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TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2024, MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS



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.



Council 3956 Knights of Columbus
May 2024 Business Meeting
Final Nominations and Election of Council Officers for 2024-25
*** SPECIAL NIGHT ***



TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 -
Food/Fraternalism at 6PM - Meeting at 7PM

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL NIGHT - TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a scheduling conflict, the Business Meeting normally scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st has been **RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH!!!**

Please come around 6PM for some socializing and perhaps some food. The Meeting will start at 7PM. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND IF YOU CAN!**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Meeting Agenda

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORTS - MARK GARCELLANO

- Mike Carey Concert
- John Troast Concert, 4/26/2024 7PM @ SPX Social Hall
- Motorcycle Blessing, 5/11/2024, 11AM
- Gift/Celebration for Fr. Suresh
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- May Crowning (5/4/2024 and 5/5/2024)
 - 4PM volunteers (2 knights) Dave Kudla, Bill Robert
 - 9AM volunteers (2 knights) Fred Gerring, Ryan Daw
 - 11AM volunteers (2 knights) Joe Hernandez, Ray Bilyk
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- **Membership Director's Report**
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- Exmplification @ SPX 5/20/2024, 6:30PM
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- **Program Director's Report- Ryan Daw**
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- Family- Robert Park
- Community- Stephen Gall
- Life- Bob Bailey
- Faith/Special Events- Brian Batko

Special Events Director Report

Motorcycle Blessing, 5/11, 2024 SPX Parking Lot

- Sign Update
-
- **Director's Report**
-
- Coffee and Donuts Chairman-
- Family Breakfast Chairman - 5/05/2024
- Newsletter Editors
- Fourth Degree Representative
- Insurance Agent
- District Deputy Message to Council
- Guests
-
- Treasurer's Report: Presentation of the monthly financial statement
-
- **FINAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Good of the Order: Prayers for the Faithful.

Adjournment



ADDRESS FROM GRAND KNIGHT MARK GARCELLANO

My Fellow Brother Knights! Our small council continues to actively conduct events supporting the Church, School and Community. We are able to support these events due to the tireless Knights of our council and their families who give their precious time as volunteers.

In this month's article I would like to discuss the upcoming Knights of Columbus Council Events.

- Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, we are serving as honor guards for the May Crowning before Masses.
- Sunday, May 5, we are hosting a Family Breakfast after Sunday Masses in the SPX Social Hall.
- Saturday, May 11, we are holding our annual motorcycle blessing in the SPX parking lot.
- Saturday, May 18, we again meet with our Men's Monthly Scripture Club (COR Event) 7:30 - 9:00 am at St. Pius X Church Social Hall.
- Sunday, May 19, we are conducting a Donut Sunday after Sunday Masses in the SPX Social Hall.

Tuesday, June 4, we are running the SPX field day games and sponsoring ice cream for the students and lunch for the staff of SPX.

On behalf of the Council Officers, I proudly say "thank you" to all the volunteers. You and your family are the ones who make this council strong! Moreover, you do not have to be a Knight to volunteer. I encourage all, including parishioners, students, and anyone to volunteer for our events. All are welcome to volunteer or attend.

As I often say, Catholic men, please consider joining us, it may spark a passion in you that has been dormant.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Garcellano, GK
734-968-6900

APRIL FAITH BASED CONCERTS

In April we welcomed two great musicians to share their talents with our St. Pius Community. Mike Carey, a local legend on April 13th and Jon Troast a return visit on April 26th. Both entertained at our Social Hall. We look forward to a continuation of these Christian, Family Friendly concerts. Special Thanks to COR Director Brian Batko the master mind these concerts and all our brother knights who assisted him with preparation and cleanup. Thank you also to all the parishoners who attended. Those that can enjoyed great entertainment and food, snacks and beverages served.





MESSAGE FROM SDRR and FN0475 RAY BILYK

The Catholic Men's Conference is at Eastern Michigan University and sponsored by the Lansing Archdiocese. For more details of dates email me raybilyk@kofc3956.org or r.bilyk@mikofc.org

I wanted to give my home council a heads up (one advantage of being SDRR)... and set the standard of leadership I know we have. The DD will be sending this out soon (if he hasn't already). Feel free to SIGN UP NOW!!! Here are the dates and locations for Councils Officer Training in Detroit-West.

Classes are for Grand Knights, Program and Membership Directors at Councils and are EXPECTED TO ATTEND or send a delegate in their place. Other Officers and Chairmen/Directors are encouraged to attend. Please see attachment for details!

Monday, June 3, 2024

St. Andre Bessette Parish
4250 W Jefferson Ave
Ecorse, MI 48229

Check in and meal at 6pm, Classes at 7pm

RSVP LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAA62FA3FEC43-48991447-detroitwest>

Saturday, June 8, 2024

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish
8200 N Wayne Rd
Westland, MI 48185

Check in and meal at 9am, Classes at 10am

RSVP LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAA62FA3FEC43-48990585-detroitwest>

Let me know if you have any questions.

SK Ray Bilyk, FDD, PGK, FN

Financial Secretary - Bernard P. O'Brien Council #3956 Knights of Columbus

Southgate, MI - raybilyk@kofc3956.org

<https://www.kofc3956.org>



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)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Establishing a uniform fund to support the Assembly.

All third-Degree Knights are encouraged to join the Fourth Degree. Many of your fellow brother knights have joined.

National Eucharistic Congress - Knights of Columbus Registration Discount July 17-21, 2024 - Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana

Did you know that the Church in the U.S. is about to gather for the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years? Were you on the fence about attending? Maybe this will help!

As premier sponsors, the Knights of Columbus are deep into planning what will be the most significant national gathering of Catholics in a generation. They need us there, and they hope you can help them get our parishes there as well.

They are inviting the Fourth Degree to be part of a solemn Eucharistic Procession at the Congress, and they hope to have thousands of us there. Please register to help represent the Knights at this historic Congress.

The partnership allows them to offer all who are associated with the Knights of Columbus the opportunity to register for the National Eucharistic Congress using a code for a discount on your registration fee, paying only \$299 for adult general admission—discounted from \$360! Bookmark this page: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/knights> and sign up to receive the affiliate code, but don't wait too long - They need us to help make sure the Knights are represented well at this historic Congress!



THE WINDS OF CHANGE

“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:8

Without a doubt the winds of change are upon us. Though we may have thought our course was set, sometimes like the weather, unexpected challenges arise that catch us off guard. Like, our namesake Christopher Columbus, we have to be ready to jib or tack our sails if we are to remain on course in an effort to reach our true home in the heavenly kingdom.

Over the next few months we will see changes in leadership, not only within our council but St. Pius as well. For those who have been around a while, either in the Knights, Parish, or both, we know that change is a fact of life as much as it is with sailing. We also know, how we adapt to change greatly depends on our attitude. Our attitude in turn, greatly affects our outcomes.

As Socrates wrote long ago, “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” Change is healthy in a lot of respects because it keeps us from growing complacent, which often times leads to slothfulness. New challenges brought about by change can revitalize our energy and awaken new strengths that would otherwise go unnoticed. Our attitude and support greatly affect the response and outcome of those who have been charged with making a positive change for the good of the order and the faith.

So, individually and collectively, we have an impact on change, positive or negative. It is our duty, therefore, to adjust and set our sails to continue moving in a positive direction. Keeping the new changes positive should be easy enough if we remember who the master in command is who directs those at the helm. As St. John of the Cross once said, “Well and good if all things change, O Lord God, provided I am rooted in You.”

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck

SHARING THOUGHTS FROM DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT DAVID KUDLA



GOODBYE (FOR NOW)

After writing articles for our newsletter for the past two years, I decided to retire. I want to give up my column space to someone else. Hopefully you will get a bigger brighter version of life's happening. During These two years I never tried to contemplate any theological debate. I wrote about easy simple occurrences.

One Sunday morning during some down time at our Donut Sunday a few of us so called authors sat together to ponder our readership, I guessed not everyone who receives the newsletter reads it. However, I have since learned that readership is up. Our Donut Sunday circle decerned we will let you the readers decide .

One thing I would like all of you to know is that I really enjoyed writing these articles. If a certain idea came to me at least three times during a certain month, then that was the article. Many others who wrote these articles really do an outstanding job.

Our editor (Tony Chico) and co-editor (Robert Park) not only write articles or reflections but put this whole newsletter together. This is a gigantic achievement, and they do a great job. This takes up a lot of their time.

There are a few printed copies of this newsletter in church. You could also go online at the first of the month and read it in its entirety.

There are still many parishioners out there who have never seen this work of art. Let's make an effort to spread the word and get more parishioners to read it. It didn't cost anything. IT IS FREE!!!

If you see me at any K of C events, stop by and say hi. If your spouse asks who that was? Just say that's the nut who used to write those K of C newsletter articles.

At the end of all my articles, I always sign off in the same fashion. Here it is.....

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla
(By for now)

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla,
Deputy Grand Knight

Editor's Note:

I have enjoyed working with Dave's articles and his unique perspective on life's occurrences at our many Councils 3956 Knight of Columbus activities. I know for a fact that Dave has not given up his pen. (See his letter to Fr. Suresh, which he wrote after announcing his "Retirement".



MESSAGE FROM PGK AND ADVOCATE BILL ROBERT

As I write this article, I am somewhat down in the dumps! As some of you know my son in Law Michael has cancer. His doctors removed him from Chemo/ radiation treatments because they were not working. He is traveling to Grand Rapids for a new therapy only tested in animals.

It is hard watching a vibrant 45-year-old ex-marathon and iron man competitor become thin and forced to run to the bathroom. How do you explain this to his children and his wife?



MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE AND COR DIRECTOR BRIAN BATKO

Our next Men’s Scripture Club continues each third Saturday in the Social Hall from 7:30 to 9:00am. Our next gathering is May 18, 2024. We discuss that week’s Sunday readings and reflect upon them. There is growing interest among many of us. As many of us seek a better understanding of scripture, this is an opportunity to gain a valuable perspective. Arrive early for coffee and donuts. Bring a friend or family member. You do not have to be a Knight of Columbus to attend.

Thank you to all who attended our recent christiam based concerts in the hosted Hall Mike Carey on April 13th and Jon Troast on April 26th were great fun. Our own resident musical Omar, himself a skilled musiciam was greatly impressed. We all agree.

Our next upcoming special event is our annual Motorcycle Blessing on May 11, 2024 beginning at 8:00 a.m. T-Shirts may still be available. Demand has been great. Please contact me for more information at (313) 550-1330 or emsil me at bbatko@gmail.com



13th Annual Motorcycle Blessing



Saturday May 11th

T-Shirts Available
For purchase

8:30 AM

Breakfast Burritos
Free Will Donation

**St. Pius X 14101 Superior Street
Southgate, MI**

T-Shirt Pre-Order link: <https://bit.ly/2024BikeBlessingPreorder>



MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY RAY BILYK

We all have family and friends that would welcome becoming a brother knight of our council. We have instituted an incentive for our membership. Each member that brings in a new member will receive \$30 off the next years dues. It's a win-win. Two of our newest members joined and their sponsor will receive their credit for the next membership cycle.

All members should be receiving monthly copies of the meeting minutes by email to their email address on file. If you are not receiving these, please contact financial secretary Ray Bilyk to ensure we have your correct email address.

ARTICLE FROM PROGRAM DIRECTOR RYAN DAW



As we conclude this year and we look ahead to the new council year, I would like to thank all officers and directors that have worked with me. Special thanks to my team of directors:

- Family- Robert Park
- Community- Stephen Gall
- Life- Bob Bailey
- Faith/Special Events- Brian Batko

Knights Of Columbus Michigan State Council



We Are Catholic Men Striving to Be the Best Husbands, Fathers and Leaders We Can Serving Our Church & Community

Join Us

Reminder: Grand Knights, please forward this communication to your Council members every week.

Brothers let's be "Friends"!

Follow Michigan Knights of Columbus on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichiganKofC) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/michiganknightsofcolumbus/) for up-to-date news on statewide Faith in Action events and activities. "Like" and "Share" with your friends, family, and prospective members today!



Leading in the Eye of the Storm



Fr. Mike Nixon, Pastor
St. Dominic Catholic Church, Panama City, FL

Men's Conference
May 4th
7:30 AM – 12:30

St. Roch Catholic Church
25022 Gibraltar Rd.
Flat Rock MI



Devastation of Hurricane Michael - 2018

Fr. Mike and his pastoral team ministered to and led the local community through it all.

We live in the eye of the storm and face incredible headwinds. God is calling you to lead in such a time as this.

Mass, Breakfast, Presentation & Discussion
Cost \$25
Register & Pay with QR Code



*****SAVE THE DATE!!!*****

KNIGHTS ON THE RIVER



WHERE: BISHOP PARK DOCK (WYANDOTTE) TO "THE BRIDGES"

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

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 (text/cell)

or RayBilyk@KofC3956.org



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Editor's Note:

As mass concluded last Sunday, April 21st, we were all surprised to hear from Fr. Suresh that the Arch Diocese will be assigning him to another parish, St. Mary's. He will be leaving us this coming June. As we learn more about his departure and celebration of time with us, we will pass that along.

Our Deputy Grand Knight came out of "retirement" to share his open letter to Fr. Suresh. We share many of his sentiments.

GOODBYE FATHER SURESH

It seems like you just arrived here. And now as a missionary priest, your superiors said it is time you go. That's life and that's the way things go.

Thank you for coming here and being our spiritual leader. It was always nice when you poked your head in at Donut Sunday's, Family Breakfasts, sporting events for our schoolchildren. You wanted to see and be seen by our parish community. It was a pleasure to have you among us.

We will miss you and we wish you the best with your new assignment. I could say, may God be with you, however you know that he will be walking along by your side.

Hopefully this will be a bright new beginning for you and our beloved St. Pius X parish you leave behind. We will both march ahead.

I hope you enjoyed this little note. I could not have found a card that would better express my thoughts.

At our K of C meetings when you are not present, our fellow Knight, Deacon Chuck is always asked: "Any concerns or words from Father Suresh"? We will now have to get used to a different name.

A couple of years ago at our ice cream social with our school children; a younger girl after getting her ice cream told me, "May Jesus be with you". Well, Father Suresh, "May Jesus be with you too"!

Respectfully,
Dave Kudla



Knight of the Month - STEVEN POCHINI

Our Knight of the Month is Steve Pochini. Steve has served in various roles on the Officer's Council. He stepped up as the Council Recorder and moved into the Treasurer's Role replacing Walt Kabalka. Steve also serves as a lecturer at Mass on Sundays.

Steve is a proud graduate of Notre Dame University. He comes from a shining example of service to the parish and the Church. Steve's Uncle Dick, Mom, and brother also serve vital roles at St Pius and Divine Child. Please join us in congratulating Steve as the O'Brien Council's Knight of the Month.



Family of the Month - THE BILYK FAMILY

Many families at St. Pius could be awarded Family of the Month every month. The Bilyk Family should be recognized every month. This is the month we've chosen to highlight all they do for our council and our parish.

Ray Bilyk is the State Deputy Regional Representative as well as a member of the Fourth Degree. For the O'Brien Council Ray serves as; Financial Secretary, Coffee and Donuts Chairman, and many other activities far too numerous to list. He said the Knights of Columbus Saved his life. He joined the Knights in the Squire Program and his dedication to the order goes far beyond anyone I've ever met.

Ray's example of leadership in service to the faith can be seen in his entire family. Ray's lovely wife Jennifer is often at his side serving Coffee and Donuts after mass. She has been a stalwart presence at; Coat's for Kids, Family Breakfasts, the Annual Motorcycle Blessing, and several district-wide and state-wide K of C events. Jennifer has also served the Church working for St. Timothy's in Trenton and St. Pius Religious Education Program. Ray and Jennifer have two children Kiara and Devin. Kiara has served as an usher and an altar server. Devin has also served as an altar server for St. Pius X. Ray is especially proud of the way his children have stepped up during a recent health event that Jennifer went through. Jennifer is on the mend, and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Please keep the Bilyk family in your prayers. The community of St. Pius and the O'Brien council need them.

HERE IS A FUNNY ARTICLE TO SHARE ABOUT WHO MAY BE THE PATRON SAINT OF OUR DETROIT LIONS

WRITTEN BY

Unleash the Gospel Team

PUBLISHED

April 22, 2024

If you have stopped by Campus Martius in the last 730 days (give or take a few), you probably noticed the clock counting down to the 2024 NFL Draft, hosted by our very own city. As Draft weekend swiftly approaches and we prepare to welcome approximately 300,000 guests to Detroit, we thought we might offer some saintly suggestions for football fans to turn to during this exciting moment in the NFL.

Whether you're a die-hard Lions fan (#grit) or you cheer for another team, there's a saint particularly suited to pray for and support you during this time of the year (and all year round, in fact). Without further ado, check out our comprehensive list of recommended patron saints for every team in the NFL:

In particular, Our Detroit Lions – [Bl. Solanus Casey](#)

I mean... if we need to explain, are you even a real fan?

Not only is Solanus Casey a hometown holy homie for Detroit fans, but his life is also a reminder of the slow, steady work of God. This year, Lions fans can turn to his intercession as they count on another playoff run and set their sights on the Super Bowl

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:

GK Mark Garcellano (734) 968-6900

GrandKnight@kofc3956.org

SDRR Ray Bilyk (313) 247-2110

RayBilyk@kofc3956.org





GREAT NEWS FOR YOU AND A FRIEND!

Each member that brings in a new member will receive \$30 off next year's dues!

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 seen to the left...

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

May Crowning is on May 4th and 5th.

- 2 members at each mass are needed with 2 members still needed at the May 4th 4:00 PM mass. Fr. Suresh wishes to thank our council for supporting the May crowning and Mother's Day activities.
- **Family Breakfast**
 - Will be held on Sunday May 5th. Please consider stopping by and helping.
- **Coffee and donuts**
 - Our next Coffee and donuts after mass will be held on April 14, 2024. Please consider stopping by and helping.
- **Fourth degree representative - Ray Bilyk**
 - Next Exemplification for District 105 is on May 19, 2024. Contact SDRR Ray Bilyk raybilyk@kofc3956.org to confirm time and location. There is no waiting period and members are encouraged to consider becoming a fourth degree Knight.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Special Early Date for K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (Social Hall)

Final nomination of officers and election on agenda. Please come around 6PM to the St. Pius Social Hall for some socializing and perhaps some food. Meeting will start at 7PM.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Council 3956 Charity Family Breakfast after each Sunday Mass. Please volunteer to help.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Ascension Day

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Annual Motorcycle Blessing. Hosted by Bernard P. O'Brien Council 3956

St Pius X Parish Parking Lot, 14101 Superior, Southgate, MI,

T-shirt Pre-order: <https://bit.ly/2024BikeBlessingPreorder>

Sunday, May 12, 2024

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! LOVE YOU MOM!

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Men's Monthly Scripture Club (COR Event) 7:30 - 9:00 am at St. Pius X Church Social Hall
We will meet once a month to start off. We will discuss that weeks Sunday readings and reflect upon them. Arrive a little early for coffee/donuts. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS TO ATTEND! OPEN TO ALL MEN!!!

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Homebrew Demo - 10am - 4pm

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Council 3956 Coffee and Donut Sunday after each Sunday Mass. Please volunteer.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 19, 2024

District 105 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Wednesday - Friday, May 22-24, 2024

Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention

Friday, May 24, 2024

Happy Birthday Fr. Suresh!!!

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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

- Christian S. Abello (May 3)
- Dennis J. Hamilton (May 3)
- Taylor Jarvis (May 4)
- Steven M. Minella (May 6)
- Bruce L. Presutti (May 6)
- Jose R. Yanez (May 12)
- Alexander W. Brown (May 18)
- Anthony P. Dault (May 18)
- Guy Vitale (May 20)
- Harold G. Paddock (May 23)
- Rev. Suresh Rajaian SAC (May 24)
- Chuck P. Degroat ESQ (May 28)



WIVES BIRTHDAYS

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



No wives' birthdays were shared for May. We still remember your special day!

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Suresh Rajaian SAC (May 9, 2000)



YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights celebrating the anniversary of their membership to the Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council #3956 in May:

- Michael J. Gyolai (May 1) 62 Years of Service
- John F. McFadfden Jr. (May 1) 48 Years of Service
- Lindsay P. Mclean (May 1) 33 Years of Service
- Larry C. Ridenour (May 13) 32 Years of Service
- Joe Hernandez Sr. (May 17) 32 Years of Service
- Nathan P. Neubecker (May 23) 25 Years of Service
- Wesley B. Barnard (May 6) 9 Years of Service
- Nicola Vignola (May 6) 9 Years of Service
- Ryan Wallace (May 30) 2 Years of Service
- John Pigott (May 31) 2 Years of Service
- Adam Walentowicz (May 16) 1 Year of Service

Happy Anniversary!

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- John A. and Valerie Husar May 6, 1974, 50 Years
- Patrick D. and Deborah Tidwell May 30, 1980, 44 Years

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

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. We would love for this to be as accurate as possible. Thank you, Ray!



IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

- Jennifer Bilyk
- Lou Butka and family. Lou lost her husband Frank Sr. in February.
- James Garcellano, GK Mark Garcellano's brother
- Bill Robert's son in law Michael Parker, who needs special prayers for his battle with cancer. For Bill's brother Rick and daughter Terianne.
- Robert LaForest,
- Joe and Roger Hernandez
- Deacon Bob
- Manuel's Family
- Mel Jacobs
- Barb DeGroat
- Larry Rossi
- Alyssia Schooner and Daniel Schooner, Bob Schooner's Grandchildren
- Carol Kainz, Cousin to Angela Chirco, diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer
- Valeria Kudla, Wife of David. Upcoming Surgery
- Antonietta (Dolly) Chirco, who is recovering from a stroke, Mother of Editor Tony Chirco

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

The Lord commands us to Honor our Father and Mother. Jesus gave us one of the ultimate examples of how to honor Mary by transforming water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. We can't perform miracles for our mothers and our fathers wouldn't want us to die on the cross for others. God tells us to honor our mothers because God knows we can be selfish creatures. Babies and small children have endless amounts of need and almost no capacity for gratitude. I'm told it doesn't get much better during the teenage years. Yet a mother will sacrifice almost anything for their children. They will break their backs, wear down their joints, and forgo food and sleep to care for them. It's something we don't always realize our own mothers have done until we see our own wives doing it for our children.

It's our responsibility as the leaders of our family to demonstrate honor and gratitude for the mothers in our lives. We can start with the Crowning of Mary on May 4th and 5th which leads directly into Mother's Day the following Sunday. Lead a family Rosary in honor of our Mother Mary and the women in our lives to show them how much you care.

Co-Editor Robert Park



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and on all days as vessels of Your love. In Your name I pray. Amen.

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day-in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.

When our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Mary, full of grace, I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. Amen.

Prayer from Hallow

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This Mother's Day, celebrate your mom. She will always be with you in your heart and in hers.

Yours truly

Vivat Jesus
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