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State Deputy



My Brother Knights and Ladies, Time marches on. Things change. Businesses open and close. We age. Elections come and go. Loved ones die. People retire. Seasons come and go. Time marches on. A song I heard recently got me reminiscing about these things and then a friend today reminded me how important it is to have the hope of eternity through Jesus Christ. The ability to find joy and happiness in spite of the challenges and burdens we bear can be anchored to our faith. How blessed we are to belong to a fraternity called Knights of Columbus that helps us stand firm in that faith and strengthens our resolve to do God's will.

I am very encouraged by the progress you are making in Michigan! Many of our councils are recruiting new members for the first time in years. Men are stepping into leadership roles where there has been stagnation. Councils are focusing more on faith-based activities. Charitable support of individuals, organizations, agencies and efforts happen every week around the state, sometimes with amazing results and inspiring stories. Our support of clergy, religious and vocations is appreciated by our bishops and is yielding results. In this Jubilee Year, we Pilgrims of Hope have reason to be optimistic. Time marches on, and so do the Knights of Michigan as we make a positive difference in many of our communities.

Next month will mark the 125th Michigan State Convention. I look forward to seeing many of you on Mackinac Island where we will recognize accomplishments, hand out awards, share ideas and objectives, pray together, and conduct the work of the Order. There likely will be a little fun and fraternalism too. I

hope your councils see the importance of participation and get a full account from your delegates of their experience.

Lady Mandy continues to progress in her recovery. She recently had her trache tube removed and is working on returning to an oral diet. Paralysis persists on her left side but she is getting stronger and more able to move about in a wheelchair. She is looking forward to going home as soon as it is practical. Her wonderful therapists work with her five days a week on physical, occupational and speech therapy. Your many cards and messages of prayer and encouragement have been greatly appreciated.

As we make our Lenten journey toward Easter, we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Knights of Columbus gives us the opportunity to do all three. Our initiatives, corporate communions, retreats, adoration, living rosaries, 40 days for live, novenas, prayer initiatives, Sacred Heart icon services, and many online resources give us plenty of ways to pray. Popular Lenten fish fry dinners give many an appropriate Friday meal option. Our first principle of Charity is demonstrated through the countless ways we can contribute to charitable efforts in each of our councils. What better way to give alms? My hope is that your Lenten preparation will yield a joyful Easter for you and your family.

I look forward to meeting many more of you as I continue to travel the state and attend council, diocesan and statewide events. I am optimistic that we will continue to see robust growth in membership and program participation. May your council meet the requirements to achieve the recognition of Star Council. Peace be with you and have a happy Easter.

Faternally,
Barry Borsenik
Your State Deputy

Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger



Edward Joseph Weisenburger was born in Alton, Illinois, on December 23, 1960, to Edward John Weisenburger and Asella (Walters) Weisenburger, the third of their four surviving children. His father was a military officer, and his mother a homemaker. Weisenburger grew up primarily in Lawton, Oklahoma, but as necessitated by following his father's career, his family also lived briefly in Kansas and Texas. Following high school graduation, he attended Conception Seminary College in Missouri, graduating with honors in 1983.

He was then assigned to the American College Seminary at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium from 1983-1987, where he earned the Pontifical S.T.B. in Theology, an M.A. in Religious Studies and a Master's in Moral and Religious Sciences, M.MR.Sc. On December 19, 1987, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City.

Weisenburger served as parochial vicar of St. Mary Church in Ponca City from 1987 to 1990. He then attended the University of St. Paul in Ottawa, Canada, earning the pontifical J.C.L. degree in canon law in 1992. Upon his return home, he was appointed Vice-Chancellor and Adjutant Judicial Vicar. In addition to chancery and tribunal duties, he also did weekend parish and prison ministries from 1992-95 and served as an on-site chaplain for rescue workers in the weeks following the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In the fall of 1995, he began 17 years of service on the Council of Priests and the Archdiocesan College of Consulters. He likewise served as a member of the Seminarian Board for 15 years. In June 1996, he was appointed Vicar General of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese. He was an officer with the Archdiocesan Tribunal for almost 20 years and served as Promoter of Justice for

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From The State Chaplain
Fr. Andrew S. LaFramboise



The Strong Right Arm of the Priest

At the State Chaplain Tribute dinner in February, I offered an image to think about the mission of the Knights of Columbus. For some time now, the Knights have been called the “Strong right arm of the Church.” I know St. John Paul II used this term. It has been often used sense. I want us to think about how the Knights can be the strong right arm of the priest.

In Exodus 17, Joshua is leading the people in battle against the Amalekites. When Moses has his arms up, the battle is going well. When his arms are down, the battle is going poorly. So, they give him a stone to sit upon. Then Aaron and Hur hold his arms as the battle continues.

Moses was the great shepherd and leader of the people. He was the one through whom God chose to deliver the people from slavery. He is the one we are told spoke to God face to face like a friend. Moses functions as a great intercessor for the people, but the intercessor’s prayers needed to be held up by the hands of others. They needed his arms for the battle to go well. He needed the arms of others so that the battle would go well.

Our priests are like Moses. They are called by God to lead us through the desert to the Promised Land of heaven. But they need the arms of others in their mission. I offer three ways to think about how the Knights can be the strong right arm of the priest, holding up his arms as he lives his mission entrusted to him by Jesus.

First, through prayer the arms are held high. There are some tired arms out there. Tired from working hard. Tired from dealing with the fallout of the sex abuse crisis, from the merging of parishes or new parish structures. Tired from dealing with problems or with decision fatigue. Tired from not being as holy or effective as they wish to be. Like Moses, those arms want to serve the people, but they can grow weary. They are sustained above all by the priest’s own intimacy with Jesus, who calls him to find his rest, his strength, his love each day through the Eucharist. Jesus first called the disciples to be with him. Then he sent them out on mission. But it is sustained also by those in the priest’s life who can hold up the arms. Prayer is certainly one of those ways. I’m sure you all pray for your priests. I thank you for that. Perhaps you could pray in more specific ways. If he seems tired, pray that he will find rest, if overwhelmed, that he will find peace.

Second, through words the arms of the priest are held up. Priests break open the word of God for us. They bring us life. Words that can lift up, challenge, encourage, and that are vehicles by which the Lord speaks to us.

One of the great challenges in the church today is that we need to become more human. If we become more human, then we will also become more holy. Grace builds on nature. There is a need for greater gratitude, reverence, and affirmation in our interactions with each other.

Do our words build up? Are we quicker to complain or demand than we are to express gratitude, encouragement, and support? I thank you for you have held up the arms of your priests through your words. One of the hallmarks of the knights has been their support for the bishops and priests in the Church. I thank you for the times you have encouraged your priests in their mission. Words are one of the ways the arms are held up. A priest who knows he is loved and appreciated and seen is a priest whose arms will stay up.

Third, you hold the arms of the priest up by how you share in his mission. One of the great struggles for Moses in his life was feeling overwhelmed in his mission. Blessed Columba Marmion said the task of the priest is to “give Jesus to the world.”

What a mission! Is there any mission better than that? Amid our many activities, programs, membership drives, and the many wonderful things in which we are involved, we remember that it is about Jesus. We go to Jesus. We bring people to Jesus. We witness to his love in the world. We keep our eye on the treasure.

You help hold up the arms of the priest in his mission to bring Jesus to the world. Continue to do so and be open to how you can collaborate with him in this important task. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

In Christ,
Father Andy LaFramboise

Council 13432 Food Pantry



Council #13432 St. Mary’s, Hannah and St. Patrick’s, Traverse City collected over 2,000 pounds of food for its annual “FILL THE BAGS, SO WE CAN FILL THE PANTRY” drive on February 2 and 9. Since 2010, our Council has collected over 20

tons of food and other needed supplies to be distributed as an outreach of our Catholic faith in the local community.

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Exemplification



On Sunday, February 2, 2025, St Patrick White Lake Council 13319 hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and welcomed five new members: Joe Pond, Tom Kalban, Nicholas Hills, Ryan Navarre, and Brett Huffmaster, to the Third Degree. Congratulations to these 5 new members of our Council!

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**From The State Secretary
Charles E. Mc Cuen,III**

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

It's time of the year again, the birds are singing, the grass is greening, and the grey of winter is fading away. It's also, the time when a Michigan Knights eye's turns to the Annual Michigan Knights of Columbus Convention held on beautiful Mackinac Island. There is no better feeling than attending the convention surrounded by 2000 of your Brother Knights and their families. While on the island those delegates in attendance, who are nominated and selected by your brother Knights in your Council, to represent them at the annual business meeting to do the work of the Order.

Here is a little island packing information for those attending....

Registration: You will be asked by the Registration committee for your credentials and membership card issued by your council. If you forget it at home or in your luggage you will not be able to register. At that point we will need to track down your District Deputy to vouch for you. This takes up valuable time that we cannot spare. Please make sure to bring check or cash to pay your registration fee of \$50.

Clothing: Be sure to pack your council shirt and remember no jeans or shorts are allowed at the meetings. If you arrive on Tuesday, you will be required to wear a coat and tie, and your lady will need to be in a dress in accordance with the Grand Hotel's dress code after 6:00 pm. The State Deputy's banquet on Thursday night is also a coat and tie event, either a suit or tuxedo is acceptable.

Meetings: Please make sure to acquaint yourself with the times and locations listed on the Agendas in your Registration packet. Please be conscious of the time that the meetings start and be at least 5 minutes early so meetings are not interrupted by latecomers. If you arrive late you will have to knock and gain admittance by the door guards. Credentials must always be worn during the convention and especially when entering and leaving the opening session and the business meeting. We will be scanning your credentials when you arrive and you cannot vote without them on Friday, which is why you were selected as a delegate. One last thing to remember is that every year there is an Officer election, State Officers serve one year at a time from their election at the business meeting with their term starting on July 1. All State Officers must be nominated and voted on every year by the membership. Speaking of nominations, this is addressed to the candidates who are considering running for State Office, while it is acceptable to have your council chaplain or parish priest giving your nomination speech, we would like you to refrain from inviting Bishops or Bishop emeritus's, having someone of this importance and stature could give an unfair advantage during the election.

I know this sounds like a lot of work but there is plenty of time for you and your family to enjoy the Island and its many sites. I always buy the Mackinac Island booklet when I take the ferry across, so I know when and where events take place. Pam refuses to give me \$2 for one anymore because I have quite a collection of them in my office!

Worthy Delegates and Official Families, we look forward to seeing you this year at the convention and make sure to pick up some fudge to take home and enjoy, we have removed all the calories for you!

Vivat Jesus
Charlie McCuen, III
State Secretary

Failure is not fatal. Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. It should challenge us to new heights of accomplishments, not pull us to new depths of despair. From honest failure can come valuable experience.

William Arthur Ward

**From The State Membership Director
Douglas Kokot**

Greetings Brothers and Ladies:

As we start the fourth quarter of the fraternal year, I want to thank all of you for your efforts on membership growth in the jurisdiction of Michigan.

Pope Francis announces the 2025 Jubilee Year theme: **"Holy Year of Hope"**. He went on to declare this year's motto **"Pilgrims of Hope"**.

A synonym for hope is **Optimism**.

What a better visualization; the Knights of Columbus as **Pilgrims of Hope**. We bring hope to the less fortunate through our many programs.

Knights bring Hope and *Optimism* to men who are looking to grow their faith as each of our councils (with their parishes) rollout their Cor initiatives.

Pope Francis has called us to serve our brothers and sisters.

"Among us, who is above must be in service of the others. This doesn't mean we have to wash each other's feet every day, but we must help one another." Pope Francis

The Knights of Columbus is a tangible way that a man can put his faith into action, by serving our parishes and our community. We need to give every Catholic man the same opportunity to put his faith into action. Inviting a man to join our Order not only strengthens us, it also strengthens him.

Our Membership Team has been working hard on helping our councils to **SOAR**, as they work towards their membership growth goals and Star Council.

The team has been working on several new initiatives to assist councils in membership growth. The series of "Gift of Knighthood" membership invitation cards has been met with enthusiasm. Many councils are finding unique ways of utilizing them. The team is also working with zero growth councils to help them to set goals and achieve them. We are focusing our efforts on assisting councils with their membership growth plans.

The Knights of Columbus does not only do charitable activities, but we also strive to learn more about our faith through Cor and other faith activities, which in turn makes us better men, husbands, fathers, sons and uncles.

Remember, we don't grow membership because of quotas or awards... We grow our membership because we want to give other Catholic men the same opportunity for faith growth and fraternal friendships that we all enjoy. The more Knights that join our ranks, increases the overall impact that we can have in our Church, community, and the world.

Continual improvement is a goal of our State and councils. Let me leave you with a quote from St. Jerome. *"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best."*

Fraternally,

Douglas D. Kokot

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State Membership Director
Michigan Knights of Columbus

Seminarian Dinner!



Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090 Davison, MI sent 29 checks for \$2,209.00 for each of our Lansing Diocese seminarians for a total of \$64,056.00. This was an all-time high amount raised in this the 41st year of the event. This year's event brings our total for the 41 years to \$ 505,649.00. 17 of

our 29 seminarians attended the event.

From The State Program Director Matt Wierzgac

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

Vivat Jesus and Greetings! I hope all is well and you are staying warm! Spring is here, and hopefully that means warmer weather!

We hare at the halfway point of Lent, with Easter day only 20 days away. Remember, the purpose of Lent is to renew our faith and strengthen your faith with prayer, fasting, almsgiving, self-denial, and repentance. It is to prepare our hearts for the miracle of Easter!

Thank you to all the councils who submitted a book of their program for the State Program Award! We had lots of books submitted for each of the Faith in Action categories. Our State Directors and I reviewed each of them and were amazed and inspired by all the great entries submitted. It was truly hard to pick a clear winner as each were very good. I look forward to announcing the winners later this month. Winners will be recognized at the State Convention in Mackinac Island in May during the Awards Ceremony. Winners will also get submitted to Supreme for a chance to win the Supreme Program Award. Remember the last couple years, Michigan had a program win a Supreme Award. Great work everyone and thank you for participating. It isn't too early to start thinking about programs to submit for next year. If your council is doing a notable program or multiple programs between April of this year on to next fraternal year, consider submitting it next year.

I also want to thank all the councils who submitted a Family of the Year submission. Our State Family Director, James Kelly and I reviewed them and will be ann. I look forward to announcing the winners later this month. Winners will be recognized at the State Convention in Mackinac Island in May during the Awards Ceremony. Winners will also get submitted to Supreme for a chance to win the Supreme Family of the Year Award. Remember last year, the Supreme Family of the Year came from our state! Thank you again to all the councils who submitted a book.

We had a very busy third quarter with programs. In February, we had our **100th** ultrasound dedication! **100th**! It was held at the Oxford Pregnancy Center in Oxford, MI. What a blessing it was to be there. It was amazing to meet the staff and listen to their story and mission to saving lives and supporting women in need and support. Thank you for all your support and efforts to protect LIFE! But the effort doesn't just stop at 100. We are continuing the efforts with getting more ultrasounds for pregnancy help centers in the future! The more we can help; the more lives we have a chance to save!

We had our State Spelling Bee and Free Throw Contest in March! We had a great turnout with participants flooding from all areas of our great state!

Our State Hockey challenge date and location has been established! It will be on Saturday, May 31st, and it will be held at Holy Redeemer Parish in Jenison. I strongly recommend and encourage that councils hold a competition. If District Deputies want to hold a district level competition, they are welcome and encouraged to do so as well. If participation levels are good, we will likely have a diocesan level challenge as well. If not, council/district winners will be permitted to participate in the state level. If you have any questions on how to run a hockey challenger, you can contact me or our State Community Director.

It isn't too early to start thinking about programs for next year. Programs such as the soccer challenge. Typically, this event is held in the July/August timeframe with councils. You can get materials and information from the kofc.org website. Consider promoting these kinds of programs that our youth can participate in. If you have any questions on how to run a hockey challenger, you can contact me or our State Community Director.

Just a friendly reminder to submit those 10784's as soon as possible after the event has been completed. I know it's very easy to forget a lot of the finer details as time goes on, so considering making it easier, please spend 15-20 minutes and get it done.

Thank you to my State Faith in Action Team for all the hard work you do daily! You help drive this great state by leading this great organization by

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Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual New Membership Tribute Dinner in February honoring our State Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. LaFramboise. We are so blessed to have him as our State Chaplain. Congratulations to all those individuals, councils, districts, and dioceses recognized.

It is hard to believe that in less than two months we will be back on the beautiful Mackinac Island for the 125th Annual State Convention.

It is never too early to remind everyone of our annual charity raffle at the State Convention, with proceeds going to various charities supported by our Michigan Knights of Columbus. The raffle would not be a success if it were not for donations from our councils, assemblies, and individuals throughout the State of Michigan. Please ask your councils and assemblies to consider donating a basket, gift cards, etc. to the raffle. Donated items should be brought directly to the Art Gallery in the Grand Hotel upon your arrival at the Island along with a registration form.

Ladies – we need your help again this year! Please consider donating an hour or two of your time to help sell tickets for the raffle. As they say – “many hands make light work.” By donating an hour of your time to help sell tickets, you are donating to the success of the raffle! And it is a terrific way to meet other ladies. They will be your friends forever! If you can help or want to donate, please contact our State Advocate's wife, Kara Fuller, who is responsible for the raffle this year. She can be reached at (248)894-7082 or at k.fuller@mikofc.org.

Watch your emails, ladies. If you've given us your email address, we will be sending out updates on the convention, what to pack, what to expect (which is good if this is your first convention), a copy of the Ladies Program and pieces of information your husbands may not think is important!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 125th State Convention on the beautiful Mackinac Island.

God Bless,

Mandy, Pam, Christy, Kara, JanMarie and Julie

Community Update

In January, 23 essays were received from students from all over the state. There were 8 councils represented. The theme this year was very timely for the youth to write about: **what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?** Essays were well written many contained some creative insight. The winners were Emylia Jacobs (Council 6742), Ava Winters (Council 13983), Adam Hodges (Council 13983), Abigail Glynn (Council 13983) and Mary Griffin (Council 13983). Their essays have been submitted to Supreme for consideration in the International Essay competition. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all who participated.

During March the State Spelling Bee Finals will be held in Essexville and the State Free Throw Finals will be held in Mt. Pleasant.

We will be holding the first ever State Hockey Challenge on May 31 in Jenison MI. Councils and Districts are encouraged to hold their respective events by the end of April. There will be more information to come.

I have received 2 State Program Award books for the Community category. Judging is currently underway, and the winners will be notified as soon as possible.

Keep up with all the great programs that you have been doing throughout the year.

Don't forget, every program that you do is a recruitment opportunity. My wife, Jennifer, and I hope to see you all at the convention in May.

Larry J Herman
State Community Director



State Convention Charity Basket Raffle



Calling all ladies who will be attending the Michigan Knights of Columbus State Convention on Mackinac Island in May! We have a great opportunity for you to support our K of C charitable goals while having fun with other ladies from around the state. We primarily need help selling raffle tickets in 2 hour shifts, as well as assistance with setup, the prize drawings, and cleanup. No experience necessary; we'll show you what you need to know. Sign up online by clicking the link or scan the QR code below.

Link to volunteer signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44AFA72BA2F8CF8-54869396-ladies>



We also need donations of gift baskets for the raffle! If you plan to bring an item, please fill out a donation form by clicking the link or by scanning the QR code below. If you need a paper form instead, you may contact me at k.fuller@mikofc.org and one will be mailed to you.

Link to basket donation form: <https://forms.gle/rywL68g1uvQnFmNy8>



Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

the cause of canonization of Blessed Stanley Francis Rother. On October 2, 2009, he was appointed a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, with the title Reverend Monsignor. Weisenburger served as pastor of two Oklahoma parishes: Holy Trinity in Okarche (1995-2002) and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City (2002-12).

On February 6, 2012, Weisenburger was appointed the eleventh Bishop of Salina, Kansas, by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. He was ordained and installed at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Salina, on May 1, 2012, with the Most Reverend Joseph Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, presiding over the Liturgy and serving as the principal ordaining prelate. On October 3, 2017, Weisenburger was appointed Bishop of Tucson by His Holiness, Pope Francis. He was installed as the seventh Bishop of Tucson on November 29, 2017.

Bishop Weisenburger serves the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People and has previously served on the Committee for Migration and a Subcommittee of the Catholic Communication Campaign.

He currently serves as Episcopal Moderator for the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators (NACPA), is a member of Chicago's Mundelein Seminary Board, and is a past Board Chairman of Catholic Rural Life. He enjoys

Fourth Degree membership in the Knights of Columbus as well as the rank of Knight Commander with Star in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Bishop Weisenburger was appointed the tenth Bishop and sixth Archbishop of Detroit by His Holiness, Pope Francis, on February 11, 2025. Archbishop-designate Weisenburger was installed on March 18, 2025.

- Born: Dec. 23, 1960
- Ordained Priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Dec. 19, 1987
- Appointed Bishop of Salina, Kansas: Feb. 6, 2012
- Installed as Bishop of Salina, Kansas: May 1, 2012
- Appointed Bishop of Tucson, Arizona: Oct. 3, 2017
- Installed as Bishop of Tucson, Arizona: Nov. 29, 2017
- Appointed Archbishop of Detroit: Feb. 11, 2025
- Installed as Archbishop of Detroit: Mar. 18, 2025

Archbishop Weisenburger Installed as Detroit's Sixth Archbishop

Catholics in southeast Michigan welcomed their new chief shepherd with exuberance and applause as Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger took his seat upon the cathedra March 18, thereby becoming the sixth archbishop and 10th ordinary of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In a moment filled with historic symbolism, Archbishop Weisenburger received his crosier from Archbishop-emeritus Allen H. Vigneron, whom he succeeds, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Mass of installation, which was attended by hundreds of clergy, religious and lay faithful — and livestreamed by thousands more across Metro Detroit — began with a solemn procession and an ancient tradition as Archbishop Weisenburger knocked three times on the cathedral's doors.



Archbishop-emeritus Allen H. Vigneron hands the crosier, or shepherd's staff, to Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger as Archbishop Weisenburger takes his seat for the first time upon the cathedra March 18 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, officially becoming Detroit's sixth archbishop and the 10th man to officially lead Detroit's Catholic faithful. (Valaurian Waller | Detroit Catholic)

"May the doors of the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament be open wide, for I come as a servant in the name of the Lord to dispense God's love and mer-

cy," Archbishop Weisenburger said as he knocked with a gavel, according to the ancient rite.

From inside, representatives from each of the Archdiocese of Detroit's four pastoral regions opened the doors to their new shepherd, symbolic of the local Church's welcome and embrace of his arrival as Christ's ambassador.

Fr. J.J. Mech, rector of the cathedral, then greeted Archbishop Weisenburger with a crucifix, which the archbishop venerated before blessing those around him with holy water.

The grand liturgical procession into the cathedral — which lasted about 15 minutes — was led by members of the Knights of Columbus, Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta, about 30 deacons, 160 priests and nearly 30 bishops from across the United States.

As the procession reached the sanctuary, Archbishop Vigneron took his seat upon the cathedra for one final time to welcome the approximately 900 guests before Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, spoke to begin the rite of installation.

As has become his custom each time he visits Detroit, Cardinal Pierre, who is French, made a point to enunciate the French accent in Archbishop Vigneron's name — drawing laughter — before drawing the congregation's attention to his lifetime of service as a Detroit priest and bishop.

"Thank you, Archbishop, for your many faithful years as a bishop, and especially for your tremendous service in this Archdiocese of Detroit. I think we all thank you," Cardinal Pierre said, drawing thunderous, sustained applause.

Turning to then-Archbishop-designate Weisenburger, Cardinal Pierre expressed his gratitude on behalf of Pope Francis for his acceptance of the care of Detroit's faithful.

"Your yes to God has taken you on yet another journey," Cardinal Pierre told the former bishop of Tucson, Arizona, and Salina, Kansas, who originally hails from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. "I'm grateful to you and to the Holy Father, and I am happy for the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit that they will have another good shepherd to lead them and walk with them through this journey of hope."

Cardinal Pierre said it's a blessing that Archbishop Weisenburger's ministry begins during the 2025 Jubilee of Hope proclaimed by Pope Francis for the entire Church.

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"As you begin your ministry as archbishop, you will enjoy the special grace of this jubilee year. I am sure that you will find in the people of this local Church pilgrims of hope, and I know they will find in you a special kind of wisdom in seeking out new pathways for the spread of the Gospel in this particular age," Cardinal Pierre continued. "May God bless you in these coming days and weeks as you listen, learn and come to understand the particular gift of this local Church, so as to lead the people of God in this pilgrimage."

Cardinal Pierre noted that a usual custom during episcopal installations — the reading and showing of the official papal bull, or decree — could not be done, explaining that Pope Francis' recent illness had prevented him from being able to sign it yet.

Drawing laughter, Cardinal Pierre assured Archbishop Weisenburger that, "Don't worry, you will be the real archbishop," explaining that the bull would soon arrive in Detroit, and that he, as apostolic nuncio and acting on behalf of the pope, had signed a canonical decree from the Holy Father, which he then read for the congregation.

Once the bull with the pope's signature arrives, Cardinal Pierre joked he would "put it in a museum so everybody can see it."

Cardinal Pierre and Archbishop Vigneron then escorted Archbishop-designate Weisenburger to his cathedra, Archbishop Vigneron handed him the crosier, or shepherd's staff, and Archbishop Weisenburger took his seat for the first time as Detroit's new archbishop to a lengthy ovation from the congregation.

In a symbolic tradition, Archbishop Weisenburger was then greeted by various representatives of the Archdiocese of Detroit, who each greeted the new archbishop one by one. Among those greeting him included priests, deacons, religious, multicultural leaders, students and educators, lay leaders, ecumenical and interfaith representatives, Christian service representatives, and those from different regions of the local Church — including those from St. Ignatius Parish in the Cayman Islands, which is a mission *sui iuris* under the care of the archbishop of Detroit.

From there, Archbishop Weisenburger took over as the principal celebrant of the Mass, which included readings from Revelation, Hebrews and the Gospel of John, each referencing Jesus as the Lamb of God — appropriate because of the archbishop's motto, "Ecce Agnus Dei," or "Behold the Lamb of God."

In his homily, Archbishop Weisenburger thanked and acknowledged Pope Francis, whom he said is a "prophetic and profoundly loving witness to Jesus Christ and his Gospel, which inspires me daily," as well as Cardinal Pierre, members of his family in attendance, clergy, religious, lay ministers, auxiliary bishops, and finally, Archbishop Vigneron, who has led the Archdiocese of Detroit "with humility, immense wisdom and a full commitment of his life for 16 years."

Archbishop Weisenburger went on to reflect upon Jesus' words to Peter in the Gospel, in which the Lord asks the apostle, "Do you love me?" and then commands him to "feed my sheep."

"Every time I took this text to prayer, I found Jesus looking at me, lovingly, gently, but intensely, asking me, 'Do you love me?'" Archbishop Weisenburger said. "Brothers and sisters, I might propose that it's the only question in the end that really matters."

The archbishop noted that "there is no true love of Jesus without a willingness to put that love into practice," encouraging his hearers to join him "in this journey of discipleship together," growing in ever deeper love with Jesus and responding in both word and action.

"May the best of answers well up from within us with a powerful affirmative, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you, and I will feed your sheep,'" he said.

The readings of the Mass and the prayers of the faithful reflected the variety of cultures present in Detroit's Church, being read in English, Spanish, Polish and Tagalog — some of the many languages spoken in southeast Michigan.

Archbishop Weisenburger proceeded to celebrate the Eucharist, alongside Cardinal Pierre and Archbishop Vigneron, who became the first member of the

Church in southeast Michigan to pray on behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit for "Francis, our pope, and Edward, our bishop."

The Communion hymn "Pilgrims of Hope" was sung, referencing the jubilee year, and then a thanksgiving hymn "Christus Vincit" followed, an ancient hymn proclaiming Christ's victory, reign and command as king of the universe.

During the recessional, the archdiocesan choir, led by Horst Buchholz, sang "O God Beyond All Praising," a triumphant anthem that's come to be associated with Detroit's most solemn liturgies.

Archbishop Weisenburger becomes the latest in a long line of bishops to have shepherded Detroit's faithful, including retired Cardinal Adam J. Maida, Detroit's archbishop from 1990 to 2009, who turned 95 years old on the day of the installation Mass.

After Mass, Archbishop Weisenburger and others proceeded to Sacred Heart Major Seminary for a reception, where members of the faithful, clergy and religious met their new shepherd, many for the first time.

"What was most touching for me was just how we as a Church are coming together across the Archdiocese of Detroit as a whole and praying, giving thanks to God, for Archbishop Weisenburger coming to us," said Stephen Netter, a propaedeutic year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Detroit. "The whole liturgy was powerful."

Christopher Kolomjiec, supreme director of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, had a different adjective to describe the day's events.

"I thought the Mass was very majestic, for lack of a better word," Kolomjiec said. "It was very dignified, beautiful. To see the whole community come together and all the different organizations, all the different kinds of religions and people in the metropolitan Detroit area coming together to welcome the new archbishop, it was quite a scene and very beautiful."



Archbishop Weisenburger waves to well-wishers, including a musical group from Missio Ad Gentes Detroit, which held a banner welcoming him to the Archdiocese of Detroit. (Tim Fuller | Special to Detroit Catholic)

Detroit Catholic staff reporter Daniel Meloy contributed to this report.



Family Life

Archbishop Emeritus Allen Vigneron recently released a pastoral letter “No Second Tunic.” There is much in the letter that provides a roadmap for the future of the Catholic Church in Michigan, and I encourage everyone to read it even if you do not live in the Archdiocese.

For this article, I want to focus on some information in the appendix to the pastoral letter. Over the last 25 years, since 2000, the number of baptisms has fallen by 68%. Out of that diminished number, 20% of children who ARE baptized do not receive their First Holy Communion. 40% do not receive Confirmation. A whopping 85% of children who are baptized stop practicing their faith by the time they are 21, with most making that decision by the time they are in 8th Grade.

Brothers, our family programs matter! The best way to keep a family practicing their faith is to have the Knights of Columbus leading by example. Studies show that if children see a male role model, like their father or their grandfather, with a strong faith, many more of them stay in their faith.

To take some examples, the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest focused the attention of hundreds of children on the true meaning of Christmas. The Consecration to the Holy Family is a way to encourage families to pray together at home before the consecration and then publicly with other families at the consecration. Our Family of the Month and Family of the Year programs are great ways to provide encouragement and positive role models of Catholic family life.

I want to encourage councils to answer the calls of our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly to be “first in faith and charity” by leading the way for “a new generation of Catholic men...formed in faith and virtue...prepared to be missionary disciples” and of our State Deputy Barry Borsenik to create culture where fathers are excited to sponsor their sons for membership in our Order and where sons are excited to join.

I cannot think of better ways to accomplish these goals than by organizing programs designed to answer these calls. Councils can most easily do this through the Good Friday Family Promotion. This program consists of council encouraging its members to attend Church services on Good Friday with their families. Another way is through Family Prayer Night. This program is intentionally flexible and can be hosted at your church, council chambers, or rotating among participating families’ homes. In a church, you might have Eucharistic adoration, while in a home you might say the rosary and serve a potluck meal. Middle-schoolers might benefit from having a seminarian (maybe one sponsored by the Council through the RSVP program?) talking about his vocation while toddlers might add a penny to a jar for each Hail Mary in a rosary. The possibilities are endless, but think of how much good we can do to build up our Order and the Church

Vivat Jesus!

-Jim Kelly, State Family Director

Fr. Robert W. Davey Council #8808



Saginaw Fr. Robert W. Davey Council #8808 members assisting Sleep in Heavenly Peace build beds for children in need.

Programs = New Members

From 1 to 100, the 100th Ultrasound Dedication: Let's Meet Gabriel & Emma



Fr. Mark Tabai blesses the 100th Ultrasound unit

The 100th Ultrasound dedication ceremony marked a significant event in the Michigan Knights of Columbus continued support to Defend Life.

The 100th Ultrasound dedication took place at the Oxford Pregnancy Center, Oxford and lead sponsor Fr. Thomas R. Carey Council #4764, Lake Orion. Through their leadership, and that of Jim Roback, Past Grand Knight, they were able to raise funds totalling \$18,536, half of the required amount of \$37,072 for the cost of this Ultrasound unit. Special thank you to the supporting councils and assembly and to the Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative for their significant donation.

The dedication was made extra special by the presence of several Knights (pictured below) at the 1st Ultrasound dedication in Michigan at the Women Care Center in Jackson in 2009.

Fr. Mark Tabai, Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Lake Orion provided a blessing over the Ultrasound as well as the opening and closing prayers. Former Supreme Director and Past State Deputy, Tom Wegener, shared thoughts about the 1st Ultrasound placement and State Deputy Barry Borsenik shared his thoughts on the importance of this Ultrasound as well as the number of babies saved from the Ultrasound units placed throughout the state.

Maureen Cairo, a staff member at Oxford Pregnancy center provided an Ultrasound demonstration that will be remembered for a long time. While showing pictures on the newly named Ultrasound unit, Gabriel, on behalf of St. Michael the Archangel, she spoke on behalf of baby Emma, describing to those in attendance the position of Emma and especially the messages she was sending to those in attendance.

Aid and

Support

After



Pass the Hat Incentive is back! Yes, Pass the Hat (PtH) Incentive, sponsored by the Supreme Council for the ASAP program, is back again for another year.

The state council that raises the most money within its division will receive \$1,500 for the jurisdiction's general fund. Supreme will also match 25% of the funds raised up to a maximum of \$12,500 for \$50,000 raised.

Since the start of Pass the Hat Incentive, with your generous donations and support of the Michigan State Councils and Supreme Council's contribution, over \$200,000 has been raised at the last two State conventions.

Remember what ASAP is, Aid and Support After Pregnancy

This is a featured program to support pregnant women and their children, both unborn and born, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the

Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization. Michigan continues as a leader in the Order with the highest donations and applications. Each council is asked to donate to a local pregnancy center and/or maternity home to further our commitment to families after pregnancy. For those council's looking to donate, Pass the Hat provides the perfect

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State Faith Director

Brothers,

In the past year we have learned about several topics concerning our Faith, receiving the Holy Eucharist, clapping in Mass, etc... We have also learned about COR. I was very surprised to find that we have several members that do not understand the importance of COR, what a COR meeting consists of, who can attend a COR meeting and why it is focused on the men of the parish/community and not the men and women.

Lets start with an overview of why we need COR. Families need strong husbands and fathers, and the world needs courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. Through COR, men will be formed and sharpened as disciples of Jesus, who are committed to serving Him and willing to boldly live and share their faith. It is the mandate of every Catholic man to bring Jesus to a broken world. To live his faith and engage in this mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be a part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers, and to engage in the mission of the Church.

The mission of COR is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

Just as Christ chose our priests to be the head/father of our parish, Christ also chose the man to be head of his household. Our families look to us for guidance, structure and protection. We as men must be able to guide, teach, and bring our families to Christ. We can only do this by becoming strong in our faith, knowing the teachings of Christ, knowing and understanding Scripture as well as being able to defend it against all enemies inside and outside of Holy Mother Church.

We as men, chosen by God for this role, can learn to do this through using COR. Being Catholic is not something to take lightly and is not easy. Christ commands us to pick up our cross and follow Him. Our Supreme Knight had said that the K of C had started falling away from our faith and that needs to change (paraphrasing) This change has already started from the top down through COR. We, as men of Christ, can become stronger through COR, become stronger husbands, fathers and leaders in our community. All of this through Christ.

Join in the battle my brothers, help your brother become stronger and we can be the change in the world.

Looking for a way to bring Christ and make Him visible to the world? Ask your Priest to do a Eucharistic Procession on one or all of the following dates:

May 13th in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

May 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 9th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

June 27th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

September 13th attend the Living Rosary on the Capitol Lawn

PAX

Bob Bagley

State Faith Director

"You can't make a cloudy day a sunny day, but you can embrace it and decide it's going to be a good day after all."

Early Bird Winner

On Friday December 27, 2024, Executive Secretary Larry Grabowski and Senior Editor of the Michigan Columbian Gary Kolbicz held the first Early Bird Drawing, the name drawn was Michael Myers from Council 16169.

On Monday January 27, 2025, the second Early Bird drawing was held at the State Office, the ticket was drawn by Executive Secretary Larry Grabowski, the name drawn was Keith Weber from Council 3027. The drawing was witnessed by Gary Kolbicz.

On Thursday February 27, 2025, the third Early Bird drawing was held at the State Office, the ticket was drawn by Executive Secretary Larry Grabowski, the name drawn was Don Brezovsky from Council 5460. The drawing was witnessed by Gary Kolbicz.

Each winner received a check for \$250.00.

Congratulations to all the winners, we also wish to thank all the members who have participated in the raffle.

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month Appreciation Dinner



Pictured L-R: Molly Timmons; Katrina Foster; Charlotte Barch; Joseph Sebastian; Ginger Wuerz; Grand Knight Patrick A. Bohr.
Not Available: Wyatt Pennell.

Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township hosted an appreciation dinner on January 19 for our Youth of the Month winners from July through December 2024 and their families. We thanked them for sharing their Catholic faith through service to our parish and by being an example for young and old to follow. They are the future of our Church! Not Available: Wyatt Pennell.

Lake Orion Council 4764 Respect Life Essay Contest Winners Announced

Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 announced the following winners for the 2024 Respect Life essay contest. Recipients of cash awards and certificates were:

- 1st Place - Addison Lynn, St. Joseph School, \$250
- 2nd Place - Emma Novak, Oxford Middle School, \$150
- 3rd Place - Juliana Gardner, St. Joseph School, \$100
- Honorable Mention - Joseph Coluccio, St. Joseph School
- Honorable Mention - Georgia Dietrich, St. Joseph School
- Honorable Mention - Aidan Jenkinson, St. Joseph School

The students' task was to write an essay explaining "The Importance of Respecting Unborn Lives." The contest was open to 7th-9th grade students from the Bald Mountain Family of Parishes.



Fr. Jim Kean, Moderator, Priest in Solidum at St. Joseph's Church, Lake Orion, and DGK Al Hasinger congratulate Addison Lynn following noon Mass on Mar 16



Our Mission is to provide hope, promote change and help people live free, healthy, and productive lives.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO AND
PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends,

For over 77 years, Holy Cross Services has supported and provided care for Michigan’s most vulnerable. Through Faith in Action, we have brought hope, promoted change, and helped people live free, healthy, and productive lives. This could not have been achieved without the unconditional support of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Brothers of the Holy Cross.

When Holy Cross Services was founded in 1948, the challenges facing families in Michigan were just as profound as they are today. Through the support of our founders and the generosity of benefactors—many of whom were Knights—we have been able to sustain programming that supports those in need and helps transform lives. Whether it’s donating sweaters to clothe those in need, purchasing calendars, sending in checks, or providing legacy gifts, rest assured that we appreciate all that is provided.

In three years, when Holy Cross Services celebrates 80 years of Faith in Action, we will once again thank the Knights of Columbus for all that you’ve done, are doing, and will do. God willing, we will also celebrate the canonization of the Knights’ founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable continued support.

Steve Adamczyk
Chief Executive Officer

Sharon R. Berkobien
President



STEVE ADAMCZYK,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SHARON BERKOBIEN,
PRESIDENT



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FEATURING NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER - LANSING

New Hope Community Center offers emergency overnight shelter for men, women, and families experiencing homelessness. Participants are assigned a bed in the program and receive individualized case management, which focuses on removing their barriers to obtaining and maintain permanent housing.

The New Hope team of advocates, case managers and security staff work together to support all program participants in tackling the issues that contributed to their episode of homelessness.



Shelter participants are served a warm meal at the Community Kitchen

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They helped me with finding 2 jobs and I am now caught up in school.

I am happy I came here because I now have a better chance at being successful in life.”

Jacob B.



ILP Program Participant Jacob B. and HCS Therapist, Don McLaughlin

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MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN AROUND THE STATE

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

The Council held a Pancake Breakfast on January 26, 2025 at St Paul of Tarsus Church. The attendance was wonderful and the Council netted almost \$2000. This amount will be donated to Turning Point which is a shelter for victims of sexual or domestic violence and human trafficking. The shelter is located in Mt. Clemens, MI.

Au Lac and Anchor Bay Councils



Brother Knights and their families from the Au Lac and Anchor Bay councils joined together to celebrate Corporate Communion on December 29th at Immaculate Conception Church in

Ira Township. Members of the Color Guard joined us at Mass and afterwards for refreshments in the parish hall. It was a beautiful display of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to everyone in attendance at Mass.

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319



On January 22nd, St Patrick White Lake Council 13319 helped support the parish's first annual Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children. Luminaries were lit outside the church and along the nearby cemetery. After the lighting

there was prayer in the church. We are thankful to all who participated in this event.

"Italian Night with the Knight's"

On February 2, Council #13432 hosted an "Italian Night with the Knight's" dinner which featured an outdoor sporting goods raffle. The dinner offered 3 pasta selections prepared by Council chefs. The raffle was highlighted with an anniversary Ruger rifle, Red Wing's themed cornhole board, 4-person golf outing and fishing trip on Lake Michigan. In winter 2026, our Council will host its highly anticipated and very popular, biennial Wild Game Dinner with assorted outdoorsman prizes to raffle.

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry



Fr. Patrick O'Kelley #3860 volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry at St. Maria Goretti in Dearborn Hts.

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Mental Health Discussion



On January 19th, the St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 hosted a community discussion on mental health and suicide prevention and the stigma often associated with it. Approximately 70 people participated in the event which included a Q&A panel discussion with behavioral healthcare professionals, individuals with lived experience, and Deacon Mike Chesley.

Bishop Zaleski Council 6687



Bishop Zaleski Council 6687 of Our Lady of Fatima, in Michigan Center, recently had the opportunity to help our Pastor's, Fr. Amal, family in India. Fr. Amal's sister, Lilly, lost her husband to Covid-19 in 2020, leaving her with three young children. Due to various challenges, including financial, cultural, religious barriers and difficulties with her in-laws, Lilly was unable to provide suitable housing for her family and continued education for her children. Our council provided the funds to assist in rebuilding her dwelling and making it safe to live in. Funds were also provided to continue the children's education. Father travelled to India after Christmas to help his brother, also a priest, with the rebuilding process.



ST Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

The Council conducted a warm winter clothing drive on the weekends of January 11-12 and 18-19.

The drive was so successful that the Council collected nearly 2000 coats, numerous sweaters, sweat shirts, gloves and mittens to fill 12 vans and pickup beds plus a 6x10 trailer and deliver to the Capuchin Center in Detroit.

In addition, 250 coats were given to St John and Paul council in Romeo, Mi for distribution to the local homeless and needy.

Thanks to Council member Robert Amsler for his leadership in this important function.

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month



Pictured L-R: Patrick A. Bohr (Grand Knight); Daniel Webster; Fr. Joseph Esper (Pastor)

Congratulations to Daniel Webster on being named as our K of C Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for January 2025! Daniel is the son of Brian & Danielle Webster and a 5th grade student at Immaculate Conception School. He is a frequent altar server at Mass and a Lector for school Mass. He has helped with many parish activities such as Lenten fish fries, summer festivals, and the Horn of Plenty fundraiser. Daniel has received several awards at school including Outstanding Academic Excellence, Principal's Award, Altar Server Certificate and the Excellence in Music Award.

We thank Daniel for demonstrating his faith by his service to our parish!

Keep Christ in Christmas



St. Edward's Council 14404 promoted Keep Christ in Christmas program with a local banner displayed entering Lake Odessa on Jordan Lake Highway and purchased December's billboard southbound on M-66 near Ionia.





St. Louis Center

Providing 'Fullness of Life' with Help from the Brother Knights

Greetings in the Name of the Lord, Brother Knights!



In so many ways, with your support, St. Louis Center continues to successfully serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). We continue to create the most joyful community possible. The residents enjoy a life of fulfillment and purpose, engaging in many activities every day. While there are many challenges inherent

in people with I/DD, your support, along with that of so many individuals, energizes our staff to do their best, thus ensuring 'Fullness of Life' for our residents.

Through your continuing support, we have improved our ability to retain staff members who embrace our mission with a heart full of joy. We spread the mission of serving rather than merely offering a job opportunity. Team building has been our theme; we seek to build teams of caregivers who fully embody the words of St. Louis Guanella:

"We walk with the people entrusted to our care. Every step of the way, we bring to them the heart of a father or mother, of a brother or sister, traveling the same road toward their greater well-being"

(Basic Document for the Guanellian Mission, 126)

This is our goal, and we are slowly but steadily moving in that direction.

This newsletter comes to you, dear Brothers, during the Knights of Columbus Spring MI Drive (Tootsie Roll), which many of you embrace on behalf of people with I/DD. Your commitment to uplift the cause of God's Special Children is evident by your efforts spent asking others to support St. Louis Center and the efforts of the Servants of Charity. Thank you for your continuous charity.

We are thankful that God has been good to us. Most of our residents have been progressing very well. In thanksgiving, on every Sunday and Days of Obligation, as well as every Friday during Rosary or Stations of the Cross during Lent, our residents pray for all of you. In addition, every day our brother Knights and their family members are remembered during Holy Mass in our Chapel. God bless you.

Fr. Satheesh

Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC



Read more about the history of the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive and St. Louis Center here:
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MEET THE RESIDENTS

Antoine Dale



When Antoine was 15 years old, he moved to St. Louis Center, 25 years ago. He recalls that he has always loved to play basketball, especially with Special Olympics. Antoine is currently playing on the Chelsea team which competes locally.

When he's not busy on the court, Antoine also enjoys bowling. He is a top competitor every year at the Summer Games. He is grateful for the Knights of Columbus and their support of Special Olympics.

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Upcoming Events

2025 GOLF SEASON TEES OFF

Golf and Glory Outing

Join the Center for a day of golf, fellowship, and fun.

Date: Monday, June 23, 2025

Place: University of Michigan Golf Course

You will enjoy continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn and dinner to book end the day.



To register or learn about sponsorship opportunities for this or any of our events, visit our website at: stlouiscenter.org/have-fun-here/events/

NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN
In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Current Knights of the Month as designated by the local councils in the State. These men deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. A copy of the names of the Knight of the Month need to be sent direct to:
James J. Kelley, State Council Family Director, 7263 Village Square Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322
*cfy - council knight of year , send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

Families of the Month

Lansing Council 788
Jean & Jackie Royal
Richard & Doreen Bierwagen
Mike & Pattie Schafer, PGK
Monroe Council 1266
William & Sue Ann Doty
Portland Council 2168
Tony & Michelle Smith
Terry & Jonda Schrauben
Daniel & Jane Schafer
Howell Council 2659
Marc & Julie Bonanni
Standish Council 2724
Ken & Patricia Adrian
Ron & Pat Hoppe
Westphalia Council 2890
Larry & Marc Irrer
Ron & Terry Schneider
Utica Council 2950
Dennid & Donna Murray
Fremont Council 3111
James & Sandy Merkel
James & JoAnn Bartz
Patrick & Samantha Kempf
Southgate Council 3956
The Garcellano family
Carmon Concepcion family
Livonia Council 5492
Matt & Laura Picxcone Hanchon
Randy & Laura Goyette
Presley & Suzanne Sims

New Baltimore Council 5981
Joseph & Kim Quesnelle
Andy & Arlene De Chavez
Posen Council 6657
Greg & Geri Mulka
Jerry & Laura Purgiel
Joe & Anita Petrosky
Jerry & Dawn Smigelski
Josh & Erin Brege
Ortonville Council 6824
Jeff & Jodi Hall
Sterling Height Council 7011
Owen & Nicole Dailey
Eric & Susi Suchland
Macomb Council 7200
Greg & Angela Deakin
Patrick & Michaelle Lang
Thomas & MaryAnn Paris
Birch Run Council 7233
Barry & Mandy Borsenik
Jerome & Angela Waldron
Milford Council 7444
Mike & Susan Wojnar
Tom & Barb Nowicki
Keith Christen family
South Lyon Council 7586
Deacon Leo & Sharon Maciolek
Mark & Michell Zarem
Paul & Barbara Heininger
Mark & Pat Luther
Lowell Council 7719
Jim & Jeanice Breimayer

Durand Council 7955
Ben & Jennifer Strong
Louis Male family
Thomas & Connie O'Brien
Martin Foukes family
Ed & Julie Folsom
Sanford Council 8043
Corey & Katie Reder
Howell Council 8169
Michael & Karen Polcyn
Daniel & Barbara Gerhard
Chuck & Sandra Rollins
Auburn Hills Council 8659
Jim & Karen Leja
Deacon David & Kelly Fleming
Temperance Council 8902
Steve & Rebecca Ullery
Rob & Jaqueline Stoiber
Mason Council 9182
James & Sue Powers
Kalamazoo Council 9962
Steve & Kelli Rider
Richard & Kalthy Shultz
Ira Township Council 10724
Clifford & Kathy Becker
Bryant & Ashley Sebastian
Bob & Mary Lada
Ann Arbor Council 10963
Robert & Julia Tomsic
Henry & Crystal Russell
Lansing Council 11099
William & Anna Bloomfield
Christopher & Teresa Spalding

Harrison Twp. Council 11658
Anthony & Sarah Rangel
Lansing Council 11694
Peter & Diane Arzberger
Bernie & Rose Brown
Dale & Diane Dummer
Mark & Julie Stenske
Jason & Alise Trowbridge
Port Huron Council 11756
Dan Steinbach family
Ed & Mary Taylor
Frank & Debbie Stein
Sterling Heights Council 13340
Dave & Betty Turski
Sam & Sharon Randazzo
Larry & Karen Frontera
Farmington Hills Council 13362
Erich & Carol Maue
Larry & Lorette Brown
Steve & Joan Cruickshank
White Cloud Council 13939
Shawn & Kim Smith
Rick & Kim Heuvelman
Lake Odessa Council 14404
Ryan & Suzanne King
William & Mary Sutton
Comstock Park Council 15548
Steve & Jill Miller
Brendan & Valerie Kelly
Canton Council 16169
Jack & Cecilia Massarello
Keith & Joan DiMaria

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Meet the Seminarians



On January 18, 2025, St Patrick White Lake Council 13319 hosted a Meet the Seminarians Dinner. Approximately seventy people, including adults and children, attended this wonderful event to share a meal and hear from three seminarians who shared their stories on how they answered the call to pursue their vocations. Guest speaker Fr. Joe Kirkconnell (pictured far right), Undergraduate Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, provided the Chaplain's message and also shared his own call to the priesthood which included a short video. The event raised \$5,664 for the seminarians to help offset the cost of their education. We are thankful to all who attended and donated to this wonderful cause.

Outdoor Knights A Big Success



Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township held an Outdoor Knights fundraiser on March 8 and it was a big success! Over 500 people, including several State officers, attended the event which was held at The Knight Club in Marysville. They enjoyed a delicious catered meal and there were numerous prizes won by many lucky winners. This is the major fundraiser for the council which supports their many programs, activities and charitable donations throughout the year.

Help Us Help Others!

Outdoor Knights

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**Au Lac Council 10724 Exemplification**

A Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification was held on February 20th at the Au Lac Council 10724 and two new members joined our Order. Welcome to Leo Dupuis and Jerry Ciesoa who joined the Au Lac Council. Congratulations brother Knights!



A Tale of Two Good Knights
Supported by Two Councils of Good Knights



Deacon Joe Hulway, when he isn't busy as President of Friends of the Congo, Inc., or on active duty as a Knight of Columbus.

Toward the end of 2024, Brother Knight Joe Hulway, also a Deacon of the Catholic Church, was planning to celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination with his family, friends, and parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church in Lapeer, Michigan. He envisioned a small, friendly get-together with snacks and refreshments following his anniversary Mass.

Deacon Joe is also the President of a non-profit charity, Friends of the Congo, Inc., headquartered in Michigan, which is dedicated to building a multi-phase Clinic in the remote village of Yassa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Friends of the Congo's goal is to "bring the hope of quality medical care to those most in need." After consulting with his fellow charity directors, Deacon Joe altered his plans slightly. He decided to celebrate his 25 years of service with a larger party, AND to donate all proceeds from that event to the Clinic.

To his delight, his local Fr. Goentges Council #1987, offered to host the celebration, both with a dinner following his anniversary Holy Mass at 4:30pm on Saturday, October 12th, and coffee and donuts after the Holy Masses on Sunday, October 13th. In addition, they agreed to sell tickets for a 25th anniversary celebration 50/50 raffle leading up to the party, in conjunction with St. Nicholas Council #7011, who conducted the raffle with a simultaneous celebration of their own that Sunday morning at their home parish, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Both parishes, Immaculate Conception and Ss. Cyril & Methodius, have strong ties to the Friends of the Congo charity and sponsor Fr. Goentges and St. Nicholas Councils, respectively.

All told, the event raised \$6,580.00 for Friends of the Congo. But there is more to the story. After all, this Tale is about Two Good Knights. The winner of the 50/50 raffle, also a Knight, turned back his prize winnings to Friends of the Congo, Inc, and did so anonymously. All of those funds have helped to complete the walls and roof of the Examination Building, and will soon enable the priests who run the clinic to begin planning the move of much-needed diagnostic equipment and medical procedure devices out of the existing Maternity Building and into the new Examination Building, where they will be able to do the most good. If you would like to help us in our support of Friends of the Congo, please go online to www.congowomensclinic.org and use the donate button to contribute to our efforts.

Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident and more and more successful.

Au Lac Council 10724 - Youth of the Month Award - February 2025



Pictured L-R: Grand Knight Patrick A. Bohr, Kaitlyn Ricard and Fr. Joseph Esper, Pastor.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Ricard on being named as our Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for February! Kaitlyn is the daughter of Larry and Michelle Ricard and a junior at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. She has been an altar server and lector at Mass and has helped with the parish festival and other activities. She is a faculty assistant and cheer coach for Immaculate Conception School. In high school she is on the Principal's List (all A's), received the Medal of Excellence in Geometry, Citizenship Award, National Honor Society Certificate and All State Academic Team. Kaitlyn is also on the Varsity team for volleyball and soccer and earned All District honors for soccer. Thank you Kaitlyn for demonstrating your faith through service to church, school and community!

St. Nicholas Council Celebrates Seven Years of Pro-Life Contest Winners

Sterling Heights, MI -- The Knights of Columbus Council 7011 recently completed its seventh annual Pro-Life Contest, with the theme "Every Life: Why We March"

The Pro-Life contests have engaged and involved more than sixty young pro-lifers over the years, many of whom have gone on to become repeat participants. With over \$2,800 in prizes awarded to the winners, these contests are a favorite annual event for the young people at Ss. Cyril s & Methodius, the Council's host parish. "Every year we have been impressed with the fervor and originality of the Pro-Life essay and poster entries. We firmly believe that our young people are the Pro-Life warriors of the future," said Gino Vitale, Pro-Life Chairman for the St. Nicholas Council. For each year the groupings, where applicable, were as follow:

Group 1 was drawn from grades seven and eight, Group 2 came from grades nine and ten, and Group 3 consisted of grades eleven and twelve. The judges were drawn from among the Council's Knights. First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners received \$50 cash and third place winners received a \$20 gift certificate from Faith@Work, a local Catholic bookstore. Honorable Mentions in each group received a Participation Certificate and the thanks of the Knights.

On March 3,2005 an awards ceremony was held to honor the recipient winners, with many students, family members and Knights in attendance. As always in the past, the Knights of the St. Nicholas Council are grateful to all the participants in the 2024 competition, especially the winners and their families for their continued support of this important contest. The Knights look forward to the Eighth Annual Pro-Life Contest in 2025.

This Pro-life contest for our youth are in addition to our Council's annual Baby Bottle Campaigns which over the same period provided approximately \$87,000, including approximately \$16,000 from the Supreme Council, to various pro-life organizations .

Au Lac Council 10724 Coats For Kids



Au Lac Council in Ira Township recently donated and delivered 4 cases (48 total) new coats of various boys and girls sizes to the Kids In Distress Services (KIDS) in St. Clair where they will be distributed to needy children this fall and winter season.

KIDS is a non-profit organization located at 1114 S. Seventh Street in St. Clair. They serve children throughout St. Clair County. Underprivileged and dis-

placed children ages birth to 18 can be referred to them through a variety of organizations. Annually they distribute 5,899 coats; 9,132 pairs of shoes; 36,927 pairs of pants; 9,437 pairs of underwear; 40,958 shirts and 13,401 infant outfits. They also accept and distribute good/clean clothing; knapsacks; backpacks; stuffed animals; small toys; household items; linens; bedding; etc. Please call 810-326-4505 for more information or to donate items.

Pictured with the great people at KIDS are WGK Patrick A. Bohr and PGK Anthony Jubinski.

St. Edward's Council 14404



St. Edward's Council 14404 in Lake Odessa teamed up with Lakewood High School Project Graduation to sponsor a Euchre Tournament on January 18th. Seventy six players enjoyed the night of euchre, food, beverages and yes large screen TV's to watch the Lions drop our playoff hopes for 2024 - 2025 season. Despite this loss plenty of fun was available as card players drew for new partners

after each game. Nearly \$1700 was raised with at least \$1000 going to Project Graduation. Several local businesses provided financial support and numerous door prizes drawn at the conclusion of the event.

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Father Battersby Council 7586

Charter Membership Picture May 5, 1981



Two years after Pope John Paul II was elected pope, Ed Skop a parishioner of St. Joseph Church and past grand knight of Msgr. Hunt Council Dearborn, Michigan and Felix Trzcienski, District Deputy contacted Father Vogan pastor of St. Joseph Church in South Lyon, Michigan about starting a new council. Through their efforts the council was formed. It was decided that the new council would be named Father Edmund Battersby after the former pastor of St. Joseph Church. Father Battersby served as pastor during the 1960's. He passed away May 24, 1977 at the age of fifty-two and is buried at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Forty-five years ago on May 14, 1980 Father Battersby Council 7586 was started with forty-three charter members at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon, Michigan. Their purpose was to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement. Provide an insurance system for widows and children. Serve our church, community, families and children through worthwhile programs. Promote closer ties of fraternity among its members.

Today the council has a strong membership of 200 Knights who join together celebrating the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. On May 5, 1981 Thomas Clark, state secretary, presented the charter to the council. The Ladies Auxiliary was formed to support the council and parish. Later the Squires Circle was established for boys 12 to 18 years of age. The council continues today what the charter members started forty-five years ago: To be Catholic charitable gentlemen helping St. Joseph parish and the South Lyon community. It becomes quite obvious that the benefits of our Order have made a difference in the lives of not only our council members, but also in the life of our parish and community. We can look forward to the future with pride as we continue to perform the work begun in 1882 by our founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

Au Lac Council 10724 Exemplification



Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township conducted a Charity/Unity/Fraternity exemplification on March 18 and welcomed three new members - David Kaminski, Cody Heilig and Frank Mercadante! Congratulations and welcome brothers!

**From The State Program Director
Matt Wierzgac**

doing great things! Keep up the hard work!

I also want to continue encouraging everyone to keep up the good work, stay motivated, and promote the faith by putting our Catholic Faith into ACTION! Don't forget to invite those men who haven't been asked yet to join us. By inviting men to join us, we can continue the legacy of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney who was inspired by the Holy Spirit to not only support the widows in need, but to also be a holy man of God! I am looking forward to finishing the fraternal year on a very strong and positive note. If you ever need any guidance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my faith in action team!

I look forward to seeing you at our State Convention in May!

VIVAT JESUS!
Matthew J. Wierzgac
State Program Director

**From 1 to 100, the 100th Ultrasound Dedication:
Let's Meet Gabriel & Emma**

opportunity to donate to a worthy cause.

These actions in our State Capitol are other ways to continue our support of our partners including Right to Life Michigan, Protect Life MI, 40 Days for Life, Sidewalk Advocates for Life, and Michigan Catholic Conference.

Final thought. The logo of the Order is a powerful reminder to us and others that as Knights of Columbus we will not waiver from our position to Defend Life from conception to natural death. Keep this in mind as you go out into the world; whether you go to Ultrasound dedications, pro-life events, church events, or are just running errands. When the opportunity presents itself, wear your apparel with the Knights of Columbus logo. It's a reminder to those we meet of what we stand for and believe in.

Ed & Lynn Strach,
Pro Life Chair Couple

Fr. Patrick O'Kelley 3860



A crew from Fr. Patrick O'Kelley 3860 serving scrumptious meal of 5 different types of chili to 40-50 diocese priests including the archbishop

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 - Salutes its Veterans



The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 of the Knights of Columbus continued its annual tribute to veterans Day by having its veteran members lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance at its November Membership Meeting. This past November, the Council's Chancellor Paul Schneider also read the names of all family members of the Council and St. Collette Church in Livonia, where the Council meets, who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and led the Council in a special prayer for them.

Charlevoix Council 7172 - Tootsie Roll Drive

Have you ever wondered when you see a Knights of Columbus man standing at a business door with a yellow collection can and Tootsie Rolls? They are asking for your support for men and women who have life challenges. Right here in Charlevoix we have been supporting the Bergmann Center. Our Council has been doing so for many years. The Bergmann Center was established in 1965 and is a home away from home for all clients. It is where the Clients are trained in life living skills, job training, paid work, community service and community outreach.

The money collected 85% is given to the needs locally in our community. The other 15 % is used on many statewide projects and events such as the Special Olympics taking place each year in Mt. Pleasant and the Saint Louis Club in Chelsea. So when you see a man in front of a business with a yellow can and some tootsie rolls you will be helping special men and women feeling loved wanting to be part of your life.

Au Lac Council 1072 Euchre Party



Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township hosted a Euchre party on January 18. Fifty people attended the event and there was lots of good fun, good food and good friends. A special thank you to the brother Knights and other volunteers who made the event a success. The money raised will help fund our many charitable programs and activities.

May They Rest In Peace

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Clinton Valley Little League Challenger Division Senior League Baseball Field.



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 accessible 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 named after our founder in the United States. Home now nearly to a 170 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 The Auxiliary Bishop of The Archdio-

ceses of Detroit Robert J. Fisher, Father Christopher Muer, 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 representatives of 8 Color Corp assemblies. 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 Kuzner, who is also of special needs, the daughter of a brother Knight.

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

A good time was had by all. Vivat Jesus.

Oktoberfest



St. Isidore Council 7200 in Macomb, MI recently completed a very successful fundraiser. We held an Oktoberfest benefiting

Vocations to the Priesthood. Attendees participated in a euchre tournament and a stein holding competition. They had fun playing fowling (bowling with a football), cornhole, and Hammerschlagen (a competition of pounding nails into wood from a tree stump). Whether it was talking with other attendees, listening to the authentic German band, playing games or just enjoying the food and drink - all reports indicate that everyone had a great time. The total amount raised, was \$6,000 which includes \$1,200 that Supreme contributed as part of the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). This money was donated to the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception resulting in four Seminarians received \$1,500 checks for their funding.

St. Gertrude Prayer Vigil



Members of the Au Lac Council in Ira Township and other volunteers participated in the St. Gertrude prayer vigil in the Immaculate Conception Parish cemetery on November 1st. A total of 1250 prayers were said which helped to release 62 million souls from Purgatory. God bless you for your prayers on behalf of our departed brothers and sisters.

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