

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM GRANK KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO



My Fellow Brother Knights! In this month's article I would like to share with you the 2023 Winter Diocesan Meeting. The meeting took place on January 9, 2023 from 6PM-9PM at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The meeting was hosted by Very Reverend Stephen Burr, Rector of Sacred Heart and Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The meeting was chaired by Michigan State Officers including Chris Kolomjec, State Deputy, Rev. Aidan Logan, State Chaplain, Barry Borsenik, State Secretary, Charles McCuen, State Treasurer and Dan Fuller, State Warden.

There were approximately 350 K of C Council Leaders including District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Officers from the Metro Detroit Area. Our council was represented by Ray Bilyk, WDD and FS, Mark Garcellano, GK and Brian Batko, Trustee.

The presentations held during the meeting were as follows:

- Opening prayer conducted by Rev. Aidan Logan, State Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance lead by Dan Fuller
- State Deputy comments by Chris Kolomjec
- Archbishop comments Allen Vigneron (His takeaway message was he wants for we knights to become like saints)
- Faith Formation (Development of a new program called COR Meetings and development of Council Cathesis Director) by Paul Kelsey
- Fraternal Benefits by Benji Borelli
- State Membership by Jim Secott
- State Programs by Paul Palka
- The establishment of Heart of Christ Clinic at St. Anne's (former convent) for treatment of women's health care and family care

Other information learned was as follows:

1. The KofC State Convention will be held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island on Wednesday May 24-Friday May 26, 2023. Our council will be electing delegates in an upcoming council meeting.
2. There will be a State Chaplain Tribute Banquet on Saturday, February 25, 2023 starting at 5PM at Zuccaro's Banquets in Chesterfield. The cost is \$35 per person. Contact Ray Bilyk for reservations.
3. There is a Fraternal Knight at a Detroit Red Wings Game on Thursday, March 23, 2023 starting at 7PM. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Contact Mike Kozakiewicz to purchase tickets.



Overall, the meeting had a lot of information at the state level of our fraternity. There were many new ideas presented and resources that were offered at our council level for recruitment, fraternal benefits and state programs.

Another nice benefit was the food that was served for dinner. It tasted exceptionally good. I encourage all council officers to attend the next Diocesan Meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

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JANUARY 1, 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Please come share your thoughts and energy. "Many hands make light work."
Food and Beverages at 6:00 following by meeting at 7:00. A busy year is ahead of us.

On the Agenda:

Football Squares Status

SPX Spirit Wear / Membership Initiative

Koozies, SPX Pins, Bumper Stickers, Custom Sweatshirts/Hoodies

Home Games- 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11

Donut Sunday

SPX Bell Tower Update

Cleaning/changing of church lights

Lift borrowing

LED lights (supplied by Mark Formosa)

Council Rosary Team for Funerals

Council Rosary Procedure

Decade Leaders and Alternates

New Business:

K of C Ice Cream Social/Lunch for Staff

K of C Free Throw Contest (Prizes, Last year's prize basketballs) 1/20/2023 8AM-Noon

K of C Spelling Bee Contest (Prizes, Dunkin Donut gift cards) 1/31/2023 1:30 PM

Corned Beef and Cabbage _ Need Chairman/Team

Director Reports:

Desert Meal, 2/18/2023- Brian Batko

John Tibbs Concert, 3/2/2023, 7PM- Brian Batko, \$5 Tickets

Membership- Chair Robert Park

Newsletter- Chair Tony Chirco, Robert Park

Right to Life- Chair Bob Bailey

4th Degree Representative Report - Memorial Mass/Dinner 2/28/2023

Shroud of Turin Lecture @ SPX Church- Chair- Deacon Chuck

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month

Family of the Month

ST. PIUS X STUDENTS PUT THE BALL IN THE BASKET AS OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL HOST 2023 FREE THROW COMPETITION

On January 20, 2023, our St. Pius X students participated in the annual Basketball Free Throw Competition on the hard woods. Each of the upper grades had the opportunity to participate.

Many of our brother knights who gave of their time and energy included Grand Knight Mark Garcellano, Deputy Grand Knight David Kudla, District Deputy Ray Bilyk and Joe Hernandez and others who gave moral support to the young athletes.

Much of the behind-the-scenes organizers included Mike Camilleri, Athletic Director Victoria Dudek, Principal Kathleen England and their staff.



FREE



THROW



COMPETITION



KNIGHTS HAVING A BALL!! (LEFT TO RIGHT DD RAY BILYK, JOE HERNANDEZ, DGK DAVE KUDLA)

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



This month, I (like many of you) were blessed to hear not just one of our bishops speak to us, but 2 of them! On January 9th, Archbishop Allen Vigneron spoke to all the Knights in attendance at Archdiocesan Meeting (the first time the ENTIRE Archdiocese met together on the same night). He's very inspirational and gave us his desire for all of us... to become saints! This is something I've been telling my Religious Education classes the past few years. I prayed that they all became 'future saints'. On January 21st, I had the opportunity to hear Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby speak to us on the topic of Hope. The passion that sprung forth from him was truly inspiring! It's because of these holy men that I am full of confidence that the Archdiocese of Detroit will
UNLEASH THE GOSPEL to the world!

On Sunday, February 12th, there will be a LIVE Exemplification at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. It will be led by a State Exemplification Team, so you must know that it will be an AMAZING experience for any candidate or 1st Degree member that attends. Just remember that these Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are now open to all to observe! If you haven't seen the new Exemplifications, consider this your invitation to you and your families to attend! Contact your Grand Knight or Membership Director for more information.

This month, your semi-annual audits are due to the Supreme Council and me. Make sure to get them done. At your February Business Meetings, you need to also vote for your Council Delegates to the State Convention in May. The form to fill out and email in has already been put up on the State Council website. Do not be late!

Have you sold all your State and Local Council Charity Raffle tickets yet? Yes? Do you need more? Contact the State Office to get more, and SELL, SELL, SELL!!! 20% of every ticket sold comes back to your Councils for their charitable activities.

Lent begins this month... So that means that the Drive to Support the Mentally Impaired Citizens of Michigan (more commonly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive) is right around the corner. NOW is the time to make sure you have enough vests or aprons as well as Tootsie Rolls. If you need to order some, let me know so that we can do a group buy and save some money!!!

The Michigan State Knights of Columbus 81st Annual Bowling Tournament begins this month in Bay City. If you would like to attend, let your Grand Knight know! Even if you don't have enough for a team, let him know. We can maybe pull enough guys together to make a District 105 team. Forms can be found at <https://www.MichiganKofCATHletics.com>.

As a District, we have hit our membership quota, but I'd really like it more if ALL the Councils in District 105 hit THEIR quota. Remember that we are not looking for numbers... we are looking for Catholic men and their families to return and become stronger members of the Catholic Church! Keep working your programs, be proud of what you do, and tell others about it!

We also have more events coming up, including Free Throw Championships, Spelling Bees, a Michigan K of C Fraternal Night at Little Caesars Arena (Red Wings Game), Membership/Delta Drives, State Chaplain's Banquet, and SO MUCH MORE! Attend your Council meetings so that you can learn more about it!

My prayers for all of you is to be the FUTURE SAINTS we are asked to be. God Bless You All, and God Bless the Knights of Columbus!!!

VIVAT JESUS!

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Archdiocese of Detroit - Michigan Region 5
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FAITH AND FAMILY FIRST!

Join the Knights of Columbus!

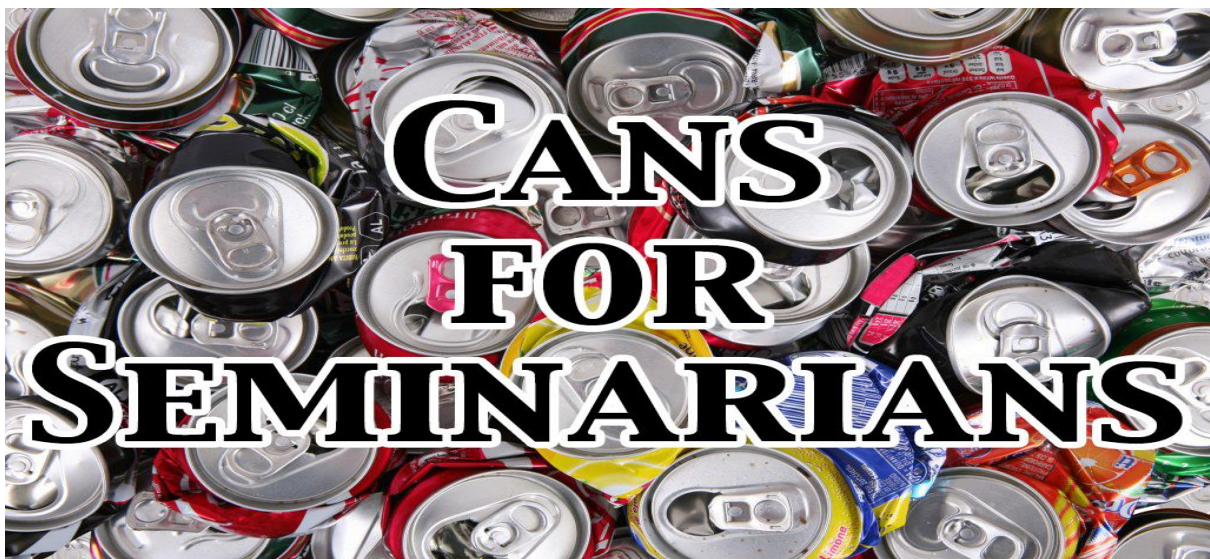
FREE 1st year Membership with Agent Referral Code TJACKSON

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

CANS FOR SEMINARIANS

If you have any Cans for Seminarians Donations, please contact FS/DD Ray Bilyk by email (raybilyk@kofc3956.org) or by text/phone (313-247-2110) and he will arrange to pick them up. You can also bring them to the General Business Meetings (1st Wednesday of every month).

As a District, our Worthy District Deputy Ray Bilyk has officially (TWICE) thrown down the gauntlet against EVERY OTHER DISTRICT in Michigan! He does NOT like to lose!!!



MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT



FROM THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

As a Past Grand Knight, I marvel at how our present Grand Knight Mark is able to juggle all his duties at home, work, the Forth Degree as a leader and member of the Color Core and lead us at our Council. We are very fortunate to have someone as dedicated and driven to lead us! I know for our Council to be successful, our Grand Knight needs help from fellow Knight. It may be his vision but he needs your help. How much help? Well, that is up to you. It can be helping with the donut sales, helping at a family breakfast, manning a table at the St. Pius School sports team game or just attending a month meeting. You will meet a great group of men that are trying to make their Community and Church a better place to live. Won't you consider joining us?



DEACON CHUCK

HEARTH OF GOD

As winter draws on there is something to be said for sitting around a fire pit or snuggling in front of an open hearth. Sounds of crackling logs, the scent of smoke filling the air, and the mesmerizing effects of watching flames dance, bring contentment to the heart in a world that, at times, seems so cold and dark. Many claim our passion for fire can be traced to our primordial instincts, though some scientists would disagree. After all, for eons fire has provided light, warmth, comfort, and security; so too with God, though some would disagree with that statement as well.

During this season of Ordinary Time, we hear readings about Jesus referring to himself as being the light and how God's grace provides comfort and security to those who seek His loving warmth. Like our inbred attraction to fire we have an inbred desire to be one with our Creator. In spite of the naysayers, there are arguably, undeniable beneficial outcomes that make our lives more content when we commune with the Divine; this too is primordial. Like fire, our relationship with God is, and always has been, essential to humanity's capacity to flourish. True, long-lasting happiness depends on it, unlike life's fleeting pleasures consumed by our appetites as logs consumed by fire.

Like you cozy up to a fire, cozy up to God. Like fire, His grace is mesmerizing. But unlike fire, it is beyond compare for it warms the soul and unlike the logs of pleasure, His joy is eternal. What are your plans for spending time during the winter months?

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck/Lecturer

MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETETARY RAY BILYK



2023 VIVAT JESUS SPIRITUAL PLANNER FOR SALE!

This is a pocket-sized prayer book and calendar for the year 2023. This book is designed to help men develop and maintain a daily prayer routine while also incorporating traditional Catholic prayers and devotions throughout the year for themselves and their families.

The Supreme Council is selling these for \$12.50 including shipping. If you would like one for the LOW PRICE of \$6.00 - OVER HALF OFF!!!

The Vivat Jesus Spiritual Planner for 2023 includes:

- Suggested daily prayer plans and practices
 - Space to build your personalized daily prayer routine
 - Weekly review of prayer life
 - Monthly calendars with liturgical feasts indicated
 - Suggested devotions and prayers for each month.
 - Collection of Prayers
 - Guides for devotions and spiritual practices.
 - Information about Blessed Michael McGivney and what it means to be a Knight
- Contact DD/FS Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org or text 313-247-2110 if you would like to purchase one or more of these books. He will also make these available for purchase before and after our Regular Business Meetings.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR & TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT



One of our most anticipated programs that we host is the All-Downriver Desert Meal coming up on February 19th at Crystal Gardens at 3:00 p.m. Thank you to all councils that have purchased tables in advance. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please contact me to purchase tickets at bbatko@gmail.com.

Remember to attend the John Tibbs Concert on Sunday, March 5th inside the church. We will need help to set up and clean up. Tickets are \$5.00. Tickets purchased for previously postponed event will be honored.

Thank you to Deacon Chuck for organizing Deacon Bob's Tremmel's presentation of "The Shroud of Turin" program. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your faith during Holy Week.

On March 11th we are again hosting Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Time and more details will be discussed at our upcoming membership meeting. Looking ahead now that winter has arrived, let's look forward to the annual Motorcycle Blessing scheduled for May 13th.



A Memorial mass will be at St. Pius on February 28, 2023, with a dinner afterward. St. Pius Council will join them and do a memorial mass at the council level as well. We will collect the names of our brother knights who have passed away in the last two years to be read at the Mass. If their families are not there, we can still at least read their names and remember and pray for them.

MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA

“WHY NOT”

Many years ago, probably in the late 1980's or early 1990's a good friend of mine and I were both ushers at church in Hamtramck, Michigan. My friend told me he joined to local Knights of Columbus council. I asked him why he did this. His answer was “why not”. (He is a person of few words). I thought of this many times throughout the years, but I never did anything about it.

Now things have drastically changed. I too joined the K of C, Bernard O'Brien Council 3956 here at St. Pius X parish. My friend has since passed away, however, I see him looking down on me smiling. I have so much to tell him. I would mention a number of the upcoming events: Such as fixing the lights and bells in church, our memorial wall, free throw contest, Donut Sundays, Fifth Sunday Rosary, upcoming St. Pius school sporting events, Charity Family Breakfasts, and our Annual Desert Meal with our Seminarians. These programs are only those we are working on in February. I won't even mention what our involvement will be the rest of the year.

I guess you're getting old when a few lights and bells in church excite you. So here is an invitation to all men and fathers of our school children. Come and join me - You won't be sorry you did. If for any other reason...”WHY NOT?”

Respectfully,
Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Kudla

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - WALT KABALKA

Walt has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 16 years. He joined to give back and do some good for those in need. He most enjoys working together to help others. Walt is active as our treasurer and taking part at our Charity Family Breakfasts. They serve lunches and dinners for the poor and needy, and give time at the food pantry. When asked what would you tell someone who is considering becoming a brother knight, he replied “satisfaction of doing good for others with fellow knights.

Walt is married to Myna for 62 ½ years. They have been members of St. Pius for 61 years. Pius and belong to a variety of groups. They both mentioned they love our Paster Fr. Suresh. Walt and Myna have four adult children including Mary Ann Ibarra, Becky Lent, Jennifer Bridgeman and Walter Kabalka, Jr. They are blessed with ten grandchildren.

Walt is the treasurer for our K of C council, the ushers club, and several other organizations. I could not understand why a person would want to take on so many financial responsibilities. I asked him what he did before retiring. He said “I was a credit union manager.” **Walt, Thank you for a life well lived and wishing you and Myna many more years of a healthy and happy life. Congratulations for being our February Knight of the Month!**

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - DEACON CHUCK FAMILY

Charles (Chuck) Dault is our parish Deacon. He helps with our masses, funerals, weddings and spends every Thursday at St. Pius primarily in the school. Deacon Chuck is married to his wife Debi and has two grown children, his son Tony and daughter Mary. He has been a Deacon for two years and St. Pius X is his first assignment. He really enjoys being a Deacon and said this is vocation in life.

The favorite part of his enjoyment here at St. Pius is our school and dealing with the children, who he describes as “great!”. He enjoys being here at St. Pius and mentioned our parishioners are warm and kind. He likes that we have a very active K of C Council.

Deacon Chuck has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 25 years. His father was a Knight, so he thought it was a good idea to get involved at church and community. What he likes most about being in the Knights of Columbus is hanging out with men serious about their faith and helping make our community a better place. Deacon Chuck is a member of the Fourth Degree, a proud member of the color corp, serves as our Lecturer and works at our many events.

He is proud of being a part of a men’s organization the embodies virtue, morality and love of neighbor. When asked what you would tell someone who is considering becoming a brother knight, he would say if you want to hang out with good men, serious about faith and community, join the Knights of Columbus. “I got my son to join so we could do good works together.

It is really neat to see a father and son as knights coming to our monthly meetings. Congratulations to the Dault Family for being our Family of the Month for February. Hopefully, you, your wife Dedi and your children will be here for many years to come.

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

Deputy Grand Knight

All Downriver Desert Meal

**to support the 2023 Seminarian's of Sacred Heart
Seminary on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.**



**Come and meet 20 future priests of the Catholic Church in
the Archdiocese of Detroit!**

When: Sunday, February 19th, 2023

Where: Crystal Gardens 16703 Fort St. Southgate, MI

Time: 3:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Includes: Full Meal and Dessert with Cash Bar

**Sponsored by all the Knights of Columbus Councils
Downriver. Get your tickets from your K of C council
member.**

Hope to see you there!



Knights of Columbus®

Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956

**Come join us for a Corned Beef and
Cabbage Dinner!!!**

After the 4:00 PM Mass (5:00PM)

Saturday, March 11, 2022

Dinner/Beverage- \$15

**Proceeds benefit Knights for Columbus
charities.**



Our St. Pius students partnered with the Knights of Columbus for two of their contests prior to Christmas break. We are proud to announce winners for both the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest as well as the Catholic Citizenship essay contest.

**Keep Christ in Christmas
 Poster Contest**

Group A Winner- Vayda Marie Allen, 2nd grade
 Group A Runner Up- Eleanor Clebek, Kindergarten

Group B Winner- Ariana Furtah, 3rd grade,
 Group B Runner Up- Katelyn Ciochon, 4th grade

Group C Winner- Bobby Danko, 7th grade
 Group C Runner Up- Katie Chesney, 6th grade

**Catholic Citizenship
 Essay Contest**

Joey Chesney



Thank you to all our participants as well as the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring these activities. Winners receive a gift card and certificate!

SPX SPIRIT WEAR INITIATIVE

This new idea is another partnership with SPX Athletic Department and our Knights of Columbus council will 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.

To learn more and how to help with this program contact Grand Knight Mark Garcellano at 734-968-6900 or via his email at markgarcellano@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

Catholic Schools Week 2023! Sunday, January 29th ATTEND MASS WITH YOUR FAMILY What an impressive way to begin Catholic Schools Week! Pray for our school, our families and our staff; and thank God for His abundant blessings! Don't forget that children can bring up non-perishable food during the offertory for the food bank. Every day is a big event. Learn More. Search *Catholic Schools Week 2023.docx.pdf*.

DADS CAN JOIN K of C FOR FREE.

Calling all Catholic men 18 and older. Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus. Scan the QR code, enter your information and use the FREE code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for a FREE membership as an online member.



FAITH IN ACTION - FEBRUARY 2023

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - WRAP UP

As part of the initiative to support of St. Pius X School and Principal Kathleen England, our council conducted two Faith in Action Initiatives in December, 2022. The first one is the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is open to all boys and girls ages 5 through 14. By engaging the talents of our youth, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas. The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and jurisdictional competitions to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international Keep Christ in Christmas posters, with creative credit going to the artists.

The following are winners for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at our council level.

Group A Winner- Vayda Marie Allen, 2nd grade
Group A Runner Up- Eleanor Clebek, Kindergarten

Group B Winner- Ariana Furtah, 3rd grade,
Group B Runner Up- Katelyn Ciochon, 4th grade

Group C Winner- Bobby Danko, 7th grade
Group C Runner Up- Katie Chesney, 6th grade

All winners will receive a certificate and a \$10 gift card from Dunkin Donuts.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students – in public, private or parochial schools – in grades 8-12 during the current school year. The goal of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools. The Catholic Citizen Essay contest theme this year is the following: In an essay of 500- 750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.

This year's winner is Joey Chesney from 8th grade.

The winner will receive a certificate and a \$25 gift card from Dunkin Donuts

FEBRUARY 14TH IS ST. VALENTINES DAY. SEND HER FLOWERS AND LEARN ABOUT THIS PATRON SAINT OF LOVE



A CATHOLIC HISTORY OF ST. VALENTINE

In the early martyrologies, different Saint Valentines are mentioned, all sharing Feb. 14 for a feast day. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse. Most notable, St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He along with St. Marius and his family comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II, the Goth. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270.

While it seems that the exchange of "valentines" is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of St. Valentine, and that the celebration has been further paganized with cupids and the like, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentine, no matter which one showed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and in the offering of his own life in martyrdom.

On this Valentine's day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor. Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them, and thanking them for their love in return. Never forget Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

Acknowledgement Saunders, Rev. William. "History of Saint Valentine." Arlington Catholic Herald.

To learn more about St. Valentine

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=saint+valentine&docid=608013901924819554&mid=7BCDBA8DBB74956E763C7BCDBA8DBB74956E763C&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Worthy Brother Knights,

Please sign up to volunteer at the SPX Home Games.

Here is the sign up link at Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A4A623A3F85-spxspirit>

We need Knights to do the following:

1. Share upcoming KofC events.
2. Recruit potential fathers to join the Knights.
3. Train volunteers to sell SPX spirit wear items.
4. If no volunteers, sell SPX spirit wear items.

Attached is the list of upcoming K of C events:

<https://www.kofc3956.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Council-Calendar-January-June-2023.pdf>

Regards,

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Click [HERE](#) for Upcoming K of C Events

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Free Gift!



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Michigan State Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Night at  **Little Caesars arena**

Detroit Red Wings

vs

St Louis Blues

Thursday, March 23, 2023 7PM

\$30.00 per Ticket

Send checks and form to: Michael Kozakiewicz

7030 Bison

Westland MI 48185.

Make checks payable to:

Michigan State Council

Memo: Red Wings

Name: _____

Email Address: and Phone Number _____

Qty of Tickets: _____

Payment Amount Enclosed: _____



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 Calendar
February 2023

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023	General Membership Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM-8:30PM
Saturday, February 4, 2023	St. Pius Spirit Wear @ Home Games, SPX Activity Center
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023	St. Pius Spirit Wear @ Home Games, SPX Activity Center
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023	Doughnut Sunday after both masses Prep work begins at 8:00am, Clean up after 12:00pm.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023	ST. VALENTINE'S DAY Show her how much you Love Her!
Sunday, February 19, 2023	DESERT MEAL at Crystal Gardens 16703 Fort Street in Southgate. Begins at 3:00 p.m., \$20.00 per person with Cash Bar.
Monday, February 20, 2023	President's Day
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023	ASH WEDNESDAY. First day of Lent
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023	Officers Planning Meeting, Jones K of C, Lincoln Park, MI, 7PM
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023	Memorial Mass with Fourth Degree at St. Pius Church. Benediction will proceed 4:00 p.m. mass.
Monday, February 27, 2023	Bernard O'Brien Council 3956 Anniversary (1955)
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	General Membership Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall, 6PM-8:30PM
Sunday, March 5, 2023	JOHN TIBBS CONCERT at St. Pius Church. Benediction to proceed concert. Please come early.
Saturday, March 11, 2023	CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER hosted by members of the Knights of Columbus. Time and more details to be discussed at membership meeting.
Sunday, March 19, 2023	Doughnut Sunday after both masses Prep work begins at 8:00am, Clean up after 12:00pm.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Lindsay P. McLean (February 3)
- Edward D. Stol (February 3)
- Deacon Scott LaForest (February 4)
- Robert M. Liddle (February 4)
- Michael J. Gyolai (February 7)
- Henry Pochini (February 8)
- Mr. Ryan D. Daw (February 14)
- John F. Astorino (February 16)
- John G. Husar Jr. (February 17)
- Robert J. LaForest (February 22)



WIVES BIRTHDAYS

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



- Catherine (Catie) Chirco (February 22) Wife of Joey Chirco



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 February:

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| • Dennis J. Levko | (February 1) | 40 Years of Service |
| • Michael J. Levko | (February 1) | 40 Years of Service |
| • Ray J. Bilyk | (February 23) | 35 Years of Service |
| • Patrick D. Tidwell | (February 1) | 32 Years of Service |
| • James A. Kandrevas | (February 14) | 27 Years of Service |
| • Brian T. Cronan | (February 21) | 14 Years of Service |
| • Norman W. Lemay | (February 19) | 10 Years of Service |

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!!

To all who celebrate their nuptials in February

Steven and Melissa Minella (February 16) 26th Wedding Anniversary

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

If there are any missing wedding anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries you would like to share, please send to 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. (Husbands, share your newsletter with your wife... She'll tell you what to add!) Thank you!

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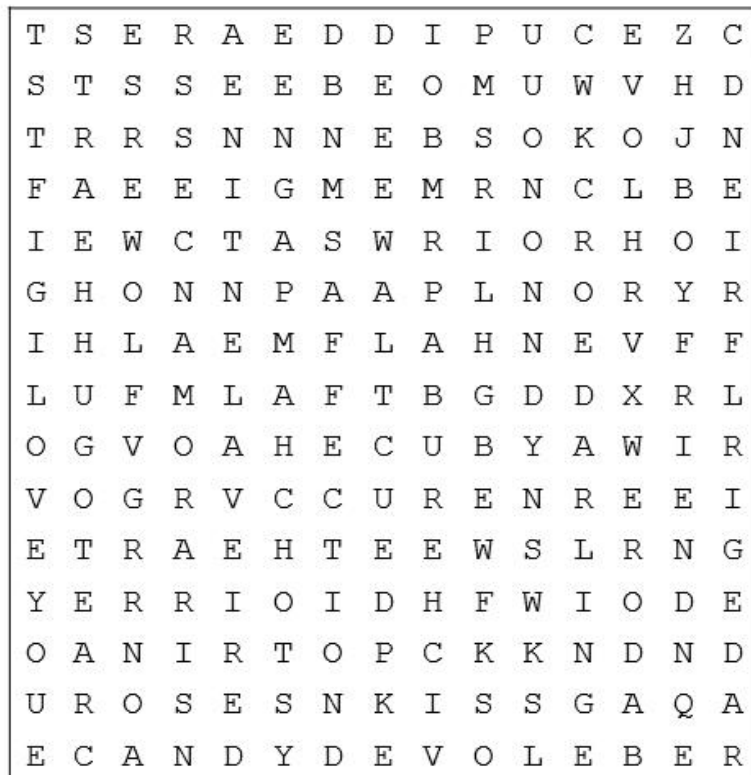
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Valentine's Day

February 14th



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I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
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ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE





IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

- Robert Laforest
- Joe Hernandez
- Larry and Liz Ridnaur
- Frank Kootsillas
- Deacon Bob
- Manuel's Family
- Bob Derosé
- Stefan Gall's friend "Chuck"
- Brian Batko who has Covid and for his parents and family

Prayer for the sick-

May you be wrapped in God's love. Found deep in his everlasting wings, carried, and kept safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.

Amen

(Sent by GK Mark Garcellano)

REFLECTION

THE BEST FISH FRY

Do you remember what Father Bob used to say about our Lenten Fish Fry? At the end of Mass leading up to Lent, he said, "Come join us on Friday for the Best Fish Fry around."

I cannot remember if he always used the word "around," it may have been "ever," it may have even been "in the world." It was always "the best." This stuck out because it was a bold claim, and I remember thinking that a priest couldn't lie. It had to be true.



Our Brother Knight Ryan Daw is asking for help this Lent. He is in charge of making sure there are enough volunteers to set up, cook, and clean up during the fish fry. You can reach him at ryanddawi@gmail.com. My phone/Text 734-341-3060.

I visited a few other fish fries in the area with friends and family. It turned out that Father Bob was telling the truth about it being, "The Best Fish Fry." At the St. Pius Fish Fry, you'll have the chance to sit down and share a meal with the same friendly faces you see every Sunday. You may get to know someone you only get a chance to say a quick hi and bye to before and after mass.

If you are able to help in the kitchen, food never tastes better than when you've put a little effort in its preparation. Help fulfill one of the Lenten principles of Almsgiving by donating a bit of time in the prep or cleanup.

Assistant Editor
Robert Park

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your continued presence with us. Thank You for Your Almighty wings which cast an impenetrable shadow of protection. Thank You for going before us; and for covering us from behind. Thank You for choosing to be in our midst, for lifting our burdens, and for securing the Heavenly place You have prepared for us. Your divine Words bring so much hope and comfort to our hearts. Remind us daily of Your strength, and may we always see glimpses of Your infallible glory and blessing as we seek Your face throughout our days. Victory and salvation are found in You alone, Lord. It is in the Mighty Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Psalm 91 Prayer

Shared Comment:

Psalm 91 is quoted as being one of - if not *the* - most powerful chapters and prayers of the entire Holy Bible. Commonly invoked during times of uncertainty and hardship, those who pray with and believe in the words of **Psalm 91**, truly trusting in the Lord, need not fear the power and deception of the enemy.

Whenever you are in need of the Lord's protection over your life, a reminder of His loyalty to you, and how He provides for His children in times of famine and in feast, prayerfully and slowly read over this psalm. Meditate on it daily. Reflect on what God is promising *you* specifically. If possible, memorize your favorite verse(s) and repeat them often throughout the day. In times of great need and uncertainty, if committed to memory, the Holy Spirit will graciously remind you of what God has promised you. These words will protect you, those you love, and the whole world.

Peace!

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