

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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WISHING ALL EASTER BLESSINGS!!

**FIRST ANNUAL ST. PIUS SCHOOL AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORED BREAKFAST
WITH EASTER BUNNY AND EASTER EGG HUNT WAS AN AMAZING SUCCESS.
A PACKED HOUSE ENJOYED ANOTHER COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**





ALL PROCEEDS WENT TO HELP BUILD THE K. OF C. ST. PIUS X SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We were so pleased and surprised by the turnout. The crowd far exceeded the number of families that signed up in advance. Thank you to Ryan Daw, Chuck DeGroat and all their band of volunteers who worked tirelessly to keep up with the larger than anticipated crowd. They had to “scramble” to get more eggs to serve and didn’t miss a “beat”!

Thank you to the crew who on a moments notice, set up more tables and chairs to accommodate our guests. Not only was it well attended, but also well received by all who came. Our reviews were glowing.

Thank you to Victoria, our Easter Bunny, Robin, and each of the kids who “hid” the Easter Eggs; and to Fr. Suresh for helping serve breakfast. Much appreciation goes to our faithful brother knights who worked tirelessly making breakfast and hosting this very special community event.

We look forward to our Breakfast with Santa later this year and Easter Egg hunt and Breakfast next year. Finally, special thanks to all the families that came and participated. Our free will donation reached over \$700.00 before expenses. Profits from the event are planned for the St. Pius Student Scholarship fund. A great time was had by all!



WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall) Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by one hour meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a friend!

This will be among our most important meetings of the year.

FINAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Coming Up:

Family Breakfast, May 7th

Motorcycle Blessing. May 13th

Southgate Heritage Days, June 17th

Please come share your thoughts and energy. A busy year is ahead of us, and we know we have brother knights that can be there for us. Don't leave it for others to carry the load.

"Many hands make light work."



APRIL MESSAGE FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERY BROTHER KNIGHT

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has partnered with one of the country's premier Catholic research firms, the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), to undertake a multi-year study of your overall satisfaction and experience with the Order. On March 30, you will be invited via email to participate in an online questionnaire that will allow you to reflect on your own experience as a Knight of Columbus.

Participating in the questionnaire is an opportunity to share how membership in the Order aligns to your personal spiritual and financial journey, specifically through experience in this council. The questionnaire is available throughout April and close on April 30. Please plan to complete the 15-minute questionnaire as soon as possible after receiving the email. All responses will be stored securely and confidential. Thank you for your participation in this important initiative.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK

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Member Satisfaction Study

Share your feedback

WHAT IS THE MEMBER SATISFACTION STUDY?

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, in partnership with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), one of the country's premier Catholic research firms, is conducting a **multi-year study of the overall satisfaction and experience of our members**, starting with an initial **online questionnaire**. Specifically, we want to know about how membership in the Order aligns to your personal, spiritual and financial journey.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Every brother Knight is encouraged to participate, no matter how long you have been a member. We want to hear from first-year members, current officers, honorary life members and everyone in between.



SCAN ME

Participate Today
March 30–April 30

For more information, visit kofc.org/kofcstudy

GK MARK GARCELLANO ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

My Fellow Brother Knights! I would like to discuss the volunteer officer's positions in the council since there is an upcoming election in May for officer's positions. They are the following:

1. Grand Knight- the council's chief executive officer and leader
2. Deputy Grand Knight- serves as the grand knight's chief lieutenant and assumes responsibility of grand knight when not present
3. Chancellor- serves as council leadership and assumes responsibility of Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight when not present
4. Recorder- responsibility of recording minutes for meetings
5. Treasurer- responsible for managing council funds
6. Advocate- acts as council parliamentarian and advisor to the Grand Knight
7. Warden- responsible for property owned by the council and leading the guards
8. Trustee - Conducts Audits. One of three trustees is elected each year.
9. to check membership cards at meetings and securing meeting
10. Outside Guard- responsible for checking membership cards during meetings
11. One Year Trustee- conduct audits

In addition, the officer's positions that are appointed are the following:

Financial Secretary- collect dues and writes vouchers

1. Lecturer- provides reflections during meetings
2. Chaplain- spiritual leader of the council
3. Program Director- oversees the Faith in Action programs
4. Life Director- oversees life-based council programs
5. Membership Director- works to grow the council's membership
6. Retention Chairman- works to keep council members active

As stated in my previous article, "As leaders, we as Knights know our family must be united in order to achieve our common goal of being productive and content. Therefore, the benefit that the Knights offer is the opportunity to become a better leader, a better husband, a better father and finally a better man." With that said, that opportunity will now be available at the next General Membership Council Meeting with the nominations of elected officers. I encourage all members to consider running for an elected position. Consider leveraging your gifts to help lead the council as an officer. Rest assured, it is the duty and obligation of previous elected officers to mentor, guide, teach and help newly elected officers. Also, if you are interested in an appointed officer position, please inform the Grand Knight of your interest. The Grand Knight will work to incorporate you into an appointed position.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our current officers for volunteering. Our small council has worked well together, conducted numerous events for the school, church and community. I am truly proud of the council leadership team and believe the new officers will continue with that precedent. Please consider joining us, it may spark a passion in you that has been dormant.

Vivat Jesus!

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FIRST NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

The following brother knights were nominated at our April General Business Meeting.

Grand Knight

Mark Garcellano - *accept*

Deputy Grand Knight

Dave Kudla - *accept*

Chancellor

Dick Gregoire - *accept*

Recorder

Steven Pochini - *decline*

Sean Roland - *accept*

Treasurer

Steven Pochini - *accept*

Walt Kabalka - *decline*

Advocate

Bill Robert - *accept*

Warden

Larry Rossi - not present

Inside Guard

Stephen Gall - *accept*

Outside Guard

Ryan Daw - *accept*

Henry Ibarra - *accept*

Tom Montaleon - *accept*

Three year trustee

Bob Schooner - not present

Joe Hernandez - *Accept*

Jose - *Accept*

At our next General Business Meeting on May 3, will again open nominations. Then once nominations are closed, followed by Election of Officers. These will be the gentlemen that will guide this council in the year ahead. We encourage each brother knight to strongly consider participating.

FISH FRY

FRIDAY

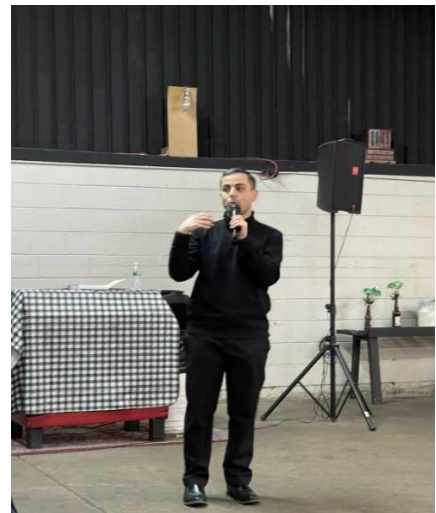


FRIDAY FISH FRY GETS GREAT REVIEWS!

Mitch Koleczko known in Metro Detroit for his Fish Fry Reviews, was impressed when he came out on March 3rd. “Thank you St. Pius X for your hospitality. Everyone I met was very friendly and welcoming. Thanks to Ryan Daw for spending a few minutes with me. Especially the students, they were very polite and worked diligently. Great job on all of the hard work you do”.

Despite inclement weather some weeks, the faithful came to support what has become known as “THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN”. Our band of brother Knights were there each week to assist as needed.

FR. MARIO SPEAKS OF GETTING MORE OUT OF LENT AT THEOLOGY ON TAP



St. Pius and our Knights of Columbus Council were well represented on March 6th, Theology on Tap presented at Downing Brewery in Dearborn. It was an afternoon of fellowship, delivered by Fr. Mario Amore, an alumnus of St. Pius X School. Speaking of “working towards holiness”, Fr. Mario “hit it out of the ballpark” as described by Brian Batko.

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR
SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED**



D Our recent Tootsie Roll Drive was one of our most successful fund raisers for the campaign to support the Intellectually Handicapped. Thank you to brother Larry Rossi who has been instrumental in encouraging Southgate City Council to grant us the opportunity to run the campaign twice a year and be able to solicit at major retailers Walmart and Sam's Club.

With additional manpower we manned on separate time slots both retailers and at the intersection of Eureka and Dix-Toledo Roads. Among the volunteers were brother knights to Robert Park, David Kudla, Franz Albright, Brian Batko, Guy Vitale, Steven Pochini, Ray Bilyk, and Mark Garcellano. Thanks, you as well to the ushers at the Saturday 4:00 p.m. mass that solicited from parishioners before and after masses. We plan to expand the fund raiser on Columbus Day weekend with more manpower and written permission in advance. Thank you to Ray and Mark for setting up Signup Genius. It was very helpful.

More from Dave:

A "Tootsie Roll" is a chewy caramel candy. For us at the K of C we view it as a recruitment instrument. Many people were asked at different functions if they were St. Pius Parents whether they said yes or no, they still got a Tootsie Roll. Wives and kids could take them home to give it to their dad or husband. Our Tootsie Rolls come with our famous K of C logo on each of them. So, you won't mistake where they came from.

Some people tell us they don't like Tootsie Rolls. Our answer is, "Then give it to someone who does." The Tootsie Roll is our ice breaker with people. We give them out to strike up a conversation with them. "Are you a K of C Member?" Well, we could lead you in the right direction to join us.

A couple times a year you might see us in Church, on a street corner, or at big box stores with our Tootsie Rolls. We seek donations for mentally challenged children. These Tootsie Rolls do help others. At sporting events or fish fries, come up to our St Pius X table where we also sell St. Pius gear. You don't have to buy anything, and I will gladly give you a free Tootsie Roll.

Respectfully Dave Kudla

MESSAGE BOARD

(Courtesy of Recorder Steven Pochini)

1. Council Rosary Team
 - a. We were in action for Mrs. Ibarra's funeral, and it was well received.
 - b. One member of the rosary altar confraternity volunteered to say a decade.
2. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
 - a. People were saying we should do this every year.
 - b. Fr. Suresh also helped with servings.
 - c. We scrambled because we were running out of food, but we pulled it off
 - d. We got \$730 in free will donations.
3. New members
 - a. We had one new member Jacob go through exemplification.
 - b. We also have a new lector Nick Jarvis who we can talk to about joining.
4. Little Library
 - a. Laura's husband volunteered to build. We need to provide cost of materials.
5. Memorial wall
 - a. We plan to put logistics together to discuss the idea of having the memorial wall in the hall between the church and school
6. Shroud of Turin Lecture
 - a. Very well attended. Over 150 people estimated. We hope to bring back Deacon Tremmel next year This Sunday 4/2
 - a. Free will donations went to Deacon Tremmel who returns to us \$50.00.
7. Southgate Heritage Day parade 6/17
 - a. Parade route is from Grogan to Market Center Park
 - b. We would march as the Third Degree
 - c. We could do a float, walkers, a vehicle, carry a banner, pass out tootsie rolls.
 - d. We'll request the honor guard to join us.
 - e. For those who can't walk that mile, we could use a vehicle.
8. Respect for Life Dinner - April 19 in Troy
 - a. If anyone is interested, we can get a table.
 - b. We plan to donate \$200.
9. May Crowning - Tuesday May 2, 2023
 - a. We have one person who is going to take up flowers; we need one additional knight to carry up flowers. We can request the knight of the month to do it. If he can't make it, have an officer do it

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Thank you to me brother Knights here at Council 3956 to act as Council Officer's Elections committee chairman. I can't stress enough to have full participation.

Email Distribution System - Gaggle.mail

This council is instituting Gaggle.mail for us to use to send emails out to the whole group. We have had issues with text threads not getting to everyone, so this could be an improvement. This can be used either as a list for officers, all members, or both. We can try Groupme for text.

For questions, contact me at 313-247-2110 - DD105@mikofc.org

Other Notes:

Free membership is still being offered. Go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> and become a Knight today. Online membership is **FREE** if you use promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**.

Sales of our State Raffle are ongoing. Proceeds provide substantial support to charities. Plus a portion of the sales are returned to our council. Prizes are pretty nice too!

There are still some free webinars on fraternal benefits. The majority of time they are related to building up and protecting your retirement investments; things you should be looking at. They bring in national speakers.

As a council, we are hosting an exemplification on June 25, 2023. We are requesting the honor guard to come to 11am mass and exemplification that day. We are having the state team coming to do the exemplification. Afterward, we will have a brief meal that the state will pay for.

The Grand Knight, District Deputy and District Warden attended the state Red Wings game. It was a great time and they were great seats for \$30. We will be doing it again next year so please join. The Michigan Knights of Columbus also does a Tigers game every year. It will be on June 24 this year on a Saturday. Tickets will be \$25 for mezzanine seats, and \$45 for lower baseline box seats. All tickets have to be turned in by May 27.

Thursday August 10-13 is State camping. Many amenities and activities. More details to come.

For Heritage Days, we are submitted a request for the honor guard for the parade on June 17 11am. There will be a sign up genius for the parade.

We are still collecting Cans and bottles for seminarians at Jones Council, or hand to myself.

Respectfully submitted: Ray J. Bilyk - District Deputy 105, Archdiocese of Detroit
Michigan Region 5. Cell/Text: 313-247-2110 - DD105@mikofc.org



Joint Memorial Mass with Fourth Degree and our K of C Council 3956

All the downriver councils are invited to participate in Fourth of July Parade. There is also a Southgate Heritage Days parade we could participate in Corpus Christi - June 11 - The diocese would like to have the Eucharist paraded like last year. We will have to ask Fr. Suresh if we will walk outside of the parish grounds with Color Corp. They also had an exemplification recently. The next one will be in Macomb on 9/30



A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA

Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner took place Saturday March 11th in our Social Hall. A number of hours were spent slicing and dicing corned beef, potatoes, and carrots. Tables were set and condiments were brought out. Coffee, tea, and pop were also there for the masses to enjoy. It sounds like a lot of effort, however we had a good time doing this. We played Irish songs and yes someone also brought in a bottle of Irish whiskey. So, a call out to all St. Pius Fathers. If you wish to have a good time-come and join us. All proceeds from this and all our events go to charity. The K of C does wonderful things, come give us a try.

We wished more people would have come out for our dinner. Keep it in mind for next year. A few Mrs. Knights came out to lend us a hand. A sincere thank you goes out to them. After it was over, I looked back and said, "This was fun and I had a good time."

After we returned home, my wife Valerie and I turned forward all our clocks. Let this Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Daylight Savings Time go into the history books. I hope all of you had a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - BRIAN BATKO

Brian Batko is our Knight of the Month for April. Brian has been a St. Pius parishioner for over 50 years. He has been a K of C brother for over 10 years. Brian has three grown sons. In the K of C world, Brian is our program director and a trustee. Some of Brian's work includes the planning the: Desert Meal, the John Tibbs concert, and our annual Motorcycle Blessing. A future Pilgrimage is also in the working phase.

Brian's favorite aspect of St. Pius includes familiarity with each other and our sense of community. September 13th marks a six-year anniversary of his saying the daily rosary. His favorite mystery is that of the Transfiguration.

The Desert Meal is Brian's favorite event. The proceeds from the Desert Meal goes to funding a trip to the Holy Land for the Seminarians of Sacred Heart. He really enjoys meeting and hearing from our future priests. Brian is the one who secured the hall and planned out the menu and organized the ticket sales. This is not an easy challenge and involves a lot of work, but it has become one of our council's biggest yearly events.

Brian is also on the lookout for new members, one of his recruits is yours truly. Congrats on a job well done. Hope to be working with you for years to come. Vivat Jesus!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - VICTORIA DUDEK AND FAMILY

Victoria Dudek is our first year St. Pius Athletic Director. She has two children who attend St. Pius School. Victoria is in her first year as our athletic director and previously has been an I-League director for five years. When asked if she likes her job at St Pius, she said she "Loves It!"

She works seven days a week here at St. Pius to make sure our program works and is successful. On her office wall many colored pictures are hanging which our the students made for her. These pictures from the students bring a joy to her heart.

Victoria welcomes St. Pius families to be more pro-active in our sports programs. She would like to see a larger community base involved at St. Pius. She would like to grow the participation of the families.

Our Athletic director really enjoys working with the Knights of Columbus and is very appreciative of our support. Together we worked the Soccer Challenges, the Free Throw Contest, and our annual Field Day at the school.

Whenever the K of C needs help from the athletic department or has a simple question, she is always there to help us. We are looking forward her help and expertise in our upcoming "Brunch With The Easter Bunny."

Congratulations to you and yours for all your cooperation.

Respectfully Dave Kudla



DEACON CHUCK

Aha Moment

During Laetare Sunday, a few weeks back, I spoke of having an “aha moment.” A point to where you reach clarity. In my research I ran across this tale of wisdom. Although I didn’t include in the homily, I thought it worth passing on for our reflection. It seems God’s help is everywhere if we open our eyes to see his goodness.

One day an executive, dressing in a fancy silk suit and Italian leather shoes, was standing on the dock waiting for the ferry so he could cross and go to work. As he waited impatiently he spotted a man pulling up in a little motorboat filled with fish.

The executive called out to the man, “hey buddy, how long did it take to catch all that? The fisherman replied, a few hours. To which the executive exclaimed amazing.

The fisherman continued, I like it because it lets me sleep in, relax, and spend more time with my wife.

The executive, in an attempt to show his business prowess said, just think, if you spent more time doing that, you could double your input, allowing you to make large sums of money. You could then buy another boat and hire another fisherman to work with you. This could go on to where you could have a whole fleet of boats to manage. You’d make lots of money and be able to retire.

The fisherman replied, “And do what?”

The executive sheepishly replied, “Well to sleep in, relax, and spend more time with your wife I guess.”

It’s a good lesson in not letting the lures of worldly goods catch you off guard and drag you away from what is most important to you. My brothers, let us stay focused and keep our priorities straight. Have a blessed Easter season.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck/Lecturer

Lecturer’s Reflection

Deacon Chuck offered the following reflection at our April 5th General Business Meeting

Lent was officially over at midnight tonight on the eve of Holy Thursday as we entered the Triduum.

We have spent 40 days thinking about how we can grow closer to the lord. We are so busy, it is easy for this to become white noise.

It is very beneficial to sit in the presence of the Lord. It will make you a better person

MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT



I appreciate all your prayers as Linda and I recover from a bad bout of COVID. I recently tested negative...Finally. We look forward to getting out of the house as we are both suffering from Cabin Fever.

I want to encourage all my brother knights to prayerfully consider becoming an officer. As a seasoned veteran of the council, I assure you it is a great experience. It really does not take that much time and the fellowship is so much worth your time.

Our Grand Knight Mark Garcellano and those officers that will be returning will help many of the new board members pave the way for the year ahead. Our community needs your help.



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

Our Tootsie Roll Drive for Mentally Handicapped has brought \$500.00 and counting. We received \$1381.00 in donation on March 31 - April 2, 2023. We continued to solicit donation from our brother knights. Donations continue to be accepted at www.kofc3956.org/tootsierolldrive/

We are please to announce that our council has set up for members an online store for K of C gear and other products. Please visit knights3956pius.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Desert Meal Wrap Up.

We raised \$10,489 in total, \$4,254 was generated by those who donated but could not attend the meal. Money goes to the seminarians on the trip to the Holy Land as part of their formation.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR & TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO REPORT

John Tibbs Concert. The concert went well. It is good to have more spring events.

Corned Beef and Cabbage. Thank you to Dennis Lipps whose employer donated the corned beef. They are already committed to doing it for future corned beef and cabbage. For people who don't like corned beef, next year considering like potato soup. Earlier marketing next year can help increase attendance.

Motorcycle Blessing. May 13th this year. There might be a ride this year. There will be a new shirt this year

REPORTS

OUR NEXT DONUT AND COFFEE SUNDAY IS APRIL 16, 2023

Donuts and Coffee Chairman Ray Bilyk has set up on our website a sign up genius for this one. When Dave Sajdak was here, he or the ushers would announce the coffee and donuts at the Saturday mass so people could at least donate. We will have sign ups for people to collect donations on Saturday. Proceeds will go to St. Pius school scholarship fund.

OUR NEXT CHARITY FAMILY BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023

Thank you to Chuck DeGroat for once again chairing this social and charitable event. Proceeds can go to seed money for the memorial wall. This is a great opportunity to get reacquainted with fellow parishioners. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter breakfast.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FROM CHARIMAN ROBERT PARK

We have some new members with us tonight - Jacob and Matt

We have 5 new members so far this year including Jacob and Matt that attended our April General Business Meeting. There are some who need to go through the exemplification. On a personal note; Thank you to those who were able to help out with the MI Drive as well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND NEWSLETTER REPORT FROM DIRECTOR TONY CHIRCO

The last few months the newsletter was prepared before the end of the month, but due to a number of recent activities, it has come out a week later this month.

For our Knight's Corner, which should be in each Church Bulletin, we have been taking articles from the newsletter and putting them in, but they are often after the fact since they are submitted for publication a month in advance. We are proposing preparing information to share about what is coming up rather than what already occurred. This may help us with retention and recruitment. Each of us knows someone who is on our roster. The challenge is to bring someone to participate in our events.

The proposition of a Memorial Wall has been shared with Fr. Suresh who has offered to attend one of our meetings for us to present our plan. We would encourage formation of a committee together to help get some information to present. We will talk in May and target June to talk to Fr. Suresh.

RIGHT TO LIFE DIRECTOR BOB BAILEY

Last month we put on a baby shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and had a great turnout. A lot of gifts, diapers, clothes, \$376 in donations to give

Next month is the Knights of Columbus state right to life dinner. We are not buying a table this year. The rosary club is donating \$100 and the Knights of Columbus will donate \$200. We will also get a quarter page in their magazine like last year, but Bob needs to get more information.



ST. PIUS SCHOOL PRESENTS

KENTUCKY DERBY AUCTION

SPONSORED BY CROWN ENTERPRISES LLC

Grecian Center
Southgate

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH
7:30 - 11:00 PM

TICKETS

\$100 PER COUPLE
\$60 INDIVIDUAL

Ticket sales will close April 3rd
No tickets will be sold at the door

MENU

Premium open bar, cheese and cracker display, veggie display,
warm hors d'oeuvres and dessert display



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

Sunday, April 16, 2023	Donut Sunday, St. Pius X Social Hall after each mass
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Robert Jones Council
Sunday, April 30, 2023	Fifth Sunday Rosary, St. Pius. Half hour before each mass
Tuesday May 2, 2023	May Crowning and procession. St. Pius X Church
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	General Business Meeting. Social Hours 6:00 p.m. Meeting, second nominations and election of officers begin at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 7, 2023	Charity Family Breakfast after each mass.
Saturday, May 13, 2023	Motorcycle Blessing. Time tbd

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

Become a Knight Today! Did you know that the international organization known as the Knights of Columbus is 139 years old? That we were founded by a parish priest, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney? That Pope St. John Paul II called the Knights "the strong right arm of the Church"? Did you know that Knights change lives and save lives through our "Faith in Action Programs"?

You can be part of changing lives and saving lives by joining us. Go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> and become a Knight today. Online membership is **FREE** if you use promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**. After joining us Online, our Council, **Bernard P. O'Brien/St. Pius X Council 3956**, will contact you so you can transfer into our Council.

If you have any questions, please can contact us directly at:

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A Prayer Puzzle

Unscramble each of the following words related to prayer, using the clues given for each word. Then take the letters that appear circled in boxes and unscramble them to find the name of an important Marian devotion.

A prayer in which we ask for God's loving care for a person, place, or activity

BILNESGS

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A way of praying in which we use our thoughts, imagination, and emotions to get in touch with God

MITTIODAEN

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A prayer in which we acknowledge God's greatness and tell him how much we appreciate all that he does for us

SIRPAE

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A type of prayer in which we thank God

SIGTAGKIVNHN

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A type of prayer in which we ask God for good things

TINTOEPI

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A prayer that uses words to speak to God

LOVCA

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Wordless prayer in which we listen for God's presence in our lives

NANTOLPOTCEMI

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The Church's official, public, communal prayer

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The Church's official prayer for certain times of the day

RUYTGLI FO TEH RUSHO

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A type of prayer in which we pray on behalf of someone else

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Forms of piety such as Eucharistic Adoration and the Stations of the Cross

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Prayers such as the Hail Mary or the Lord's Prayer that are standard prayers of our faith

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Deacon Charles G. Dault (April 1)
- Anthony M. DaPra (April 3)
- James M. Drumsta (April 4)
- Kevin Martin (April 4)
- Brian T. Cronan (April 5)
- David L. Houston (April 5)
- Patrick D. Tidwell (April 17)
- Gerald L. Gonyea (April 18)
- Robert R. Park (April 19)
- Brain J. Heasley (April 25)
- Nathan P. Neubecker (April 25)



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

YEARS OF SERVICE

- Ronald C. Cassette (April 23) 56 Years of Service
- Darryl E. Zilka (April 1) 51 Years of Service
- Henry A. Ibarra (April 11) 39 Years of Service
- Matthew M. Dziewit (April 1) 36 Years of Service
- Lawrence J. Rossi (April 18) 14 Years of Service
- Francis X. Cuschieri (April 13) 13 Years of Service
- Ryan D. Daw (April 16) 3 Years of Service
- Miguel Lugo (April 2) 1 Year of Service



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Dan and Nancy Somenauer (April 19, 1975) 48 Years
- Kurt and Barbara Enders (April 28, 1997) 26 years

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

WIVES BIRTHDAYS



- Valarie Kudla (April 18) Wife of David Kula
- Nancy Somenauer (April 28) Wife of Dan Somenauer
- Maria Vitale (April 29) Wife of Guy Vitale

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. We would love for this to be as accurate as possible. Any inaccuracies are inadvertent. Thank you, Ray!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Please pray for healing for brother knights, family and friends



- Robert Laforest
- Joe Hernandez
- Larry and Liz Ridenour
- Deacon Bob
- Manuel's Family
- Bob Derosé
- Brian Batko
- Kerry Ann Stewart
- Bill and Linda Robert
- Valarie Husar

Our prayers go out to Christian (Ace) Abello and family who lost their father Larry recently.

We continue to pray for brother knights, parishioners, family and friends in need of God's mercy for whatever challenges they face, particularly those in poor health and in crisis



REFLECTION

The Knights of Columbus semi-annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired Drive took place again the weekend of Palm Sunday. We are very grateful to all who volunteered, donated and particularly to the Sam's Club and Walmart in Southgate, who allowed us to set up shop in front of their doors. Thanks to the generosity of all involved, we were able to raise over \$1,400.00. This money goes to various charities, the most notable is the Special Olympics. More donations are being accepted by our brother knights.

The efforts of those who gave of their time and talents are appreciated. They received much more in return. They had the opportunity to see how generous people can be when asked to donate to a worthy cause. People give what they can, and all donations are appreciated. They come from all ages and backgrounds. Sometimes their generosity surprises us. A kind woman approached us and told us of a local business in Trenton called Java Junction that will be mostly staffed with the citizens we're raising money for.

You may have heard some of this message before, but it bears repeating. Prayerfully consider donating your time to the next M.I. Drive. Each of the most recent drives has been more successful than the last. The reason is because the people who started keep coming back. It's addicting to see the goodness and generosity of others. We haven't peaked, don't let our best days be behind us.

Robert Park

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PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Editor's Note: Our prayer this month is presented to us courtesy of Deacon Chuck Dault

"My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot not know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and
the fact that I think that I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please does in
fact please you.
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am
doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from
that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by
the right road
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow
of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils
alone."
Amen!

Thomas Merton

Vivat Jesus

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