



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

Charity Unity Fraternity

July 2025 Issue 70



K of C Council 3956 Business Meeting
Wednesday August 6, (St Pius Social
Hall) Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments and snacks served
afterwards at 7.

JUL 30, WED

6 – 8:30pm

Council 3956 Officers Planning Meeting

In the Activity Center-Floor is being resurfaced in the Social Hall

14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

AUG 4, MON

6 – 8pm

K of C District 105 Meeting (with District 110)

Knights of Columbus Wyandotte Council, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, USA

AUG 6, WED

All day

143rd Annual Supreme Convention held in Washington DC (Day 2/3)

6 – 9pm

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall) LADIES INVITED! Meeting at 6pm, Food and Socializing following in the Social Hall

AUG 9, SAT

6:10 – 10:30pm

Fraternal Knight at Comerica Park (Anaheim Angels at Detroit Tigers)

AUG 12, TUE

All day

Blessed Michael McGivney's Birthday (1852)

AUG 13, WED

All day

Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day

AUG14, THU

All day

Blessed Michael McGivney's Anniversary of Death (1890)

AUG 15, FRI

All day

Assumption of Mary

AUG 16, SAT

7:30 – 9am

Men's Scripture Club (Cor Event)

St Pius X Catholic Church Social Hall, 14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

AUG 17, SUN

9am – 12:30pm

Donut Sunday (after the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses)

St Pius X Parish, 14101 Superior St & Longtin st, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

AUG 18, MON

7 – 8pm

District 105 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

St Pius X Catholic Church, 14101 Superior St & Longtin st, 14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

AUG 21, THU

All day

Saint Pius X Feast Day

6 – 6:30pm

AUG 26, TUE

6 – 6:30pm

4th Degree Officers Meeting

Knights of Columbus Wyandotte Council, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, USA

6:30 – 7pm

4th Degree Rosary

Knights of Columbus Wyandotte Council, 3530 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192, USA

7 – 8:30pm

Msgr Van Antwerp Assembly 475 4th Degree Business Meeting

AUG 27, WED

6 – 8:30pm

Council 3956 **Officers and Directors Annual Planning Meeting**

In the Social Hall

14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

AUG 30, SAT

11am – 3:30pm

SAVE THE DATE: Downriver Knights Family Picnic

Centennial Park, Grosse Ile, MI

AUG 28-31, THURSDAY-SUNDAY

All Day-Parish Festival

14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

SEP 1, MON

All day

Labor Day

SEP 3, WED

6 – 9pm

K of C Council 3956 Regular Business Meeting (St Pius Social Hall) Meeting at 6pm, Food and Socializing following

SEP 15, MON

7 – 8pm

District 105 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

St Pius X Catholic Church, 14101 Superior St & Longtin st, 14101 Superior St, Southgate, MI 48195, USA

SEP 20, SAT

7am – 2:50pm

5th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament (benefitting St. Pius X Catholic School)

7:30 – 9am

Men's Scripture Club (Cor Event)

St Pius X Catholic Church Social

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Grand Knight July, 2025 Message to Council.

OUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING ON JULY 30TH WILL BE IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS

ITEMS TO DISCUSS WILL INCLUDE:

LADIES NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL, FOR OUR WIVES AND LADY FRIENDS INCLUDING WIVES OF OUR BELOVED PAST BROTHER KNIGHTS.

This will begin as part of our business meeting in which the ladies will be our special guests, followed by Dinner and Social Hour to celebrate these wonderful women in our lives. We want all our ladies there that night so please ask her now and make plans to attend. SEE FLYER INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

FRATERNAL KNIGHT AT COMERICA PARK AT COMERICA PARK

(Anaheim Angels at Detroit Tigers)

Saturday, August 9 6:10 – 10:30pm

See Ray Bilyk for availability

DOWNRIVER FAMILY PICNIC IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT CENTENNIAL FARM PARK ON GROSSE ILE.

A sign up Genuis is on our council website. Please volunteer. All we ask is for at least one shift. It's easy and fun. Stick around to enjoy the many activities, food and fun for kids and adults. SEE FLYER INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

O'BRIEN COUNCIL'S 5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO SUPPORT ST. PIUS X SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS SEPTEMBER 20TH AT WOODSIDE MEADOWS. INCLUDES A GREAT LUNCH!

The Committee needs help raising awareness of the event. Volunteers are needed. Please get a foursome together and talk to friends, family and acquaintances to do the same. We are also seeking sponsors for each hole, activities, prizes and lunch. SEE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Officers

for council year July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Grand Knight – Tony Chirco

Deputy Grand Knight – Ryan Daw

Chancellor – Dick Gregoire

Recorder – Robert Park

Treasurer – Steven Pochini

Advocate – Mark Garcellano

Warden – Bill Robert

Inside Guard – Stephen Gall

Outside Guard -Eric Mann

3rd year trustee – Doug Furtah

Financial Secretary – Ray Bilyk

Chaplain – Fr. Don Lacuesta

Lecturer - Deacon Chuck Dault

Appointed and Director Positions

Fr. Don Lacuesta - Chaplain

Ray Bilyk - Financial Secretary

Deacon Chuck - Lecturer

Brain Batko - Program and Activities Director

Joe Wienclaw - Faith Director

Walt Bies - Family Director

Stephen Gall - Community Director

Bob Bailey - Life Director

Vince Barazsu - Membership Director

Current Committees

Ryan Daw, Joe Chlebek, Committee open to others - Retention and Recruitment Committee

Mitchell Garcellano – Public Relations and Social Media Chairman

Doug Furtah III, Joe Chlebek, Bob Schooner - Golf Committee

Ron Wagner and Tony Chirco - MI Drive Committee

Fred Gerring, Dave Kudla, Committee open to others - Coats for Kids

COR Scripture Club is planned for Saturday, August 16th in the Social Hall at 7:30 a.m.

Next Donut Sunday is planned for Sunday, August 17th after 9:00 and 11:00 masses.

- Ask SDRR /SR Ray Bilyk if he needs help purchasing the Donuts.
- We will need help handing out donuts, serving beverages, set up and clean up.

Next Exemplification, Tentatively, Monday, August 17th.

- WDD Mark Garcelano to confirm time and location.

Integrity of Heart

For those of us who may have been, or are, avid comic book readers, one of DC's most notorious villains for Batman is Two-face. A former friend and ally turned criminal because of an obsession with duality; a flawed sense of right and wrong. This unpredictable character trait made justice and mercy difficult for those who confronted him. Sometimes we find these character flaws within our society, Church, organization and even ourselves.

Being two-faced is not something new. We read in Proverbs, "The honesty of the upright guides them; the faithless are ruined by their duplicity." (*Pr 11:3*) Even Jesus, when he saw Nathanael coming toward him exclaimed, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." (*Jn 1:47*) In other words, he is a straightforward individual.

So, what does this mean for us as Knights? When viewed on a personal level, duplicity of character evokes the idea of doubleness. In truth, it's a form of deception. You intentionally hide your true feelings or intentions behind false words or actions. The duplicitous person lives two lives; the one he shows and the one he is hiding.

As Knights and Catholic Gentlemen, we must strive to be men who possess integrity of heart. What we do, how we live, and the faith we express should be the same, whether in Church or in public. What you see should be what you get.

As Jesus told his disciples and the crowd during his Sermon on the Mount, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." (*Mt 5:37*)

As we grow in our faith and understanding of what the Lord desires our person to become, let us continually strive to be men who possess wholeness, honesty, and moral uprightness. Let us have integrity of heart.

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck

Fatherhood

“God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish his extraordinary plan.”

G.K. Chesterton

June 15th is a special day this year for many men. Whether we are honored as a father, or we honor or think about another man as father, the celebration of Father's Day will in some way, shape, or form, affect us whether we ask for it or not.

So, as Catholic gentlemen, how we live out our vocation (our dadness) is and will be a testament to fatherhood itself, good or bad. As the late, Pope Francis said:

Fathers are not born but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Although many men, and the alike, may think they have earned a right to the title by default, true fatherhood demands a certain aptitude that goes beyond most definitions in our society. If we think about the life of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, we can easily see what Pope Francis was talking about.

Sometimes what we envision for our life isn't always what God has planned. Sometimes being a dad involves more than we bargained for, and we must be willing to go beyond ourselves.

As Knights, we must not be satisfied with mediocrity or falsehoods but rather strive to be the paternal men those searching for, find. We cannot offer anyone guidance on how to have good, moral character as a virtue, if we ourselves don't possess those qualities, even if other fathers do not.

Like St. Joseph, prayer helps us to find the direction that leads us along paths of righteousness to a life that mirrors the very fatherhood of God. A life that more fully embodies unconditional love, willing sacrifice, and sincere forgiveness. A life worthy of the title dad.

Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck

May Flowers

You know the old adage, “April shows will bring May flowers.” The saying is credited to Thomas Tusser in his work, *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry* published in 1557. Although Husbandry usually refers to the care, cultivation and breeding of crops, in a spiritual sense, it can also refer to us who are husbands and fathers of families.

Aside from its seasonal meaning, it also conveys a message of hope and perseverance. Sometimes, we as heads of our households (for the most part) need to keep this in mind when things go awry, and darkness seems to envelope our family.

The axiom suggests that during the unpredictable unpleasant events in life, like the weather, there are brighter tomorrows that follow, always. It’s a reminder for us, as Knights, to have faith that God will help us through our difficulties and lead us to more beautiful days ahead. After all, He is the Creator of the seasons, the weather, the flowers, and yes, even us.

Let us be mindful of the proverb, so that in spite of the human condition, which may bring a period of discomfort or hardship, we stand as the pillar of light in the time of darkness, and help our families in a positive way by providing a basis of happiness and joy.

He is Risen! Vivat Jesus,

Deacon Chuck



In Our Prayers

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

Mandy Borsenik

Jennifer Bilyk

Margaret LaForest

Franz Albright

Joe and Roger Hernandez

Manuel's Family

Glenda Rossi

Bob Schooner

Alyssia Schooner and Daniel Schooner, Bob Schooner's Grandchildren

Carol Kainz, Cousin to Angela Chirco, diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer

Liz and Larry Ridenour

Brian Batko

Valerie Husar

John Husar Sr.

Norman LeMay

Kelly Hernandez

Dick Gregoire's Family

Victoria Turnick

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

Our Newest members Right to Left

Nick Jarvis, Vincent Barazso, Charles(Chuck) Momenee, Brandon Brock











Click to sign up to our Council GroupMe text chat:

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

QR CODE:



Click to order attire from our Council 3956 online store:

<https://knights3956pius.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

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INVITATION TO THE LADIES OF OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus O'Brien Council 3956 at St. Pius Church, Southgate, Michigan invites you as our special guest at our August 6th General Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Place: St. Pius Social Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m. Meeting

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Social Hour

Casual Attire suggested.

We recognize that the time and energy our brother knights give to our community comes from the cooperation of the great women that support them.

As we continue our mission, we welcome your involvement. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with each other.





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



5TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefitting St. Pius X Catholic School

Woodside Meadows Golf Course

20820 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Registration Opens: 7:00 AM

Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM

What's Included:

Bloody Mary and Donuts,
Hot Dog and Beer at the Turn,
Buffet Style Dinner (\$25 for non-
golfers),
Cash Bar, Prizes for 1st, 2nd, &
3rd and mystery prize for last place teams!

There will be fun games
throughout the course, basket
raffies, and 50/50!!

Cost Per Golfer: \$110

Sign-up & Payment

Deadline: September 13th

Register for Golf and Sponsorships
@ www.kofc3956.org/golfouting2025/

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Par Sponsorship - \$100

- Sign on the course
- Name and/or company name in the St. Pius school newsletter, on the KofC Facebook page, and on digital display at the clubhouse

Birdie Sponsorship - \$300

- All previous included opportunities and...
- Tee off from the REDS on Hole 18

Eagle Sponsorship - \$500

- Sign located at the practice putting green
- Name and/or company name in the St. Pius school newsletter, on KofC FB page, and on digital display.
- First in line at the buffet
- 4 custom embroidered golf towels

For questions, email us at: 2025golfouting@kofc3956.org

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

THURSDAY 7:00-10:00pm

NEW!!!!

FRIDAY 5:00-11:00pm

SATURDAY 11:00am-11:00pm

SUNDAY 12:00pm-11:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Music Bingo
7pm – 10pm

NEW!!!!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

50 AMP Fuse
7pm – 11pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Sarah Sherrard & The Sugar Ham Band
1pm – 4pm

Atomic Radio
7-11pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Frany & FrankieG
1 – 5pm

Phoenix Theory
7 - 11pm

FOOD TRUCKS

CELLY'S BAR AND GRILL

DETROIT SIBLING RIVALRY BBQ

FRESH BEAN COFFEE

GALINDO'S

KONA ICE

St. Pius FESTIVAL

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

FOOD TRUCKS • SNACK SHACK • SWEET TREATS • BEER TENT
GAME TENT • VEGAS • BINGO • VENDORS • SMALL RAFFLES
GRAND RAFFLE • LIVE MUSIC • CARNIVAL RIDES!



GAME TENT
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FUN**

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19th Annual Downriver Knights Family Picnic!

Saturday August 30, 2025

11am - 4pm

Centennial Farm Park

(On beautiful Grosse Ile)

25797 3rd St, Grosse Ile

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

\$5.00 feeds the
whole family...
such a deal!!

Same price
19 years
in a row!



Broasted Chicken Hamburgers Hotdogs Cole Slaw
Baked Beans Corn on the Cob Potato Salad Cookies
Fruit Pop Water Assorted Beer (\$5 Donation)

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

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