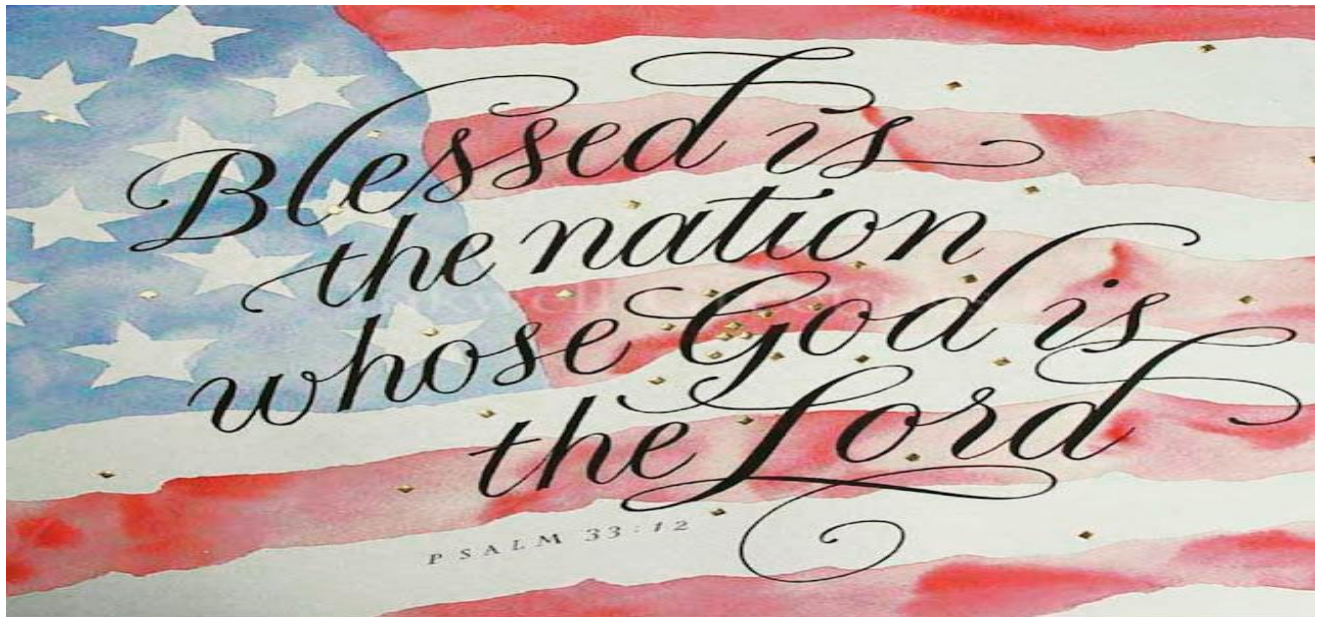


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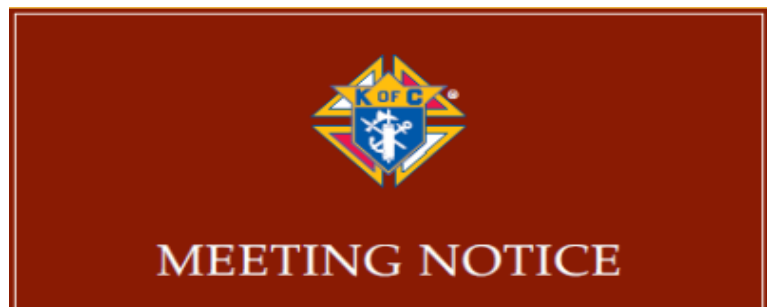


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UNDER GOD IS AKNOWLEDGED" - RONALD REAGAN***



WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 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!



On the agenda will be our upcoming Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf and Lunch Event, the River Cruise, Picnic and Festival. Please make the time to attend. Bring a friend!



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.



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HOLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please note on check: Hole Sponsor

NAME: _____

NAME ON SIGN: _____

COMMENTS: _____

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 3 tickets, \$10 for 6 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.



**STATE OF THE COUNCIL
FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO**

My Brother Knights. Our Council will be establishing a monthly COR meeting “meant to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity.”

Our council coordinate and host a lot of events in comparison with other K of C councils three times our size. All these events serve not only as supporting the Parish but to support our brotherhood as well in our effort to expand the fraternity membership. I would like events that Catholic men want to attend which may lead these men into joining our fraternity.

I thank you for your support and confidence in me to lead the Bernard P. O’Brien Council this Fraternal year (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024). I offer my congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected officers as well.

The following are the elected officers of the Bernard P. O’Brien Council:

Grand Knight- Mark Garcellano

Deputy Grand Knight- David Kudla

Financial Secretary- Ray Bilyk, PGK

Chancellor- Richard Gregiore

Recorder- Sean Roland

Treasurer- Steven Pochini (New Position)

Advocate- William Robert, PGK

Warden- Larry Rossi

Inside Guard- Joe Hernandez, Sr

Outside Guard- Ryan Daw

First Year Trustee- Brian Batko

Second Year Trustee- Franz Albright

Third Year Trustee- Thomas Monteleon

**STATE OF THE COUNCIL
FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO
(Continued)**

Last year, I established following initiatives for the Council:

1. Continued and strengthening of support of the St. Pius X church and Father Suresh and Deacon Chuck.
2. Continued commitment of our council's support of St. Pius X School and Principal Kathleen England.
3. Expansion of our fraternity by means of religious events, charity events, recognition events, and social events.

I believe we accomplished all three of those points with multiple events.

Examples for point 1 are: funding the improved sound system as well as the council being a major contributor to the new light bulbs.

Examples for point 2 are: donating 2 \$500 scholarships for needy students at St. Pius X School and conducting the SPX Field Day.

Examples of point 3 are: breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Shroud of Turin Lecture (new events this past fraternal year).

I plan on continuing the 3 initiatives established last fraternal year as well as to add a 4th initiative this year which is:

4. Expansion of our Catholic Faith.

The list of events clearly shows our council is an active fraternity.

In conclusion, I thank all the Knights and their families in advance for your support in volunteering for these events. *Volunteers are our major resource.* Without you, we could not conduct and support the planned events. I look forward to working with all of you again in this upcoming fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK
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SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM

My brother Knights, most of you will read this article after we've celebrated Independence Day. Our celebrations, parades, fireworks, barbeques, and family gatherings will all be behind us. So too, our thoughts of what we just commemorated.

One thing that remains ever visible is our standard, Old Glory, the red, white, and blue; symbol of our freedom but so much more. If we stop to gaze upon it hoisted high on the pole it should bring to mind the price that was paid to keep it flying.



Freedom exists because of sacrifice that ensures the prosperity of others. When we here, "O! say can you see by the dawns early light" we automatically think of our National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, written by Francis Scott Key. A sense of pride enters in, but we often forget the reason the words were able to be written is because of the sacrifices made by those who fought at Fort McHenry in 1814.

Let us not forget on this holiday, the ultimate sacrifice for humanity; our Blessed Lord who was also lifted up. When we gaze upon the Cross, let us realize our Lord's image is the underlying reason behind the standard "so proudly we hail" and the motivation for the Formers of our Constitution who wrote, **"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."**

It is God's merciful act of sacrificial love that enables us to sing, "O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand, between their loved home and the war's desolation, Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven rescued land, Praise the Power that made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto—"In God is our Trust."

As Knights we continue to hold high both standards, the Cross and the US Flag. As we continue our fight against oppression and sin, though others may fall around us, we realize sacrifice is part of the glory.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Thank you to our volunteers who participated in the Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11th 2023. Father Suresh and Deacon Chuck led the procession from the church into and around parish grounds.

District 105 Exemplification was held at St. Pius church on Sunday, June 15th after the 11:00 am mass followed by lunch after the ceremony. Thank you to State, District officers and to volunteers from our local council who participated.

The Wyandotte Independence Day Parade is July 4, 2023. 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 afterward.

Knights on The River Boat Trip is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, from 7:00 to 9:15 pm. Remaining tickets will be available for purchase at our General Business meeting on July 5, 2023. Those of us that have taken the cruise in years past highly recommend joining us.

Our O'Brien Council Officer's Installation is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm. We are going to be going to the K of C council in Wyandotte located at 3530 Biddle Avenue. This year we are inviting all members and their wives to attend, which will include dinner to follow. All activities will conclude by 10:00 pm.

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
Cell/Text: 313-247-2110 - DD105@mikofc.org

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



YMCA DRAGWAY

Many people use the YMCA in Southgate on Northline Road. Many St. Pius faces can be seen there as well. I started using their walking/jogging track at my wife's urging. I really enjoy it and hopefully it will lead to many benefits for me. I mentioned this to a couple of fellow K of C members and they said that they need to go there too. In the wintertime, it's a great place to be.

If you like exercising machines, lifting weights, swimming, Zumba, walking around on the inside, this is for you. There are groups known as the Silver Sneakers and Pickleball are also there.

My wife told me if you walk around the track ten times it equals one mile. I'm half way there at 5 times. Each week I try to add one lap.

At the Corpus Christi Sunday Mass, I prepared myself and successfully walked around the church grounds. My fellow K of C Colleague Joe Hernandez and I had a private wager about completing this walk. I told him I would leave him in a trail of smoke. Whether you can walk by yourself, need assistance, or use a cane. Come and join us. If you find two old Knights of Columbus lying on the sidewalk, don't be afraid to help us up!

The K of C is not a race, it's a place where men come together for the common good of our parish. Come give us a try.



MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT and ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

HOW IS YOUR LIFE?

I know this appears to be a strange question, but if you think for a few minutes, where are you on your life's journey? Starting your working career? Midlife raising children and working toward the future? Or retired, enjoying life with all the health problems that come with age?

We all fit into one of those categories. But the key to happiness is being thankful for the blessings we have in each part of our life.

Our God has given us the rules and examples in the Bible and sending his Son to show us the way. We as Knights, try to carry out Jesus Christ's commandment of Charity to our fellow man and grow the Church (Christ's body). Simple as it may sound, it is really incredibly hard to fulfill.



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK DOWNRIVER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY PICNIC

Our Knights Council paid for Fr. Suresh's Key Chain gifts to the Fathers. We also paid for the Trophy to be awarded to winners of the August 5th Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Tournament.

Our council has been asked again to cook for the Robert Jones Council. They will buy the food; we will just cook and serve Family Breakfast 7/30 at St. Andre Bessette Social Hall 9am. They will also donate to our golf outing. We will need volunteers to cook.

Michigan Council Membership Incentives for July, August & September

To encourage a fast start and get our membership off to a great start for the 2023-2024 fraternal year, the Michigan State Council is offering councils the following incentives:

- Every new e-member added to a Council's Prospect Tab earns the council:
 - \$20 if added in July
 - \$15 if added in August
 - \$10 if added in September
- Every new Council member added to a council's roster earns the council:
 - \$20 if added in July
 - \$15 if added in August
 - \$10 if added in September
- Award amounts will be communicated to councils by the 15th of the following month.
- Checks will be cut and sent to each council in October (for all of Q3-2023).

Please schedule your recruiting drives now (CAT) for July, August and September so you're ready to bring in new e-members and new council members.



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE BRIAN BATKO

The Downriver chapter of the Knights of Columbus invite all brother knights to come and enjoy each other's company and a day of fun and games. Food and Beverages will be available.

Grosse Ile Centennial Farms, 25797 3rd. Street, Grosse Ile Township on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 11:00 to 4:00 pm. The costs are only \$5.00 per carload.

Saint Pius X Festival is back as a three-day weekend event, starting Friday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 24th. Our council will again be hosting the Coin Toss as well as operating the Hot Dog Booth and selling coffee.

THE ST. PIUS FOOD PANTRY

Dennis Hamilton has been in charge of our Food Pantry for the past 14 years. He took over the responsibility from Walt Kabalka, who himself ran the pantry for many years. Dennis used to handle the job himself, however, this task got really big. Mike Kwiatowski has been his number two man attending to the pickups.

Three to Six hundred pounds of food are gathered each week from St. Pius and four other parishes. Sometimes a special pickup will be made when requested. All food is delivered to the Downriver Food Pantry in Wyandotte. The annual St. Pius Food Drive is also handled by Dennis and his crew. Debbie Hamilton and Myrna Kabalka help with packing for delivery.

The collections and distributions are made year-round. This crew never misses a beat. The average Food Pantry activities range from eight to ten thousand pounds annually. Dennis mentioned that all food donations are absolutely needed and appreciated. Expired merchandise cannot be accepted.



For the past 11 years our Knights of Columbus council have accepted many awards for the operation of the Food Pantry including financial bonuses to our council. Every Wednesday morning, the food pantry team spends two to five hours picking up food and making deliveries. When the load gets really big, Mike borrows his brothers-in-law's truck to make pickups.

The Food Pantry is a K of C function. Like so many of our operations, the people that do the heavy lifting (No pun intended) rarely get enough acknowledgement and thanks you's. Well, on behalf of our council, THANK YOU for doing a fine job!

Finally, in May, Food Captain Dennis Hamilton celebrated his birthday and 50 years as an usher at St. Pius X church.

JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: CHUCK DEGROAT

The July 2022 Knight of the Month is awarded to Chuck DeGroat

Chuck has been a member of our Knights of Columbus for three years. He is our chief cook and bottle washer at many of our K of C and parish events where food is served. He goes out and does the shopping and helps prepare the food for all to enjoy. He is brother-in-law to Bob Bailey, our K of C Right to Life Director. They are a great example of bringing in family members to enhance the organization.

Chuck is married to Barbara and has two adult children and five grandchildren. Chuck has been a parishioner at St. Pius all his life. He also attended St. Pius school and graduated from Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.

Chuck has said he is a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and encourages all catholic men to become part of this fraternity. He likes the camaraderie among fellow members, joining in unity for a common cause. Chuck's favorite aspect of our K of C council is the church and religious instruction.

Our Charity Family Breakfast's, Christmas Brunch with Santa Claus, and Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch with the Easter Bunny would not be the same without him. We are so pleased that he joined and has been so active in our mission.

Thank you, Chuck, for all your dedicated service to our council. Congratulations for earning this month's Knight of the Month!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: FRANZ and GLENDA ALBRIGHT

The July 2022 Family of the Month is awarded to the Franz and Glenda Albright family.

Franz and Glenda Albright have been married for over 30 years. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. Franz and Glenda have been parishioners at St. Pius for 29 years. Franz has been in charge of the Cub and Boy Scouts. Glenda was in charge of our youth group R.O.C.K. Now that COVID has passed, they are hoping for a renewed interest in getting the kids involved.

The Albrights are still very involved in the St. Pius community. Glenda is in charge of our Legacy Garden in front of our school and chairs the Candy Booth at our festivals. She also is in charge of our annual Rummage Sale. Franz is our council Two Year Trustee and has helped with a number of projects.

Franz mentioned his favorite aspect of St. Pius is that the parishioners are a great group of people and how much the K of C council gives members an opportunity to help our community.

Franz recently retired. We are happy that he decided to spend his newfound time with us at the Knights of Columbus council 3956. Thank you, Franz and Glenda, for being extremely active in our community. Congratulations on a well-deserved recognition as this month's Family of the Month!

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'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**](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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GrandKnight@kofc3956.org

DD Ray Bilyk (313) 247-2110

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Taken from Officer's Meeting (prepared by Steven Pochini)

1. Grand Knights Report
 - a. We have had more than 80 events in the year, including meetings, which is really good for our small council of 113 members. We average 25 members for general membership meetings.
 - b. This year we are adding one more thing based on feedback from the Michigan Knights of Columbus surveys. They want to get younger men to join the Knights and want to establish Cor meetings. These will be headed up by our new faith director Brian Batko.
2. Southgate Heritage Day Parade
 - a. Color Corp was there, which was great.
 - b. We marched down Burns from Grogan to the Market Center Park
 - c. Hope to have more people and expand it next year.
 - d. Maybe next year we can do something after, like have food for the people who marched. We could even work on a float.
3. Traveling Team Exemplification
 - a. It was a good ceremony, with a good luncheon afterward provided by the Michigan State Council
 - b. New knights got a challenge coin from the state.
4. Wyandotte Independence Day Parade - 7/4
 - a. Color Corp will be there to support. The program director at Wyandotte reached out to invite the Third Degree to march as well.
 - b. We can also have our banner.
 - c. Starts at 10am; meet at Wyandotte K of C at 8:30am
 - d.
5. Archdiocesan Meeting - 7/12 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
 - a. Hosted by Archbishop Vigneron
 - b. The food is catered and is very good.
 - c.
6. Quad-district meeting - 7/17 at Wyandotte Council 7pm
 - a. Doors open at 6pm for food; meeting is at 7pm



(Continued)

7. Officers Installation - 7/20 at Wyandotte K of C 7pm
 - a. Family members are encouraged to attend.
 - b. Four councils' officers will be installed.
 - c. Dinner will follow.
8. Family Breakfast 7/30 at St. Andre Bessette Social Hall 9am
 - a. We will cook for the Robert Jones Council
 - b. They will buy the food; we will just cook and serve it.
 - c. They will also donate to our golf outing.
 - d. We will need volunteers to cook.
9. Fifth Sunday Rosary - 7/30
 - a. We need people to distribute rosaries and rosary prayer guides.
 - b. 4pm - Dave Kudla
 - c. 9am - Brian Batko
 - d. 11am - Ushers
10. Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament
 - a. We need players. We have it on the sign in front of the church. We will also make a Facebook post and get it on the Wyandotte sign.
 - b. Next meeting is Wednesday 7/19 at Wyandotte Beer Company at 7pm
11. SPX Festival
 - a. Dime toss and Hot dog stand
 - b. We also have a food warmer we can use.
 - c. We can also sell Reubens.
 - d. They have also asked us to make coffee.
 - e. We will need a sign-up genius to sign up for shifts to help balance the work.
 - f. Brian Batko suggested checking with the festival chairperson about maybe getting a Christian band to play on Sunday before the festival starts.



Upcoming Events:

Next Event this fall -4th degree has asked to hold the Memorial mass along with the O'Brien council's 4th 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)



St. Pius Newsletter

St. Pius Athletics

Please join our St. Pius Athletics page on Facebook to stay up to date on important information.

Contact Mrs. Dudek, our Athletic Director, with any questions;
athleticdirector@saintpius-x.org

Fall Sports Registration is Open!
I League <https://forms.gle/5BV2upDgMT75BK179>
CYO <https://forms.gle/YTKbLDRVAQ7uRAoo6>

If you are interested in coaching any sport during the 2023-2024 school year, please reach out via email to discuss. All coaching positions will be filled prior to the start of school in the fall.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5

Food, Drinks and Casual Gathering begins at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall).

This will be the first meeting of the new council board.

On the agenda will be the Knights Boat trip, installation of new officers, and the 3rd Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Event.

Tuesday, July 18

7:00 pm Knights on The River Boat Trip

We will be boarding at Bishop Park in Wyandotte. Please come early, boat trip will last until 9:15 pm.

Thursday, July 20

7:00 pm Installation of our Bernard O'Brien Council Officers of District 105.

All members and their spouses are invited to attend. Dinner is planned to follow lasting until 10:00 pm.

Monday, July 24

7:00 pm District 105 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

All members are welcome which should take an hour.

Tuesday, July 25

7:00 pm Mgr. Van Antwerp Assembly 475 General Membership Meeting
(In person and virtual)

Saturday, July 29

3:00 pm Fifth Sunday Rosary

Sunday, July 30

8:00 am Cooking Meal for Robert Jones Corporate Communion (TBD)

10:00 am Fifth Sunday Rosary

Wednesday, August 2

Food, Drinks and Casual Gathering begins at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall).

This will be the last meeting as we prepare for the 3rd Annual Tony Cerezo Memorial Golf Event. Volunteers are needed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Steven E. Pochini (July 1)
- Donald B. Mullins (July 2)
- Adam Walentowicz (July 5)
- James J. Kuhlman (July 8)
- Richard J. Kinzler (July 10)
- Gary T. Maveal (July 14)
- Christopher G. Poirer (July 18)
- Miguel Lugo (July 19)
- Burrell Hughes (July 21)
- Michael C. Lewis (July 22)
- Patrick A. Guentner (July 25)
- Kevin G. Pelkey (July 28)
- Thomas E. Monteleon (July 29)
- Joseph C. Cassette (July 30)
- Joseph A. Wienclaw (July 30)
- Dennis E. Assenmacher (July 31)
- Bryan J. Hughes (July 31)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MICHELLE CORSO (JULY 27)

(SCOTT CORSO'S WIFE)



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 July :

- Robert J. LaForest (July 1) 37 Years of Service
- George W. Kelly (July 12) 28 Years of Service
- Joseph C. Cassette (July 22) 14 Years of Service
- Richard M. Gregoire (July 7) 7 Years of Service
- Mark Garcellano (July 12) 6 Years of Service
- Donald B. Mullins (July 12) 6 Years of Service
- Chris Strzalkowski (July 17) 1 Year of Service



DGK David and Valerie Kudla as they celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary on July 19th.

Robert and Dolores Schooner are celebrating their 46th Wedding Anniversary on July 30th.

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, their family and friends:

Robert LaForest

Liz and Larry Ridenour

Deacon Bob

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

Picnics and barbeques on the 4th of July are the memories from childhood that come back to me most often. We had a particular spot at Lake Erie Metro Park that we would stake out early in the morning for an all-day cook-out. I saw my extended family often enough in those days that it should have seemed like any other day. Those memories anchored to the 4th of July picnics stand out.

Our extended family is a blessing. They are a way to view the world from a slightly different lens with people who you share the most important things in common with. As we get older, our time with cousins, aunts and uncles is limited to big events like weddings and funerals. It may seem like we're more connected because of the ability to share photos instantly and send a quick text message. There's really no substitute for being in the physical presence of your extended family and sharing a meal.

My hope is that you'll use the tools of convenience this Fourth of July to set a time to meet with your cousins and aunts and uncles and make an effort to meet up and make new memories.

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PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Prayer for Religious Freedom

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and
given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the
midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of
society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are
threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every
trial withstood and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us— this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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