

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #50

JUNE, 2023

**OUR 50<sup>th</sup> CONSECUTIVE ISSUE!**



*Our Knights of Columbus Council 3956 was well represented at this year's State Convention including Grand Knight Mark Garcellano and family, Deputy Grand Knight Dave Kudla and Valerie, Father Suresh Not pictured - Recorder elect Sean Roland and District Deputy Ray Bilyk*

The State Convention was a great success! It is clear that the Bishops, State Officers, presenters, and hotel employees worked hard to put on an outstanding convention. Even the Michigan weather cooperated, as it was a beautiful spring week. The theme that I took away from the convention was that we, the Knights, need to continue to grow our faith and membership in order to help each other, mentor our new brothers, which results in becoming better men, better husbands, better fathers which would further result in improved families and positively impacting our Catholic Church. In my opinion, that goal is a worthy effort. - GK Mark Garcellano



## REPORT FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My Fellow Brother Knights! Let me begin by thanking the membership for allowing me to be one of the delegates representing the Bernard P. O'Brien Council at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention. As was in recent years, the convention was held on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel which will continue to hold the convention through 2030.

On Wednesday morning a Mass was held at St. Anne's Church. After a Mass, there was a procession with the Eucharist to the Grand Hotel, about a mile away. At the Grand, the Eucharist was setup up for Adoration. In the afternoon, there was a convention opening mass celebrated by Archbishop of Archdiocese of Detroit, Most Reverend Allen Vigneron in the Grand's theatre. The convention's opening meeting was held later that night.

Here are some quick highlights-

- Globally, the Order membership grew to over 2,070,000 members
- Life insurance in force grew to \$126.1 billion USD
- The Order raised over \$3 million USD to ASAP (Assistance Support After Pregnancy)
- The Order raised \$20 million USD for relief of war-ravaged Ukraine.
- The Order distributed 149,000 coats to kids.

Here are some quick Michigan State Council highlights-

- Over 1 million hours of Charitable service were volunteered.
- \$6.5 million USD raised for charity.
- 10,872 coats were distributed for kids.
- \$171,000 USD raised for ASAP.
- All 7 bishops from the 7 Michigan Diocese supported the state convention.
- Supreme Senior Vice President Membership/Marketing Mark McMullen was a special guest of the convention.





### **CONGRATULATIONS TO BROTHER RAY BILYK!**

Awards were handed out Thursday beginning in the morning with a convention Mass presided by Bishop John Doerfler from the Diocese of Marquette. Later in the morning, an awards presentation was held. **Our Worthy District Deputy Ray Bilyk was Awarded the Golden Knight Award! Congratulations Brother Ray!**

Later Thursday morning there was a living Rosary conducted on the front lawn of the Grand. It was beautiful! In the afternoon we attend the diocese Caucus Meetings to discuss Michigan Council initiatives and goals.

### **ADORATION AND RESOLUTION**

Being a Knight helps make a better man, husband, and father which in turn improves the family which also in turn improves the Catholic Church. Friday began with a convention Memorial Mass presided by Bishop Jeffrey Walsh from the Diocese of Gaylord. Later that morning, the closing meeting was held. The state officers were re-elected to their positions and resolutions were voted on. One verbal resolution of note brought up by the State Deputy Christopher Kolumjec, was the need of an increase in state taxes due to rising costs of inflation of 1 dollar per period (summer and winter). In all, the current \$5 per period to \$6 per period is a total annual tax of \$12 per council member. In the end the delegates voted to pass the tax increase.



### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**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!**



On the agenda will be our upcoming Second Annual Tony Cerezo Golf and Lunch Event, the River Cruise, Picnic and Festival. Please make the time to attend. Your community needs!





#### HERE ARE YOUR K OF C COUNCIL 3956 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Grand Knight-	Mark Garcellano
Deputy Grand Knight-	Dave Kudla
Chancellor-	Dick Gregoire
Recorder-	Sean Roland
Treasurer-	Steven Pochini
Advocate-	Bill Robert
Warden-	Larry Rossi
Inside Guard-	Joe Hernandez
Outside Guard-	Ryan Daw
1st Year Trustee-	Brian Batko
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee-	Franz Albrecht
3 Year Trustee-	Thomas Monteleon
Financial Secretary	Ray Bilyk
Chaplain-	Fr. Suresh Rajaian

#### MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Congratulations to newly elected officer of this Bernard O'Brien Council #3956, particularly first-time officers and directors. Some of you have only been members for a relatively short time compared to many of us veterans. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to this council and the good work we do.

We met our K of C state goal for membership, so now the next goal is to beat Texas. There will be membership incentives for July, August, September. We should start planning now.

We are hosting an exemplification on June 25. It will be run by the state exemplification team. We are requesting the honor guard to come to the 11am mass that day. Afterward, we will have a brief meal paid for by the state.

The Wyandotte Independence Day Parade is July 4. The Color Corp will be marching. All members can march. Afterwards there will be hot dogs and drinks at the Wyandotte Council.

The O'Brien Council Officer's Installation is scheduled for July 29 at the Wyandotte council begins at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will follow. The entire council and their wives are invited to attend.

Thursday August 10-August 13 is State camping. Many amenities and activities. More details to come. We have also submitted a request for the honor guard for heritage days parade on June 17 11am. There will be a sign-up genius for the parade.

Ray J. Bilyk - District Deputy 105, Archdiocese of Detroit - Michigan Region 5  
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## **Knights of Columbus Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956**

### **3rd Annual Anthony "Tony" Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing**

**Location:** Southwinds Executive Golf Course, 14600 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI 48195

**Lunch:** St. Pius X Social Hall, 14101 Superior Southgate, MI 48195

**When:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 rain or shine

**Registration:** 7:00 AM

**Shotgun Start:** 8:00 AM

**Lunch:** Noon

**Make Checks Payable to:** Knights of Columbus 3956

**Mail Checks to:** K of C, 28266 Heather Way Romulus MI 48174

**Contacts:** Mark Garcellano 734-968-6900 or Robert Schooner 734-231-9940

**Payment Deadline:** July 29, 2023

**Sign Up @:** <https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting/>

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.



**Golf and Lunch:** \$70

**Lunch only:** \$20

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#### **HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**Please note on check:** Hole Sponsor

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVE KUDLA



### “Lost In The Crowd”

There was an article in the April Michigan Columbian paper which was titled, “I’m the Guy.” It was an article about a man who joined the K of C and was left out at meetings. No one really socialized with him, asked about him, or invited him to any of their events. It also amused him why we would spend so much time and effort recruiting new members while he was left to fend for him himself. In a direct quote from the article: “All they need to do was make me feel needed, wanted and WELCOME.”

Well, I certainly hope this is not about council #3956-Bernard P. O’Brien. The author of this article and council are unknown. At the end of the article, he stated he would just stay home and watch TV.

If any of my brother knights feel this way, please let someone know. If you feel you’re out on your own, come sit by me. I’ll gladly talk to you and find out your interests. If you have any questions about the K of C, I will try to answer them. If I don’t know the answer, I’ll find out for you.

We try to make everyone feel welcome and at home. Remember, we are the ones who are blessed to have you. We don’t want you to stay home and watch TV unless you want to watch the K of C movie about Mother Teresa. So, if this article is about you-come see me. I’ll gladly talk to anyone.

Respectfully,  
Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Kudla



Congratulations to Bay Bilyk who was elected Navigator and to Mark Garcellano who was re-elected Captain of the 4th degree.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Wyandotte Parade organizers asked for our council’s direct support. We will plan again as we did last year to pass out tootsie rolls to the children.

General Assembly Meetings- 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM - 8:00PM @ Wyandotte K of C. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled throughout the year. For more information, please call Mark Garcellano at 734-968-6900 ([markgarcellano@yahoo.com](mailto:markgarcellano@yahoo.com))



#### MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT and ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

Being a fan of history, I am reading a book entitled “Lincoln and the Fight for Peace” by John Avlon and I am in awe of Abraham Lincoln’s life story. He had every reason to be bitter with the names he was called (ape-like, the ugliest human alive and many more) and the tremendous loss of life during the Civil War. But in biographies of him he responded with humorous stories and the need to reunify our broken country. When the Radical Republicans (Republicans that wanted retribution and public executions of the South’s leaders) pushed for a righteous Peace, Lincoln stated that we need to forgive and move on rebuilding our unified country.

When asked if Jefferson Davis (Confederacy President) when caught should be hanged? Lincoln replied he would not feel bad if he escaped out of the country. General Grant also asked Lincoln what terms of Surrender should be offered to General Lee’s army of Virginia? Lincoln replied unconditional surrender, leaving their arms and allowing them to take their horse to return home so they could plow the earth on their farms. Quite magnanimous by any standards!

It was truly unfortunate that Lincoln didn’t live to carry out the reconstruction of the south. What was even more telling of his wisdom, was that it was a blueprint for the Marshall plan in Europe and McArthur’s plan in Japan after World War II . Lincoln’s son Tad (12) was asked by a newspaper man if the Confederate officers captured should be hanged? He responded, as if his father spoke, no we shouldn’t hand them but hold on to them. Lincoln found great comfort and guidance from reading his bible in the war. I am sure we can learn from such a Man!

Another thought; at our recent officers meeting, I suggested that we make a presentation during an upcoming mass a recap of the programs and events we have sponsored in the last year to show people what our council is all about



#### MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE AND COR DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

The Motorcycle blessing on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> went well. There were 32 people plus Knights on Bikes. People loved the shirts. There was discussion to start the consecration from 8:00 am. To 9:00 am. next year to get better attendance. Father Suresh was very pleased with the turnout.

Many of the local councils have started their own blessing for motorcycle riders from their parish.

Help is needed for St. Pius Rummage Sale scheduled for June 24th at 3:00 pm to pack things into boxes and stack them.





#### MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

We already have 7 sponsors for our Third Annual Golf outing. We need players so we should begin marketing it. We should invite the people who played last year

We will be in charge of the the dime toss and hot dog stand again at the St. Pius Festival. We have been asked to help with coffee. This year the event go on from Friday through Sunday. Volunteers will be needed.

At our officers' meeting it was suggested that we sell our popular Reubens Sandwiches at the hot dog concession. They have been a big hit at our meetings and social events. Our new Cor Chairman and Trustee Brian Batko will be checking with the festival chairperson about maybe getting a Christian band to play on Sunday before or during the festival.

Both our Sunday Donuts and Charity Family Breakfasts will be missed during the summer but will return in the fall. Thank you to Chuck DeGroat and our many other brother knights that help prepare, cook, and serve many fine breakfasts for our parishioners.

#### ST. PIUS FIELD DAY, 2023

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, members of our council assisted organizer Mark Camilleri by manning stations for a fun series of games for the students as they complete the 2022-2023 school year. This was our K of C council's last sponsored event for what has been a very busy year.





The weather was perfect. Thank you to those that took time out of their day including Mr. C, the teachers and staff of St. Pius School, Brother Knights Ray Bilyk, Mark Garcellano, Bill Robert, Nic Vignola, Joe Hernandez, and David Kudla and his better half Valerie.



**Congratulations to all the students and staff at St. Pius Catholic School. In our eyes, you are all winners! God Bless you all and have a safe and enjoyable summer recess!**





### THE COACH

There once was a coach who was sent to town to gather a team to introduce a new way of playing an old sport. The people of the town knew the old way but the coach was supposed to teach a new way. It seemed the way that town played the sport had over time, drifted from the way it was designed. The coach was supposed correct that.

The people back home and the coach were hopeful it would catch on. Both town folk and the coach dreamed that someday both towns (theirs and the one the coach was going to) would be one community and all would play the game the same way; the way it was originally intended. Everyone would be unified in heart and mind.

As time went on, players were gathered and through practice the coach got to know them pretty good; their strengths and weaknesses. Each time they competed he prayed for their success. For if they were successful, others would want to join. The coach prayed for the future players too so the game might keep growing and spread. Soon everyone in the land would all be playing the same sport for generations to come.

The coach also knew that if the players were taught well they might be as good as the coach. The players could, through time and practice, be like their coach in every way; perhaps even as good as the town the coach was from. So out of love for the players and his town, the coach strove to make them like the people back home.

Like the coach, that is why Jesus became incarnate; to teach us a new way. Like the coach, Jesus continues to pray for our success and for the Gospel to spread. We as players should be striving to learn to be like our coach through hard work and practice. It is by our example that someday all will want to join, be Catholic, and be on the team Christ put together.

As Knights let's strive to win the World Series for God. As team members of the K of C, let us shout..... "Put me in coach! I'm ready to play today. Look at me, I can be Centerfield."

Vivat Jesus,  
Deacon Chuck

### MEMORIAL WALL PROPOSED

Our council has been in discussion to offer a Memorial Wall for Loved Ones. The plan is to make a presentation to the church community during upcoming masses.

To learn more, come to our next membership meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm., or contact PR Director Tony Chirco at [ajc@tm.net](mailto:ajc@tm.net).



## ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FAMILY ON SOLID GROUND?

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to love your wife, raise your children and provide for your family in good and bad times.

# BEGIN TODAY / BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/lead-with-faith/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/lead-with-faith/index.html)

The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be - and your family needs.

Right now, we're offering a FREE download of our annual prayer planner "*Vivat Jesus*" to help you grow in your faith and prayer life as you lead your family.

**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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Please join us for the  
**Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023**

*Mass begins at 11:00 am. | Procession begins at 12 noon.*

**The procession will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Pius X Church, the faithful will process with the Blessed Sacrament around the Church block, and the procession will conclude with Benediction at St. Pius X Church.**

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**SHARED THOUGHTS FROM CHANCELLOR DICK GREGOIRE**

**DINNER & FISHING - PART TWO**

I met some great people some years ago and one came from a long line of merchant marines, and he invited me and a friend to go fishing, once for salmon in lake Michigan and once for dolphin fish off the Keys. It was cool cause he turned his life over to Jesus Christ and was a really good influence and a blessing to me. His E-mail address began with "Fish Story" it's what this article is about. His story related to a retreat that he went on called the "Emmaus Walk".

Finding and seeing Jesus in the sharing of the Bread and in Scripture. My Dad talked a lot about going fishing with us but didn't do much, he worked pretty hard trying to support our family. But we did do a little fishing with him and I know it pleased him and me. My brothers--- God bless our brothers---I would say were pretty decent fisherman all with different types of experience. Did I say how lucky of a guy I was; I hope so. Been fishing with all of them.

My older brother used to take developmentally disabled guys fishing as often as he could, and they loved it! By invitation, by wanting to be invited, and just go fishing! Bunch of great guys. You know when Jesus called His first Apostles, the first seven,

I believe. They were wiped out from fishing all night, catching nothing, and wrapping it up, cleaning their nets. The crowds were pressing in on Jesus because they wanted to hear Him preaching and teaching. Jesus sees a couple of boats tied up at the shore and sees an opportunity to get a way from the crowd so He asks Simon to take Him out a ways so He can teach from the boat.

When He is done teaching, He tells Simon, "Let's go out to the deep and lower your nets for a catch". Whaaat! Jesus ,we've been out all night and nothing, but OK then, we will drop the nets, and then, Whaaat! The amount of fish was so great the nets began to break. They had to call for their buddies in the other boat to come help them and they filled both boats. Really scared Simon Peter, fisherman by trade, never seen anything like this.

Now this is a Fish Story! Simon Peter wanted Jesus to leave him because he said he was a sinful man and Jesus told him not to be afraid that he will be a catcher of men. Believe the Fish Story! They left everything there and followed Him.

# KNIGHTS ON THE RIVER



WHERE: BISHOP PARK DOCK IN WYANDOTTE TO BRIDGES

WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 18th

BOARDING AT 7PM, TOUR 7:15P to 9:15p

\$30 PER PERSON OR 2 TICKETS FOR ONLY \$50

PIZZA AND SNACKS PROVIDED, CASH BAR

OPEN TO ALL!! EVERYONE WELCOME!!

For tickets: Ray Bilyk - 313.247.2110

or [RayBilyk@KofC3956.org](mailto:RayBilyk@KofC3956.org)



Upper Downriver Right to Life

# LIFE WALK 2023 and Pro-Life Picnic

Raising funds to protect Life

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

734-288-8798

10:00 a.m. **Registration** at Memorial Park next to First Baptist Church, 3157 Fort St. (at London), Lincoln Park (turn in pledge money). Plenty of parking behind the church off London.

10:30 a.m. **LIFE WALK** on Fort Street to Southfield, tour Lincoln Park Crisis Pregnancy Center and return to park.

12:00 Noon **Awards and picnic** at Memorial Park: Pizza, beverages and **POTLUCK PICNIC** for all followed by Oratory Contest winner speech. **Join us whether or not you walked!**



**REGISTRATION: FREE** Everyone is welcome to walk to show respect for life!

- With a minimum of \$2 in pledges, receive a Right to Life of Michigan membership or renewal.
- Join us, even if you can't walk. Donations may be made at [LifeWalk2023.eventbrite.com](https://LifeWalk2023.eventbrite.com)
- Receive a *Pro-Life* pin with \$25 of pledge money turned in.
- \$100 prize to the person turning in the most pledge money before the Walk begins.



## Life-Walk 2023 Sponsor Form

Walk 1.75 miles as a witness to God's Gift of Life; If you can't walk, pledge for those who do and join us for the PICNIC! Bring your pledge money to the *Life-Walk*. Donations will further the educational work of Right to Life of Michigan Upper Downriver affiliate.

Name of Walker: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME	SPONSOR'S ADDRESS	PLEDGE	PAID

Use additional page for more sponsors!

Total amount received \_\_\_\_\_

### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - GUY VITALE**

Brother Guy Vitale is our Knight of the Month for June. Guy has been married to Maria for twenty-two years and has three children. One is grown, one is a senior at Riverview High School, the youngest is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader here at St. Pius. All three children went to St. Pius for grade school. Guy has been a St. Pius parishioner for twelve years.

Guy's daughter will be entering Wayne State University pursuing a career as a Radiological Technician. This is a field which deals with MRI's and X-Rays.

Among Guy's favorite aspects of St. Pius is having a school within the parish. This promotes a good Catholic upbringing. Father Bob was the pastor when he first started here. He mentioned that Father Bob was a "down to earth Pastor." He views the St. Pius community as very strong.

Guy noted that the Knights of Columbus have a very noble purpose, and they do a lot for the community. His personal involvement leads to social interactions within our parish family. He enjoys getting into family activities within our council, this enables him to do "good stuff" and share it with others. He also mentioned he began his K of C Life as a Columbian Squire many years ago. There are many former Squires still around and helping out.

Guy's first adventure in working on the executive council was planning the Easter Bunny lunch with a lot of our brother Knights. We hope he had a good time, and his involvement leads to many more K of C functions in the future. Now that his kids are starting to be more independent, we're looking forward to spending more time with Guy.

Respectfully, Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Kudla

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH - THE KUDLA FAMILY**

Dave and Valerie Kudla have been members of St. Pius since their children attended here. The Kudla family has grown a lot in the past few years. They have three children; Paul, JoAnne, and Steven. Paul and JoAnne are married and made Dave and Valerie grandparents a few times.

Dave joined the Knights of Columbus after retiring from Kroger. He and Valerie wanted to help out one of the remaining parishes with a school. Dave is very active with the Knights of Columbus, contributing to the Monthly Newsletter. They help with Family Breakfasts, Donut Sundays, and at Lenten Fish Fry's. If you attended all the St. Pius Fish Fry's this year, the only time you wouldn't have seen him would be Good Friday. St. Pius didn't put a Fish Fry on, but Dave and Valerie have a tradition of attending the Sweetest Heart of Mary Fish Fry for pierogis.

You may have also seen them at last year's St. Pius Field Day, where both Dave and Valerie volunteered all day to show appreciation to our dedicated teachers and students. They gave out prizes and manned supervised a few of the games for students. The O'Brien council is thankful for all the Kudla family has done for the Church and the school, and happy to name them as Family of the Month!

Co-Editor, Robert Park





1. Corpus Christi - 6/11
  - a. Color Corp will be there for procession.
  - b. We are also looking for 4 knights to help carry the canopy.
  - c. We will use the same route as last year.
2. Southgate Heritage Day Parade - 6/17
  - a. Color Corp will be there.
  - b. The route is one mile. You can just show up and march. You can ride in a car if you cannot walk.
3. Father's Day - 6/18
  - a. Deacon Chuck is scheduled to preach so he can work in the announcement.
  - b. Maybe we offer Fathers \$10 off the golf outing if they sign up that day with their email and phone number.
4. Wyandotte Independence Day Parade - 7/4
  - a. The Color Corp will be marching. We can march as a council as well. There will be hot dogs and drinks at the Wyandotte Council afterwards.
5. Officer's Installation - 7/20 starting at 7pm
  - a. We are going to do it at the Wyandotte council with dinner after
  - b. The entire council and wives will be invited.
6. Golf Outing - 8/5
  - a. We already have 7 sponsors.
  - b. We need players so we should begin marketing it.
  - c. We should invite the people who played last year.
7. St. Pius Festival - 9/22-9/24
  - a. We will be doing the dime toss and hot dog stand again.
  - b. They have also asked us to do coffee.
  - c. We could also maybe sell reubens.
  - d. Brian Batko suggested checking with the festival chairperson about maybe getting a Christian band to play on Sunday before the festival starts.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:00pm**

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall)  
Pius X Catholic Church Social Hall, 14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195,

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Feast Day of Corpus Christi

**Friday, June 16 - Sunday, June 18, 2023**

Market Center Park, Southgate Market Place, Eureka Rd, Southgate, MI 48195

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

Happy Father's Day

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

3:00pm

Help is needed for St Pius School Rummage Sale

St Pius Catholic School, 14141 Pearl St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA ([map](#))

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

Michigan Knights of Columbus Fraternal Night (Tigers vs Twins)

Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

**Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 11:00 am. - 12:45 pm.**

District 105 Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Pius X Catholic Church, 14101 Superior St & Longtin St. Southgate, MI 48195

- Contact DD/FS Ray Bilyk at [dd105@mikofc.org](mailto:dd105@mikofc.org) or [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org) .
  - Councils will need to bring a New Member Kit for every prospective member.
- our family and friends are welcome and encouraged to observe the ceremony.  
We look forward to you becoming a third-degree Knight of Columbus!

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00pm - 8:00 pm.**

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting (In person and virtual)

**Fraternal Benefit Night: "Importance of Whole Life as part of Retirement Plan"**

**Register at:** <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerJune27>

Join us for an informative webinar as the Knights of Columbus hosts "Importance of Whole Life as part of Retirement Plan," featuring Jim Effner.

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 7:00 pm.**

**Bernard P. O'Brien Council Officer's Planning Meeting**

Robert Jones Council 3078 Knights of Columbus, 3528 Fort St, Lincoln Park, MI 48146,

Meeting will be in lower Conference Room

**Tuesday, July 4**

Independence Day



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.**

## **YEARS OF SERVICE**

Cheers to following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership in April:

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|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| • Sean A. Roland         | (June 2)  | 13 Years of Service |
| • Bryan J. Hughes        | (June 14) | 13 Years of Service |
| • Anthony P. Dault       | (June 10) | 10 Years of Service |
| • Richard J. Kinzler     | (June 8)  | 8 Years of Service  |
| • Bruce J. Kresslein     | (June 8)  | 8 Years of Service  |
| • Anthony J. Chirco      | (June 21) | 6 Years of Service  |
| • William P. Robert      | (June 21) | 6 Years of Service  |
| • Robert D. Schooner     | (June 21) | 6 Years of Service  |
| • Mark Garcellano        | (June 21) | 6 Years of Service  |
| • Mark A. Farrah         | (June 13) | 5 Years of Service  |
| • John M. Lazere Jr.     | (June 24) | 5 Years of Service  |
| • Mitchell E. Garcellano | (June 18) | 3 Year of Service   |
| • David M. Kudla         | (June 20) | 2 Year of Service   |
| • Thomas E. Monteleon    | (June 1)  | 2 Years of Service  |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- Kurt N. Enders (June 5)
- Joe Hernandez Sr. (June 6)
- Walter F. Kabalka (June 10)
- Lawrence J. Rossi (June 14)
- John A. Husar (June 18)
- Scott A. Corso (June 29)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE WIVES

- Caru Kresslein (Bruce's Wife) (June 10)
- Kim Heasley (Brian's Wife) (June 26)



Grand Knight Bill Robert and Linda as they celebrated their...  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Tony and Angela Chirco are celebrating their 34th Wedding Anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Brian and Kim Heasley celebrate their 12<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

*If there are any wedding anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries you would like to share, please send them to Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at [raybilyk@kofc3956.org](mailto:raybilyk@kofc3956.org)*





**IN OUR PRAYERS: Please pray for healing for our brother knights, their family and friends:**

Robert LaForest

Liz and Larry Ridenour

Deacon Bob

Manuel's Family

Bob Derosé

Brian Batko

Kerry Ann Stewart

Bill and Linda Robert

Valarie Husar

Joe Hernandez and his brother Roger

Mike Genaw

Mel Jacobs

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**

My life changed forever in an exam room in Royal Oak a little over three years ago. There was a pulsing heartbeat in the grainy mass of an ultrasound. I'd seen still ultrasound photos taped to the refrigerators of family members and friends who were expecting. The early ultrasounds always looked like blurry black and white blobs to me. Even in something the size of a grape that day, the heartbeat was undeniable.

Most of our Brother Knights are Fathers. To paraphrase our wise District Deputy, "Faith first, then Family, career, and then the Knights." Our duty to our family is second only to God. As fathers we have to protect and provide for our families. We have to make sure they are physically and mentally healthy. Their spiritual health is the most important thing that we have to maintain. When our children see the father in the family actively involved in their faith life, their odds of staying close to the Church as they age go up dramatically. It will help them sustain their relationship with Christ through the difficult years of adolescence and young adulthood when people most often become disenfranchised with their faith traditions.

My close friends in the Knights have taught me a lot about fatherhood. As much as you can, they've warned me of the difficult times ahead. They've taught me to treasure the time spent with little ones, because it's fleeting. Too soon, they are in school, then off with friends, and then get married and starting families of their own. If we're lucky, the examples we've set as husbands and fathers will take hold. It's a tough job too, but there's nothing I'd rather do. Happy Fathers Day to all the men out there doing it the right way!

Robert Park, Co-Editor

The Bernard P. O'Brien Council of the Knights of Columbus

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O dear Jesus,  
I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family.  
May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.  
I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us,  
absent and present, living and dead.

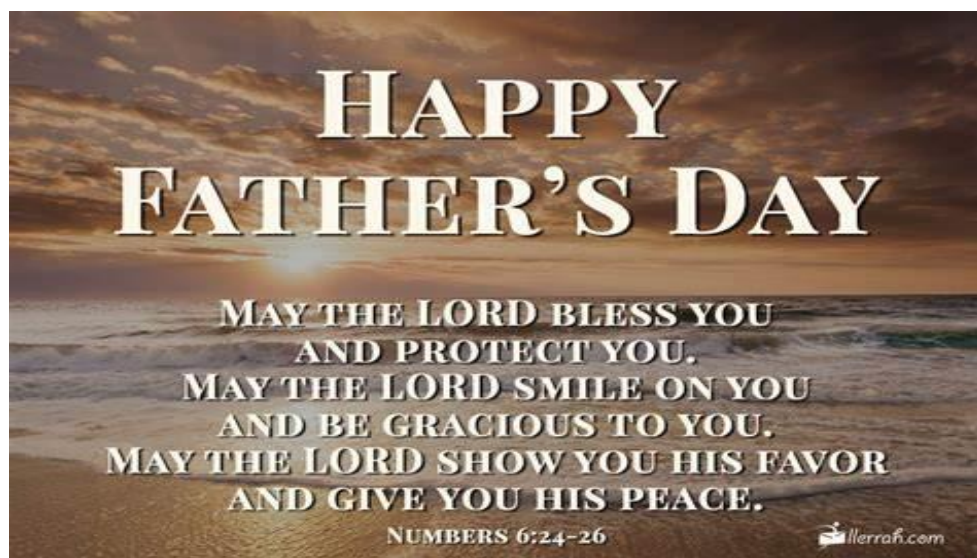
O Mary,  
loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family,  
for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn,  
the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph,  
holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.  
Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at  
the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you,  
heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus

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



**HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED FATHER'S DAY**