
- Joan Marzolino
- Victim of Hurricane Ian
- All Souls in Memorial, particularly our loved ones from St. Pius who returned to our Lord this past year

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

Gratitude is something that can seem like it is in short supply sometimes. We usually notice when we don't receive it. We don't always notice when we haven't been grateful to others. I often have to have it pointed out to me by my loved ones.

Thanksgiving is about showing gratitude and giving thanks. Think about the times you have been able to express or receive sincere and meaningful thankfulness. It is a gift to the giver and recipient. What can we give to God who is all powerful? We can show God that we aren't wasting the blessings He has bestowed upon us. We can demonstrate true understanding by telling our loved ones and friends how happy we are that they are in our lives on a more regular basis.

First, try to literally name all of the blessings in your life. Then, give thanks to God in the most memorable way you have received gratitude from another person. I think that if we can do that, we'll become better at giving thanks to the people in our lives.

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



CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH

I came across a passage from Corinthians I am sharing below. It teaches us to use the skills and talents that we are blessed with for the common good. Whether it be mechanically gifted, good with numbers, athletically inclined, a good cook, a good listener, and so forth. We are each gifted with a skill better than most, we are called to use that for the common good.

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

Corinthians 12:7-11

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
Leo Buscaglia

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen

Thessalonians 5:23-28

Vivat Jesus

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