St Paul On The Lake Council 12121



Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program

Life Program

Andrew Young, Grand Knight

Joseph MacDonald, Council Program Director

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State Council Program Awards
Entry Form

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION
THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.
(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): ☐ **Faith** ☐ **Family** ☐ **Community** ■ **Life**

COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 12121 Total Council Members: 124

Grand Knight: Andrew Young E-Mail: GK12121@mikofc.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program Program Date: 9/14/2026-ongoing

Participation: 20 (Members) + 83 (Non Members) = 103 (Total Participants) 52 (Total Volunteer Hours)

Program Planning: $1255 (Costs) & n/a (Time) Members Recruited: 0 Donations: n/a (Local Currency)

3 **Describe the program in full detail using the space below and on page 2.** Programs must be organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members to qualify. Programs must also engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria. *Along with the description of the program, provide the program's purpose, goals, accomplishments and why it deserves to win the award.*

Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

On behalf of St Paul on the Lake Council 12121, we respectfully submit our Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program for your review.
The program has adapted and enhanced the existing baptismal program for the new families in our Parish.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director
COPY TO: Council File
Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org

(continued on reverse)

Continue your program description in the space below.

The inspiration for this program came from Michigan State Life Program Director Ed Strach, who introduced the idea of presenting families with a Knights of Columbus baptismal cloth. Our council appreciated the spirit of this idea and with the permission of our pastor, worked together to adapt it in a way that would be especially meaningful and practical for families in our parish.

A project team was created which included members of the Knights and Parish staff members. After discussions among the project team, we decided that an embroidered baptismal bib or towel personalized with the child's name would be a more fitting and memorable gift.

As we developed the concept, we decided to add the booklet "Letters to Families" from the Building Up the Domestic Church series. In addition to the booklet, we added a personal letter addressed to the father and godfather encouraging them to embrace their role as a strong husband, father and Catholic gentleman and encouraged them to join the Knights of Columbus.

Our church celebrates between 70-100 baptisms each year.

The goal of this program is to support newly baptized children and their families at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church as they begin their journey in the Catholic faith. The primary beneficiaries of this program are young Catholic families, particularly parents, fathers, and godfathers who are entrusted with nurturing the spiritual life of the child. By providing a meaningful Baptismal gift and resources for faith formation in the home, the Knights of Columbus seek to strengthen the role of the family as the Domestic Church.

Signed: Andrew Young, PFN
Grand Knight

03/16/2026
Date

Introduction letter from Grand Knight and Council Program Director

Dear Award Committee Members,

St Paul On The Lake council 12121 of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI is respectfully submitting our : "**Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program"** as our Faith in Action State Service Program Award for Life.

Our Council reached out to our Pastor about potentially adapting or enhancing the existing Baptismal program. This program was created to celebrate the gift of new life through Baptism and to support families as they begin their child's journey in the Catholic faith. Baptism is the moment a child becomes part of the Body of Christ, and our Knights of Columbus council saw an opportunity to make this moment even more meaningful by welcoming families with a thoughtful and faith-centered gift while reinforcing the importance of the family as the **Domestic Church**.

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Our hope is that you find this program worthy of the Life award. I know that more than 75 families so far this year have expressed their gratitude.

Vivat Jesu,

Joseph MacDonald, Council Program Director.

Andrew Young, Grand Knight

Project Overview – Detailed Purpose & Goals

Who Did the Program Benefit?

The *Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program* was created to support newly baptized children and their families at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church as they begin their journey in the Catholic faith. The primary beneficiaries of this program are young Catholic families, particularly parents, fathers, and godfathers who are entrusted with nurturing the spiritual life of the child. By providing a meaningful Baptismal gift and resources for faith formation in the home, the Knights of Columbus seek to strengthen the role of the family as the Domestic Church.

What Was/IS the Program?

This program provides a **Baptism Welcome Kit** for every newly baptized child in the parish. Each kit includes:

- A **white embroidered baptismal bib personalized with the child's name and a pink or blue cross, or for older children a personalized towel.**
- A **baptismal candle**, symbolizing the light of Christ received during the sacrament
- A copy of the Knights of Columbus booklet **"Letters to Families" from the Building Up the Domestic Church series**
- A **personal letter addressed to the child's father and godfather**, encouraging them to embrace their role as spiritual leaders in the family and inviting them to learn more about the Knights of Columbus

The embroidered bib carries both **symbolic and practical significance**. In the Rite of Baptism, the child receives a white garment symbolizing being clothed in Christ. The personalized bib can serve as this white garment during the ceremony, particularly for families who choose clothing that may not traditionally be white. It also helps protect the child's gown during the sacrament while providing a lasting keepsake commemorating the child's Baptism.

Where Was the Program Held?

The program takes place at **St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church**, where newly baptized families are welcomed and presented with their Baptism Welcome Kits.

When Was the Program Conducted? NOTE: this is an ongoing program

The program is normally scheduled **on Sundays following the 12:00 PM Mass**, allowing families and parishioners to celebrate the sacrament together and giving the Knights the opportunity to personally welcome the newly baptized child and family.

Why Did the Council Choose This Program? (Need / Goal)

The council chose this program to address an important pastoral opportunity: **supporting young families at the very beginning of their child's faith journey**. Baptism is often the first major sacramental moment for a young family, and it presents a meaningful opportunity for the Knights to connect with parents and encourage them in their vocation to raise their children in the Catholic faith.

The inspiration for this initiative came from **Michigan State Life Program Director Ed Strach**, who introduced the concept of presenting families with a Knights of Columbus baptismal cloth. While embracing the spirit of this idea, our council adapted the concept to better serve our parish families. The council and parish staff determined that a **personalized embroidered baptismal bib or towel** would be a more practical and meaningful gift for families.

The program also addresses the broader goal of **strengthening the Domestic Church**, encouraging fathers to take an active leadership role in the spiritual life of their families and creating a natural opportunity to introduce them to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

How Did the Council Execute the Program?

The success of the program relies on a strong partnership within the parish community.

The Knights of Columbus council works in conjunction with the parish office and school staff to provide the contents of the Baptism kits and presents them to families.

A unique and meaningful contribution comes from the **parish school secretary**, who **embroiders each child's name on the baptismal bib**, transforming each item into a personalized keepsake for the family.

Through this collaborative effort between the Knights, parish staff, and school community, the program ensures that each newly baptized child receives a warm welcome from the parish.

With 7**0–100 baptisms expected each year**, this program allows the Knights of Columbus to personally connect with many young families, celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, and reinforce the mission of **Building the Domestic Church** by supporting parents as the first teachers of the faith.

Ultimately, the program reminds families that they are not alone in raising their children in the Catholic faith but are supported by their parish community and a brotherhood of Catholic men dedicated to faith, family, and fraternity.

Selection Process

Planning

The project team evaluated the Michigan Knights of Columbus baby blanket and agreed that something should be given to the newly baptized child. One of the staff members had done embroidery for a church function. We solicited her advice and she recommended a white bib with embroidered cross. As discussion continued about the project, we inquired about the ability to personalize the bibs, and all agreed it would be a more fitting and memorable gift.

The Baptism coordinator will send an order of Bibs/towels with a list of names of Children being baptized 1 month prior.

Cost & Timing: Total Paid to date $1255

- Cost is $15.00 per bib with name and colored cross
- Cost is $15.00 per towel with name and colored cross
- Cost is $12.00 per bib for colored cross.
- Delivered in two weeks.
- "Letters to Families" from Supreme Supplies $1/booklet

Invoices: **Appendix 1**

Fund Raising ?

On the second weekend of every month, we collect cans and bottles at the parish. Our average monthly collection is over $500 per month. To fund this program, we need approximately 3 months of collections.

Impact to the community?

We believe the impact to our parish community is very positive and spiritual. We are welcoming a new member into the Catholic faith. Celebrating the beginning of their journey and providing a meaningful gift to the family from the Knights of Columbus.

MEDIA

Examples of a few Notifications from our Church Paper.







Project Chronology – Timeline from Inception to Completion (Including Results)

July 9, 2025 – Program Introduction
The Council Membership Director, Program Director, Warden, and Grand Knight attended the Summer Archdiocesan Knights of Columbus Meeting. During the meeting, Michigan State Life Program Director Ed Strach introduced the *Baby Blanket Program*, which provides a Knights of Columbus cloth to newly baptized children. After the meeting, the Grand Knight spoke with Ed Strach to learn more about how the councils could implement this program.

July 10, 2025 – Initial Evaluation
The council ordered the minimum of six Knights of Columbus baptismal blankets in order to evaluate the program and determine whether a similar initiative would be appropriate for St. Paul on the Lake Parish.

July 12, 2025 – Pastor Consultation
An email was sent to the pastor of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church describing the program concept and asking whether he would support a Baptism Welcome initiative funded entirely by the Knights of Columbus council.

August 2025 – Program Adaptation
When the sample Michigan Knights of Columbus blankets arrived, the project team—consisting of council members and parish office staff—reviewed the items. After discussion, the team determined that a personalized embroidered baptismal bib would be a more meaningful keepsake for families and would likely be used more often than a Knights of Columbus cloth. The bib could also serve as the white garment referenced in the Rite of Baptism, while helping protect the child's baptismal gown during the ceremony.

August 28, 2025 – Father and Godfather Outreach
The Grand Knight and Membership Director collaborated to write a personal invitation letter addressed to the father and godfather of each newly baptized child. The letter encourages them to embrace their role as spiritual leaders in their families and invites them to learn more about joining the Knights of Columbus.

Early September 2025 – Personalized Bib Design
The parish school secretary, who has experience embroidering items for students at the school, offered to assist with the program. She created several sample embroidered bib designs for review by both the council and parish staff.

Early September– Council Approval and Funding
After reviewing the samples, the entire council approved the program and funding structure. The council agreed to purchase the bibs monthly as baptisms occur, anticipating 70–100 baptisms annually.

- Cost per embroidered bib: $15
- Additional cost: approximately $1 per family for the Knights of Columbus booklet "Letters to Families" from the *Building the Domestic Church* series.

Program Logistics and Solutions
During the early stages of implementation, two potential logistical issues were identified and resolved:

- Timely Embroidery of Names: Since baptisms are typically scheduled about one month in advance, the parish office now provides the child's name to the embroiderer approximately four weeks before the ceremony, ensuring sufficient time for personalization.
- Children Baptized Beyond Infancy: The council quickly recognized that not every person baptized is an infant. To address this, the team decided that older children or individuals receiving the sacrament would receive a matching embroidered white towel (24" x 15") made of the same material, ensuring the gift remains appropriate for all recipients.

Current Program Results

- 77 baptisms celebrated through the program to date.
- 20 Knights of Columbus members actively involved, including fundraising, planning, ordering materials, assembling kits, and writing invitation letters.
- 5 non-members participated as part of the extended project team, including parish staff and the school secretary who provides embroidery.
- 0 new members recruited directly from the program to date, though the initiative continues to provide a strong and positive witness of the Knights of Columbus within the parish community.

Through careful planning, collaboration with parish leadership, and the dedication of council members and volunteers, the *Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program* has been successfully implemented and continues to strengthen the connection between the **St. Paul Knights of Columbus and young Catholic families entering the Church.**

ROSTER OF PARTICIPANTS AND ROLLS FULLFILLED.

Knights:20

Bottle and Can Collections: Primary Funding Source

Alex Bieri, Jim Duerr, Brian Fromm, Bob Costello, Richard Grunow, Dino Parisi, Don Delaura, Dustin Hoffman, Joseph Guglelmenti, John Ricci, Kevin and Julie Granger, Kurt Schmidt, Mike Fuller, Mike Kawa, Mark Thoma, Andrew Young, Tim Berkesch.

Project Team:

Father James Bilot, Chaplin and Pastor. (Final approval)
Andrew Young , GK (From inception through Proposal submission)
Thomas Krall, DGK (From inception through Proposal submission) Reviewed process first hand.
Tim Berkesch, PGK current Membership Director helped write the letter to Father and God Father.
Mark Thoma, Financial Secretary (Helped determine if project was feasible)
Joseph MacDonald, Program Director (From inception through Proposal submission)

Non- Knights:5

Project team

Colleen Tabor Office manager
Theresa Sommers, Funeral and Baptism Coordinator for Parish
Denise Embree, Office Staff
Dianne Romanelli, Photographer
Colleen Wilson, School Secretary, Embroiderer.

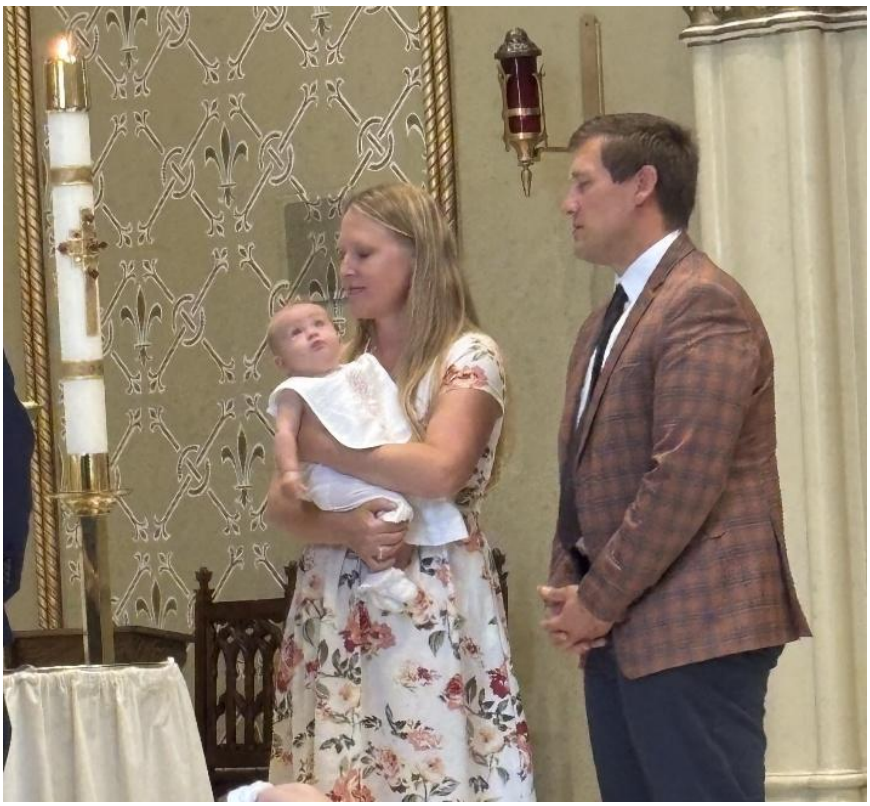
Baptized Children: 77 to date.

Total Hour Worked 52

Hours worked Bottle and Can 38 hours
Project team: 10 hours
Set-up kits: 4 hours

PHOTOGRAPHS: Planning

The first recipient of the **Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program** was our Deputy Grand Knight Thomas Krall and wife Lauren. The Godfather was Brian Krall, who also is a member of Council 12121. This was done purposely so Thomas could give his impression from the parents' point of view and provide feedback on any changes that needed to be made.





Execution of program examples:







Ted and Kate Roney son of deceased SK Edward C Roney, PGK,PFN Celebrating Bridget's first Sacrament at Saint Paul On the Lake Church.







The Fillmore Family: Mia (Godmother), Janay, Paul, Sonny (Godfather). Both Paul and Sonny are Knights and Sonny is our newest member (2/28).

Execution of program continued:

THE KIT CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING:



OR



Depending On The Age A Larger Towel



Provided by the

St. Paul

Knights of Columbus



See contents of letters to father and godfather below.

THE 2 PAGE LETTER TO THE FATHER/ GODFATHER

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic Men Striving to be the best Husband's Father's and leaders servicing our community and Parish. Dedicated to Forming Joyful Missionary Disciples of Jesus Christ. Discover Brotherhood, Service & Faith opportunities by joining St Paul On The Lake Knights of Columbus Council 12121

💙 **CHARITY** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to *"Love thy neighbor as thyself."* Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by making sandwiches for the hungry and donating the food to local food pantries and kitchens, by supporting mentally impaired individuals, and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. Last year alone the Knights contributed over 47 million hours "serving and sacrificing for the sake of others" and gave over $190 million to charities .There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

🤝 **UNITY** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another.. It means that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

🛡️ **FRATERNITY** – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today ,serving each other in fraternity and mercy.

UNITED IN CHARITY®

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Responding to Disaster

Knights of Columbus provided basic necessities and spiritual support to families in the wake of devastating natural disasters, including gifts cards, MREs and water for communities impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.



MORE THAN $1 MILLION
DEVOTED TO DISASTER RELIEF LAST YEAR

224,696
COATS DISTRIBUTED IN 2023



Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids program provides warm winter coats to children in need in the United States, Canada and overseas. Since 2009, we have distributed more than 1 million coats to children across North America.

Culture of Life Initiatives

Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. From empowering women to see their unborn children to supporting maternity homes, we are there to build a culture of life. More than 1 million moms have had the opportunity to see their unborn children!

MORE THAN $11 MILLION
DONATED TO PREGNANCY CENTERS AND MATERNITY HOMES IN THE LAST TWO YEARS





OVER 9.2 MILLION
POUNDS OF SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED AND OVER
1.7 MILLION
PEOPLE HELPED

Standing with Ukraine

Knights of Columbus is living out the mission of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, to care for widows and orphans and to support our Ukrainian brother Knights. For more than two years we have provided relief supplies to shattered communities, and we continue to support those suffering from the horrors of an ongoing war.

Warriors to Lourdes

Warriors to Lourdes brings together U.S. military personnel to celebrate their Catholic faith and pray for peace, as they seek physical and spiritual healing.



OVER 200
SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, COMPANIONS AND CAREGIVERS PARTICIPATED

MORE THAN $33.1 MILLION
PROVIDED SINCE 2014 TO HELP VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS BUILD FOR THE FUTURE



Persecuted Christians

We continue to serve those who are persecuted for their faith. Ten years ago, we promised to help the Christians of the Middle East. Since then, we've rebuilt churches and restored whole communities in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

Encouraging Vocations

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), we gave more than $4.1 million last year to the formation of men and women pursing a religious vocation in Canada, the United States and around the world. This fall, we crossed the $100 million threshold of financial support donated by councils to seminarians and others in formation for religious life.

124 SEMINARIANS
RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THIS YEAR



Why Join the Knights of Columbus? Why Not?

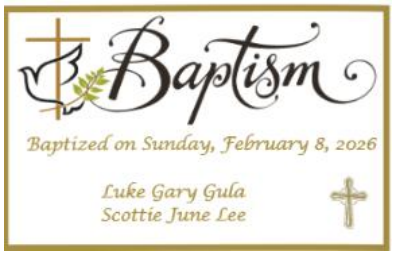
Media (All Forms):

There is no promotional media used for this program. This program is to serve the church by enhancing the families' memories and experience of this sacrament.

Examples of a few Notifications from our Church Paper.







Correspondence Sent And Received

Correspondence with Ed Strach to order baby blankets

Michigan Knights of Columbus Mail - Your Order for Baby Blankets
GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Your Order for Baby Blankets
4 messages

Ed Strach <E.Strach@mikofc.org>
To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 9:56 AM

Worthy Grand Knight Andrew, I received your council's order for six "Created in the Image of God" baby blankets. Due to a limited supply of the blankets I will send you one to take a look at (no cost) to see if you would like to order additional blankets when the next order comes in.

I am working with the supplier of the blankets and believe it may take 2 to 3 months to replenish the order. I will let you know when they will arrive to place the order.

Sorry for this inconvenience.

SOARing for Life ... with Courage!

Michigan State Council
Knights of Columbus
Ed Strach, Life Director
734-476-6296

Correspondence with Father Jim Bilot

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
To: "Fr. Jim Bilot" <jbilot@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>
Reverend Father,

Sat, Jul 12, 2025 at 10:20 AM

I Met the coordinator of the Michigan Knights of Columbus baby blankets program on July 9 at the Seminary.. As soon as I get the sample, I will drop it by the parish office .

Yours In Christ,

Andrew Young, PFN
Grand Knight
St. Paul on the Lake Council #12121
313-506-9035

Report for August 5 Meeting

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Sat, Aug 2, 2025 at 11:16 AM
To: FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>, Tim Berkesch <md12121@mikofc.org>, PD 12121 <pd12121@mikofc.org>, Thomas Krall DeputyGK12121@gmail.com

GK report

…Unfinished business:

Baby Blankets are a bust. I was not impressed with the blankets. (Sample received and did not like)

However, I have found a substitute. Recommended by Parish Staff.... A bib for baptism. See sample. This will be done in house by one of the Staff members. On the inside it will say " donated, supplied, provided" by Saint Paul on the lake Knights of Columbus….

Baby Blankets in Stock

Ed Strach <E.Strach@mikofc.org>
To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 5:12 PM

Worthy Grand Knight Andrew, I am pleased to let you know that the "Created in the Image of God" baby blankets are now in stock. If you would like to place an order for these blankets let me know.

SOARing for Life .. with Courage!

Ed Strach, Life Director
Michigan State Council
Knights of Columbus
734-476-6296

CORRESPONDENCE To Ed Strach Thanking Him For His Help.

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
To: Ed Strach <E.Strach@mikofc.org>
Ed,

Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 5:23 PM

Thank You for all your help.

We ended up going another route. We are using baptismal bibs with the child's name on it.

The bibs are to protect the baptismal gown, and in the event the gown is not white, it provides something white to be baptized in. See attached photo.

Each bib will be tied with a ribbon with a label Provided by the St Paul on the Lake Knights of Columbus.

I will be happy to return the sample blanket you sent me, just let me know.

Thank you for all you do.

Andrew Young, PFN
Grand Knight
St Paul on the Lake
Council 12121
313-506-9035

Krall, Mary Bib.jpeg

Baptism bibs w/out attachment

Date: Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 4:03 PM

Subject: Re: Baptism Bibs

To: Colleen Tabor <ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>, Theresa Sommer TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org

1) I have been given approval to move forward with Bibs. I would like to add a small card that states "Provided by the St Paul Knights of Columbus" tied to the bib by a ribbon.

a) As a part of the "kit" for the parents, we could include the booklet ("Letters to Families"), a booklet found on the Kiosk in the Church (See Attachment. as a sample) I will order another 50.

b) We will be putting together an invite to the Father/Godfather/Uncle to join the Knights explaining what the Knights do.

2) We will be happy to work out a payment plan with Colleen, whatever works for her.

3) Regarding providing her with lead-time to put on names, we rarely, if ever know who is being baptized. Wouldn't the office be letting Colleen know of an upcoming baptism. She can provide this process with a built-in timeframe: If the Baptism is in X days, it can be personalized.If not, no personalization.

4) Why personalize with the First and MIDDLE name? Why would you not use the First and LAST name?

Colleen,

The Quote looks good to me.

Hi Andrew,

Here is the quote for the Baptismal Bibs.

- White Bib with embroidered 2 colored cross design - $12 each
- White Bib with embroidered 2 colored cross design and 2 name (first & middle?) personalization - $15 each

Please let me know as soon as you are able if you'd like to go this route and I will place an order to stock the bibs.

Kind regards,

Colleen

On Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 12:48 PM Colleen Tabor <ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org> wrote:

Hello Andrew, Colleen W. and Theresa,

I am just putting all involved together in this email regarding the possibility of the Knights providing our baptismal bibs for St. Paul.
Colleen, please provide a quote to Andrew for both the general embroidered bibs (with the cross design only) and the personalized ones. We will do whichever they choose.

Andrew, please let us know what the Knights decided as far as type of bib and work out how you will get payment arrangements made directly with Colleen W.

Theresa, if the Knights choose to go with the personalized (first and middle name only) bibs, please work out a system with Colleen W. to give her enough time to make them. NOTE: If we have last minute scheduling, we will just give them a non-personalized bib for the baby to have at baptism. Colleen will provide us with a stock of non-personalized ones if needed.

Thanks,

Colleen Tabor
Mission Support
St. Paul on the lake Catholic Church
157 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
www.stpaulonthelake.org
313-885-8855 x151-
Colleen Tabor ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org

Andrew Young, PFN

Grand Knight

St. Paul on the Lake Council #12121

313-506-9035

Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 4:55 PM

To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>, Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>, Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>, FS 12121 fs12121@mikofc.org

Baptism bibs w/out attachment

Hi,

Thanks for getting all this information to each other. I will let you all decide on the name, lead time, card design, etc...

I appreciate you bringing back this important ministry to our families!

Best,

Colleen

Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
Tue, Sep 2, 2025, at 7:05 PM
To: Colleen Tabor <ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org>, GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>, Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>, FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>
Andrew,

I can create a small card to go with each bib. I have attached a copy for you approval. I will also source ribbon to attach the cards with. As far as the names go, my suggestion is to use only the first name. We talked about first and middle because sometimes last names are long. We have very little room to work with as the bibs are small and making the font too tiny does not yield quality workmanship. Theresa will send me the list of names on a bi-weekly schedule. No need for you to worry about this. I will make up a small supply without names to use if time is too short. But, honestly, I can usually accommodate a quick turnaround f a baptism is scheduled with short notice. Again, Theresa and I will work that out. As far as payment, I'm ok with a monthly/quarterly payment. Whatever you decide works best for your accounting practices.

Let me know if you have any other questions/concerns. I will place the order for the bibs tonight. I have plenty on hand to get started right away.

Happy stitching!

- Baptism bibs w/out attachment

Colleen

From: Colleen Tabor
Sent: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:55:56 PM
To: GK 12121; Colleen Wilson; Theresa Sommer; FS 12121
Subject: RE: Baptism bibs w/out attachment
K of C postcard.jpg

Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 8:23 AM

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
To: Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>, FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>
Colleen,

I agree with everything: Card looks great
First name is perfect. However you get info from Theresa is between you.
Lastly,
Please send us a bill monthly at the end of the month would be best. We will cut you a check the First Tuesday of the month at our council meeting.

Please send the bill via email to myself and Mark Thoma. GK12121@mikofc.org and FS12121@mikofc.org respectively.

Thank you for all your support on this project.

I removed Colleen Tabor from this email. She has pass the project onto us.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Young,PFN
Grand Knight
St Paul on the Lake
Council 12121
313-506-9035

Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>
To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>, Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>
Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 9:17 AM
Michigan Knights of Columbus Mail - Baptism bibs w/out attachment

Good Morning,

I will email the names to Colleen.

Blessings,

Theresa R. Sommer

Baptism/Liturgical/Funeral Coordinator

Father Jim and Letters to Parents

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
To: Colleen Tabor <ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Thomas Krall <DeputyGK12121@gmail.com>, Tim Berkesch <md12121@mikofc.org>, FS 12121 <fs12121@mikofc.org>
Colleen,

Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 7:55 AM

Father Jim came to our council meeting last night. During the conversation I showed him the Letters to Parents booklet. I told him you would probably be sending him an email today asking which he preferred… "the kit" or for the baptism class. He said he will ask Father Andrew to make the recommendation. You may want to cc Father Andrew in your email to save time.

P.S. Thank you for confirming the yearly Calendar for the meetings and the special ones this month.

We may be doing a Zoom only meeting in May, because there will be another major conflict with the 1st degree Relic of Carlos Acutis coming in May, (date currently unknown).

Andrew Young, PFN
Grand Knight
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Would we be able to create a baptism kit?

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Sun, Sep 7, 2025 at 1:07 PM
To: Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>, Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Tim Berkesch md12121@mikofc.org

I heard Mary Krall is scheduled to be baptized next Sunday.
Mary is the Daughter of my Deputy Grand Knight. (2nd in charge of KOFC)
I think this would be a great test. Good or bad it will be a good start. I think we can learn what works and what doesn't and not be detrimental to the process. If nothing else provide a bib with no name. If it can't be done I completely understand.

Thank you for your help.

Andrew Young,PFN
Grand Knight
St Paul on the Lake
Council 12121
313-506-9035

Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
To: GK 12121 gk12121@mikofc.org

Andrew,

Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 7:02 AM

Mary's bib is done and Theresa Sommer has it in her possession. I have completed ten non personalized (five for each boy and girl) and 8 personalized bibs for the month of September. Theresa has them all.

Please let me know how it all works out

Kindly,

Colleen
Colleen Wilson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School

Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>

To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>, Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Tim Berkesch md12121@mikofc.org

Good Morning,

Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 9:01 AM

The bib for Mary is ready, it is beautiful. I have attached a photo for your reference. I submitted the names of those to be baptized this Sunday to Colleen last week. The bibs have been beautifully made and ready to be distributed.

Blessings,

Theresa R. Sommer
Baptism/Liturgical/Funeral Coordinator
St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church
157 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
313-885-8855
www.stpaulonthelake.org

Knights of Columbus invite

GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
To: Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>
Cc: Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>, Tim Berkesch <md12121@mikofc.org>

Is the card attached with each one? Do you have enough booklets? (Letters to parents)
I will ask Tim Berkesch to get the Knights of Columbus invite to Theresa by Thursday.
Is there anything else you need from us?

Andrew Young,PFN
Grand Knight
St Paul on the Lake
Council 12121
313-506-9035

I have the cards and ribbons

Theresa Sommer <TSommer@stpaulonthelake.org>
To: Colleen Wilson <CWilson@stpaulonthelake.org>, GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Cc: Tim Berkesch <md12121@mikofc.org>

I have the cards and ribbons!

Colleen Tabor <ctabor@stpaulonthelake.org>
To: GK 12121 <gk12121@mikofc.org>
Wed, Sep 3, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Fr. Jim has been briefed on the entirety of the new KofC baptism ministry. He is very happy with the bibs, cards, and including the Letter to Families booklet to the families (He very much likes this document).

Thank you for restoring this important ministry!

Best

COMMENT FROM THE PASTOR

Parents and Godparents attend a baptism preparation class to understand the theology of the sacrament and their Catholic role in the life of the child. The Knights of Columbus supports the sacramental preparation ministry by distributing booklets educating families about life in the Catholic Church. On each child's date of baptism, the Knights also provide a beautiful personalized white bib signifying the child's new life in Christ. Their ministerial support, to me the Pastor, is vital to the health and well-being of the parish and wider Church.

Fr. Jim Bilot, Pastor Saint Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Volunteers: We have two groups of individuals who need to be acknowledged.

1. **The Parish Office staff**
2. **Can and Bottle Drive volunteers.**

The Parish Office Staff play a critical role in supporting the council's programs throughout the fraternal year. Their assistance with scheduling, communications, sacramental records, and parish coordination allows many of the Knights' charitable and faith-based programs to operate smoothly. Without their partnership and willingness to assist, the council would not be able to carry out many of its initiatives.

- Present each staff member with a Visa gift card as a small token of appreciation for their time, support, and collaboration with the Knights of Columbus.
- We Plan to Recognize the parish staff in the parish bulletin message, highlighting their contribution to the success of Knights programs.
- Inform the pastor of the recognition so he understands the council's appreciation for the parish staff and their role in supporting the mission of the parish.

The Can and Bottle Drive Volunteers have made an extraordinary contribution to the council's charitable outreach. Through their dedication and consistent work collecting cans and bottles throughout the year, they helped generate over $7,500 in funds. These funds directly support the council's $3,000 annual donation to the RSVP program, as well as the Baptism Welcome Program and other charitable initiatives that benefit the parish and community.

End-of-Year Volunteer Appreciation Event

- At the end of the fraternal year host an informal party bringing the volunteers together and celebrating the success of the programs.
- Present each volunteer with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing their contribution in the specific programs they volunteered in**.**

RESULTS

Total Participant Members:

The program has engaged **20 Knights of Columbus members** as active participants. These volunteers represent a broad cross-section of the council, ranging from new Knights who have been members for less than a year to several Honorary Life members, demonstrating strong intergenerational support and commitment to the mission of the Knights.

Total Participant Non-Members:

Directly involved **83 non-member participants and counting**, along with **more than 70 additional family members and extended family witnesses** who were present to celebrate the sacrament. This broad participation allows the Knights of Columbus to maintain a visible and positive presence during an important sacramental moment in parish life. Through these interactions, parishioners see firsthand the St. Paul Knights of Columbus' commitment to supporting young families and fostering the growth of the Catholic Church.

Total Number of New Knights Recruited:

While no new Knights have yet been recruited directly through the program, the initiative provides a powerful and positive witness of the Knights of Columbus. The program allows fathers, godfathers, and families to see the Knights actively supporting the life of the parish and investing in the future of the Church. This visibility builds trust and awareness, laying the groundwork for future membership growth and deeper engagement with the council.

Total Funds Raised:

Financially, the council has committed **nearly $1,500 to date** to support the program, funding the baptismal candles, personalized embroidery materials, and other components of the Baptism Welcome Kits. These funds represent a meaningful investment in the spiritual formation of young Catholic families.

Final Program Results:

Ultimately, the success of the *Building the Domestic Church Baptism Welcome Program* can be directly attributed to the dedication of the project team, whose work ethic, faith, and willingness to share Christ with others have made the program both smooth and impactful. Most importantly, **77 new members of the Church have been welcomed through the Sacrament of Baptism**, which in itself represents a tremendous success. By supporting these families and celebrating this sacrament, the St. Paul Knights of Columbus strengthen their relationship with the parish and visibly demonstrate their commitment to faith, family, and the continued growth of the Church

APPENDIX 1

INVOICE

From:
Colleen Wilson

To:
St. Paul Knights of Columbus
157 Lake Shore Road

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

Invoice Number: 001
Date: September 9, 2025

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
13	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$195.00
10	Embroidered Baptismal Bibs (plain)	$12.00	$120.00

Total Due: $315.00

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Bianca – girl
Mary- girl
Moira- girl
Margot- girl
Emmet- boy
Mark- boy

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Jameson- boy
Linette- girl

Future Dates:

Grace-girl
Francesca-girl
Sophie- girl
Kaito-boy
Raffaella-girl

Invoice Number: 002

Date**: October 8, 2025**

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
20	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$300.00

Total Due: $300.00

October

Margot—girl	Nora—girl	Sadie-girl
Savannah—girl	Ines—girl	Margaux Towel girl
Sophie—girl	Kainn—girl—towel	Charles Bib- boy
John—Boy	Beatrice—girl—towel	Antonino Bib- boy
Jacob—Boy	Coleman—boy—towel	Alexander—boy
Rosemary—girl	Lennon-girl	Ava—girl
Emilio-boy	Lila—girl	

Invoice Number: 003

Date: **November 20, 2025**

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
11	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$165.00

Total Due: $165.00

November

Bridget- girl	Noah-boy	Connor- boy	Nikolaus-boy
Clark – boy	Henrry- boy	Isaiah- boy	William-boy
Bruce-boy	Aaliya-girl	Hunter- boy	

Invoice Number: 004

Date: **December 19, 2025**

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
5	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$75.00

Total Due: $75.00

December

- Easton- boy
- Owen- boy
- Natalie- girl
- Isla- girl
- Mela—Girl

Invoice Number: 005

Date**: January 21, 2026**

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
8	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$120.00

Total Due: $120.00

January

- Isabelle- girl
- Luke- boy
- Mason- boy
- Bella- girl
- Norah- girl
- Giulia- girl

Rita-girl

Gordon-boy

Invoice Number: 006

Date: **February 11, 2026**

Description of Services:

Quantity	Description	Unit	Price Total
20	Embroidered Baptismal Bib (monogrammed)	$15.00	$300.00
		Total Due:	$300.00

February

• Theodore – boy	Calvin-boy	Ella-girl	Benjamin-boy
• Paige- girl	Kenneth-boy	Lenora- girl	Charolotte-girl
• Jack- boy	Levi-boy	Aveline-girl	
• James- boy	Madison-girl	Sample Towel	
• Luke- boy	Sophia- girl	Camille-girl	
• Scottie- girl	Bella-girl	Raymond-boy	

Invoices for Booklets

December 18, 2025

Shipping Summary

Select a Location:
Click On The Arrow to the Right and select enter a custom location.: CUSTOM
Mark to the Attention of: Theresa Sommer
Delivery Instructions:
St Paul On the Lake Church
157 Lakeshore Dr
Grosse Pointe Fa, MI 48236 US
* Delivery Options:
IMPORTANT SHIPPING NOTICE
Expedited shipping will be effective once the following conditions have been met (if applicable):

- The order has been **approved** (not all orders need approval)
- Item has been **produced** (non-inventory items)

: USPS GrndAdv
50 of 310E

Billing Summary

$66.25 Credit Card Number : ending in 9259
Member Number : 3684806

Item #	Description	Back Order	Order Qty	Unit of Issue	Pieces Ordered	Price	Tracking	Ship Date	Actions
310E	Letter to Families - English	No	50	1	50	$50.00			
					Sub Total:	**$50.00**			

Freight:	$12.50
Handling:	TBD
Tax:	$3.75
Total:	**$66.25**

September 08,2025

Order Date: 09/08/2025 10:44:03 AM EDT

Shipping Summary

Select a Location:
Click On The Arrow to the Right and select enter a custom location.: CUSTOM
Mark to the Attention of: Andrew Young
Delivery Instructions:
Andrew Young
452 CLOVERLY RD
Grosse Pointe Farms. MI, MI 48236 US
* Delivery Options:
IMPORTANT SHIPPING NOTICE
Expedited shipping will be effective once the following conditions have been met (if applicable):

- The order has been **approved** (not all orders need approval)
- Item has been **produced** (non-inventory items)

: UPS Ground
50 of 310E

Billing Summary

$65.41 Credit Card Number : ending in 9259

Item #	Description	Back Order	Order Qty	Unit of Issue	Pieces Ordered	Price	Tracking	Ship Date	Actions
310E	Letter to Families - English	No	50	1	50	$50.00			
					Sub Total:	**$50.00**			

Freight:	$11.71
Handling:	TBD
Tax:	$3.70
Total:	**$65.41**