

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

St. Pius X, Southgate, Michigan Issue #53

SEPTEMBER 2023



***OUR COUNCIL'S THIRD ANNUAL TONY CEREZO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!***





WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6 2023, MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS 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 NOTICE

PENDING AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETING

Wrap Up Reports

Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf outing

Downriver K of C Picnic

Discussion of September Events

Birthday Mass for Virgin Mary, Friday September 9th at 6 pm. Filipino dinner afterward in the social hall

Donut Sunday, September 17th

Soccer Challenge originally scheduled for 9/17/23 will be moved pending speaking with the Athletic Director

Exemplification on Monday, September 18th

Discussion for meeting, possibly Tuesday, September 19th . Will also begin prepping for the upcoming Festival. Corned Beef needs to be cooked and prepared ahead of time for festival.

Our K of C Council will be running the dime toss chaired by Ray Bilyk and Cheap Eats Chaired by Mark Garcellano. Cheap Eat will have Rubens for \$5 dollars Combo (Chips and Drop \$7 dollars. Hot dogs \$2 dollars and combo \$4 dollars. Chips \$1, water \$1, pop \$2 dollars.

K of C Lions Day is September 24th. This is during our festival.

Coats for Kids- kick off on October 1st, Sunday with Mass announcements . Distribution dated @ St Andre Bisette Oct 8th. and Nov 11th.

Shrines and Steins Oct 7, 2023, Brian Batko to present an overview.



ADDRESS FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

I would like to personally thank all my brother Knights and their family members who helped to make our Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Tournament on August 8th this year. To the volunteers who came early to help set up, to the golfers who enthusiastically participated, to the lunch crew who that prepared and served a great lunch, to the clean-up crew that stayed around even though they had already put in a long day.

We raised \$4,145 gross, our net after costs is over \$2,000.00 Distribution of the donations will begin with \$500 to be directed to St. Pius Tuition per Mrs. Cerezo's request.

Our Downriver K of C Family Picnic this past August 26th was well represented by our council. 300 people attended. Each year we encourage all our worthy brothers to bring their family and friends by the carload to this popular event. For \$5.00 per vehicle, it continues to be a bargain.

Something new is fast approaching. A Birthday Mass will be celebrated this Saturday, September 8th at 6:00 pm. A special treat including a Filipino dinner afterwards.

Our Donut Sunday returns on September 17th after the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses. On that same day, the Soccer Challenge is being planned. Please be advised that the date may change. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

The St. Pius X Festival returns to a three-day event, the first in several years beginning on Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 2, 2023. We are once again running the Dime Toss and the Cheap Eats booth which will be serving Hots Dogs for \$2.00, Chips for \$1.00 Water and soda pop for \$1-\$2.00, respectively. (Combo meal for \$4.00). Reuben Sandwiches will be available for \$5.00 (Combo for \$7.00). We encourage each of you to sign up in advance through Sign Up Genius, available through our website or contact be direct at 734-968-6900 and markgarcellano@yahoo.com

Don't forget K of C Lions Day is Sunday, September 14th. These may be the hottest ticket in town. More details will be available at our membership business meeting this Wednesday, September 5th in the social hall beginning with a happy hour at 6:00. Meeting at 7:00.

Coats for Kids Kick Off is Sunday, October 1 beginning with Mass announcements. Distribution will be at St. Andre Bisette on October 8th and again on November 11. This is among are most important events of the year. The children that receive these coats would otherwise have to endure a winter without a jacket. More details will be announced at our upcoming meetings.

Our MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8th. Last year we were able to not only solicit at the intersection of Eureka Road and Dix-Toledo, but also at Sam's Club and Walmart. This year Larry Rossi is already working on getting formal permission to seek donations at these stores once again. Thank you, Larry!

Thanks to Brian Batko who once again brings us an event to look forward to. The Shrines and Steins bus trip on Saturday October 7th will take us to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH and stops at Patron Saints Brewery. Cost \$25 (covers bus trip).

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK
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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Congratulations to Grand Knight Mark Garcellano for once again adding to his workload and chairing two very important events.

First, the Third Annual Tony Cerezo Golf Memorial Tournament. Although it has had growing pains. This year's event was the most successful. When last I checked, the net proceeds exceeded \$2000.00.

Thank you as well to all those who helped carry that workload.

Second, Mark will be chairing the Cheap Eats concession at the festival. This year, Mark will be adding to the menu, Reuben Sandwiches, Coffee and Water. I will be chairing the popular Coin Toss Booth. For these enterprises, much help from volunteers will be essential.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDS

Please visit our website at www.kofc3956.org and click "Sign Up to Volunteer". There we have made it easy to select the days and times you can help at the membership table, coin toss and/or cheap eats.

There are many of us that, like Mark, carrying a very demanding workload. We love what we do, and we need your help. It is of course not for us, but for the community. The students at our school, the elderly, the health and financially challenged will benefit from a successful festival. Too many stand on the sidelines, leaving it to others to do the heavy lifting. A great man among us once said "Many hands make light work". We need your hands. Go now to the website and please sign up to volunteer for one or more slots.

Finally, I found a GREAT article reprinted on the next page. It is a must read to help grow our council and the good work that we do.

God Bless!
District Deputy Ray Bilyk - DD105@mikofc.org

MEMBERSHIP - HANDLING OBJECTIONS

By: Jim Escott - Thu, Aug 31, 2023 5:55 AM

Membership - Handling Objections

I'm too busy to join

How often have you asked someone to join and their response to you is... "I'm too busy". Here are some suggested responses you can give to overcome this obstacle.

- **24 Hour Knight** - Supreme has a great pamphlet you can order (for free) that shows men they only need to spend 24 hours a year on Knights activities. Everyone has 24 hours.
- **There's no additional time required** - Many men in the parish already donate a significant amount of their time to church activities. Church Choir, usher, Eucharistic Minister, etc... Just become a member (to show your support) and just keep doing the things you're already doing. Nothing more.
- **E-membership** - The Knights created a type of membership for people like you. Just become an e-member (for free) to show you support the Catholic Church. You don't need to do more. Then, in the future, if your situation changes, you can volunteer and be more engaged.
- **The Knights should complement your life, not complicate it.** Get involved only if and only when you have time. If you're busy. That's OK. Just being a member is helpful.
- **Have a voice** - The knights have a voice in Congress on many issues impacting our lives. As a member, you share in strong Catholic values and we can represent you.



HOLY DAYS

Words are powerful and sometimes induce an unintended result. Take for example the phrase, “Holy Day of Obligation.” The last one we celebrated was the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug 15). The next one will be the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov 1). Holy Days outside of regular Sunday Liturgy are intended to offer special celebrations for the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. As good Catholics the expectation is that we attend the Mass and so the word “obligation” proceeds what is celebrated.

Though not meant to be, when the word “obligation” is attached to anything, for some it brings about a negative connotation. To be obliged to do anything seems like an invasion of personal freedom. The word often carries the baggage of insinuating the task is something that is expected and must be done whether the person feels like it or not. When viewed this way, the true value of the solemnity is lost; it becomes another choir and leaves a bad taste in your mouth.

If you suffer from this misguided negativity, I suggest when it comes to Holy Days to view them not as obligations but rather opportunities. An opportunity to come to before the Lord in an extra special way; contemplating what makes that solemnity distinct; reflecting on that particular mystery of our faith or remembering that particular person and the traits that made them a saint. These prayerful reflections will hopefully inspire all of us to become more holy ourselves and bring to fulfillment the purpose for the celebration; the goal of the Holy Day; the intent of the Church.

If we consider being heirs to eternal life, can we ever have too much praise and thanksgiving to God for all he has done? When viewed with the proper frame of mind, positivity can turn the stoney heart of even the most reluctant and bring about a greater holiness for which we should all be striving.

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck

Unity

I don't think there is a person here who went through an exemplification without listening to the part about unity and strength; seeing the example of the single string verses many strings; yet here we are again tonight with about the same numbers we have every meeting. Often times we get discouraged.

I'd like to offer up a reflection from Scripture that talks about this very thing. The early Church struggled with the same problem. It's short but offers wisdom in answer to our dilemma. Just listen to it in its whole, then I'll take each line and expound a bit.

Hebrews: 10:23-25

Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy. We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another.

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It is our faith in Jesus Christ and his Church that gives reason for our existence and the driving force in all we do. It's true we are Knights but it's only by grace we are called to service in this capacity. We must "Keep Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus." If we fail to do that then we risk becoming just another non-profit and what we do just another obligation instead of "for the glory of the Lord."

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It is not enough to say I'm a Knight, we must truly be Knights; active in charity and good works when permissible. Sadly, it appears many of our brothers are just names on a roster. For many of us new members, we don't even know who our brothers are. Perhaps we can come up with a picture directory, so we all know who to approach and rouse by lighting their hearts afire and get them to help bring about the Kingdom.

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We need to seriously look at how we reach out and engage fellow Knights. Those of us here know how important these meetings are; it's a source of bonding and establishes comradery in our council, just as our parish community which strengthens the Church.

Friendly reminders in passing conversation help. We don't always need some grandioso announcement to get our brother's attention; sometimes just a friendly invite is more effective. We need to be initiators. When we see a Knight we haven't seen at a meeting or event in a while, invite and encourage personally.

The use of Scripture is just as valid a tool for the Knights of Columbus as it is for the Church or any Catholic. We need to remember that and search it often for the answers to our troubles as well as our joys.

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck, Council Lecturer

THOUGHTS FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVID KUDLA



KNIGHTS ON THE JACK

On Tuesday, July 18th many people were headed to Bishop Park in Wyandotte. Most of these people were Knights of Columbus members from various councils. A lot of K of C shirts in different colors were seen. Some councils pick shirts of different colors, however, make no mistake. We all together are brothers of the Knights of Columbus. We all then boarded the Diamond Jack boat for a ride up and down the Detroit River.

Many people brought back their memories of the Boblo boat rides. These Boblo rides sailed the same way we were going. We went past the Gordie Howe Bridge which is still under construction. I bet by next year the American and Canadian sides will be joined together. We also went under the Ambassador Bridge. From this point, you could see St. Anne's Church and Ford's Michigan Central Station.

This two-hour boat cruise was totally neat. I can't wait to go again next year. You do not have to be a K of C member to attend. You do have to have advance tickets. This trip sells out quickly and tickets cannot be purchased on the day of the event. If you are interested in going next year, read the newsletter. Pizza, crazy bread, and cookies were provided. A cash bar was also available.

We sat next to some people who came from Birch Run Michigan. People from all over were there. This is the second year my wife and I attended this event. We would like to make this an annual excursion. Our wedding anniversary is in mid-July, so we can now go on a cruise every year.

We absolutely recommend this annual excursion on the Detroit River. It has become among the most anticipated social events throughout the Knights of Columbus brotherhood. If want to have a good time and be around some fine people, come and join us next year.

Respectfully,

Deputy Grand Knight Dave Kudla

Bernard O'Brien Council 3956



MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

HALF FULL

Is your glass half empty or half full?

It sounds like a strange question but how you answer helps describe your mood. It's not always easy to be happy and have a positive outlook on life. I know from personal experience that life can really be trying at times. Sickness, death of loved ones and the negative reporting on TV can really be upsetting. But if I recall, Jesus warned that life wouldn't be easy.

In fact, he stated that you will be scorned, spit up and even killed for believing in Him. We are truly fortunate to live in a country where we are allowed to practice our faith. So, instead of looking on the dark side, be positive and thankful for what we do have. Jesus did promise us a rose garden but not in this world. Let's try to enrich our community and Parish by helping our fellow man. That way the glass will be half full!



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE AND COR DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

ITINERARY FOR SHRINES AND STEINS (Subject to Change)

On **Saturday October 7th** a day trip is planned 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)

12:00 pm Shrine Devotions following 11 AM Mass.

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



Respectfully,

Brian Batko

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MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

It has been said for quite a while that we are a small council with big results. Now we can boast that we can do all this without raising our dues that remain at \$30.00 annually. Some councils have had to raise their dues to manage building and other expenses. Our building is leased and help generate money which supplements our operating cost as saves YOU money!

This is just another example of how well managed our worthy council of officer's conducts business. Well done!

Message to our worthy officers: If you have any bills or receipts that need reimbursement, please send them to me prior to each Officers Planning Meeting. You can bring the actual receipts to the meeting, but I'd like to get a heads up on what needs to be entered into Officers Online so our Treasurer and I can get our paperwork done prior to the meeting.

Starting this month, any bills or receipts NOT given to us prior to the Officers Planning Meeting will only be paid at our next meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know. Also, if you have any outstanding bills or receipts that you have questions about, please let me know.

SPECIAL "THANK YOU ALL!" FROM CHANCELLOR RICHARD "DICK" GREGIORE

Editor's Note: Dick recently had a pacemaker inserted and in typical Richard Gregiore fashion he put the focus on our heavenly father ahead of himself. I hope he forgives me for sharing a message he sent me...

"The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." Thank you for the note, it's much appreciated. I got the pacemaker in and now I just need a little healing. You wouldn't believe how many people have to tell me, Dick, just breathe!!!

Yes, it's good advice! It started with the good Lord. Thanks for the thoughts and prayers. God is Good. All the time!! Hope to see you guys soon.

God Bless,

Dick



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.

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!

4th Degree Exemplification scheduled throughout the year. For more information, please call Mark Garcellano at 734-968-6900 (markgarcellano@yahoo.com)

SEPTEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Suresh Rajaian, SAC.

Father Suresh is our Pastor and spiritual leader of St. Pius. Father belongs to the Society of Catholic Apostleship also known as the Palatines. Father has a mother in India and two younger brothers. Father lost his dad several years ago.

Father Suresh was ordained in India and was a priest there for nine years. He is a missionary priest, and he would be happy serving people anywhere in the world. And yes, he likes the United States and Michigan where he has served for 14 years. At the K of C conference at Mackinac Island, Father mentioned he enjoys our changing seasons. He enjoys the parishioners here at St. Pius. He said we are a committed bunch who are very cooperative.

When asked what he liked about our K of C council, he said we bring life and action to the community of St. Pius. When asked what he wishes to accomplish here he mentioned his beliefs are rooted in the Eucharist and he is blessed with our sense of community. He believes we should keep caring for each other as we do. He has a deep love of our church and school.

Fr. Suresh said he is very happy here at St. Pius and enjoys being in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He really enjoys his missionary work and would love to continue this endeavor at St. Pius. We love and respect you. Thank you for being here with us. Congratulations to you for being our pick for Knight of the Month.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of our Worthy Council of Officers
Dave Kudla

SEPTEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Nickens Family

David and Christine Nickens have been married for 38 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. All three of their children are St. Pius graduates. They have been St. Pius parishioners for 40 years.

David is now retired. After retiring, God opened other doors that called upon him. One of these doors is being our Faith Formation Coordinator. The coordinator does everything religious for our children. He is involved in sacramental preparation for all our St. Pius kids, he prepares the readings our children read at mass. He helps and guides our children when they do the readings. Baptism, penance, communion, and confirmation are in his department.

His favorite aspect of St. Pius is working with our children. He loves them all. Our children are his foremost love. Working with them are the brightest keys to his chain of life. David also volunteers at Mott Children's Hospital. This endeavor is very special and close to his heart. Dave said helping children understand the mass is what our Faith Formation is called to do.

On Thursdays, our 8th graders join David. He explains the Nicene Creed and the Rosary. He also shows parents their place within the domestic church. David is on our Worship Committee and the Director of Evangelical Charities. Both meet once a month within the Family of Parishes.

Christine is our St. Pius Blood Drive chairperson. She is a "God is Sew Good" member and a super grandma. She is her grandchildren's most active babysitter helping out when she can.

Thank you, and congratulations to the Nickens Family. Your dedication to our community and your relentless volunteering have made you a great choice for our Family of the Month!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of our Worthy Council of Officers
Dave Kudla



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. Please visit our website at www.kofc3956.org at click "Sign Up to Volunteer". There we have made it easy to select the days and times you can help.



Please Follow Church Bulletin, School Website, Facebook, and newsletter for upcoming details.

“ST. PIUS SCHOOL IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITYSTRIVING TO FOLLOW THE MISSION OF JESUS AS WE STUDY, PRAY AND SERVE.”

A shared message from Kathleen England, St. Pius School Principal

Thank you all so much for the time and effort that was put into this event. The energy in the space was contagious, and it flowed into the school, too. St. Pius is a really special place and I think with all this new energy we are going to have a fantastic year!

Please extend my fullest gratitude to all of your committee members for a job well done. I think we should wrap this idea right into Open House to kick off Catholic Schools Week! Keep it in the back of your mind.

Have a wonderful and fantastic weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathleen England, EdS
St. Pius Catholic School
Principal

"Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love." Pope Francis

As a member of the St. Pius Catholic School Community, I will strive to follow the mission of Jesus as I Study, Pray, and Serve

Our O'Brien Council is actively involved in both St. Pius X school and church. We encourage all Brother Knights to regularly visit the website at www.saintpiusschool.org and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StPiusCatholicSchool>.



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8:00 am Depart from K of C

10 am Arrive at Firekeepers

3:00 pm Depart Firekeepers

4:30pm Arrive at K of C



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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**](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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DOWNRIVER LIFE CHAINS

Sunday, October 1, 2023 (Times vary)

Brownstown:	Gibraltar Road between Fort St. & Allen Road – St. Mary, Rockwood, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Dearborn:	Telegraph at Cherry Hill – Dearborn Area Right to Life, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Telegraph at Joy Road & at Wilson Ave – RTL-LifeSpan, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Flat Rock:	North Huron River Dr. – Flat Rock Church of Christ, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Lincoln Park:	Fort Street from New York (Knights of Columbus Hall) to Emmons – 12:30 – 3:00 pm Fort Street at Champaign – St. Frances Cabrini (2:00 – 3:30 pm) Fort Street between Merrill & London – First Baptist of Lincoln Park
Melvindale:	Outer Drive west of I-75 at 25201 W. Outer Dr.- Faith Christian Assembly - 12:30 -2:00 pm
Monroe:	North Telegraph & Custer Dr. – Monroe Right to Life 2:00 – 3:30 pm
New Boston:	Huron River Drive – in front of St. Stephen's Church (TBD)
Southgate:	West side of Fort Street at Eureka – St. Pius X Catholic Parish 2:00 – 3:30 pm West side of Fort Street 1 block south of Eureka - Christ the King Lutheran 2:00 – 3:30 pm Fort Street in front of Kroger's near Pennsylvania – St. Cyprian
Taylor:	Telegraph near Wick Rd – St. Alfred; at Northline – St. John Lutheran; 2:00 – 3:30 pm Racho Road south of Northline - New Hope Assembly 12:30 -2:00 pm; Pardee north of Northline - Heritage Park Church of God 1:00 – 2:30 pm; Eureka west of I-75 in front of Home Depot and MetroCity Church 1-2 pm
Woodhaven:	Dix-Toledo Hwy. at King Road - Our Lady of the Woods (& Daily Church) 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Wyandotte:	Fort Street at Eureka – St. Vincent Pallotti (2:00 – 3:30 pm) Fort Street at Vinewood – Our Lady of the Scapular (2:00 – 3:30 pm) Fort Street at Northline (2:00 – 3:30 pm)



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

- Stand up for LIFE from the moment of conception to the last natural breath.
- Bring your whole family! Be a light in a darkened world and help end abortion!
- Come with your church group or come on your own; Signs will be provided.

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For more locations: LifeChain.org, WyandotteRLM@gmail.com or call Debbie at 734-934-2599

OPEN HOUSE at the Right to Life Resource Center 2:00 – 4:30 pm; 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte
(Please copy, post & share)



Dear Friends and Supporters:

Please plan to attend our fundraising dinner on October 14. The dinner is very important to us, as we hope to raise at least half of our coming year's operating costs. The keynote speaker for the event will be Al Kresta, beloved host of *Kresta in the Afternoon* on Ave Maria Radio. The dinner will include good food, good music, and most importantly good company for a good cause.

Go to this link for registration details

[Gala Dinner and Evening With Al | October 14, 2023 \(eventcreate.com\)](#)

and this link for more information about us:

[\(2\) My Video3 - YouTube](#)

Thank you!

Alicia



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
FOCUS ON LIFE 2023

SOUTHPOINT CHURCH
5699 FORT ST., TRENTON

6 p m - H e a r t y A p p e t i z e r s

7 p m - P r o g r a m B e g i n s

Guest Speaker: Alex Schadenberg
"Preventing Assisted Suicide in America"

Attacks continue on life in the womb. As the population ages, the next attacks on life are being made against the elderly and the sick. What must we do to influence the culture? How do we increase respect for the sanctity of all human life created in the image and likeness of God?

\$35 per person; \$260 for Table of 8

Tickets available at: FocusonLifeDownriver.com and
Right to Life of Michigan, 2010 Eureka Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192; 734-282-6100

Presented by: Central Wayne County RTL, Southern Downriver RTL and
Upper Downriver RTL

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Donut Sunday, St. Pius X Social Hall NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Soccer Challenge, Fr. Bob McCabe Field
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Monday, September 18, 2023, District 105 Exemplification at St. Pius X Church

**Friday through Sunday - September 22-24, 2023, St. Pius X Festival.
Our council to host Dime Toss Booth and Hot Dog Stand)
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Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Michigan K of C Lions Day State Event

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

**Friday through Sunday, October 6-8, 2023, Fall M.I. Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive,
City Intersection and Big Box Stores locations to be provided in advance and in church,
after Masses. NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - State Soccer Championship Finals, Wyoming, MI

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - Shrines and Steins - Bus Trip to Ohio

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Coats for Kids Distribution #1, St. Andre Bisset in Ecorse
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Monday, October 9, 2023 - Columbus Day (Observed)

**Sunday, October 15, 2023 - Family Breakfast, St. Pius X Social Hall
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Monday, October 16, 2023 - District 105 Exemplification of CUF, St. Pius X Church

Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Prep Bowl, Ford Field

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - Officer's Planning Meeting, St. Pius X Social Hall

**Friday, October 27, 2023 - Trunk or Treat, St. Pius X
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

LIST OF RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Donuts and Coffee Chair Ray Bilyk
Family Breakfast Chair Chuck DeGroat,
Program Director- Ryan Daw
Faith- Brian Batko
Life- Bob Bailey
Community- Dr. Stephen Gall
Family- Robert Park
Membership Chair- Jose Yanez
Newsletter Chair- Robert Park and Tony Chirco

LOOKING AHEAD

Shrines and Steins Oct 7, 2023, Saturday Brian Batko presented an overview with gathering at St. Pius, boarding the bus to Ohio and celebrate Mass followed by a visit to a Brewery run by the Monks. We have put a deposit down for the bus. Announcements will be in the church paper and from the pulpit. Father Suresh will be going on this trip.

MI drive or Tootsie roll drive has been moved to October 13 through 15. Larry Rossi is working on getting approval from Sam's Club, Walmart and the City of Southgate

Family breakfast is scheduled for Oct 15. Chuck Degroat can't help as usual, and Ryan Daw has volunteered to help.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 28th. More information to follow.

4th Degree packing party for soldiers on Nov 4 9:30 am. More info to follow.

Keep Christ in Christmas Contest scheduled for Nov 17.

Wreaths across America December 16th at St Hedwigs Cemetery.

Breakfast with Santa December 17th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- George E. Kotronis (September 4)
- Cary J. Pulaski (September 5)
- Darryl E. Kilka (September 9)
- Mike Camilleri (September 15)



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

YEARS OF SERVICE

Cheers to Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership in September

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| • John S. Molnar | (September 1) | 51 Years of Service |
| • Edward D. Stol | (September 1) | 46 Years of Service |
| • John A. Husar | (September 27) | 28 Years of Service |
| • John G. Husar, Jr. | (September 21) | 23 Years of Service |
| • Rev. Suresh Rajaian SAC | (September 12) | 13 Years of Service |
| • Robert M. Liddle | (September 17) | 8 Years of Service |
| • Steven E. Pochini | (September 30) | 3 Years of Service |

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
- Bill and Linda Robert
- Mike Genaw
- Mel Jacobs
- Barb DeGroat
- Larry Rossi
- Nicholas Family
- Michael Parker, son in law of FGK Bill Robert
- Terianne Stewart, Bill's daughter

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

Recently a close friend reminded me about the purpose behind the newsletter we put out. We're giving our brother Knights, anyone who's interested, and our family members a look at what we're doing for the benefit of the parish. For a busy person, it can be a time-consuming responsibility. We sometimes have to ask our family to sacrifice leisure time, professional opportunities, or maintenance around the house. It's worth it. Deep friendships are built in the service of something greater, Our Church.

As a men's organization, the Knights call on our need to put faith into the work we do. There is true reward in collaborating with people who care about the things you care about. Every event we work on doesn't always surpass the idea we envisioned and proposed. It's heartening to see a familiar face stop by to lend a helping hand. Sometimes it's just at the moment you were worried that too few people could help. Some of these experiences can be seen as small foundational steps headed in the right direction. Other times they lead us to a breakthrough that we hope will provide great benefit to St. Pius and the school. Our hope is that by giving an insight about how and why we're doing the things the council is doing, someone who's on the fence about pitching in at the next breakfast or golf outing will jump in. That man will come to realize what we know. It's worth it.

Co Editor
Robert Park

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven
together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still
with you.

Amen.

Psalm 139: 13-18

Note shared from Editor:

Psalm 139 is one of the more well-known and well-beloved psalms—and for good reason. This psalm speaks of the pervasive presence of God, and his intimate knowledge of us, which offer us an outsized measure of hope and comfort in the face of adversity and trial.

Vivat Jesus

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