

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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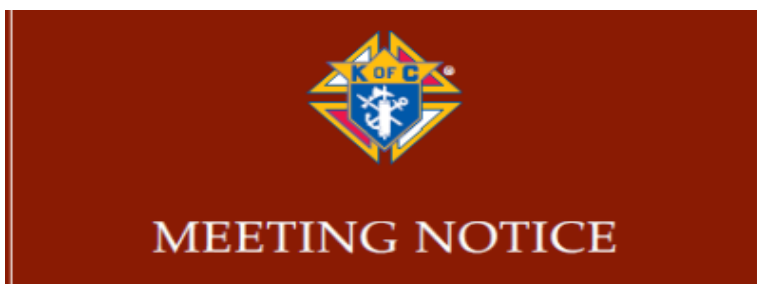
The O'Brien Knights of Columbus joined other local councils in a joint installation at Wynadotte council. Officers that attended are from left to right: Treasurer Steven Pochini, PGK and Advocate Bill Robert, Inside Guard Joe Hernandez, Sr., District Deputy Ray Bilyk, Recorder Sean Roland, Trustee Brian Batko, Grand Knight Mark Garcellano, Trustee Tom Monteleon, and Deputy Grand Knight David Kudla.

These gentlemen have enthusiastically volunteered their time to continue the great mission of our council as they meet the needs of our parish community at St. Pius. Please give them your support throughout the coming year with your time, energy and resources.



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2023, MEMBERSHIP MEETING

K of C Council 3956 Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall) Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. First meeting under the new board!



This is our last meeting before our upcoming Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament and Lunch. We will be discussing a final push for hole sponsors, strengthening our volunteer pool, adding to the total number of players, and solidifying final preparations.



Other important agenda items include: Our upcoming agenda includes:

Downriver K of C Picnic on Saturday, August 26 at Centennial Park, Grosse Isle. We encourage all families to attend. A great time is assured.

St. Pius X Festival beginning Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. This year, we will be sponsoring not just the Dime Toss (Ray Bilyk is Chair) and Hot Dog Stand (Mark Garcellano is Chair), we will be attending to distributing coffee and possibly Rueben sandwiches.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Special Guest- Seminarian Lizandro Barba (RSVP).

We will be looking ahead to fall with our Donut and Coffee Sundays (Chair Ray Bilyk) and Charity Family Breakfast (Chair Chuck DeGroat).

Please make time to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



**Knights of Columbus Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956
Presents**

3rd Annual Anthony "Tony" Cerezo Memorial Golf Outing and Luncheon

Saturday, August 5, 2023, rain or shine

At Southwinds Executive Golf Course, 14600 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI 48195

Registration at 7:00 AM. Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM

**Noon Lunch and Awards Presentation at St. Pius X Social Hall, 14101 Superior
Southgate, MI**

Golf and Lunch: \$70

Lunch only: \$20

Hole Sponsorship: \$100

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus 3956 K of C

Mail Checks to: 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



LET'S HAVE ANOTHER SWING AT GOLF FOR CHARITY!

Here we go again. This time, there are so many reasons to get out there and have a great day among friends to raise money for special needs.

**IT'S THE THIRD ANNUAL TONY CEREZO MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING
SPONSORED BY YOUR O'BRIEN COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Tournament and Contest

1. 4-person scramble (best ball)
2. Vegas hole (Blackjack)
3. Longest drive hole 18th- (driver)
4. Straightest drive hole 1st- (driver)
5. Closest to the pin holes 2nd, 15th (2)- (putters)
6. 50/50 Raffle (\$2 each, \$5 for three tickets, \$10 for six tickets, \$20 for 13 tickets)
7. Tournament winner- K of C tournament champion trophy
8. Highest Score winner- Gag Gift

Volunteers Needed!

1. Golf Outing Chair- Mark Garcellano
 2. Golf Sponsor Chair- Robert Schooner
- Raffle Sales - NEED VOLUNTEER
Blackjack Dealer for Vegas Hole (10th hole)
BBQ Cooks
Lunch and Beverage Servers
Set up and clean up.

Please use Signup Genius at <https://www.kofc3956.org/golfouting>.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the St. Pius X Usher room. You do not have to be a Knight to volunteer. **All are welcome!**

Start Up

1. Golf carts, total 26 carts, first 52 players can ride, more than 52 will walk
2. Check-in bag containing: granola bar/sleeve of balls/tees • K of C logo stickers for check-in bag donated by Paragraphix, tees donated by Fully Promoted, Golf accessories bag donated by Chirco Construction Company, Golf Program volunteered to be developed by Tony Chirco
3. Breakfast bag containing: Burrito, Juice, Apple, Napkin (Coffee available?)
4. Beverage cart will be available on the course

Lunch

1. Immediately following the tournament at St. Pius Social Hall.
2. Menu Suggested: Picnic food- burgers, chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, salad, vegetable, assorted chips and snacks, pop, water, beer, condiments
3. May Need Grills and grillers.

Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors, and golfers for supporting this year's tournament.



17th Annual Downriver Knights Family Picnic!

ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR
FAMILY INVITED!

Saturday August 26, 2023

11am - 4pm

Centennial Farm Park

(On beautiful Grosse Ile)

25797 3rd St, Grosse Ile

(1 block south of Grosse Ile Parkway,
1/4 mile west of East River Rd)

\$5.00

feeds the whole
family...
such a deal!!

Same price for 17
years in a row!
(Not counting the
Covid year)



Menu

...Broasted Chicken Hamburgers Hotdogs
Cole slaw Baked Beans Corn on the Cob Potato Salad Chips
Cookies Fruit Pop Water & Craft Beer (beer for \$5 donation)

Games for all! Maybe you'll Win a flat screen TV,
Kuerig, or other raffle prize! Or maybe not!

For More Info: FA Tom Jackson at: thomas.F.Jackson@kofc.org

PGK/FDD Jeff Dombrowski at: j.dombrowski@mikofc.org

or... contact your Grand Knight!



ADDRESS FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My brother Knights,

As we begin our new fraternal year, I would like to highlight some of our major events for August and September.

The first event is the Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Southwinds Golf Course in Southgate on Saturday, August 5, 2023, rain or shine. After the tournament, lunch will be held at the St. Pius Social Hall. Winners of the tournament get an individual trophy as well as their names engraved on the Tony Cerezo Cup on display in K of C trophy cabinet.

Please consider joining the tournament as a player or volunteer. Council members will receive a discount of \$40 to play and volunteers will receive lunch. Proceeds from the golf tournament will support a local charity.

The second event is the Parish Festival scheduled for Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. The Knights will be staffing two booths. The first is our famous dime toss booth in the game tent. The second is the cheap eats booth. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, water, pop, and coffee. In addition, we are planning to sell our Reuban sandwiches for the first time. Please consider volunteering at either booth. Proceeds from the booths support the parish and school.

Lastly, please consider helping out our membership director and talk to prospective Catholic men one on one to see if there is interest in joining our council. Begin by introducing yourself. As you see the prospect over time greet him and get to know him better. As you get to know him, invite him to an event. This may lead to him joining us or at the very least making a new friend. I call this the soft sell approach.

In conclusion, I thank all the Knights and their families in advance for your support in volunteering for these events.

The volunteers are our council's resource. Without you, we could not conduct and the planned events.

Vivat Jesus!

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Welcome to a new fraternal year! To encourage a fast start and get membership off to a great start for the 2023-24 fraternal year, the Michigan State Council is offering councils the following incentives:

- Every new e-member added to your Council's Prospect Tab earns your council:
 - \$15 if added in August.
 - \$10 if added in September.
- Every new Council member added to your Council's Roster earns your Council:
 - \$15 if added in August.
 - \$10 if added in September.

Award amounts will be communicated to your Council by the 15th of the following month. Checks will be cut and sent to your Council in October for all Q3 2023.

Does your Council have recruiting drives scheduled? Do you have monthly Exemplifications scheduled?

This is a great opportunity to not only bring members in your Council (and back to the Catholic Church), but it's a great way to earn some cash!!!

Don't delay until the fall... Ask someone to join TODAY!

<https://www.kofc.org/joinus> - Give them the AGENT REFERRAL CODE of TJACKSON for FREE eMembership and do not forget to give them your PREFERRED LOCAL COUNCIL (13475) and your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (found on your membership card) for the MEMBER REFERRAL NUMBER!!!

P.S. - I was also elected as Faithful Navigator of Msgr Van Antwerp 4th Degree Assembly 475! I would be remised if I did not ask you all to join us in the 4th Degree! Our assembly is encouraging new and current members to join our Honor Guard with the following deal: If you purchase your Honor Guard uniform package from <https://www.kofcuniform.com/home/> and give us your receipt, we will pay you HALF of the cost (up to \$225.00) to encourage you to join the Honor Guard!

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023, at St. Isidore, 18201 23 Mile Rd, Macomb, MI 48042. Registration will start at 9am. Contact me for more details or to sign up to join us!

Let us welcome our newest Brother Knights to Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956:

Fred J Tortonesi

Mike Camilleri

Joe Chlebek

God Bless!

District Deputy Ray Bilyk - DD105@mikofc.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

**District 105 has earned the
2022-2023 Star District Award!**

Worthy District Deputy Bilyk,

Congratulations!

District 105 has earned the 2022-2023 Star District Award, recognizing achievements in membership growth, insurance promotion and overall operational excellence.

The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize your hard work and extraordinary leadership.

Your Star District Award plaque will be shipped to your State Deputy for presentation. Production and delivery of awards is currently estimated at 12-14 weeks.

There is still much to be done and we need your district to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The new 2023-2024 Star District requirements, which can be found at KofC.Org/Star, will help guide your district to excellence in the year to come.

Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

John Moulder

Director of Ceremonials and Council Experience
Knights of Columbus
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New Haven, CT 06510



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Ah, the dog days of summer. For many of us it is a time to kick back and relax and enjoy the warmth and sunshine that comes with the season and coincides with the rising of the “dog star,” Sirius, from which the saying was derived.

Many families take vacations to distant lands or remote destinations to get a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. We often work hard all year, saving that precious time to take a much-needed breather. It is well deserved and no one should begrudge anyone the break; yet relaxing should not lead to idleness or complacency about the faith.

St. Gregory of Nyssa warns, “Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore, the brethren ought to be employed in manual labor at certain times, at others, in devout reading.” In other words, though many of us will be on vacation over the last of the summer months, we should not be on vacation with the Lord.

It is very tempting to skip Church, not read Scripture or even pray while away from home, but there is a danger in such laxness. I think Thomas Brooks, put it best when he said:

“By doing nothing men learn to do evil things. It is easy slipping out of an idle life into an evil and wicked life. Yes, an idle life is of itself evil, for man was made to be active, not to be idle. Idleness is a mother-sin, a breeding sin; it is the devil’s cushion - on which he sits; and the devil’s anvil - on which he frames very great and very many sins.”

So let us take the Lord with us wherever we go. Let us do the leg work to find a Mass and Church while out of town so we continue to practice our faith. Let us read our Scripture by lamp or fire light if necessary. Let us never forget to pray; especially when we commune with nature and enjoy God’s wondrous creation. Remembering, “The soul of the lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be rich.” (Pv 13:4)

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck

THOUGHTS FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVID KUDLA



The K of C INVADES MACKINAC ISLAND

Well, there we were at the yearly K of C convention at Mackinac Island. There must have been close to a thousand Knights, spouses, priests and bishops. They came from all over the state. Our own Father Suresh was one of the religious people who gathered with us. The masses were all extremely well attended each day.

At the caucus meetings, awards were given out to the various councils. Our #3956 O'Brien council was one of many who received an award. Our district deputy and financial secretary Ray Bilyk accepted the award for our council. Grand Knight Mark Garcellano was also there marching with the Color Gard. The Thursday outdoor Living Rosary was attended by many people.

I got to learn a lot about the K of C and many of the charitable works that we perform. I talked to a member from Escanaba Michigan, he is a real Yooper. It was really neat meeting all those people from different parts of Michigan. All of us had one thing in common, the Knights of Columbus.

Listening to other councils talk about their fundraisers planned for the year: breakfasts, coat drives, dinners, fundays at the school. We learned that these same ideas and challenges happen at all the other councils in the state.

Our Supreme Knight gave us a visual presentation and sent his own representative to Mackinac Island to share his thoughts and feelings about the K of C.

For me it was a nice experience, and my wife Valerie had a good time. That was all I had to report about from the State Convention, Valerie says it is time to go to the Fudge shop!

Respectfully,

Deputy Grand Knight Dave Kudla

Bernard O'Brien Council 3956



MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED?

Have you ever noticed how you feel just after you tackled a big project and are happy with the results? I know first-hand because I did just that today. The thought of accomplishing a project is similar to helping someone that needs help! It is really our mission as a Knight to reach out and assist those in need. Whether it is a Donut Sunday, Family Breakfast, or Tootsie roll drive your fellow Knights are working to help those that are less fortunate.

The Knights support the developmentally challenged, pregnancy centers and right to life activities. Of course, there are many other charities we support that I have not listed. Charities are just one of the functions of the Knights. Let us not forget that we are a Catholic organization in support of our Church and Faith.

We have and continue to assist Father Suresh in our Church (lighting, the sound system, kneelers in church, and the electronic sign in front of Church. We support the school in the free throw contest, soccer challenge spelling bee contest and Keep Christ in Christmas essay. I know it sounds a lot, but it is a tremendous accomplishment that our Grand Knight has led us to be part of the Church and School this past year. Being a member, I look back on the past year and feel we have really accomplished a great amount. And yes, I am happy with our accomplishments!



Upcoming Events:

Next Event this fall -fourth degree has asked to hold the Memorial mass along with the O'Brien council's fourth degree mass- normally happens September/October.

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

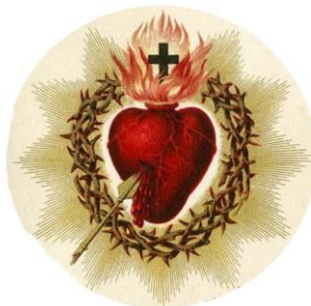


MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE AND COR DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

COR Program (COR is Latin for Heart)

Spiritual Formation for the Men of St. Pius X, Council #3956 and surrounding neighborhoods.

Goal will be to strengthen our Catholic and Christian faith. Looking to meet twice a month starting in mid-September.
More details to follow.



Steins and Shrines Bus Trip

In the planning stages for **Saturday October 7th** a trip to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH and a stop at Patron Saints Brewery. Cost \$25 (covers the bus trip).

Itinerary: (subject to change) 8:00 am Bus leaves St Pius X (boarding begins at 7:30)

10:00 am Arrive in Carey, OH (visit gift shop and/or the shrine)

11:00 am Mass (feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

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1:00 pm Bus leaves to Patron Saints Brewery in Toledo

3:00 pm Arrive at Patron Saints - Food Truck, Beer, Pop and Water available for purchase.

4:30 pm Bus leaves for St Pius X

5:30 pm Arrive at St. Pius X

Thanks,
Brian

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AUGUST KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: DENNIS HAMILTON

Our pick for Knight of the Month is Dennis Hamilton. He has been a Brother Knight going on 50 Years! He was a Columbian Squire, (we are finding more and more of these people). At the Knights of Columbus, he really enjoys the unity and Christian brotherhood.

For the past 14 years, Dennis has been in charge of our St. Pius Food Pantry. With the help of a few others, he organizes weekly pickups and deliveries. Their big day each week is Wednesday.

Dennis has been married to Debbie for 47 years. They have one daughter and one granddaughter. Dennis grew up here at St. Pius and went to our grade school. Dennis is a retired special agent for the U. S. government. Dennis mentioned his father was one of the original St. Pius ushers. He celebrated his 50th anniversary as an usher here at St. Pius in May.

Dennis really likes the camaraderie and wishes more people would join. He is also the President of the Ushers Club. He loves serving the church and our pastor Fr. Suresh. Dennis also belongs to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and had a stint on our parish council.

Thank you, Dennis, for everything that you do. All of us at St. Pius are very grateful. On a personal note; It is a privilege and honor to work beside you as an usher.

AUGUST FAMILY OF THE MONTH: THE LaFOREST FAMILY

Bob and Margaret LaForest are our Family of the Month for August. They have three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Bob and Margaret have been married 54 years. Together with their son Scott and daughter in law Juanita have chaired our St. Pius Festival for five years. Scott is a Deacon at St. Alfred's parish in Taylor, Michigan.

Bob is a Knight of Columbus member and Grand Knight for nine years. To my joy, I discovered he (like so many) read our council's monthly newsletter. Margaret is a Rosary Archconfraternity member and was a helpful hand at our Charity Family Breakfast events. They have both been St. Pius parishioners for 25 years.

On several occasions, I have had the opportunity to sit beside Bob at our meetings. I gained a lot of insight into the Knights of Columbus, thanks to Bob. They are very much involved with their family. So much so, that they have joined Our Lady of the Woods parish to be closer to their daughter.

Thank you both so much for all that you have done for our Knights of Columbus council and our St. Pius X community.



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

For those that have not renewed your membership, there is still time and opportunity to do so. [Pay Dues or Make a Donation - Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956 \(kofc3956.org\)](#) You can also Please contact me directly at DD105@mikofc.org

As we enter into the Fraternal Year, our O'Brien Council is financially sound, we are however in need of your time and talent. Please consider "spending" more time with your brother knights and the mission we so proudly embrace.



FINISHING UP "FISHING" CHRONICLE FROM CHANCELLOR RICHARD "DICK" GREGIORE Third of Three-part narrative of Dick's Fishing story (Enjoy) ...

Going back, going forward. Jesus has been raised from the dead. He has already appeared to his Apostles in the upper room. Then vanished from their sight. Not sure of anything about what to do next or where do we go from here? What does Peter do? Seems right--- Says "I'm going fishing". His buddies, you know who they are, say , hey we are coming too! You know how fishing can go they were out all night and "nothing".

It's the break of dawn and they see this guy on the shore with a little fire going don't know who it is or what He's doing and the guy yells Hey young men "got any fish" they say no we got nothing, then the guy tells them to throw the net over the right side and they will find fish. Yeah, whatever so they cast their nets and were unable to bring it up for the great number of fish. John Knows who it is now! He yells "It's the Lord".

Now Peter realizes it is Jesus , Yeah, he dives in, he can't get there fast enough. So here's Jesus, got a little fire going with a fish on it, suppose He caught it? and some bread. Jesus told them to bring some of those fish they caught and have some breakfast. I do not know why but this time the net didn't tear. The Apostles went back to what they always did, what they knew how to do, for a while. Jesus met with them again, the Risen Lord, with his dear friends, on the seashore, to spend time with them, share a meal with them.

There is something about the seashore and about fishing and about having and having a good time with family and friends. So, to me, it is really not always about necessarily catching fish but about spending time with God, if it is just you, to admire His wonderful creation on the water, and with friends to confide. Cannot worry about catching fish cause if you need to ,the Good Lord will take care of it!

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

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 are 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 the 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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DD Ray Bilyk (313) 247-2110

RayBilyk@kofc3956.org





Thank you to Grand Knight Mark Garcellano for sharing.

The Archdiocesan Summer Meeting was Wednesday, July 12th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

The Quad District Meeting was Monday, July 17th at Wyandotte Council.

The sold-out Downriver Boat Trip on Tuesday, July 18 was again a great time for all that attended. Sorry for those that missed out. Next year, plan early and join us.

The joint council's Officer's Installation took place at Wyandotte K of C on Thursday, July 20th. Quoting District Deputy Ray Bilyk, it was the earlier all district councils we installed on his watch.

St. Pius participated once again at the Exemplification on Monday, July 24th.

Join us as a player or volunteer at the Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 5th. We are encouraging more Sponsors.

Do not miss the Downriver K of C Picnic on Saturday, August 26th Centennial Park, Grosse Isle. The charge per car is once again only \$5.00. Best bargain for a great event and a fun time.

The return of a Weekend Three Day St. Pius Parish Festival begins on Friday, September 22 and goes through Sunday, September 24th. Remember to volunteer for Dime Toss Booth, Hot Dog Stand, Coffee Concession and possibly selling Reubens.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29-30, 2023: Fifth Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X

July 30, 2023: Preparing and Serving Breakfast for Council 3078, St Andre Bessette Church

August 1-3, 2023: Supreme Council Convention, Orlando, Florida

August 2, 2023: O'Brien Council Business Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall Meeting

August 5, 2023: Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament, Southwinds Golf Course.
St. Pius X Social Hall Luncheon to follow.

August 6, 2023: Feast Day of The Transformation

August 11-13, 2023 - State Camporee, Morley, MI

August 12, 2023 - Blessed Michael McGivney's Birthday

August 13, 2023 - Blessed Michael McGivney's Feast Day

August 21, 2023: Feast Day of St. Pius X

August 21, 2023 District 105 Exemplification of CUF, St. Pius X Church

August 26, 2023 Downriver K of C Family Picnic, Centennial Park, Grosse Ile

August 27, 2023 FYI - We Are One Committee Golf Outing, Timberwood Golf Course

August 30, 2023 Officer's Planning Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall Meeting

September 2023 - Council and District 105 Soccer Championship, Fr McCabe Field

September 6, 2023 O'Brien Council Business Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall Meeting

September 17, 2023 Donut Sunday, St. Pius X Social Hall Fundraiser

September 17, 2023 Soccer Challenge, Fr. Bob McCabe Field Faith

September 18, 2023 District 105 Exemplification of CUF, St. Pius X Church Exemplification

September 22-24, 2023 St. Pius X Festival (Dime Toss, Hot Dog Stand)

September 24, 2023 FYI - Michigan K of C Lions Day State Event

September 27, 2023 Officer's Planning Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Henry A. Ibarra (August 4)
- John F. McFadden Jr. (August 5)
- Frank A. Allevato (August 10)
- Dennis J. Levko (August 11)
- Steven R. Crandall (August 13)
- Bruce J. Kresslein (August 25)
- William P. Robert (PGK) (August 25)
- Mr. Jacob Harpenau (August 26)
- Craig McKinney (August 26)
- John M. Lazere Jr. (August 27)
- Dr. Stephen A. Gall (August 28)



BLESSINGS TO OUR WIVES CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

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



- Elizabeth Ridenour (August 6) Wife of Larry C. Ridenour
- Francess Unogu (August 7) Wife of Dr. Okechukwu Unogu
- Barb DeGroat (August 21) Wife of Chuck DeGroat
- Debra Hamilton (August 23) Wife of Dennis J. Hamilton



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 August

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| • George E. Kotronis | (August 8) | 28 Years of Service |
| • Gerald L Gonyea | (August 3) | 10 Years of Service |
| • Robert C. Munroe | (August 12) | 8 Years of Service |
| • Alexander W. Brown | (August 26) | 4 Years of Service |



James and Betty Guyette are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 11th.
Joey and Catie Chirco are celebrating their 3rd Wedding Anniversary on August 15th.
Harold and JoAnn Paddock are celebrating their 61st Wedding Anniversary on August 25th.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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



- Robert LaForest,
- Joe and Roger Hernandez
- Liz and Larry Ridenour
- Deacon Bob
- Manuel's Family
- Bob Derosé
- Teri Ann Stewart
- Bill and Linda Robert
- Valarie Hussar
- Mike Genaw
- Mel Jacobs
- Barb DeGroat

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.



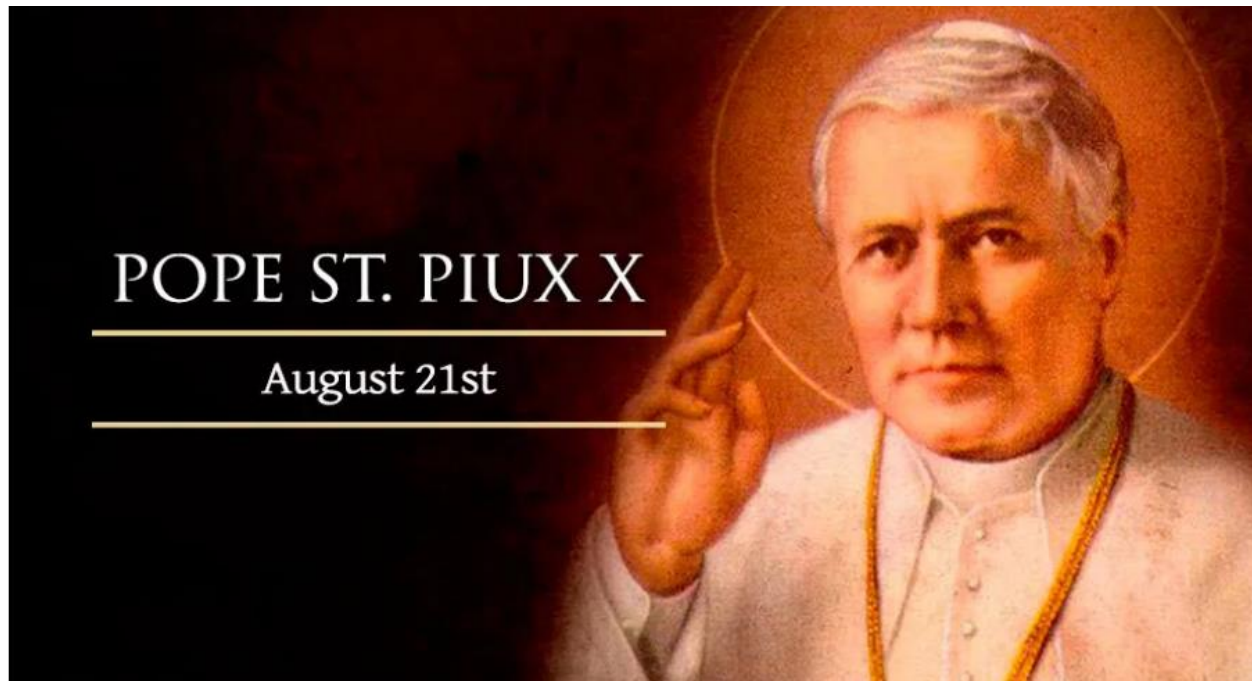
REFLECTION

At our July 20th officer's installation, I was pleasantly surprised at the number of children and couples who attended. I brought my two-year old daughter and found she was not the only child in attendance. She was not the youngest or the oldest. There was a family from another council with a few boys, as well as our worthy-deputy District Deputy's son and daughter.

Our District Deputy Ray Bilyk pointed out that it was a hopeful sign that children attend functions such as officer installations and exemplifications. It means that the Knights have new blood in an organization that has an aging demographic. Ray has been bringing his daughter to council events and meetings since she was a child. She is now in college. He said she was always welcome, and accommodations have always been made for her.

Children can be a good excuse to avoid doing a lot of things you do not want to do. They work on their own schedule, and often there are activities and events to take them to. I am not insensitive to disruptions to feeding and bedtime schedules, or scheduled events such as baseball games or dance recitals. I have always felt that my brother Knights are welcoming to having kids at any event we host. Most Knights have older children and have been in the shoes of someone trying to balance their family with their desire to help out. I would challenge the new and young fathers to start bringing their kids to the events we host. You will find that most of the time it's not as much of a hassle as you imagined. You will often get a solid piece of advice about someone who's been in your shoes, and most importantly you'll be setting a good example of what a Catholic man does to serve the Church.

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Pope Pius X, born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was the first Pope elected in the 20th century. He came to the papal office in 1903 and died 11 years later in 1914, just as World War I was beginning.

He was born in 1835 at Riese, near Venice, and was one of eight children. His family was poor. He felt a calling to be a priest at a young age and was ordained in 1858. After 26 years, he was named bishop of Mantua, Italy, and in 1893, he became patriarch of Venice.

As Pope, he issued decrees making the age of First Holy Communion earlier (at the age of 7) and advocated frequent and even daily reception of the Eucharist. He promoted the reading of the Bible among laypeople, reformed the liturgy, promoted clear and simple homilies, and brought back Gregorian chant. He revised the Breviary, reorganized the curia, and initiated the codification of canon law.

He died in 1914 of natural causes reportedly aggravated by worries over the beginning of World War I.

Pope Pius X was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

Learn more about St. Pius at:

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Pius-X>

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Catholic Prayers: Prayer to Saint Joseph by Pope Pius X



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O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in amends of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O Patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen.

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