

# **Virtual Programs / COVID Recovery**

**State Program Director**

**Paul Palka**



# What are examples of Virtual Events?

❖ This Man is You

❖ Into the Breach

❖ Rosary

❖ Fraternal Benefit Event

❖ Mass of Explanation

❖ Silent Auctions

❖ Live Auctions

❖ Ticket Sales for Prize Raffles

❖ Orders for Food, Hams  
Kielbasa, ect.



***What virtual events have you participated in?***



# ***COVID Recovery***

***What is going on outside of the Knights to help us recover?***

- ❖ Boosters to the vaccines
- ❖ The new pill recently approved to treat the disease
- ❖ Technology allowing for virtual connections, (We do not always have to meet live)
- ❖ Access to masks, and cleaning supplies



# What Can We Do to Recover?

- ❖ Speak with our Pastor and offer assistance
- ❖ Be flexible when asked work at fulfilling Fathers request
- ❖ Meet with your Grand Knights and discuss options
- ❖ Have Grand Knights engage their Members about how they can help
- ❖ Keep it simple, it really should not be a burden to help
- ❖ Review the COVID Recovery Program booklet from Supreme





**Can We Rise Up and Answer the Call?**





**The Kelenske Family**



# ***Introduction***

❖ My Brother Knights my name is Garret Kelenske  
I am a member of Holy Rosary Council #13579 in  
Muskegon. I am currently the State Family  
Director.





# ***Family Programs***

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Keep Christ in Christmas

Family Fully Alive



# ***Family Programs***

Family Week

Consecration to the Holy Family

Family Prayer Night

Good Friday Family Promotion

Youth Sportsmen Program



# ***Family Programs***

Thank you for your time if you have any other question's please feel free to contact me.



# Culture of Life Activities

Ed and Lynn Strach Pro-Life  
Chair Couple

***Share Your Personal  
Story of Life***



***Rising Up to Answer the Call for Life!***

# ***Pathways to Build a Culture of Life***

Continue to engage and involve our Knights of Columbus families for Life through:

- **Prayer** – *Novena for Life*
- **Taking Action** – *Ultrasound Initiative*
  - **Standing Up** – *RTL Marches*
  - **Giving** – *Baby Blankets*



# Prayer for Life



## A Crucial Moment for Life

“If Roe v. Wade falls, our work to bring hope and help to mothers and babies will be needed even more”

*Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly*

- Plan a Novena for Life
- Pray for Dobbs case



- Make this part of your council's COVID recovery plan
- Don't forget to fill out form #10784!



# Taking Action for Life

## Michigan Ultrasound Update

- Dedicated 75 Ultrasounds throughout the State
- Five dedications coming up
- Four Ultrasounds in the works
- Bringing a total of 84 Ultrasounds in Michigan



# Upcoming Ultrasound Dedications

**Life Choice of Central Michigan, Mt. Pleasant,**  
Mount Pleasant Council #1297  
Jose Reyes, District Deputy 709

**Pregnancy Resource Center, Grand Rapids,**  
Fr. Faucher Council #1300  
Don Roarty, District Deputy 308

**Pregnancy Help Clinic Flint, 3388 Flushing Rd**  
Fr. Louis P. Gauthier Council #10170  
Bob Vandesteene, District Deputy 502

**Heartbeat of Monroe, Monroe,**  
Monroe Council #1266  
Bill Alati, District Deputy 131

**The Luke Project 52 Clinic for Flint**  
Fenton Council #7418  
Richard Perry, District Deputy 504







# Standing Up for Life



## Local Marches/Memorials

- Grand Rapids RTL Procession for the Unborn
- Lansing, Michigan March for Life
- Bay County RTL Prayer Vigil
- Upper Downriver RTL March for Life
- Huron County RTL Roe V. Wade Memorial
- Saginaw County RTL Memorial Service
- Tri-Cities Memorial for the Unborn

## January 2022

- 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>, 1pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:15pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm
- 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am



# RESPECT LIFE

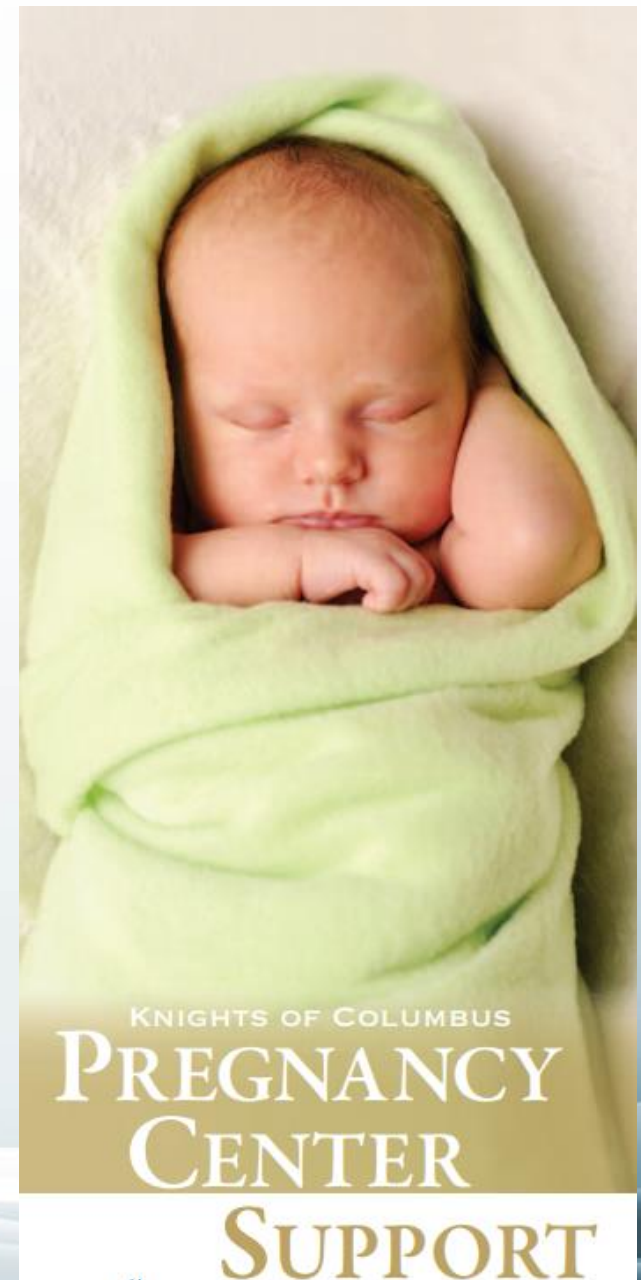
— 44th Annual Benefit Dinner —

***Save the Date: Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>;  
San Marino Club, Troy***



# Giving for Life

- Knights of Columbus Baby Blankets
- Includes KofC logo and “**Created in the Image of God**” inscription
- Sold 500 Baby Blankets since October 2021
- Pricing at \$10 each
- Order now!





# Culture of Life Activities

***Thank You for Rising Up  
and Answering the Call  
for Life!***



Ed and Lynn Strach

Contact us at  
[e.strach@mikofc.org](mailto:e.strach@mikofc.org) or  
734-476-6296



# ***State Community Director***

**Michael Haughey**

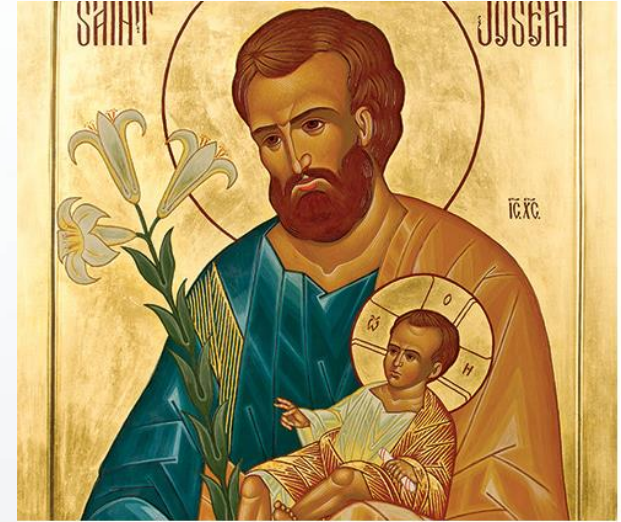
Contact at [m.haughey@mikofc.org](mailto:m.haughey@mikofc.org)

**586-873-9234**



# *State Faith Director*

**Greg Brunson**



Contact at [g.brunson@mikofc.org](mailto:g.brunson@mikofc.org)

**810-824-9533**



# ***Incentives***

## ***Dann Fuller***



# Michigan Charities State Director Thomas M. Wegener, PSD, FSD



# Ten For Charity Program

- **Created in 1978 as the Take 5 Program**
- **Updated in 2017 to Ten for Charity Program**
- **Over \$2.5 Million Donations Received from Members and Awarded to Worthy Causes**
- **2020-2021: Best Year in Program's History**





# Ten For Charity Program

**\$166,126.00**

**Thank you Brothers**



# 10-4 *Charity*

MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL

---



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®**



# Ten For Charity Program

- **Promotion of Membership Participation**
  - **Article in the Michigan Columbian**
  - **Promotion in Council Bulletins and Articles**
- **Officer Responsibilities**
  - **Financial Secretary sends the accumulated funds to the State Secretary by April 1 for recognition at the State Convention. NOTE: These are pass through monies and do not require a council vote to disburse funds.**



# Ten For Charity Program

## MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear Brother Knight:

In the spirit of charity, the first principle of our order, we ask you to help the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund so it can continue to grow as a State Council resource for those in need.

Since its inception in 1977 the Take "5" Plus Program, now the Take "10" for Charity Program of the Michigan Charities Fund has been able to help many charities. The following are just some of them.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| All Diocese Vocations                    | Parochial Schools Cross Country Youth Rally     |
| Archdiocese Clergy Outing - Vocations    | Prep Bowl Right to Life Michigan Education Fund |
| Bishop Baraga Association                | RTL Local Agencies                              |
| Capuchin Community Center                | Shared Pregnancy Crisis Center                  |
| Catholic Education                       | Special Days Cancer Camp                        |
| Catholic High School League              | Squires Scholarship                             |
| Catholic Publications                    | St. Anne's Mackinac Island                      |
| Catholic Radio                           | St. Francis Cabrini Clinic                      |
| Center for Women                         | St. Francis Retreat Center                      |
| Family Donation / 7 Dioceses             | St. Vincent Home - Lansing                      |
| Guest House                              | Solanus Casey Center                            |
| Holy Cross Services                      | Students for Life                               |
| Livingston County Ultra Sound Initiative | Summer Scripture (Lansing Diocese)              |
| Most Holy Trinity Parish                 | UP Catholic (Newspaper)                         |

Brother Knights, a \$10 contribution by each of the approximately 63,210 Michigan Knights would give the Michigan Charities fund \$600,000 to distribute. Just think of the good that we could do if each member gave his fair share.

We need your support. Please include \$10 or more with your dues payment or send a separate check payable to your local council. (Write Take "10" for Charity Program on your check's memo line.) Your Financial Secretary will send the total Take "10" for Charity Program Contributions to the State Secretary.

Working together as a team of 63,210 we can be a tremendous source of support for those who truly need us. Please do what you can.

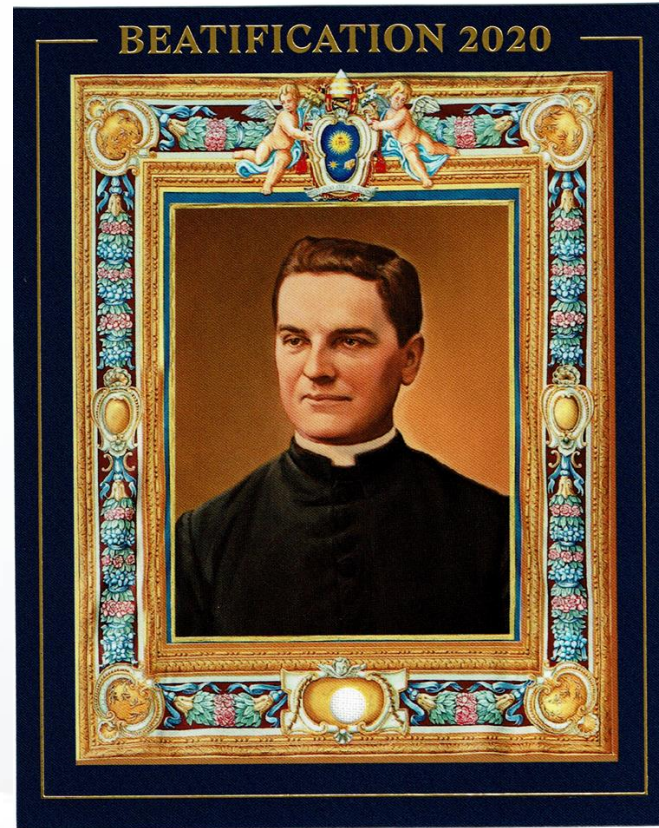
We thank you in advance for your Help to others. Vivat Jesus!

One Yellow Slip  
to Engage our  
Members' our  
Principle of  
Charity

One Yellow Slip,  
multiplied by  
63,000, will change  
Michigan for the  
Good.



# Ten For Charity Program



**Blessed Michael McGivney  
Intercede for Us**





# Michigan Knights of Columbus

## State Raffle

“A Joint Raffle of State Council and Local Councils”

A Win - Win for Charity



# ***Charity – Where does the raffle money go?***





# *The Faces of Charity*



# *The Faces of Charity*





# Catholic Communication / Catholic Sports



Find us online!

[www.upcatholic.org](http://www.upcatholic.org)

THE MICHIGAN  
CATHOLIC



INTRODUCING

**Detroit  
Catholic**

POWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. BOLDLY SHARING THE GOSPEL



# 20 % of Gross Sales Goes Directly to Councils



# ***1st Prize - Charity***



**STAFFORD PERRY HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI**

**4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms**

**\* Deluxe King Room with Balcony and Lake View**

**PLUS \$12,000.00 CASH**



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Unity



**AMWAY GRAND HOTEL, GRAND RAPIDS, MI**  
**4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms**  
**\*Includes Guided Beer Tour with Transportation**  
**PLUS \$3,000.00 CASH**



# 3rd Prize - Fraternity



**HOTEL SAUGUTUCK, BED AND BREAKFAST,  
SAUGUTUCK, MI**

**4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms**

**PLUS \$2,000.00 CASH**





# 4th Prize - Patriotism



**HISTORIC OJIBWAY HOTEL,  
SAULT SAINT MARIE, MI**

**4 Guests / 2 Nights / 2 Rooms**

**PLUS \$1,000.00 CASH**



# ***The Numbers ... 1...2...3...Charity***



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

John Hundiak

State Special Olympics Director

Willy Winkle

Assistant State Special Olympics Director



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- Polar Plunge Fundraisers now underway
- Summer Games are scheduled for June 2-4, 2022 at CMU in Mt. Pleasant.
- 2022 Special Olympics USA Unified Games in Orlando, FL.
- International Special Olympics Soccer Championships on July 31-August 5, 2022 here in MICHIGAN!
- Planning for the Michigan Fall 2022 games has begun.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW PROJECT

- Adaptive Baseball field in Clinton Township
- Funding is already underway with State and City support
- Help from the Knights is needed for additional fundraising. Still need \$75,000 to complete project.
- Opportunity to name the Field “McGivney Field” with all of the assistance of the Knights.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- New for 2021 and beyond.....
  - **Form 4584 Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report is now OBSOLETE!**
  - Use form 10784 to record your Special Olympics donations and activities
  - Special Olympics is under the LIFE category
  - Submit a 10784 each time you do a Special Olympics activity or donation
- Consider your MI Drive as a Special Olympics activity



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- Over 23,000 Special Olympians Thank You
  - For your time
  - For your talents
  - For your treasures
  - For your encouragement





# ***Youth Protection 2021-2022***

- ❖ Personal email addresses are required for Grand Knights, Program, Community and Family Directors
- ❖ Program, Community & Faith Directors must all be held by different people
- ❖ Reports from Supreme are “Confusing & incomplete”
  - ❖ Use the report I send out until Supreme get’s theirs fixed
  - ❖ Mine is accurate – Supremes' is NOT.



# Closing Comments

## State Officers

**James Kraus**  
**State Warden**



# **Closing Comments State Officers**

**Charles McCuen  
State Advocate**



# **Closing Comments State Officers**

**Barry Borsenik  
State Treasurer**



# **Closing Comments State Officers**

**Christopher Kolomjec  
State Secretary**



# **Closing Comments State Officers**

**Walter K Winkle, Jr  
State Deputy**



# Closing Comments and Prayer

## Diocesan Chaplain

