



The Special Olympics Initiative

A Faith in Action for LIFE Program

St. Mary of the Hills, Council #13950

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St. Mary of the Hills Council No. 13950

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February 26, 2025

Re: Introduction Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

The following Council Program Report for the “Special Olympics Initiative” details the leadership and fundraising achievements of Council 13950 and collaborating Councils to better serve the needs of developmentally challenged athletes in the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League. Moreover, the dedication of the new baseball field to our founding father, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, increases awareness of the Knights of Columbus and its mission in serving the community.

Fraternally,

Tom Schenk
Grand Knight

Ken Dumais
Program Director

Project Overview

The Special Olympic Initiative was introduced by the State Council under Life. This initiative involved the raising of funds to help build an A.D.A. compliant baseball field for Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League. The goal was to raise \$75,000 to complete the building of the field. Doing so would give Neil Reid Park two diamonds for those with special needs. Should we accomplish this goal, the Knights of Columbus could name the Senior League Field.

This program benefits those with special needs by providing a facility where they can play baseball. The Challenger Division of Little League Baseball is designed for mentally and physically disabled youth to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. More than the skills of baseball learned through the experience, the value of the Little League Challenger Division is found in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports, the strengthening of participants' self-esteem, the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play, and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play which are hallmarks of the Little League program. The intent of the Challenger Division is to give everyone a chance to play baseball regardless of limitations. The significance of this new baseball diamond is best expressed by one of the athletes when asked why she loves baseball. The athlete told her mom that playing baseball gives the players an opportunity to feel "normal."

The construction of the new A.D.A. compliant baseball field strengthened the relationship between the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League and the Community Parks and Recreation Department. Moreover, the new baseball field will bring to light in the public eye the extent of involvement of the Knights of Columbus MI Drive and the organization's commitment and support to those who have special needs.

Selection Process

The Knights of Columbus back in 2008 raised over \$14,000 to help build a baseball field for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division named Norm Hott Field located in Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township, Michigan. As the young athletes grew older, they outgrew the small size of Norm Hott Field. The baseball teams had a mixture of young children and older youths. Another larger baseball field was needed to separate the athletes by age and level of skill. An additional larger field would prevent injuries to the athletes while accommodating growth in the league's athletic membership.

St. Mary of the Hills, Council 13950 has always donated funds collected from the MI Drive to the Special Olympics of Michigan. Ken Dumais, a member of Council 13950, served as chairman of the "Special Beyond Comparison Drive" in 2008 to raise money for the construction of Norm Hott Field located in Clinton Township at Neil Reid Park. When the Council became aware that Ken had taken on a voluntary roll to raise funds for another baseball field, Council 13950 agreed to provide financial support to the Special Olympics Initiative. Over a two-year period, Council 13950 made two donations amounting to \$1,800 to build a second field at Neil Reid Park following the Order's Principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

The Special Olympics Initiative overcame two obstacles in fundraising to build the baseball field. The initial fundraising campaign raised \$18,900 to meet the original cost estimate of \$180,000 to construct the field. However, material shortages resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in a revised cost estimate of \$250,000 to construct the baseball field. Consequently, a second fundraising effort was necessary to achieve the revised cost estimate.

By the grace of God, the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division decided that no one deserves to name the new field other than the Knights of Columbus because of all the good that we have done in support of the League. Upon learning that the Knights of Columbus would have right to name the new field, a second push to raise an additional \$75,000 was launched to fully fund construction. Using a mailing list provided by the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council, Councils from across the Archdiocese of Detroit were solicited for donations to complete the baseball field to be named in honor of K of C founder Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The response from 43 or 30% of the Councils in the Archdiocese was a miracle considering only 17 Councils contributed to construction of Norm Hott Field for the Challenger Division in 2006. Moreover, the direct mail campaign to Councils in the Archdioceses would help the League receive further funding from the MI Drive and continued support for the Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field.

On June 15 2024, the Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field was dedicated and blessed with 40% of the Councils that contributed attending the event. There was a raffle for one of two

balls taken from the opening day celebration of Norm Hott Field. The first ball was given to the League to toss out as the opening pitch. The second ball would be thrown out by a member of the Knights of Columbus. The raffle raised an another \$200. Throwing out the ball was Brother Knight Dan Guilbert, a member of St. Isidore Council 7200. This Council spearheaded the 2008 State Youth Award “Special Beyond Comparison.” Prior to the dedication festivities, holy water from the spring at Lourdes, France was sprinkled on the bases of the field. The remaining vial of water was given to Bishop Robert J. Fisher which he poured into his vial of holy water. During the Bishop’s blessing and naming of the baseball field, he used his vial of holy water to bless those athletes and family members observing the event on the other side of the backstop and dugouts. This was truly our “Faith in Action.”

Project Chronology

2019

On October 20, 2019 an email of support for Challenger baseball field from G. Kopp on behalf of DD24 was sent out. It briefly stated the Knights of the Challenger Field Initiative in Clinton Township, 2008. The field installed with our support has been used by those with handicaps up to the age of 16. The League has decided to expand to a Senior League for those 16 years and older. This expansion required a new field with longer baselines. The Knights of Columbus were offered the naming rights to the field, but a \$75,000 donation to complete field construction was needed.

In a follow-up email from G. Kopp on December 8, 2019, Ms. Wittstock, Vice-president of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division is quoted as saying “she was proud and humbled when she tells people the Knights of Columbus are her biggest supporter. She appreciates all the work the Knights do year after year, and truly believes the new field would be a pillar in the community giving special needs children and adults another amazing Field of Dreams for many years to come.”

2020

Project activity was suspended in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

2021

In 2021, the direction of the fundraiser was changed. Michigan State Council changed the name of the fundraiser to a Special Olympics Initiative involving the Councils located in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Moreover, Ken Dumais volunteered to lead the new initiative. Ken had prior fundraising experience as Chairman of “Special Beyond Comparison Youth Award

which involved Councils of Macomb County and raised over \$14,000 to help build the A.D.A. compliant Norm Hott Field for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division in Clinton Township.

2022

In 2022, John Hundiak, State Olympic Director, and Ken Dumais made presentations at two Diocesan meetings held on January 11th and 19th to introduce the Special Olympics Initiative, show a slide of the proposed baseball field, and answer questions. The presentation highlighted the \$75,000 fundraising goal of the Special Olympics Initiative to complete construction of a new baseball field in Neil Reid Park located in Clinton Township, Michigan for use by Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League. By raising sufficient funds to complete the baseball field, the Knights of Columbus would receive the naming rights. At the meeting, it was announced that Ken Dumais would visit all Councils in Macomb County to inform members about the Special Olympics Initiative since the field would be built in Macomb County and they supported the first Challenger Division baseball field.

On February 23, 2022, a presentation on the Special Olympics Initiative was reviewed at the K of C Tri-district meeting in Oakland County for Districts 111, 134, and 124.

A Special Olympics article dated March 2022 announced the Knights would name the new baseball field after K of C founder Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney if they successfully raised \$75,000 or sufficient funds to complete the baseball field. By meeting the fundraising goal, the Knights would have the opportunity to conduct a dedication ceremony and permission to bless the field and the participants as well as build the relationship between the Knights of Columbus, the Little League Challenger Division, and the Special Olympics of Michigan.

In a letter dated August 20, 2022, the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division conveyed that the baseball field would be named after Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney and that the Knights had raised \$15,000 for the new field with over \$140,000 since 2006.

2023

During an Archdiocese meeting held in January, 2023, another presentation was made for the Special Olympics Initiative informing those Councils present that \$18,900 had been raised. In a letter dated August 20, 2024, Councils were informed that no one deserved to name the new baseball field other than the Knights of Columbus for all the work that we do for the Challenger Division. Despite what we raised, spoken words conveyed to me by Marilyn Wittstock. In light of the good news, the Councils were then asked if \$18,900 was good enough. It was then announced that individual visits to Macomb County Councils would still continue.

In a letter written to the Worthy State Deputy dated March 3, 2023, it was reported that the Knights had raised \$31,020 with many Councils supporting. In this letter was also a request to receive monies from the MI Drive. A response letter from the State Council stated that individual Councils have the sole responsibility of determining where the funds are sent. The letter included a recommendation to solicit as many Councils as possible to request their consideration for donating to this worthy project.

On November 29, 2023, the ground breaking ceremony for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League was conducted at Neil Reid Park located in Clinton Township, Michigan. This would become the first field in the State of Michigan and the United States to be named "Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field." The total sum raised for the Special Olympics Initiative was \$65,000, and when tallied with donations to the league since 2006, it exceeded \$225,000. The League obtained all the money needed to build the Senior League Field. A tentative date was set for the dedication and blessing of the field on Father's Day weekend, Saturday, June 15, 2024.

2024

Subsequently, meetings continued with the 43 Councils that donated to this initiative. Councils received personal invitations to attend the dedication and blessing ceremony. Councils were also informed that a ball from the Opening Day Celebration at Norm Hott Field would be thrown out by the Knights of Columbus. A decision was made that a raffle for the ball would be conducted and the winner would toss the ball during the celebration at the new field with all proceeds going to the League to purchase sports equipment. Councils were encouraged to invite men who were prospective Knights to see the Knights of Columbus in action.

On Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM the Knights of Columbus were escorted onto the new field by representatives of the eight Color Corp Assemblies. The opening Ode was sung by 40% of the councils that donated to the Special Olympics Initiative. Included in the celebration, were members of the League who were also members of the Knights of Columbus. Immediately after presentation, was the singing of the national anthem by a member's daughter who herself has special needs. A speech was given by Ken Dumais conveying the Knights of Columbus support to the Senior League. Celebrants to the dedication and blessing were the Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Fisher, Fr. Christopher Muer, and Fr. Stan Ulman. Representatives from Knights of Columbus State of Michigan Council State Secretary Charles McCuen and Lady Pam attended, giving a short speech followed by the Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship for Special Olympics of Michigan, Robbie Waclawski. The celebration ended with the tossing of a beach ball that looked like a baseball into the air and the singing of our orders Closing Ode and a hardy shout of Vivat Jesus!

During the planning of this Initiative, great care was given to this program so it can be duplicated within the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the Special Olympics Initiative, prayers were offered to Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney for his intercession. The program was conducted with the principles of our order: "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity" and most importantly, leaning on "Faith, Hope, and Love" through the trials and tribulation to ultimately achieve success in the Special Olympics Initiative.

Roster of Participants

LIST OF COUNCIL WHO DONATED

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	#	K of C Name	New field	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	2	8233 Msgr Michael Abdo						
5	3	7561 Armada	\$500	\$900		\$500	\$500	\$375
6	4	7018 St. Clement	\$2,000				\$250	
4	5	5460 John F. Kennedy	\$2,595			\$300	\$250	\$350
7	6	744 John Cardinal Dearden	\$1,558	\$1,386	1,368	\$1,253	\$530	\$609
7	7	3129 St. Patrick	\$2,010	\$757	\$750	\$550	\$1,000	\$650
1	8	7100 St. Isidore	\$1,464	\$2,844	\$535	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
2	9	6865 Pope John Paul (July/Oct)	\$2,100.00	\$1,884	\$250	\$1,074	\$1,191	\$786
2	10	11658 St. Hubert (January/December)	\$1,624	\$1,040	\$2,045	\$1,000	\$791	\$899
9	11	13952 St. Matthias - no longer a council?						
9	12	14213 Holy Innocents	\$1,000			\$533	\$505	\$393
10	13	3725 Msgr John Vismara	\$300					
1	14	12403 St. Theda	\$2,663	\$951.00		\$790	\$640	\$784
1	15	11689 St. Paul of Tarsus	\$2,350	\$1,273	\$385	\$1,200		
13	16	3191 MSGR Stapleton	\$280	\$50				
14	17	8710 Father Cullinane						
14	18	2835 Father Kramer						
14	19	13340 St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Oct)	\$1,890	\$700		\$590	\$314	\$413.00
14	20	13799 St. Michael's	\$1,000					\$500
14	21	5452 Fr. Baumgartner	\$2,000					
14	22	2950 St. Lawrence	\$1,100	\$750		\$3,250	\$2,750	\$1,000
14	23	3848 St. Plus X	\$500		\$100			
14	24	11957 St. Therese	\$1,000		\$500			
14	25	8186 St. Louis de Marillac	\$1,040	\$154				
14	26	1874 Fr James Cottar	\$500					
14	27	2251 Monsignor Kromennaker (St Clair)	\$500					
14	28	13950 St. Marys of the Hills (Troy)	\$1,800					
14	29	2890 St. Jude Thaddeus (Westphile MI)	\$100					
14	30	16169 St. John Neumann (Canton MI)	\$500					
14	31	10501 All Saints (Richmond MI)	\$1,000					
14	32	11772 John Vianney	\$500					
14	33	484 Richard Cardinal Cushing Assembly	\$500					
14	34	3956 Bernard Obrien (Romulus)	\$135					
14	35	7304 Fr. J Leo McCann Brighton MI	\$1,024					
14	36	16630 SS John and Paul Washington Twp	\$1,000					
14	37	855 Lady of River - St. Clair County						
14	38	5981 Anchor Bay	\$500					
14	39	8441 St. Joseph	\$426					
14	40	8659 Sacred Heart Auburn Hills	\$500					
14	41	3797 Fr Solanus Casey	\$500					
14	42	8695 St. Joan of Arc						
14	43	12102 St. Ephrum <i>Pope Gordon</i>	\$300					
14	44	12408 Shrine Little Flower	\$250					
14	45	7011 St. Nicholas	\$334					
14	46	6549 St. Maximilian Kolbe	\$200					
14	47	5436 Pope Saint John XXIII	\$1,000					
14	48	<i>SEPT 2020 Monthly</i>	\$39,745	12535	5933	12040	9221	72

Participants in the Groundbreaking Ceremony

- John Hundiak, K of C State of Michigan, State Community Director
- Robbie Waclawski, State of Michigan Special Olympics Director
- Bob Szymanski, Grand Knight Council 13950, St. Mary of the Hills
- Ken Dumais, K of C Member and Volunteer Director of the Special Olympics Initiative

Participants in the Dedication Ceremony

- 17 or 40% of the Councils that donated a total of \$63,000 to the Special Olympics Initiative attended the dedication of the baseball field.
- Representatives from eight (8) Color Assemblies processed on and off the field.
- Blessing of the Field by:
 - Bishop Robert J. Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit
 - Fr. Christopher Muer, Parochial of St. Peters Parish of Mt. Clemens
 - Fr. Stan Ulman, Pastor and Chaplain of St. Mary of the Hills
- Charles E. McCuen III, State Secretary, K of C Michigan State Council, and his wife Lady Pam
- Robbie Waclawski, Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship for Special Olympics of Michigan – Special Guest Speaker
- St. Hubert Council 11658 – conducted the Opening Day Ball Raffle
- St. Isidore Council 7200 – provided beach balls that looked like baseballs to be tossed up in celebration after the dedication and blessing of Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field.
- K of C members and members of the League:
 - Flower presentation to the League: George Downey, Coach and his son Danny, Athlete – Council 13340
 - Opening Day Pitch: Steve Cody, Coach and his son Brandon, Athlete – Council 13950
 - Presentation of Raffle of Ball Donations: Chris Butts Sr., Coach and son Chris Jr., Athlete – Council 11658
 - Singing the National Anthem: Member Robert Kuzner and his daughter Kathy who herself has special needs
 - Parking Lot Attendees: Members Mike Michon, Tim Polular, Gene Zynda, Tom Ciosek, Mike Losh, Eric Peterson and his two sons
- Ken Warzybok, State Publication/Social Media Director
- John Hundiak, State Community Director
- Brittany Billardelo, niece

Photographs

PICTURE TAKEN BEFORE LEAGUE DEDICATION



Ken Daniels, member of Council No. 13950 in May of this year, oversaw the initiative, which has been in the works since 2019. In 2006, Daniels began a partnership with the league to raise funds to build its first field, which continues to be used by the younger members of the league and is located next to McGivney Field.

Marilyn Wittstock, the league's vice president, said the field will be a blessing for the nearly 170 league children and adults.

The ADA-compliant field features larger dugouts to accommodate wheelchairs and has rubberized base paths that make it easier for wheelchairs and walkers to maneuver around, Wittstock said.

"We wanted to keep it much like a real baseball field," Wittstock told *Detroit Catholic*. "We hope it will raise awareness (for the league), because even after 31 years of doing this, there are still people who don't know that we are here."

During the dedication ceremony, the Knights of Columbus' fourth-degree color guard led members onto the field alongside league players, Clinton Township representatives, and members of the Special Olympics.



MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE
PLAYING IN OPENING GAME
PRIOR TO NAMING AND
BLESSING OF THE FIELD



MEMBER OF LEAGUE
IN OPENING DAY GAME.



MEMBER TO HIT FIRST
HOME RUN IN OPENING DAY GAME
RUNNING TO FIRST BASE



MARILYN WITTSTOCK (VICE PRESIDENT OF C.V.L.L.C.D.)
INTRODUCTION SPEECH

KOF C TAKES THE FIELD



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Knights from several councils in Michigan join athletes from the Challenger Division of Clinton Valley Little League, which serves people with disabilities, for the June 15, 2024, dedication of McGivney Field, a new accessible baseball diamond at Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township. | Credit: Jonathan Francis



By Francesca Pollio Fenton

CNA Staff, Aug 31, 2024 / 06:00 am

The **Knights of Columbus** recently raised over \$60,000 to build a new baseball field in Michigan for athletes with disabilities. The field will be used by members of the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League, which is for people with special needs over the age of 16.

Forty-two Knights of Columbus councils in the Archdiocese of Detroit helped raise about \$65,000 for the field.



OPENING DAY SPECIAL CEREMONIES



*2 MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE WHO
PRESENTED THE 2 OPENING DAY BASEBALLS
TO BE THROWN OUT.*



2 COUNCILS WHO DONATED REPRESENTATIVES



STEVE CODY SON OF K&C MEMBER
AWAITS THE OPENING DAY BALLS.



*Knights of Columbus throwing out
2nd Rose Ball throw out.*





SING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM BY
KATHY KUERNER. KATHY IS DAUGHTER
OF A BROTHER KNIGHT. KATHY ALSO HAS
SPECIAL NEEDS



Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Detroit
 Robert Fisara.
 Fr. Christopher Muer.
 Fr. Stan Uman
 Perform "Blessing & Naming of
 "Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field"



Fr. Christopher Muer Blesses Member of
 the Knights of Columbus



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Knights and athletes participate in the dedication ceremony of the new McGivney Field in Clinton Township, Michigan, on June 15. The field has special features to make it accessible to players with disabilities, including wide, rubberized base paths. Credit: Jonathan Francis

*MEMBER OF K&C COUNCIL AWAIT THE COMPLETION
OF THE BLESSING.*

McGivney Field, named after the priest who founded the Knights, Blessed Michael McGivney, is a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant, fully accessible baseball field at Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township, Michigan, and has features such as larger dugouts to accommodate wheelchairs and rubberized base paths for improved mobility and safety.



*MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE NAMING OF THE FIELD
WITH THE THROWING UP IN THE AIR BEACH BALLS
THAT RESemble BASE BALLS*



*SPECTATORS AND FAMILIES OF THE
LEAGUE AND*



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Ken Dumais of St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 in Rochester Hills greets Michigan State Secretary Charles McCuen at the dedication of the new McGivney Field on June 15, 2024. More than 40 K of C councils donated more than \$60,000 to build the field; Dumais led those efforts. Credit: Jonathan Francis

Dumais told CNA in an interview that getting to see that first game held on the field was "validation that the Knights of Columbus really stepped up to that plate and they really hit the ball out of that park on this one."

He said that watching the members of the league play "you couldn't tell the difference. They were like any other child or any other baseball player just having fun on a diamond. Getting to play with their friends and have fun."

A mother of a player of the Challenger Division once shared with Dumais a conversation she had with her daughter. The mother asked her daughter: "Why do you like playing baseball so much?" Her daughter responded: "It makes me feel normal."

*INTRODUCTION OF MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL
SECRETARY CHARLES MCCUEN. PRIOR TO HIM
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The most fundamental goal of the
Challenger Division is to give
everyone a chance to play,
regardless of limitations.



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Playing equipment, uniforms,
official shoulder patches, umpires,
and any special event activities
provided for existing divisions are
to be available for the Little League
Challenger Division participants as
well.

A special group of children and
adults, who shun the description
"special", can now enjoy all the
benefits Little League Baseball has
been offering to youngsters since
1939. Playing with the same
equipment, Challenger Division
participants learn not only the
fundamentals of baseball, but also
how it feels to be just like other
children pulling together as a team,
being cheered, and earning awards
for their achievements.

The Little League Pledge

I trust in God
I love my country and will
respect its laws
I will play fair and strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best!



THE SPECIAL RULES OF THE CHALLENGER DIVISION

- All children and adults age 4 and up and eligible to play.
- Teams include between 12 and 15 players.
- Players hit off a tee or pitched to by a coach.
- "Buddies" help players with batting & fielding.
- All players bat and play the field every inning.
- No score is kept during games.
- No strikes or outs.
- Challenger Division players wear the same uniforms, patches, and safety equipment as other Little Leaguers.
- CVLL Challenger players must wear normal tennis shoes, no cleats allowed.
- Bats, helmets, and baseballs used by players must be Little League approved and are also supplied by the league. Players may bring their own bat and helmet if they meet Little League requirements.

The Challenger Division of Little League Baseball is a program for mentally and physically disabled youth to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. However, whenever possible and with reasonable accommodations, disabled youngsters should participate in unrestricted league play provided their participation is possible and fall within the standard rules and regulations of Little League.

The value of the Little League Challenger Division is found in the proven therapeutic and socialization benefits of participating in sports, the strengthening of participants' self-esteem, the opportunities to mainstream into other divisions of play, and the disciplines of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play which are hallmarks of the Little League program.

The philosophy of the Little League Challenger Division is to provide the framework so that every Little League program may offer a structured, athletic activity for all youth in the community.

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TABLE TOPS



THANK YOU PLAYERS FOR GIVING YOUR ALL EVERY GAME!

THANK YOU PARENTS FOR SIGNING UP YOUR PLAYER SO WE HAVE THE ENJOYMENT OF WATCHING THEM PLAY CHALLENGER BASEBALL!

THANK YOU COACHES FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT EACH YEAR!

THANK YOU TEAM MOMS FOR HELPING OUT YOUR TEAM AND HELPING ME THROUGHOUT THE SEASON!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND WE LOVE YOUR CHEERS!

THANK YOU TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE MY SUPPORT SYSTEM AND ARE ALWAYS THERE TO LEND A HELPING HAND!

THANK YOU CLINTON TOWNSHIP FOR ALLOWING US TO USE NEIL REID PARK AS OUR HOME. ALSO, THANK YOU FOR BUILDING THE NEW "COMFORT STATION" FOR OUR CHALLENGER PLAYERS!

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT SINCE 2005 AND FOR STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE WITH A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN RAISING OVER \$60,000.00 FOR THE NEW SENIOR FIELD!

THANK YOU AMERICA'S BACK OFFICE. WE LOOK SO GOOD THIS YEAR IN OUR NEW HATS AND JERSEYS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST AND CURRENT SUPPORT! WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL!

THANK YOU KIWANIS OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS DONATION OF \$15,000.00 FOR THE NEW SENIOR FIELD!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. YOUR SUPPORT HAS GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THIS AMAZING PROGRAM FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY!

THANK YOU LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. CHALLENGER BASEBALL IS A WONDERFUL GIFT TO US AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE OUR PLAYERS A CHANCE TO SHINE!

THINGS TO DO

SERVICE CIRCUIT: Clinton Township Kiwanis help to make play inclusive



Jason and Jahreez are two athletes on the Little League Challenger Division baseball team that plays at Neil E. Reid Park in Clinton Township. The Clinton Township Kiwanis Club recently donated \$10,000 so that organizers can develop a second field to accommodate the

By LINDA MAY |

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Humans need playtime.

Besides just having fun, play can lead to learning teamwork and cooperation, coordination and better health.

But not every playground is accessible to every person, and the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club would like to see that change.

There are about 4,300 people and families with special needs in the county, and Clinton Township wants to give them more recreational opportunities and social outlets by providing the space for an All Inclusive Playground. The Kiwanis club recently donated \$5,000 to the project.

Club president Kerry Jantz said his club is very proud to be part of the recreation project and that doing so fits into the Kiwanis aims of improving the lives of children in the club's own community.

The township is being helped by citizens, school districts, advocacy and service organizations with the building of the playground on the civic center grounds at 40700 Romeo Plank Road.

The head of the organizing committee is AnnMarie Ottoy, whose son has disabilities.

With Disabilities Act.) It will have an accessible solid surface that is easier for people with disabilities to get to, but it will have features that promote integrated play. It can be used by developing children, or adults who want to exercise, or seniors who may come over from the Senior Center."

The committee's partner in the project is the Arc of Macomb County Inc. The playground will be located on the library's side of the comfort station near the new splash pad. Depending on how the fundraising goes, groundbreaking may take place next year. The cost of the playground is estimated at about \$800,000.

"Integrated play promotes empathy, compassion and understanding," she said.

There will be multiple kinds of swings, a sensory quiet area, ramps going up to slides, puzzles, and an adapted zip line.

"Kiwanis is a wonderful organization. I spoke to them last year. They are a great group of folks, very welcoming, inquisitive. We are thrilled to be the recipient of their generosity," Ottoy said.

There is information on the playground on the Clinton Township website.

The Clinton Township Kiwanis Club also recently donated \$10,000 to the building cost of a second Little League Challenger Division field at Neil E. Reid Park at 37705 Harper Ave.

The local Little League Challenger Division covers the Clinton Township-Sterling Heights area. It is the Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.



Jason and Jahresz are two athletes on the Little League Challenger Division baseball team that plays at Neil E. Reid Park in Clinton Township. The Clinton Township Kiwanis Club recently donated \$10,000 so that organizers can develop a second field to accommodate the growing number of individuals who wish to play. Macomb County councils of the Knights of Columbus are also generous supporters of the project to help get to a \$180,000 fundraising goal. (PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MARILYN WITTSOCK)

Challenger players are age 5- to 16-years-old. There is a Senior League Challenger Division for players older than 16.

athletes. There are nearly 1,000 Challenger programs in 10 countries around the world with about 30,000 athletes participating.

Marilyn Wittstock is on the All Inclusive Playground Committee and has run the Challenger program for 29 years. There are about 180 active players on 11 teams.

"We need another field," she said. "The kids just love it and still want to play when they are older."

Between the township, grants, companies, and the Knights of Columbus, there will be a second field at Reid Park and the township is helping with bathrooms with a changing area for caregivers to use for their adult children who are players.

"The township is trying to make most of the parks inclusive," she said. "There is a large area where the basketball court used to be. It's the perfect size for a bigger field for the older players. These athletes are hitting the ball way over the fence. We had an engineer do a drawing and the township said 'it will be perfect; if you can raise the money, you can build it there'," she said.

"We need \$180,000 and we are over half way to our goal. Grants are very hard to come by, but our biggest supporter is the Knights of Columbus. They are planning to do a campaign for us with their Palm Sunday collections. There are 57 Knights of Columbus councils in Macomb County and we are reaching out to all of those," Wittstock said.

Knights of Columbus councils have donated about \$12,000 in the past two years.

Wittstock also said she is also reaching out to group homes, agencies that serve people who have disabilities, schools and

Wittstock said the sport has therapeutic and socialization benefits, strengthens self-esteem in players, and instills teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play, the hallmarks of the Little League program. Players get to travel some, and participate in the Toledo Mud Hens Special Needs Camp, Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camps, and Play Detroit Day at Comerica Park.

Jantz said the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club is planning a Night-at-the-Races fundraiser in March. Tickets are sold out for Friday's annual wild game dinner.

"Whatever we do, our primary mission is kids. Our food drive before Christmas was very successful. School counselors steer us toward the families that need the most help. As well as you may think things are going, there is always need in the community from people who fall through the cracks because of family health situations or whatever. We are always happy to do anything we can to help them.

"Our Children in Foster Care Christmas party went really well and I'm proud of our club. There were 110 kids from the Macomb County foster program. Our high school Key Clubs came out and did crafts with them and gave them books and they each got a nice present to take home. They had pizza and met Santa and Mrs. Claus," Jantz said.

The Key Club student volunteers are from Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools, and the International Academy of Macomb.

Every year the club raises more than \$70,000 through the wild game dinner, a golf outing, bottle and can returns, and a Jack of Spades card game raffle at Freddy's Bar and Grill in Clinton Township on its Taco Tuesdays. As of last week, the Jackpot was over \$25,000.

Macomb Library. We continue to look for other things that are connected to kids," Jantz said. "We have such great firefighters and police. We are blessed to have this great place to live and work."

Members meet at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pantry Restaurant at 44945 Morley Drive, Clinton Township. There's a satellite meeting on one Wednesday evening each month at Hamlin's Pub Shelby, 48929 Hayes Road, Shelby Township.

Jantz said anyone interested in helping out the club may contact him at 586-610-3511 or send an email to clintontownshipkiwanis@gmail.com, or follow its Facebook page and Twitter posts. To make an outright donation, send checks payable to the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 380924, Clinton Township MI 48038.

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Linda May

Knights dedicate new ADA baseball field named for Blessed Michael J. McGivney



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On Saturday, June 15, the Knights of Columbus proudly witness the blessing and naming of the brand-new Blessed Michael J. McGivney Field — an ADA-compliant, fully accessible baseball field for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League. (Detroit Catholic | Gabriella Patti)

McGivney Field in Neil Reid Park will be used by the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — The weather was perfect Saturday, June 15, as the Knights of Columbus proudly oversaw the blessing and naming of the brand new Blessed Michael J. McGivney Field — an ADA-compliant, fully accessible baseball field for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League.

Forty-two Knights of Columbus councils from across Metro Detroit raised more than \$62,000 as part of the Special Olympics Initiative to build a field in Neil Reid Park named for the Knights' founder.

Ken Dumais, a member of Council 13950 of St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills, oversaw the initiative, which has been in the works since 2019. In 2006, Dumais began a partnership with the league to raise funds to build its first field, which continues to be used by the younger members of the league and is located next to McGivney Field.

Before the dedication, Dumais proudly watched as the Clinton Valley Little League's senior teams — the Tigers and the Yankees — played their first game on the field.

"I saw them playing on the field, and there was a moment when I was walking by, and some athlete was up to bat, and I hear a smack, and I followed that ball, and it went over the fence in the brand new field," Dumais enthused. "This was a home run in our brand new field. To see something like that on the day that we named the field and to do it on Father's Day weekend, I am going to remember that weekend for a long, long time."



Kon Demeis, member of Council No. 13950 St. Mary of the 10th, unveils the initiative, which has been in the works since 2019. In 2020, Demeis began a partnership with the league to raise funds to build its first field, which continues to be used by the younger members of the league and is located next to McGivney Field.

Marilyn Wittstock, the league's vice president, said the field will be a blessing for the nearly 170 league children and adults.

The ADA-compliant field features larger dugouts to accommodate wheelchairs and has rubberized base paths that make it easier for wheelchairs and walkers to maneuver around, Wittstock said.

"We wanted to keep it much like a real baseball field," Wittstock told *Detroit Catholic*. "We hope it will raise awareness (for the league), because even after 31 years of doing this, there are still people who don't know that we are here."

During the dedication ceremony, the Knights of Columbus' fourth-degree color guard led members onto the field alongside league players, Clinton Township representatives, and members of the Special Olympics.

From the first base line, Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Fisher was joined by Fr. Stanley Ulman from St. Mary of the Hills and Fr. Christopher Muer of St. Peter Parish in Mount Clemens for a prayer of dedication and blessing over the field, sprinkling the diamond with holy water. Senior league players completed the inauguration by throwing pitches.

Dumais, who served as master of ceremonies, said the dedication was an example of the Knights continuing to renew their dedication to supporting individuals with special needs.

"The Knights of Columbus stand before you again to promise that we support your dream of providing this baseball field to your senior league and its athletes," Dumais said. "We care, and we are here because we treasure and admire your tenacity to persevere. Today, we have no doubt that you, as senior athletes, will be a guiding light for those young athletes on the other field."

Additional words of gratitude were spoken from the pitcher's mound by Wittstock, Robbie Waclawski, director of civic partnership and state sponsorship for Special Olympics of Michigan, and Knights of Columbus state secretary-elect Charles McCuen.

McCuen congratulated the councils who made "the field of dreams possible."

"This is quite a vision that began with a humble parish priest who started this organization from a church basement in 1882, and here it is, 165 years later, grown to 2 million members," McCuen said of the worldwide Knights of Columbus. "This is quite an achievement; these councils that are here presenting today are the heart and soul of our order. Everything that gets done is by these men who make it their passion to get out, raise funds, support communities and churches and make things like this possible. So my hat is off to you guys."

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Knights ‘step up to the plate’ to raise funds for baseball field for special-needs athletes



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Knights from several councils in Michigan join athletes from the Challenger Division of Clinton Valley Little League, which serves people with disabilities, for the June 15, 2024, dedication of McGivney Field, a new accessible baseball diamond at Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township. | Credit: Jonathan Francis



By Francesca Pollio Fenton

CNA Staff, Aug 31, 2024 / 06:00 am

The **Knights of Columbus** recently raised over \$60,000 to build a new baseball field in Michigan for athletes with disabilities. The field will be used by members of the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League, which is for people with special needs over the age of 16.

Forty-two Knights of Columbus councils in the Archdiocese of Detroit helped raise about \$65,000 for the field.



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Knights and athletes participate in the dedication ceremony of the new McGivney Field in Clinton Township, Michigan, on June 15. The field has special features to make it accessible to players with disabilities, including wide, rubberized base paths. Credit: Jonathan Francis

McGivney Field, named after the priest who founded the Knights, Blessed Michael McGivney, is a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant, fully accessible baseball field at Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township, Michigan, and has features such as larger dugouts to accommodate wheelchairs and rubberized base paths for improved mobility and safety.

The local Knights first began working with the special needs league in 2006 when St. Isidore Council 7200 in Macomb, Michigan, offered to sponsor a youth team to alleviate the cost for families.

Since then, the Knights have continued their support of the Challenger Division, raising more than \$180,000 for the league. The proceeds have come mostly from councils' annual fund drives for people with disabilities.

Ken Dumais, a member of St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 in Rochester Hills, Michigan, oversaw the initiative, which first started in 2019. It was Dumais, who was a part of the St. Isidore Council at the time, who started the relationship between the Knights and the Challenger Division in 2006 and helped raise funds to build their first field. This field is still used by the younger members of the league and is located next to the McGivney Field.



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Ken Dumais of St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 in Rochester Hills greets Michigan State Secretary Charles McCuen at the dedication of the new McGivney Field on June 15, 2024. More than 40 K of C councils donated more than \$60,000 to build the field; Dumais led those efforts. Credit: Jonathan Francis

Dumais told CNA in an interview that getting to see that first game held on the field was "validation that the Knights of Columbus really stepped up to that plate and they really hit the ball out of that park on this one."

He said that watching the members of the league play "you couldn't tell the difference. They were like any other child or any other baseball player just having fun on a diamond. Getting to play with their friends and have fun."

A mother of a player of the Challenger Division once shared with Dumais a conversation she had with her daughter. The mother asked her daughter: "Why do you like playing baseball so much?" Her daughter responded: "It makes me feel normal."

It's stories like this that Dumais said gives him, and others involved, "a push" to keep working hard to raise the funds needed to support the league.

Dumais called those with special needs "gifts from God" and because of that "you go that extra mile," he said, adding: "Knights of Columbus has always given that extra mile to those individuals with special needs. They always have."

Now having two fields available for players of the Challenger Division, Dumais hopes it will continue to give them the "confidence to play and do the same thing that other kids are doing" and to feel "part of something bigger than yourself."

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St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 took lead council for a Special Olympics Initiative, involving the building, blessing, and naming of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field. An A.D.A. compliant, fully successful baseball field at Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township, Michigan. Named after our K of C founder "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney." This field is the first names after our founder in the United States. Home now nearly to a hundred and seventy league adults and children.

Council 13950 along with thirty percent of councils located in the Arch Diocese of Detroit raised over \$63,000 dollars for this initiative. Since 2006, the Knights have raised over \$225,000 dollars for the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division.

This event took place on Saturday, Father's Day Weekend, June 15th, 2024. Prayers of Dedication and Blessings was conducted by Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit Robert J. Fisher, Father Christopher Muir, Parochial of St. Peters Parish of Mount Clemens, and Pastor Stan Ulman of St. Mary of the Hills, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Accompaniment on the field was conducted by 8 Color Core representatives. Witnessed by 40% of the councils of Detroit who contributed to this Special Olympics Initiative. Participating in the Ceremonies where several members of the league, who themselves, are members of the Knights. The National Anthem was sung by Kathy Kuerner, the daughter of a brother Knight, who is also of special needs.

"Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney Field" also saw the attendance of our illustrious State Secretary Charles McCuen, and Lady Pamela. Special guests Speaker Robbie Wacławski Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship for Special Olympics of Michigan.

A good time was had by all. Vivat Jesus.

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Subject: Support for Challenger Baseball Field

Worthy DD'S,

The Knights supported the Challenger Field initiative in Clinton Twp. in 2008. The field installed, with our support, has been used by those with handicaps, up to the age of 16. The league has now decided to expand to a senior league, and to those 16 and older. This will require a new field with longer baselines.

We have been offered an opportunity to have naming rights to the field, but it will require a \$75,000 donation to support the field's creation. Clinton Township will donate the land, and then the field could be constructed.

I am looking for ideas and support for this worthy effort. There are 53 Councils within the Macomb County area. If each Council could donate \$1500.00, we could do it.

Think about a \$1,500.00 donation from your Palm Sunday, or Columbus day MI Drive.

Imagine having a handicap baseball diamond with our founding Father's name on it: Father McGivney Field.

Please let me know what you think and if you believe your Councils could get behind this great idea.

I have attached a letter from Marilyn Wittstock, the District Administrator.

If I have missed anyone, please forward this note on.....

Vivat Jesus,

Gary E. Kopp
DD24@mikofc.org
District Deputy – District #24
PGK – # 11772

I am following up on the message Gary Kopp sent to you back in October. With the holidays quickly approaching I wanted to wish you a safe and blessed Christmas. I also wanted to make a suggestion regarding the new Senior field project. The Challenger Baseball program has been so blessed

to have the Knights of Columbus support over the past 13 years. I personally feel so proud and humbled when I tell people that the Knights of Columbus are our biggest supporters. I want so badly for the new field to be named after your founding Father. If we could get the councils on board with donating

about \$100 a month for the next 15 months, we could raise the \$75,000 needed to name the new field the Father McGivney Field.

I know that this is a huge undertaking and I truly appreciate all the work the Knights do year after year, but I truly believe the field would be a pillar in the community and give special needs children and adults another amazing field of dreams for many years to come!

If you would like more info or if you would like me to come and meet with you, please let me know. Thank you!!

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Marilyn Wittstock

CVLL Challenger Baseball
District Six Asst. District Administrator
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From: Wide Open West <wkopp@wideopenwest.com>
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From: District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2019 11:02 PM
To: Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com>
Subject: Re: Support for Challenger Baseball Field

Thanks Marilyn

On Sun, Dec 8, 2019 at 10:35 PM Marilyn Wittstock
<mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Wonderful! Payments can be made anytime - checks should be made payable to CVLL. I have a separate savings account set up for the new field donations. Memo could be "new Field". Here is my mailing address:
Marilyn Wittstock
57249 Junction Court
Washington MI 48094

Thank you so much!!
Marilyn

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2019, at 10:16 PM, District Deputy 1
<dd1@mikofc.org> wrote:

Thanks Marilyn,

Working on your project now with the Councils. I do have a question - Do we need to send the money all at once or can we just send payments (Based on your email, I believe payments can be done) and if so, who needs to be on the check and memo line so it gets to the correct funding?

On Sun, Dec 8, 2019 at 10:05 PM Marilyn Wittstock
<mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:
Hello DD's,

I had a meeting with all of my Councils last night and they are all on board with sending monies for the project. It will probably be a combination of the MI Drive monies and other donations.

I really hope this helps out. No definitive dollars yet as most of the money has to be sent to State and returned to the Councils. I did get one question as to the naming of the field. Are there any legal restrictions due to the name being a priest and the field associated with a school (church/state thing)?

On Sun, Jan 12, 2020 at 11:35 PM District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org> wrote:

Your very welcome Marilyn

On Sun, Jan 12, 2020 at 11:32 PM Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Thank you!!!

Marilyn

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2020, at 11:30 PM, District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org> wrote:

Marilyn,

Let me put that together for you and I'll send it over. Also, I've told my 4 Councils about it and I believe they will be jumping in on this. Give me a few days.

Thanks

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 6:53 PM Marilyn Wittstock

<mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Hi! Happy New Year! Do you have a listing of every council in Macomb County with addresses that you could send me?

I'm working on my 2020 donation letters and I would like to get an updated listing.

Any further news on the new field donation progress?

Thank you!!

Marilyn

CVLL Challenger Baseball

District Six Asst. District Administrator

Re: Support for Challenger Baseball Field

District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org>

Sat 2/1/2020 3:00 PM

To: Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com>

Thank you very much Marilyn

On Fri, Jan 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Hi! I received confirmation that there are no legal restrictions with the Knights naming the field after Father McGivney.
Thanks!

Marilyn
CVLL Challenger Baseball

On Jan 23, 2020, at 12:19 PM, District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org> wrote:

I can only speak for 4 Marilyn,

I do know this is being sent to all the other District Deputy's as well. I'll send a note out to see what info I can gather for you.

On Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 12:03 PM Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Thank you for the update! When you say all of your councils, how many are you referring too?
Will this be a collaboration of all councils to raise the \$75,000.00?
I will check with the township on the naming of the field and get back with you asap!
Thanks again for all your help!

Marilyn
CVLL Challenger Baseball
District Six Asst. District Administrator
mwitt26@msn.com

From: District Deputy 1 <dd1@mikofc.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com>
Subject: Re: Support for Challenger Baseball Field

Marilyn,

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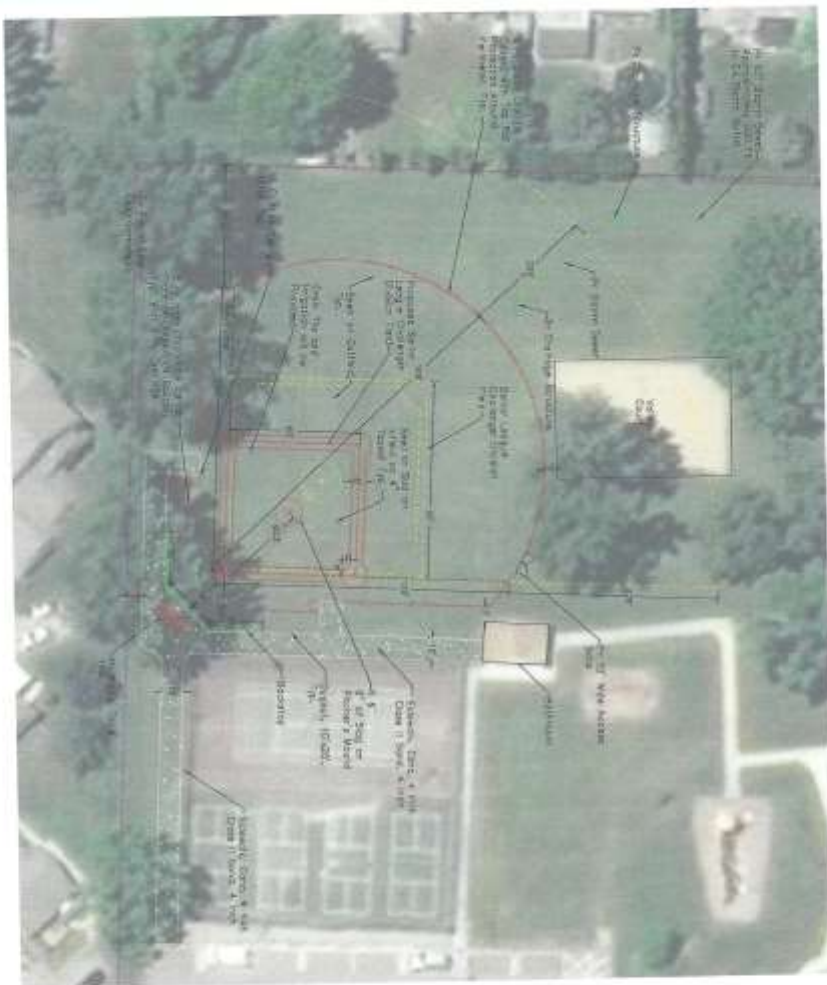
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Construction Cost Estimate

Project Name

CVLL Challenger Baseball Field

Project Number

19443.00

Working Date

Friday, October 23, 2020

Project Description:

The construction of a Senior League Challenger Division baseball diamond, as well as, concrete sidewalk and pad.

Item No.	Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Cost
I. Site Plan					
A. Site Work Items					
1	Mobilization (Max 5%)	1	LS	\$ 8,785.80	\$ 8,785.80
2	Laser Grading	1	LS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
3	Earthwork, Earth	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
4	Topsoil Surface, Furr, 3 inch	3,027	SYD	\$ 3.00	\$ 9,081.00
5	Irrigation System	1	LS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Site Work Sub-Total					\$ 34,866.80
B. Paving Items					
6	Sidewalk, Conc., 4 inch	4,200	SFT	\$ 5.00	\$ 21,000.00
7	Class II Sand, 4 inch	467	SYD	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,670.00
8	Color Coat Rubberized, Asphalt, Base Path	1	LS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
9	Conc., 4 inch Base Path	1,568	SFT	\$ 5.00	\$ 7,840.00
10	Aggregate Base, 22A Slag, 6 inch	174	SYD	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,740.00
Paving Sub-Total					\$ 42,250.00
C. Storm Sewer Items					
11	Pr Catch Basin	2	EA	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
12	Pr Storm Manhole	1	EA	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
13	Sewer, CI A, 12 inch, Tr Det 8	350	FT	\$ 35.00	\$ 12,250.00
14	Pr Drain Tile	420	LF	\$ 16.00	\$ 6,720.00
Storm Sewer Sub-Total					\$ 23,170.00
D. Miscellaneous Items					
15	Fence, Backstop, 14', Complete	1	LS	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 21,700.00
16	Fence, Chain Link, 4'	438	LF	\$ 20.00	\$ 8,760.00
17	Fence, Chain Link, 8'	72	LF	\$ 35.00	\$ 2,520.00
18	Fence, 8' High, 6' Swing Gate, Complete	2	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
19	Benches, Backed, 21' Long, Installed	2	EA	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 4,100.00
20	Dugout	2	EA	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
21	Signage	1	LS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
22	Soil	3,027	SYD	\$ 5.00	\$ 15,135.00
23	Changing Rooms	1	LS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Miscellaneous Sub-Total					\$ 84,215.00

Total Estimated Cost \$ 184,501.80

Construction Contingency (23%) \$ 42,440.00

Construction Total \$ 226,950.00

Re: Support for Challenger Baseball Field

D1 District Deputy 101
Tue 10/27/2020 8:11 PM
To: You
Cc: Dan Nowakowski

Thanks Marilyn,

We still have you in our programs listings. Some of our Councils are working on fundraisers and hope to help as much as possible. We will stay in touch.

Hope you and your family stay safe and well.

On Tue, Oct 27, 2020 at 2:55 PM Marilyn Wittstock <mwitt26@msn.com> wrote:

Hi! Wanted to just drop you a quick note...

Hope you and your family are staying safe and well. I know this pandemic has put limitations on many of the Councils fundraising efforts but I wanted to touch base with you and let you know that I am still hoping we can move forward in 2021 with naming rights for the field.

Keep me posted if you think that is still possible.

Thank you!

Marilyn

CVLL Challenger Baseball
District Six Asst. District Administrator
mwitt26@msn.com

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From: Ken Dumais
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:38 PM
To: J.hundiak@mikofc.org
Subject: Baseball field

Power

Points

2006 Sponsored a baseball team in Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division . So parents wouldn't have to pay for their children to play.

2008 Raised \$14,000.00 to help build Norm Hott field. A field built for the Mentally Impaired where anyone can play with no boundries. The 1st Little League Challenger Division field in the State of Michigan and the players wear our emblem of our order on their uniform sleeve. Received the "2008 Youth Award for the State of Michigan State Council".

2014 League sends 12 players to Little League World Series in Williamsport Pennsylvania because of our support.

2020 Child states during pandemic that she loves playing baseball because it makes her feel "Normal".

2021 To date the Knights of Columbus has raised over \$135,000.00 We were asked to raise \$75,000.00 to build a new field for the Senior League. Should we succeed we would have the opportunity to name the field after our founder and conduct Opening Day Ceromonies

Re: District Meeting

John Hundiak <jhundiak@gmail.com>

Sat 1/8/2022 11:12 PM

To: Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Will do. I am in Grand Rapids. Should be home late Sunday. Will send you the info. John

On Sat, Jan 8, 2022, 6:51 PM Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com> wrote:

John You mention that the District Meeting was being held on Jan 11th at 7:00p.m at Fr. Sales in Allen Park. I would love to attend. Can you please send me an address. I've never attended a function there, and will be map questing directions. Will I be looking for a Council Hall or a Catholic Church Thank you Ken.

RE: District meeting

John Hundiak <jhundiak@gmail.com>

Mon 1/10/2022 9:26 AM

To: 'Ken Dumais' <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

I will be doing the Special Olympics presentation for both of these events. I have included a slide for the Baseball field. I will intro you for any questions after the meeting.

John Hundiak

Detroit East Diocesan Meeting

6:00pm to 10:00 pm

Wed, Jan 19, 2022

St. Therese Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Twp., MI 48315

From: Ken Dumais [mailto:Dumaisk59@outlook.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2022 12:40 PM
To: John Hundiak
Subject: RE: District meeting

Thank you.Ken

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: John Hundiak
Sent: Saturday, January 8, 2022 11:16 PM
To: Dumaisk59@outlook.com
Subject: District meeting

Detroit West Diocesan Meeting
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Tue, Jan 11, 2022
Fr. Saylor Council, 17113 Champaign, Allen Park, MI 48101

Fwd: 5 Minute Agenda Item Proposed for the Multi District Meeting on Wednesday

Alex Dominique DD111 <dd111@mikofc.org>

Mon 2/21/2022 9:44 AM

To: Ken Dumais <dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Cc: John Hundiak <j.hundiak@mikofc.org>

Ken, the other DD's have accepted but stress that the meeting is already too long and the 5 minutes is a hard stop.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Alex Dominique DD111** <dd111@mikofc.org>

Date: Sun, Feb 20, 2022, 5:32 PM

Subject: 5 Minute Agenda Item Proposed for the Multi District Meeting on Wednesday

To: District Deputy 113 <dd113@mikofc.org>, District Deputy 124 <dd124@mikofc.org>

DD Tom and Joe, Ken Dumais who spoke at the Diocesan Meeting on the Special Olympics Baseball Field would like to address the District. I told him that if we agreed he would get no more than 5 minutes.

Let me know if you have any issues with this.

Vivat Jesus !

Alexander L Dominique
District Deputy 111, Michigan
248-520-2261

Special Olympics Initiative

Ken Dumais at 3/7/2022 5:56 PM

Saturday, March 5, 2022

3:38 PM

District Deputy and Council Officers

I spoke at the Diocesan Meeting in January 2022. Topic of discussion was a "Special Olympic Initiative". Involving the Knights of Columbus Councils from the Arch Diocese of Detroit. Raising funds for a new Senior League baseball field. Associated with Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Baseball. The field will be designed to be a "Special Need Accessible Field". A field with no boundaries.

Should we succeed in raising \$75,000 we would be able to name the new field after our founding Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Before he is named a saint should we choose to do so? Your support would also give us many opportunities. One being conducting "Dedication Ceremonies". Where we can commemorate Father and bring to light the Knights commitment for those with special needs.

We also have permission from the League to bless the field and all participants. Sure would be nice to have the Arch Bishop Vigneron conducting the blessing. Every Council that donates will be able to represent their Council on the field Due to 135 Councils located in the Arch Diocese. Space is very limited per Council to Grand Knight M.L. Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman and Council Flag Bearer at this time. Escorted onto the field by the Fourth Degree Color Core. Attendance is also extended to 32 District Deputies in the Arch Diocese Selected Officials, any other Dignitaries.

Brothers, the impact from the relationships between the Knights of Columbus and the Little League Challenge Division as well as Special Olympics of Michigan is ground breaking in itself. Each organization is instrumental in helping those with Special Needs. Imagine when we have 3 organizations with similar interest working together. The lives we can impact and change. So please consider supporting this "Special Olympics Initiative".

Don't let location of the field be an issue. I know we would all like to see our Councils moneys being spent locally. However, we have a rare opportunity to promote the Knights of Columbus while doing something we love to do. Our commitment to those with Special Needs should always supersede our feelings of location as an excuse not to donate. Fr. Michael J. McGivney will be located in the Arch Diocese of Detroit. Such a great Honor with a lot of unforeseen potential.

Remember Brothers, to whom much is given much is expected. We go old school and we do the right thing. We "Keep the Faith"! We do our due diligence to the building of the field. We pray personally and at Council meetings asking Fr. McGivney to help us build the field "Intercession of Saints". Lastly, we place our trust in God that he will provide for his Special ones. This time we don't count the money we count the blessings after the deed is done!

Worthy District Deputies and Council Officers your help is needed to encourage the Councils to give from their hearts and support this initiative. I know it is a big ask. My fellow Brother Knights deep down we live for charity, and we all know that "Charity Begins at Home."

Thank You for your support. To date we raised over \$12,500. We are well on our way to making this happen. We already have raised the "FR. M" in the FR, Michael J. McGivney sign.

For more information please visit (www.cvlchallenger.com). To view the video from the challenger field go to link([tps://youtu.be/58nYMCITm6I](https://youtu.be/58nYMCITm6I)).

Your participation is encouraged and appreciated by many who may not be able to physically express a loving thank you.

Please make checks payable to:

Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Baseball. Please note McGivney Field.

Mail: Marilyn Wittstock

c/o C.V.L.L.C.B.

57249 Junction Court

Washington. MI 48094

Until then, let's keep the faith and I will see you at the field. Father McGivney help us build the field. Lastly, "For the Good of the Order".

Vivat Jesus

Ken Dumais

Publicity on Challenger Field

John Hundiak <jhundiak@gmail.com>

Mon 4/4/2022 11:02 AM

To: 'Ken Dumais' <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>; 'Marilyn Wittstock' <mwitt26@msn.com>

1 attachments (30 KB)

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Ken/Marilyn,

It has been pretty busy, but I did get a note going out to all councils in the State (attached) approved. It specifically asks for MI Drive monies. It will go out for this weekend when the drive starts so that it is fresh in the minds when the monies get donated later.

I also spoke with Linda May of the Macomb Daily and gave her some info on the Knights involvement.

I know my own council has pledged \$1,000 toward the field and hope many other councils follow suit.

John Hundiak
State Special Olympics Director

LET'S PLAY BALL!

Spring baseball fever has already started. Many Little League Teams have already started their competitions. Our area is blessed with the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division. It has been operating for 29 years!

This division is a program for mentally or physically disabled youth to enjoy the sport of Baseball. Hott Field in Macomb County provides an environment that is adaptable and usable by those players with mental or physical disabilities. Over the years, this league has grown significantly and now there is a great need for a Senior League baseball field for mentally or physical disabilities. This field will be part of the existing Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Baseball and will be designed as a "Special Needs Accessible Field".

Much work has already been done on the field (located on Harper Rd in Clinton Twp). Many generous donations have been received from local municipalities and corporations. However, to complete the field by this summer, we need to raise \$75,000 to cover the construction costs.



Here is the challenge from Challenger Field: If the Knights of Columbus can raise the \$75,000 needed, then the name of the field will be 'McGivney Field'. This will stand out in the community and demonstrate the dedication that the Knights have towards God's needy children.

I am asking that all councils consider donating at least part of their Spring 2022 MI Drive monies to this worthy cause. This donation can also be considered a Special Olympics donation on your 10784s. To make a donation from your Council or MI Drive monies, make checks payable to:

Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Baseball
Memo line: McGivney Field

Checks can be sent to:

Marilyn Wittsock
c/o CVLLCB
57249 Junction Court
Washington, MI 48094

Once we meet this challenge and the field is ready for dedication, all Knights and families from around the State will be invited to the inaugural game.

Brothers, this is an extraordinary opportunity to put our Faith in Action and help those in need. Please prayerfully consider your Council's participation in this worthy cause.

John Hundiak
State Special Olympics Director



CHALLENGER BASEBALL

A Little League Inc. Chartered Organization

CLINTON VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

57249 Junction Court

Washington Township, MI 48094



August 20, 2022

To: Knights of Columbus
Attention: Mr. Paul Palka

Since 2006 various Knights of Columbus councils mainly located in Macomb County have generously donated approximately \$140,000.00 to the Challenger Baseball program. That initiative started in 2006 when we began a fundraising campaign to build the first adaptive Little League field in Michigan. On August 8, 2008, the field was completed, a blessing ceremony by the Knights was held and then we began play. Through the years, the Knights of Columbus donations have helped us maintain the beautiful field so that we may provide a safe and structured environment for our special needs players to play Little League Baseball. The donations also helped us purchase uniforms and equipment. In 2014 Little League Baseball lifted the age limit for Challenger players. We are now registering over 100 players over the age of 18. Little League Baseball requires them to play on a larger field for their safety. In 2018 I started another field building campaign to build the new adaptive Senior League field in the same park as our current field. Unfortunately, the pandemic stopped most of our fundraising efforts, but, even during the pandemic, some Knights of Columbus councils continued to donate.

In 2021, I spoke to Ken Dumas, who spear headed the 2006 campaign about rallying the councils once again to help raise funds to build the new Senior League adaptive field. We worked together contacting the councils that previously donated. I was also provided with John Hundiak's contact information. I found out that the Knights were going to campaign to possibly raise up to \$75,000.00. As I look back on the many years that the Knights of Columbus members have given their gallant efforts and precious time raising funds for Challenger Baseball, I knew I had to name the new field after your founder, Father Michael McGivney!

As of today, the 2022 fundraising efforts which include Palm Sunday and monies from general funds of some councils totals \$15,000.00.

I am hoping that more councils will rally together and give to this worthy cause so that we may raise the remaining funds to build the new field and honor Father McGivney.

Thank you for your help and God Bless!

Marilyn Wittstock

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CVLL Challenger Baseball

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2156 Rochelle Park Dr. Rochester Hills, Mi. 48309|

03/26/2023

Worthy State Deputy, Christopher Kolomjec,

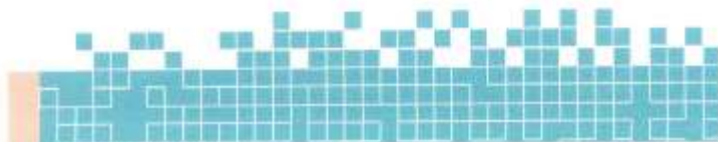
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Thank you for your support. God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

Kenneth M. Dumais





CHRISTOPHER A. KOLOMJEK
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REVEREND AIDAN LOGAN
State Chaplain
16840 Saint Paul St.
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230

May 1, 2023

Mr. Ken Dumias
2156 Rochelle Park Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Re: Your letter of March 26, 2023

Dear Brother Ken,

Unfortunately, the State Council does not determine where the MI monies are donated. The individual councils that raise the funds are the sole determination of where the funds are sent. My recommendation is to solicit as many individual councils as you can, requesting their consideration for a donation for your worthy cause.

Very respectfully,

Christopher A. Kolomjek
State Deputy

BARRY M. BOBBINK
State Secretary
9077 Duneside Rd.
Berkley, Michigan 48201

CHARLES E. MC CORMACK, III
State Treasurer
13346 Duneside
Berkley, Michigan 48201

VERN MIRON
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802 Superior Ave.
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DANIEL C. FULLER, JR.
STATE WARDEN
8125 Park Dr.
Clio, Michigan 48820

Re: Write up for Ground Breaking

Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Sun 12/3/2023 7:30 PM

To: Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

From: Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:10 PM

To: Paul J. Palka <p.palka@mikofc.org>

Cc: John Hundiak <j.hundiak@mikofc.org>

Subject: Re: Write up for Ground Breaking

On November 29, 2023 the Ground Breaking Ceremonies for Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division was conducted at Neil Reid Park. Located in Clinton TWP. This totally adaptable Special Needs Field will be named after our founder "Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Since 2006 the Knights of Columbus have donated over \$225,000.00 to the league. Included in that figure is \$60,000.00 which was raised as a Special Olympics Initiative to help build a field for their Senior League. Contributing to this initiative were 42 Councils from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Located in the Arch Diocese of Detroit.

In attendance from the Knights of Columbus State of Michigan Council was State Community Director John Hundiak joined by the State Special Olympics Director Robbie Wacławski, and Grand Knight Bob Szymanski Council 13950 St Mary's of the Hills. A tentative date has been set for the Blessing and Naming of the field. This event will be held on the Saturday of Fathers Day Weekend June 15, 2024 weather permitting.

From: Paul J. Palka <p.palka@mikofc.org>

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:40 PM

To: Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Cc: John Hundiak <j.hundiak@mikofc.org>

Subject: Write up for Ground Breaking

Ken,

Can you give me a small write up to publish on the ground breaking?

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Palka
State Program Director

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<http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>

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BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

Cell 586-980-7910

"Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney" Baseball field

Ken Dumais <Dumaisk59@outlook.com>

Fri 2/2/2024 8:00 AM

To: vigneron.allen@aod.org <vigneron.allen@aod.org>

The Knights of Columbus would love to extend to you an invitation to the Blessing & Naming of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior Leagues baseball field. This field will be named after our founder "Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney". This field is the first in the United States bearing his name. Located here in the ArchDiocese of Detroit. It would be a Great Honor and Privilege if you would accept being the Celebrant for this monumental event. This event will take place on Fathers Day weekend, Saturday June 15, 2024.

Most Reverend

Archbishop Vigneron, I would understand if you decline because of your busy schedule. Please consider attending. Your attendance would be most appreciated by the membership, and mean so much to them. We will be congregating in the school parking lot located next to the park entrance at 12pm. Taking the field at 1pm. "Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney" field will be located in Neil Reid Park, 37705 Harper Rd. Clinton Twp. 48035. Thank you for your time. Hope to see you on the field.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Dumais Council 13950

St. Mary of the Hills

586-949-2398

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Vivat Jesus,

Ken Dumais Council 13950
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3/24/2024

Worthy State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec,

I am Ken Dumais and I am working on the Special Olympics Initiative. The blessing and naming of "Blessed Father Fr. Michael J. McGivney Baseball Field," which will be taking place on Saturday June 15th, 2024. Located at Nell Reid Park. 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, MI, 48035. We will be congregating at the school parking lot near the entrance of the park at 12:00 P.M., taking the field at 1:00 P.M.

This letter is an invitation for your attendance, and is also extended to your fellow state officers including the State Directors, to bear witness to the first baseball field named after our founder. Located in The United States, in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in Macomb County. Your attendance as well as your officer's attendance would be a great honor and privilege. I would mean a lot to the membership, and mean so much to me.

If I could make one more request, can the State provide ten brand new blue M.I. Tootsie Roll aprons? These aprons would give us an opportunity to showcase the change in the aprons color used in the M.I. Drive, while we have the spotlight. More importantly, they will also be used to help aide in the directions of the members on and off of the field, since we are flash mobbing the event in the old yellow aprons. It would help differentiate between the members, and those that are in charge of answering further questions, as well as assistance in parking. Thank you for your support. Please send the blue aprons to the Councils address.

Vivat Jesus,
Ken Dumais
Saint Mary of the Hills 13950
(586)949-2398
DumaisK59@outlook.com

CC: Paul Palka,
George Walrath

3/25/2024

District Marshal Curt Best,

I am requesting the attendance of the fourth degree Color Core to provide escorts of forty-two councils onto "Blessed Father Michael J. Givney" baseball field. It is also hoped that an Arch of Swords be conducted at both entrances of the field. Serving as a grand entrance for our celebrant in the blessing of the field and the reception of a "flash mob."

Back in 2008, there were five assemblies who participated in the opening day ceremonies of Norm Hott Field. A Clinton Valley Challenger Division baseball field. Located at Neal Read Park. 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, M.I., 48035.

I am also adding a sixth assembly to the list because of their participation in the Special Olympics Initiative. Please make sure that these assemblies are asked. Also, please invite any other assemblies that you deem necessary to humbly fulfill this request. Thank you for your support.

Bishop Kelly ASB 0490
Monsignor Van Dyke ASB 0483
Saint Michael the Archangel ASB 2149
Sacred Heart ASB 2599
Devine Mercy ASB 3082
Richard Cardinal Cushing ASB 0484

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3-25-2024

Worthy Grand Knight Chijioke Oparaji,

My name is Ken Dumais, and I'm working on the naming and the blessing of the field "Father Michael J. McGivney." I have asked Saint Isadore Council 7200 if they would be interested in providing beach balls that look like baseballs for this occasion. I feel a better clarification is needed.

These beach balls would be tossed about the outfield after the blessing. Serving as an act of celebration for the K of C and all its accomplishments and supporting the league for many years. Thus, providing an interaction of fun between the league's athletes and the K of C members present at this event on June 15th, 2024.

This act would be coupled with the nights flash mobbing their own event. A member of Saint Josaphat Council 8441 whose daughter has Downs Syndrome, will be singing the Nation Anthem. Saint Hubert Council 11658 will be spear heading a raffle of an opening day baseball, with the proceeds going to the leagues to purchase sporting equipment. This council has a member who is an athlete of the league and will be presenting the money raised on the field. Saint Jane Francis DeChantel Council 13340 also has a member of the league and was asked to present the league with flowers for all that Marylyn Witstock has done for the league, and on the behalf of their athletes who cannot speak the words "Thank you."

Currently, there is a member of Father Leo McCain Council 7304 who is a direct descendant of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. An invitation is being extended to him by his Grand Knight for his attendance to this event, with the hope that he can give some encouraging words to the league's athletes.

Worthy Grand Knight, it is hoped that with all the activities, the beach balls will add to the celebration. It would be very appreciated if Saint Isadore's Council would consider this event with the beach balls that look like baseballs.

With all that is happening, it would be great to have news coverage of this event, on Father's Day weekend being more than just a two-minute news briefing. Giving the new station an opportunity to cover this event by a drone. It is also hoped that by our actions on the field, the knights can bring an awareness to the public's eye of the league and baseball fields existence. Should your Council 7200 Saint Isadore approve the purchase, your five council dignitaries would be distributing some of the beach balls to the league's athletes before your entrance onto the field. The remaining would be carried onto the field during the flash mobbing. Those members would be standing directly behind those 42 councils that were escorted onto the field. Immediately after the naming and blessing of the field, they will hit them up into the air toward the warning track for a group celebration and commemoration of this event. Your response would be much appreciated, and I have provided my contact information on the bottom of this letter. Looking forward to working with your council again.

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3-25-2024

Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishops,

The Knights of Columbus would love to extend to you an invitation to the "Blessing and Naming" of Clinton Valley Little League Challenge Division Senior League Baseball Field. This field will be named after our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. This field is the first in the United States bearing his name. Located here in The Arch Diocese of Detroit.

It would be a Great Honor and Privilege if you would accept being the Celebrants for this monumental event. This event will take place on Father's Day weekend, Saturday June 15, 2024. Your attendance would be most appreciated by the membership and mean so much to them, as well as myself. We will be congregating in the school parking lot, located at the entrance to Neil Reid Park, at 12:00 P.M., taking the field at 1:00 P.M. Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney Field will be located in Neil Reid Park, 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, M.I., 48035. Thank you for your time and hope to see you on the field. Below is my contact information for a response.

CC: Auxiliary Bishop Robert Fisher
Auxiliary Bishop Jefferey Monfortan
Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby

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4/11/2024

Worthy State Chaplin Adlan Logan,

The Knights of Columbus would love to extend to you an invitation to the blessing and naming of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field. This field will be named after our founder "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney." This field is the first in the United States bearing his name, located in the Arch Diocese of Detroit.

I have extended an invitation to our Most Reverend Arch Bishop Vigneron, and was politely declined due to scheduling conflicts. A letter was subsequently sent to the three Auxiliary Bishops. Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishops Robert Fisher, Jeffrey Monfortan, and Gerard Battersby, asking them to be a celebrant for this event. I have not heard a response from them yet, and I remain hopeful.

Worthy State Chaplin, this event is in need of a speaker that could inform the League and Clinton Township who is "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney." His relationship to the Knights of Columbus, more importantly the person who the field is being dedicated after. I believe that you are in the position and the best qualified for this Honor and Privilege. It would be a blessing if you would accept this invitation, it would mean so much to the members in attendance and myself.

This event will take place on Fathers' Day weekend, Saturday June 15th, 2024. We will be congregating in the school parking lot. Located at the entrance of Neil Reid Park, at 12:00 P.M. Taking the field at 1:00 P.M. Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney will be located in Neil Reid Park, 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, M.I., 48035. Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you on the field. Below is my contact information for a response.

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Dear Special Olympics of Michigan Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship Robbie
Waclawski,

I am Ken Dumais and I am working on a Special Olympics Initiative that involves the building of a totally adaptable special needs baseball field in Clinton Township. The parks address is 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, MI, 48035. The name of the park is Neil Reid Park. The event will take place on Saturday June 15th, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. We will be blessing and naming the field "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney." This field is the first one built bearing our founders name in the U.S. We would love to extend to you an invite to say a few words on behalf of Special Olympics of Michigan. We are congregating at a school parking lot, located at the entrance of the park. A spot has been reserved for your vehicle. Don't forget to bring that parking permit I gave you at the Groundbreaking Ceremonies. The event is being conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you.

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Baseball Field

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Mon 3/25/2024 6:23 PM

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Hi Ken, I have found out that this program works best when I appeal to the members' hearts, so I address this in a letter form instead of just facts. Charity, as you know Brother, is from the heart. I hope this works out for you. I put the articles in PDF as well as Word Doc. forms. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions. I will have several articles forthcoming, this was to just get the ball rolling. So much to say in such a short period of time. You can expect about two more articles to come in the near future, if you are talking about releasing an article every two weeks. Thank you so much for building this up to make this an epic event.

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March 25th 2024

ARTICLE ONE.

Brother Knights,

The Special Olympics Initiative, involving the building of a totally adaptable Special Needs baseball field, located in the Arch Diocese of Detroit, is moving along at a rapid pace. The ceremonies are constantly adapting to council needs, as well as the leagues desires. This letter will not be the final communication. Information will be forthcoming through several notifications. Please be advised to keep informed.

To those 42 Councils who have supported this initiative, I will personally visit your council to inform you of all details. To the councils that I have already visited, please be advised of those current changes posted in the forthcoming articles. For all the other councils who wish to attend this event, this is your line of communication.

The "blessing and naming" of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field will be held on Saturday, June 15th, 2024. We will be congregating at the school parking lot located next to the entrance of Neil Reid Park. Located at 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, M.I., 48035. This will be at 12:00 P.M. with any last-minute changes being announced at the field. Sorry Brother Knights, no K of C time on this one, we must not keep the League waiting! We are taking the field at 1:00 P.M. Please consider travel and parking time, parking will be limited. Please commute and be respectful to storefront parking. There will be no parking inside the park, it is reserved for the league and their Honorary Guest. Parking at the school is by permit only, so to those councils that have received those passes, do not forget to bring them. Those passes have a number on them, and that number will also be your position number on the field. Save the date, June 15th, 2024. We will be flash mobbing our own event, wearing our yellow Tootsie Roll M.I. Drive aprons. The opening ode will be sung prior to the general membership onto the outfield. Entrances onto both sides of the field will be under the Arch of Swords, provided by our Illustrious 4th Degree Color Core.

More information to follow. See you on the field.

Vivat Jesus,

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April 29th, 2024

ARTICLE FIVE

Brother Knights,

Were still in the game. The league will be conducting the seventh inning stretch, Take Me Out to the Ball Game. The Fourth Degree will be providing another Arch of Swords for the league to enter onto the infield. That's a home run! We get to have interaction with the players of the league.

It is a hope, that through our actions we will bring to the public eye the existence of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League and their new field.

Hall of Fame moment. 2008 recipient for the State of Michigan's Council Youth Award named Special Beyond Comparison. Involved 16 other councils in Macomb County, raised money to build a baseball field. This field is named Norm Hott Field, and is located in the same park. The Knights of Columbus conducted the opening day celebrations. The lead council for this event was St. Isadore Council 7200. St. Isadore will be providing beach balls that look like baseballs so that we will launch them into the air, after the blessing of the field. Thanks for pulling the award out of the display case and shining it up.

For those Brother Knights that wish to remain spectators, please encircle the field and the league. Catching our foul balls and putting them back into play.

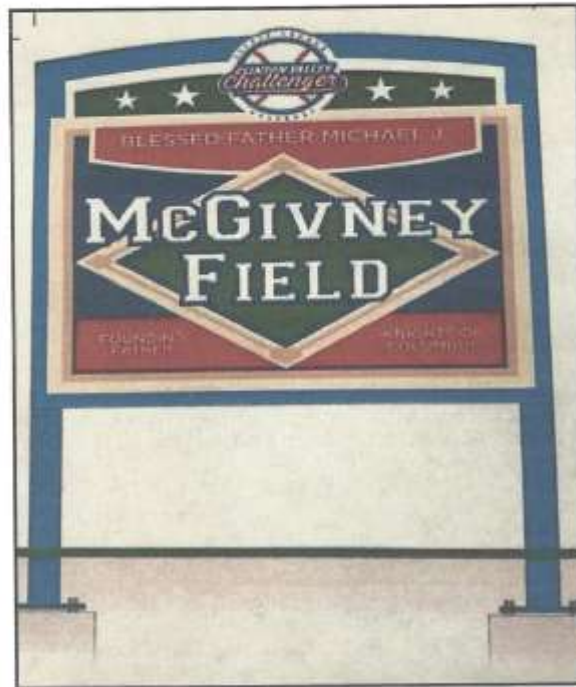
Brothers, I have 5 more councils left to brief. While attending these meetings, I had a fellow Brother that spoke up, who's an officer of the Council I was speaking at. He spoke out and stated to his member councils, there wasn't going to be a dry eye, in the place. I was raised real men don't cry. Rubbish, real men have tears of laughter, joy, and happiness. I'll see you on the field.

I don't have pictures yet of the sign, but I have seen it. I'm bringing a box of tissues. Just in case he's right.

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May 28th, 2024
ARTICLE SIX



Brother Knights,

This is the final Article. All current changes will be conducted at the field,
Neil Reid Park: 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, MI., 48035

Date: 15 June, 2024

Time: 1:00 P.M. We take the field, congregating at 12:00 P.M.

Where: In the parking lot of the school, located next to the parks entrance.

Please refer to previous Articles for details and reminders. We have a Pitch hitter; The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has hired an Award-Winning studio from Chicago, IL to film the blessing and naming of the Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney."

Spirit Juice Studios is very excited about our own flash mobbing, beach ball celebrations, and the seventh inning stretch! They stated that this Special Olympics Initiative "checks all the boxes." I would love to see everyone there in attendance to support this Special Olympics Initiative.

BIG TIME BROTHERS! Smile for the camera! Let's give them something for their money. Were looking for the perfect payoff pitch. Right down the center of the plate. That's you! See you on the field.

Vivat Jesus, Ken Dumais, Council 13950, St. Mary of The Hills, DumaisK59@outlook.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information

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May 4th, 2024

SPECIAL NEEDS BASEBALL FIELD IN CLINTON TOWNSHIP TO BE NAMED AFTER THE FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Saturday, June 15th, 2024 at 1:00pm, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a special event to name and bless the Senior League Field of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field. The field, to be known as the "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney" will be a totally adaptable special needs baseball field and will be located in Neil Reid Park at 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, MI, 48035.

This project was made possible through the efforts of forty-three area Knights of Columbus councils who participated in a Special Olympics Initiative to raise funds for the construction of this unique field. These councils will be honored and escorted onto the field during the event.

Following the blessing and naming of the field, the league members and attendees will celebrate by launching beach balls designed to look like baseballs. The event will feature a guest singer performing The National Anthem, a 7th inning stretch sung by the athletes of the Senior League, special presentations from local councils, and will conclude with a speech from Robbie Wachlowski, the Special Olympics of Michigan Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship.

The "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney" field is the first field in the United States to bear the name of the founder of The Knights of Columbus. By bringing attention to this event, we hope to raise awareness about the league and the special needs field, showcasing that children with special needs are children first and share more similarities than differences with children without disabilities.

Together, we can demonstrate to our communities the importance of inclusivity and support for individuals of all abilities!

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization, providing members and families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, young people, and those with physical and cognitive challenges.

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Press Release Mockup

On Saturday June 15th, 2024 at 1:00 P.M., The Knights of Columbus will be naming and blessing the Senior League Field of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field. "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney" baseball field will be located in Neil Reid Park. 37705 Harper Road, Clinton Township, MI., 48035. The Knights of Columbus will have 43 Councils escorted onto the field whos' Councils have participated in a Special Olympics initiative that raised funds for the building of this special field.

The K of C will be flash mobbing their own event. Immediately after the blessing and naming of the field "Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney," the league and those members on the field will celebrate the event with the launching of beach balls that look like baseballs. There will be two councils that have members of the league that are also members of their councils who will be making presentations to the league. We will have a special guest singer for The National Anthem, a 7th inning stretch, sung by the athletes of the Senior League, located on the infield. Concluding by another guest speaker, Special Olympics of Michigan Director of Civic Partnership and State Sponsorship.

Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney is the founder of The Knights of Columbus, this is the first field in the U.S. bearing his name. It is hoped the by our actions, and with your help, we will be able to draw attention to the existence of the league and the field, through your coverage of this event. With the open-air environment, it allows for arial coverage, via drone. Possibly a feel-good story on Saturday segueing into the festivities involving Father's Day weekend. Knights of Columbus strikes again, this is the second baseball field we've helped build with this league and the township.

Looking forward to accommodate in any way possible,

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	2	8231 Msgr Michael Abdo						
5	3	7561 Armada	\$500	\$900		\$500	\$500	\$375
6	4	7018 St. Clement	\$2,000				\$250	
4	5	5460 John F Kennedy	\$2,595			\$300	\$250	\$350
7	6	744 John Cardinal Dearden	\$1,558	\$1,386	1,368	\$1,253	\$530	\$609
3	7	3129 St. Patrick	\$2,010	\$757	\$750	\$550	\$1,000	\$650
1	8	7200 St. Isidore	\$1,464	\$2,844	\$535	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
2	9	6865 Pope John Paul (july/oct)	\$2,100.00	\$1,884	\$250	\$1,074	\$1,191	\$786
8	10	11658 St. Hubert (January/December)	\$1,624	\$1,040	\$2,045	\$1,000	\$791	\$899
	11	13992 St. Matthias - no longer a council?						
9	12	14213 Holy Innocents	\$1,000			\$533	\$505	\$393
10	13	3725 Msgr John Vismara	\$300					
11	14	12403 St. Thecla	\$2,663	\$951.00		\$790	\$640	\$784
12	15	11689 St. Paul of Tarsus	\$2,350	\$1,273	\$385	\$1,200		
13	16	3191 MSGR Stapleton	\$280	\$50				
14	17	8710 Father Cullinane						
	18	2835 Father Kramer						
14	19	13340 St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Oct)	\$1,890	\$700		\$590	\$314	\$413.00
15	20	13799 St. Michael's	\$1,000					\$500
16	21	5452 Fr. Baumgartner	\$2,000					
17	22	2950 St. Lawrence	\$1,100	\$750		\$3,250	\$2,750	\$1,000
18	23	3848 St. Pius X	\$500		\$100			
19	24	11957 St. Therese	\$1,000		\$500			
20	25	8186 St. Louis de Marillac	\$1,040	\$154				
21	26	1874 Fr James Cotter	\$500					
22	27	2251 Monsignor Kromennaker (St clair)	\$500					
23	28	13950 St. Marys of the Hills (Troy)	\$1,800					
24	29	2890 St. Jude Thaddeus (westphalia MI)	\$100					
25	30	16169 St. John Neumann (Canton MI)	\$500					
26	31	10501 All Saints (Richmond MI)	\$1,000					
27	32	11772 John Vianney	\$500					
28	33	484 Richard Cardinal Cushing Assembly	\$500					
29	34	3956 Bernard Obrien (Romulus)	\$135					
30	35	7304 Fr. J Leo McCann Brighton MI	\$1,024					
31	36	16630 SS John and Paul Washington Twp	\$1,000					
32	37	856 Lady of River - St. Clair County						
33	38	5981 Anchor Bay	\$500					
34	39	8441 St. Jospat	\$426					
35	40	8659 Sacred Heart Auburn Hills	\$500					
36	41	3797 Fr Solanus Casey	\$500					
37	42	8695 St Joan of Arc						
38	43	12102 St. Ephrum <i>MSGR GORDON</i>	\$300					
39	44	12408 Shrine Little Flower	\$250					
40	45	7011 St. Nicholas	\$334					
41	46	6549 St. Maximilian Kolbe	\$200					
42	47	5436 Pope Saint John XXIII	\$1,000					
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43 Councils Donated \$63,000 to this Special Olympic Initiative
40% of Councils who donated witnessed "Blessing & Naming" of the Field
Representatives from 8 Color Assemblies. Processions on 500 ft Field.
Blessing of the Field: Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Detroit

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MICHAEL J. McGUINNEY FIELD."

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GEORGE DANNY ^{COACH} ~~5000~~ SAN DANNY ATHLETE COUNCIL 13340
OPEN DAY PITCH

STEVE CUDY COACH & SON BRANDON ATHLETE COUNCIL 13950

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MEMBER ROBERT KUZNER & KATHY DAUGHTER WHO HERSELF
HAS SPECIAL NEEDS SINGER NATIONAL ANTHEM

GROUND BREAKING

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Results

Total Councils Collaborating	43
Total Participants Members (estimated)	645 (43 councils x 15 members ea. = 645)
Total Participants Non-members	1
Total Donations	\$65,000
Final Program Results	1 ADA Compliant Baseball Field dedicated to KofC founder Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney



A picture is worth a thousand words. Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney Field is the first one named after the Knights of Columbus founder. This field is the second field built for those with special need. Located in Neil Reid Park in Clinton Township, MI, Fr. McGivney Field will accommodate the Senior League of Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division.