

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3956

Newsletter

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K OF C COUNCIL 3956 MEMBERS ARE AMONG THE NEWEST SIR KNIGHTS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

SK Ray Bilyk, District Deputy 105 and Council 3956 Financial Secretary has added Faithful Navigator to his resume. Since accepting the position this past Spring, Sir Knight Ray has enthusiastically encourage several council members to join the Fourth Degree. Most recently exemplifications included SK Anthony (Tony) Dault *Second from right*, son of Sir Knight and Deacon Chuck Dault, *far right*. Pictured with SK Chuck and SK Tony are other Sir Knights from our council including DD SK Ray Bilyk, center and Council 3956 Cor/Faith Formation Director and Trustee SK Brian Batko, *far left*.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 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 under the new board!



AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETING

SOCIAL HOURS: FOOD AND BEVERAGES BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

REPORTS

O'Brien Council Level Soccer Challenge from September 15, 2023 Summary and Take Away
All 4th-8th graders participated.

St. Pius X Three Day Festival from September 22-24, 2023 SPX Festival.

Dime Toss- Chair- Ray Bilyk

Cheap Eats- Chair- Mark Garcellano

K of C Lions Day from September 24, 2023

IMPENDING DISCUSSION

Coats for Kids Kick Off Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1, 2023. Discussion:

- Kickoff date
- Mass announcement
- Distribution date @ St. Andre Bissette
- Next Meeting

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

MI Drive, New dates, Saturday October 14, 2023, and Sunday October 15, 2023

Family Breakfast October 22, 2023 - Chair Chuck DeGroat

Right to Life upcoming events.



ADDRESS FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My Fellow Brother Knights! With the beginning of the school year underway we have already completed a couple of events that support St. Pius X School. The first event (which is new this year) was to support the Back to School Open House in the Activity Center.

We set up a table to illustrate what the Knights do for the school as well as an opportunity to socialize with the parents and of course recruit some St. Pius fathers. Below are the signs we set up on our table. The signs really helped convey our council's support.

WHAT DO THE KNIGHTS DO EACH YEAR FOR SAINT PIUS X SCHOOL

- We make an annual donation for a SPX scholarship.
- We conduct a soccer challenge.
- We coordinate a Free Throw contest.
- We operate the Spelling Bee.
- We manage the Keep Christ in Christmas contest.
- We organize a Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.
- We support Trunk or Treat.
- We host the Breakfast with Santa event.
- We host the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event.
- We participate in the SPX Field Day at end of school year.

WHAT DO THE KNIGHTS DO EACH YEAR FOR SAINT PIUS X CHURCH

- We conduct a seasonal monthly Donut Sunday after mass.
- We host a quarterly Charity Family Breakfast after Sunday mass.
- The participate in the SPX Festival.
- We organize the Blessing of Motorcycles
- We distribute Rosaries and How to Pray the Rosary guides during 5th Sundays
- We host an annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner after Saturday Mass.
- We are your ushers for Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- We sponsor Baptism with a K of C gifting of a Receiving Blanket and Teddy Bear.
- We post Faith Building booklates in the Church foyer.
- We conduct Faith Building Events throughout the year.

In my opinion the event was successful as with this venue we were able to communicate and show what our council does for both the school and church. Furthermore, we recruited 2 St. Pius fathers to join our council. Special thanks to many of our brother Knights who chair and support these operations.

The second event was our council's annual soccer challenge. Different from last year's event we had 100% participation from grades 4,5,6,7 and 8. There were so many students this year we had to set up a second soccer net to finish the event on time.

This year's champions are:

Lilly Barnes 4th Grade
Myra Zapinski 5th Grade
Violet Barazsu 6th Grade
Angelina Lee 7th Grade
Oliva Edge 8th Grade

Ben Walentowicz 4th Grade
Gabriel Barazsu 5th Grade
Nino Vitale 6th Grade
Dean Stamatis 7th Grade
Joshua Mamuyac 8th Grade

Special thanks to David Kudla, Anthony Chirco, Mike Camilleri, Joe Hernandez, Jocelyn Garcellano and Robin Hasler who supported this event.

I would like to again thank all the volunteers. Without you we could not conduct and support all the events we organize. I encourage anyone interested to check out our events and volunteer (women and men). Finally, for the Catholic Men, I invite you to join our council meeting (as a guest) to see what we are planning. It may spark a passion in you that has been dormant.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Garcellano, GK
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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DEPUTY RAY BILYK



Interested in joining our group chat?

Our Council has started using

GroupMe (<https://www.groupme.com>) to discuss and pass along timely information. It can be used only on your mobile device using text messaging, the GroupMe app or a web browser.

To join us, either go to the following URL:

https://groupme.com/join_group/89941588/PMiLZWii

or using your phone's camera with this QR code:



You can also email your name, cell phone number and/or email address to raybilyk@kofc3956.org with the subject line: "Add to GroupMe"

I would also love to invite you all to an event:

On **Saturday, October 14th** in Novi, in partnership with **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**, we need A LOT of volunteers to assist in packing 60,000 food packets in 4 hours for hungry people both overseas and here in the Detroit area. To sign up, please go here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/detroit-knights-of-columbus-holy-family-council-no-11811-packing-event-tickets-700351689757>

District Deputy Ray Bilyk - DD105@mikofc.org





HOLY DAYS

Autumn ushers in with a splash of bright colors altering the landscape in a remarkable way. Probably more than any other season, Fall is a stark reminder that everything has its time and place.

We read in Ecclesiastes, “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. God has made everything appropriate to its time.” For those Knights who still have kids in school it is a time for sports with its associated practices and events. Likewise, for many others, Sunday Football along with its tailgating and parties rank right up there too.

So, it’s no surprise participating in such activities can temp us to focus on those things as most important, especially when we have a winning team. Ecclesiastes also notes that, “There is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life.” It stands to reason in order to do well, you have to spend some time in preparation and actually doing it.

But we must always remember when we engage in anything that, “this is a gift of God” and so we need to place him before all our worldly pursuits. As we “eat and drink and enjoy the good of all [our] toil,” we need to remember where all that goodness came from and who gave us life to enjoy it.

It’s not to say we don’t deserve relaxation or family and friend building pleasures, but it shouldn’t compromise what we owe to God in worship and praise. There are many Churches and Masses that will help to fit what should take precedence into a schedule where times conflict.

In the coming weeks we will hear more about this when Jesus tells the Pharisees and Herodians, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” If we keep the right perspective, we can do both and find it’s time well spent.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck, Council Lecturer



MAJOR RELIC OF ST. JUDE, THE 'APOSTLE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE,' TO VISIT DETROIT OCT. 13-17

[MICHAEL STECHSCHULTE](#)

Sep 20, 2023

[Local](#)



This relic of St. Jude the Apostle begins its nine-month tour of U.S. in Chicago Sept. 9, 2023. (Courtesy of Fr. Carlos Martins, CC | OSV News)

Five-day stop is part of nationwide tour of major relic — a large arm bone — of first-century saint who walked with Jesus Christ

DETROIT — A major relic of one of Jesus' twelve apostles will stop in the Archdiocese of Detroit for five days of public veneration next month.

The relic of St. Jude Thaddeus — a large piece of an arm bone believed to be the apostle's — will be available for Catholics to visit, pray with and venerate Oct. 13-17, hosted by five different southeast Michigan parishes, one per day over that span. The relic is visiting the United States for the first time ever as part of a [nationwide pilgrimage](#) sponsored by

Treasures of the Church, an apostolate that brings relics to parishes and dioceses all over the world. The nine-month tour, which is scheduled into 2024, will visit dioceses in Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, with further stops to be announced.

Treasures of the Church is run by Fr. Carlos Martins, a Companions of the Cross priest based in Detroit. During the Michigan visit, the relic will be available for veneration at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak (Oct. 13), Immaculate Conception Parish in Lapeer (Oct. 14), St. Andrew Parish in Rochester (Oct. 15), the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit (Oct. 16), and Divine Child Parish in Dearborn (Oct. 17). Each parish will host veneration and a special Mass.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVID KUDLA



THE ST. PIUS DOORPERSON

My usher's group collects for the Saturday 4:00 p.m. mass. One week due to a family outing, I was not able to attend. I came to usher at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. After the group captain gave out all the assignments he needed, there was nothing left. He looked at me and said, "Make yourself useful." So I went to the front doors of the church and opened them for people as they came in. Well, it stuck with me and I never stopped. One person asked me if I get paid for this. My answer was yes, "I get the big bucks."

Ever since Covid, we do not have greeters anymore. So I opened the door for people and welcomed them to St. Pius.

One lady told me she would like to come in however, she stated she is not Catholic. My answer was, "Welcome- come on in and take a church paper home with you." When she was leaving after mass, she showed me her church paper.

One woman was in front of our St. Pius bushes. I asked her if she was hiding from someone. She smiled and said not. I asked her if she noticed those bushes spell out St. Pius X? She again said not. I told her those bushes have been there for about 15 years. And I just noticed a couple of months ago what they spell.

She smiled and asked if the mass was at 4:00 p.m. (this was Saturday). I said yes it is. Her answer was "I haven't been to church in quite a while. Am I dressed OK? I told her she was dressed more than okay. "Come on in"

She smiled and in she went. When I open the door for you, you are not entering my home, you are entering God's home.

When you come to the Saturday mass, just give me a swift "Hi" when entering. People from my group like to come out too. Look what I started.

I told a few people that I would gladly open the door for them however, don't expect me out here in January or February.

One man greeted me in Polish. I answered him back in Polish. He never tried that again.

So If you would also like to hang out by our doors, all you have to do is become an usher. All male and female parishioners over the age of 21 are welcome. Ask any usher.

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla (Doorperson)



MESSAGE FROM PAST GRAND KNIGHT AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT: REACH OUT

Do you know someone who is sick or in distress? Well, of course you do! But have you contacted them lately to see if they need help or just to talk. Well, that is much harder. Humans tend to keep to themselves and worry about their own problems and unless it's a family member we go about our daily activities without "reaching out".

This is where our faith in Jesus Christ comes in. He said treat our neighbor as our self. We need to reach out to our fellow man who is in need of our fellowship.

We pray each meeting for fellow Knights in distress but shouldn't we contact them and see what they really need? A ride to our meeting, someone to talk to or just a simple Hello? Something to think about!



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE AND COR DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

SHRINES AND STEINS

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 \$30 (covers bus trip). Itinerary: (subject to change) 8:00 am Bus leaves St Pius X (boarding begins at 7:30)

T-Shirt and Sweatshirts of the planned day trip have been available for purchase. More shirts may be available if interest is strong enough. For information about the trip or shirts and sweatshirts, contact me at bbatko@gmail.com.



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

Please submit any bills for payment at the next Business Meeting by the Officers Planning Meeting on typically the last Wednesday of the month. If you have sent me any emails with receipts for payment, please follow up with me prior to the Officer Planning Meeting as well. Any bills submitted AFTER Officers Planning Meetings will be held for payment until the following Business Meeting.

Also, don't forget to sign up for any of our events by going to: <https://www.kofc3956.org/signup> - this helps us with food and logistics planning for our events!

Thank you for your cooperation!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR K OF C COUNCIL BROTHERS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO OUR
VERY SUCCESSFUL ST. PIUS X FESTIVAL



DIME TOSS

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Chairman DD Ray Bilyk and family for at times single handedly running the Dime Toss booth. At times, the line up at the booth was very busy. Thank you to the other volunteers who donated their time and glassware.

Cheap Eats Booth Chaired by GK Mar Garcellano was busy all weekend. Thank you everyone that spent their valuable time helping Mark. The



CHEAP EATS

Gratitude is as well owed to Chairman GK Mark Garcellano and his volunteers who spends hours each day to keep up with the demand for sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and beverages.

Special thanks to everyone that donated food and condiments as well as their valuable time to this very successful operation. Thank you to the wives who helped as well!

St. Pius
Catholic School 
Study, Pray, 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>



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)

Dear Knights

We need the support of each and everyone of you at one, two or all three of these upcoming events. Please share the word!

October 1 was LIFE CHAIN Sunday. It would be wonderful if all of the Knights and their families participate in this 90 minutes of prayer to end abortion. There were 17 locations Downriver with varying time. Signs were be available at each location.

Tuesday, October 10 is the Focus on Life Event sponsored by Downriver Right to Life affiliates. There will be appetizers and the speaker topic is, "Preventing Assisted Suicide in America." The event begins at 6 p.m. with the speaker scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Southpoint Church in Trenton. It would be great for 1802 Council to fill a table for 8 or sponsor a table for students from Gabriel Richard High School. Tickets are \$35 each or 8 for \$260 available at FocusonLifeDownriver.com or from Debbie Bloomfield, 734-934-2599.

Michigan Knights of Columbus are a sponsor of the Michigan March for Life in Lansing along with Right to Life of Michigan, the National March for Life, Michigan Catholic Conference and others. The March for Life will be held on **Wednesday, November 8** in front of the Capitol building in Lansing. This is an opportunity to show our governor and legislators that LIFE is precious and to be defended. We encourage people to drive or take a bus from one of six Downriver locations. The round trip coach bus fare is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. Catholic schools are excusing students to attend the March. Public School students should also be encouraged to attend with their family. Bus information and tickets are available at DownriverbusesMIMFL.eventbrite.com or call 734-282-6100.

The schedule is:

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Procession around the Capitol led by Fr. John Hedges
- 11:00 a.m. Rally with speakers on the steps of the capitol
- 12 noon March to the Michigan Hall of Justice and back

You are welcome to give me a call for any clarifications.

God bless,

Debbie Bloomfield

734-934-2599

ST. PIUS FESTIVAL

A GOOD NEWS REPORT FROM DGK DAVE KUDLA

Our annual K of C picnic was held on Saturday, August 26th at Centennial Park on Grosse Ile. It was a beautiful dry day, great for a picnic. For five dollars a car, it was a great bargain. Raffles took place, there were many great prizes. 50/50 raffles took place-which my wife won-. Thank you

Everyone was nice and kind, maybe wearing my K of C shirt helped. Many K of C members from various councils attended. I also knew a few of them personally. I had a good time. If you would like to partake in such activities, all you have to do is join the K of C. Believe me it won't kill you. I'm sure you will like it.

Here's our challenge: Every first Wednesday of the month is our general meeting. 7:00 pm in our social hall. Come to one meeting(7 to 8:15 p.m.) and make up your mind. You have two choices. 1)yes, join us. 2) this is not for me and go home(no questions asked) It's that simple

Hoping to see you at our meetings and next year's picnic. Food water and pop are provided.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

On Thursday Evening August 24th, our school hosted a "back to School" night. All the teachers and staff members of St. Pius School were there. We even had our Knights of Columbus table out, showcasing our council's involvement here at our parish. A few men tried to sneak by our table undetected. We caught most of them and called them over. All Catholic men are welcome into the K of C. At this event, we were most interested in young fathers.

We do a number of things for our school and St. Pius parish as a whole. So why don't you join us in our crusade for the good: One young dad told me, we had this conversation once before.

I asked him if he joined. He said, "No" I told him we'll have this conversation again. Young Fathers, this is your chance. Come join us. You won't be sorry.

One staff member was passing out whipped containers of frozen dessert. Great on a hot day.

From passing out festival signs, candy, cookies, or just a kind word, we gave it our all. Welcome to St. Pius and join us in any capacity.

If any of you men would like to have this conversation a second, third, or fourth time. Come see our K of C table at most St. Pius events.

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla

OCTOBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: THE BERROCAL FAMILY

We recognize this month of October the Berrocal Family. Omar is our musical director. He and his wife Amanda have five children ranging from four to 18 years old. The youngest two are students at our St. Pius X catholic school. Omar is from Jesus Marin Peru, near Lima in South America. Amanda and their children are all American born.

The native language of Peru is Spanish. Omar has been living in the United States for 23 years. He helped his parents come to America in 2003. His father has since passed; however, his mother is still going strong. Omar came to the United States so he could have more opportunities than he had in Peru. Omar mentioned that in the U. S., with a little hard work and dedication, you can make a better life for your family.

Omar has been a musician all his life. He also work in financial planning and he and Amanda run a photography business. Amanda is a professional photographer and she lends her beautiful voice to our St. Pius choir. In the choir, Omar likes working with individuals who express their love for our Lord through music ministry. He believes St Pius X parish is offers a very welcoming, receptive and vibrant community.

Omar, Amand and family are now St. Pius parishioners. Omar had previously worked at Queen of Angles in South Werst Detroit, Good Sheppard and now since 2022 her at St. Pius X. So...If you would like to join the choir, please see Omar. Maybe Amanda could help along with singing lessons. Congratulations to the Berrocal Family.

OCTOBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH: STEVEN POCHINI

We recognize this month of October, Steven Pochini as our Knight of the Month. Steven is a life long St. Pius X parishioner. He is a 2008 graduate of our St. Pius X school. Looking back at his experiences at the school, he says it gave him a great foundation in a faith based atmosphere.

His family was recently recognized as our Family of the Month. Just about everyone in his family are active members of the parish community. He is one of seven children, three boys, four girls. Steven's favorite aspect of St. Pius is that there is a spot for everyone to get involved and an opportunity to get to know other members of our community.

Steven is among our younger brothers in our Knights of Columbus council. He likes the way our K of C connects with the community. Men are encouraged to volunteer and utilize their unique talents. Steven has served on our Board of Officers as Recorder and now uses his professional accounting skills as our Treasurer. He would like to build up our K of C membership and its ministry in our parish. We expect great things from Steven, including aspiring to greater positions in the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations!

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

Editor's Note. At one of our recent officers and directors meetings, I encouraged our newsletter contributors to continue to focus of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I am pleased with how well that message is brought across to our readers; None more so that from Richard who never fails to impress. Enjoy!

THOUGHTS FROM RICHARD GREGOIRE

Thank you for encouraging good Brothers in Christ. Here I am at crossroads again about deciding on a topic of which to write and am questioning OH Yeah "Questioning" about so many things on my mind about Our Lord Jesus and our Faith.

Some years ago on a mission trip to Kentucky and for a simple round table discussion the leader asked us all to share something about what gave us joy. Some answers were what I think we all could expect. Children, Grandchildren, Family Faith Accomplishments' Don't think I was ever directly asked that question before but after not too much thought I knew it was "understanding"!

When I was young and in elementary school " St. Pius" I didn't do very well, was shy and afraid to ask questions. as I grew older and with Teachers who encouraged me to not let things just go by. I started doing better. By High School with very understanding teachers; most were priests, I'm pretty sure I drove them crazy with my questions! Thank God for questions, answers and understanding!

Jesus taught all the time with questions. Very pointed questions and taken to heart such as "what are you looking for"? "who do people say that I am"? "who do say that I am"? "Is there anyone here to condemn you"? " Do you want to get well"? "You do not want to leave too, do you"? And the list goes on! He challenges us and He indeed knows all the answers.

I guess we know the answers to many of these when we try to fuse our hearts and our will with His. We can only pray. Through the Gospels I always think, which of these questions is He asking me. So He teaches well with His questions -----Thanks be to God----- as I am seeking truth and understanding.

I am thankful for all the wonderful people in my life that put up with me when I don't get things right away because of my hearing and certainly my slow processing. I know God understands! I am not an authority, I am just trying to understand what God is calling us to do.

God Bless you and your Family
Dick





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BUS TRIP
Tuesday

OCT 10th

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



\$40.00 per person

Up to \$35 in Credits

Price Includes:

\$20.00 Player's Credit

\$5.00 Food Voucher

\$10 Additional Credit for
Seniors, playing the slots.

Games and 50/50 on the Bus

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



Hosted by

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Halloween
Dance Music



OCTOBER 27, 2023

ZUCCARRO'S BANQUET CENTER

46601 GRATIOT AVENUE

CHESTERFIELD MI 48051

DOORS OPEN 6PM

DINNER PROMPTLY AT 7:00PM

COST \$50 PER PERSON

TABLE OF 10 IS \$500

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FOR TICKETS: DD RAY BILYK
313-247-2110 / raybilyk@kofc3956.org

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BEST COUPLE
BEST INDIVIDUAL

50/50
&
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MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE LEADERSHIP 2026

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The last day
to buy tickets
is 10/19/2023

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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GrandKnight@kofc3956.org

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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

Lord's Prayer Wordsearch

Contributed by Core Director Brian Batko

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WILL	

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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
NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**

Monday, October 9, 2023 - Columbus Day (Observed)

**Sunday, October 15, 2023 - Family Breakfast, St. Pius X Social Hall
NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**

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

**Saturday, October 28, 2023 - Trunk or Treat, St. Pius X
NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - Fifth Sunday Rosary, St. Pius X

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - ALL SAINTS DAY

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 - 6:00 pm
K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall)
YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Thursday, November 2, 2023 - ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 4, 2023 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Michigan District 1 4th Degree Fall Harvest Packing Party and District Meeting
At St Jane Frances De Chantal, 38750 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

The packing party, and the district meeting, are expected to start at 9:30am, and last about 2 hours. We will have lunch afterwards (I will work with the nice folks at assembly 1839 Blessed Virgin Mary on a cost for lunch as well as what we will have.)



LOOKING AHEAD

Shrines and Steins Oct 7, 2023, Saturday Brian Batko presented an overview with gathering at St. Pius, boarding bus to Ohio and celebrate Mass followed visit to a Brewery run by Monks.

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

- Fred J. Tortonesi (October 9)
- Richard C. Myers (October 16)
- Brian T. Batko (October 22)
- Anthony J. Chirco (October 25)
- Paul J. Pauline (October 25)





YEARS OF SERVICE

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

- Dennis J. Hamilton (October 1) 50 Years of Service
- Brain J. Heasley (October 1) 50 Years of Service
- Dan A. Somenauer (October 1) 48 Years of Service
- Joseph A. Wienclaw (October 24) 19 Years of Service
- Frank A. Allevato (October 6) 18 Years of Service
- Gary T. Maveal (October 19) 15 Years of Service
- Robert R. Park (October) 7 Years of Service
- Chuck P. Degroat (October 4) 3 Years of Service
- Craig McKinney (October 9) 3 Years of Service

WIVES BIRTHDAYS

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



- Angela Chirco (October 2) Wife of Tony Chirco
- Melissa Minella (October 2) Wife of Steven M Minella

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Congratulations!!

- Ray J. and Jennifer Bilyk (October 12)
- Brian T. and Debbie Cronan (October 17)
- Matthew and Kimberly Dziewit (October 17)
- Dennis J. and Debra Hamilton (October 22)
- Cary J. and Karen Ann Polaski (October 24)

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!!

- Deacon Scott M. LaForest (October 6) 15 Years of Service to our Lord

If there are any missing birthdays, anniversaries, wife birthdays or ordination anniversaries please send them to District Deputy and Financial Secretary Ray Bilyk at raybilyk@kofc3956.org so they can be added to our list.



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
- Bob Derosé
- Bill and Linda Robert family including their daughter Terianne Stewart and son in law Michael Parker
- Mike Genaw
- Mel Jacobs
- Barb DeGroat
- Larry Rossi
- Nicholas Family
- Alyssia Schooner and Daniel Schooner, Bob Schooner's Grandchildren

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

Observations from the St Pius Festival

A lot of time, effort, and planning goes into an event the size of the St. Pius annual festival. I helped a few hours for a few days. I could tell from the weary faces and few overheard conversations that more than a few families lost sleep in the preceding week. There is a way to look at the festival that over simplifies and diminishes the efforts of the families involved.

Getting people to participate in a shared project that benefits something greater than yourself will always be a worthwhile investment. It gives us the opportunity to bring in new ideas from new people. Many of these new people would love the help more but haven't had the chance. Hopefully for them, the momentum will carry on to the next Church event.

You can see how some of this momentum has established a tradition. The family of one of our Brother Knights has been manning the popcorn booth for a while. The Knights have been working the dime toss for years. We've picked up some tips and tricks along the way to make sure things go smoothly. Things like remembering to bring a piece of carpet to lay under the display. What kind of carpet works best.

The festival gives us a chance to see a lot of people we ordinarily wouldn't. It brings in families from the neighborhood. It brings in the families of the students. That's one more chance for that new person to get to know someone who can invite them into the Church.

Robert Park, Co Editor

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord, bless my family and children. Give them hearts that follow after you. Give my family the strength to not be afraid. Give them the courage to stand up for what is right. Produce within them an attitude of integrity, giving their lives to giving you glory. Protect each family member under the shadow of your wings. Lord, help us to find our strength in you. Increase our unity and peace as we seek to follow after you. Amen

Anonymous

Vivat Jesus

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