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State Deputy



My Brother Knights and Ladies,

Just a little bit more. How much does a drop of water weigh? Next to nothing, right? Nearly negligible. But if a raindrop falls on your head, you notice. Not the weight, but the impact. The wetness. And if many drops land on you, it's hard to ignore! How much does a drop of water weigh? Ask those in the Gaylord Diocese what happened when just one more drop of freezing rain stuck to a limb, or wire, or radio antenna, and caused a devastation not seen for decades!

The theme of my comments at many state, diocesan and local events has been about the collective impact we can have as Knights if we all give just a little bit more. Individually, you don't have to become a major donor, or full-time volunteer, or a super-recruiter. But, if every member, or every council could do just a bit more, it could have a staggering increase on the impact our order can have here in Michigan. If you are a silent, non-participating member; attend just one council function this year. If you are already involved; can you participate in one more fundraiser over the course of the year? When donating time; sign up for two shifts instead of one. When donating funds to charity; dig just a little deeper and make a bigger contribution this year. Someone who needs it, will benefit from your generosity. If you recruited a new Knight last year; make it **two** this year! If you haven't recruited anyone in a while, or ever... do it **now**. Every catholic man should receive a personal invitation to belong to this great order. And just think about how much you contribute to our good works by bringing that new Knight in! Everything they contribute is a result of your effort, your invitation. One more ultrasound machine, saves dozens of lives a month. An extra case of coats keeps even more kids warm in the winter. A food packing event hosted by your district will provide thousands of meals for the hungry. A few more dollars toward seminarian education may be the difference for a young man to answer his calling to become a priest, or a young lady to take her vows.

"A" is for Aspire. I have challenged all the state leadership to aspire to do more, to do better, to be more effective at fulfilling Blessed Fr. McGivney's vision of providing a faith-based fraternity for catholic men to help each other and our families grow in our faith, serve and protect others in need, support our clergy and religious, and lead more people into (or back to) the Church, Holy Mass and the Eucharist. We can do this by each of us contributing just a little bit more.

There are many men across this state who volunteer their time and talent to provide leadership at the council, district, diocesan and state levels. We are blessed to have some very capable, dedicated, professional people who mentor, guide, teach, train, provide oversight and leadership, and help execute programs. These men of action deserve your admiration, respect and gratitude. Please know that many of these men sacrifice personal time, family functions, even career opportunities to give of themselves for the order. But, for most of them, it is a labor of love. When you are able to help your council start something new, or your district work together at a shared event, or help implement a new program in your diocese, there is satisfaction, you build friendships, and you get to see your efforts have an impact on those in need. If you haven't yet, please consider a leadership position. Let someone you admire, know that you are interested.

Special thanks to the many wives and children of our brother Knights who are often a significant factor to our success. Whether it's the confident encouragement behind the scenes or it's elbow to elbow working on a project, our ladies and kids are an important part of this fraternity too. Thank you.

I hope many of you have noticed the increased attention placed on Evangelization and Faith Formation. Even just a few years ago, we focused our attention on the two pillars of Membership and Programs. Now, under the leadership of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, we are more intentionally looking inward at our catholic identity and encouraging councils to implement faith-based activity. While some still exist, the hall-based council model is much less common than in the past. Even where there is a hall, councils are encouraged to think and act with a parish-centered mindset. Our activities that include prayer, formation and fraternity have popped up in many different forms. There is great flexibility with these programs and you can be quite creative. Our bishops are firmly behind this effort to provide adult male faith formation through our councils' leadership. Participate if you can, or ask about starting something in your council.

Mandy and I look forward to seeing our leadership team at the upcoming Winter Leadership Conference and we continue to wish you and your family a "Year full of Hope." May you be blessed this upcoming Christmas season and continue to SOAR with us as we all try to give just a little bit more.

Faternally,
Barry Borsenik
Your State Deputy

Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month - September 2025



Congratulations to Christian Davis on being named as our Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for September! Christian is the son of Brittany Davis and a freshman at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School where he plays soccer. He graduated this past June from Immaculate Conception School where he won several academic awards and was a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He is a frequent altar server at Mass and has helped with our parish festival, Lenten fish fries and Vacation Bible School. We thank Christian for sharing his faith through service to his parish, school and community!

**From The State Chaplain
Fr. Andrew S. LaFramboise**



Only One Priority

Our pilgrim icon during this year is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We know that our blessed founder had a great love for the Sacred Heart. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful devotion in the Church. The beloved Sacred Heart statues, icons, or stained-glass windows that we encounter remind us that Jesus’ heart beats out of love for us. Your parish could do a Sacred Heart Holy Hour to help foster devotion to Jesus.

Do you make God a priority in your life? Think about that question. Answer it in your heart. Now I am going to tell you that you shouldn’t.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49). He then goes on to say that he came not to establish peace but division. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but here he says he came to bring division, division among family members no less? Don’t daughter in laws and mother in laws have a hard enough time without Jesus saying he has come to bring division among them?

At our staff meeting before this Gospel was proclaimed, we were reflecting on the readings, and I was reminded of something Jeff Cavins said. He said that the word “priorities,” the plural of priority, did not exist until the 20th century. There was only the word priority, which means first in rank, order or dignity. Only one thing can be first. Pluralizing priority implies that many things can be first, thereby making what is first no longer actually first.

The Gospel helps us to ask, “Is God the priority?” not “Is God a priority.” I think we tend to think and live like this, “My family is a priority, my job is a priority, God and faith is a priority, etc.” We can think that this is a good thing. That it is good to make God a priority. But it isn’t actually. This is not a biblical way of looking at our life, and that is what Jesus is trying to tell us. He is not saying that he wants families to be torn apart. He loves family life. He is saying that God alone is the priority; God alone is first. When we live that way we may end up being a cause of division, not because we want division, but because we are putting God first.

“I have come to set the world on fire and how I wish it were already ablaze.” The fire is the fire of Jesus’ love, so symbolized by his Sacred Heart. It is the fire of passion. Love has a way of giving clarity to our lives. We cannot understand this passage apart from love. Love sometimes leads to division. Any parent who has ever had to say, “Take your medicine” or “It is bedtime” or “It’s time to go to school,” knows that sometimes division comes with love.

A few years back Pope Francis gave a homily reflecting on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He said, “To remember [in Italian, *ricordare*], means ‘to return to the heart, to return with the heart’. Ri-cordare. What does the Sacred Heart of Jesus make us return to? To what He did for us: the Heart of Christ shows us Jesus who offers Himself, it is the compendium of his mercy.”

Jesus is saying with this Gospel “Return to my heart. Do not draw away from the fire of my love and lead a cold life of indifference and neglect.” Making God the only priority reminds us that we are made for relationship, intimacy, friendship and union with God. Is the Sunday Mass put first in the schedule of my week? Is daily prayer part of my life? Do I receive confession regularly? Do I embrace the teachings of the Church, including the hard teachings, and strive to live by them even as I fall short, ever mindful of the great mercy of Jesus?

This Gospel is also an appeal to our hearts. It is as if Jesus asks, “Where is your fire?” Is it dissipated and therefore going to fizzle, or is it centered on the only priority? This Gospel challenges us all, myself included. Challenges us to go to the heart of Jesus and to go with our heart.

Jesus’ words are the words of love. Love always brings comfort to us while at the same time calling us to ascend to the heights. How can I order my life in such a way that God is the one priority?

Many thanks for all you do to build up the Church! May Jesus fill us with his fire! Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Father Andy LaFramboise

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Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586



John J. Ochman accepts the Knight of the Month award from Bob Donehue, Grand Knight of Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586

John has been a Knight of Columbus member for seventy-eight years. His first council was Detroit Council 305. John is a very young ninety-nine-year-old.

From The State Advocate Daniel C. Fuller, Jr.

My Worthy Brothers, Ladies and Michigan Knights of Columbus family,

I hope you are all well and fully engaged in our mission of empowering Catholic men to more fully live out their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Being a Knight of Columbus is the best way for a Catholic man to experience the richness of our faith. As the State Advocate, it is my responsibility to help our Brother Knights and their Councils utilize the Constitution's Laws and Rules of our Order in the planning and execution of council business. Successful councils make it a habit to plan, communicate and practice successful techniques in the achievement of their fraternal goals. Every council should have started this fraternal year with the goal of achieving Star Council.

Here are some communication best practices that will help your council plan and achieve your fraternal goals. Every council has four email accounts that should be used by the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Director and Membership Director. These emails also unlock another critical tool of communication, the State Leadership Directory. For many years now, email has been our primary tool of communication and contains the most updated information for every council district and diocese. Each week the Grand Knight should be forwarding the MIKOCF Constant Contact newsletter to all their council members. On a monthly basis, councils receive leadership talking points that help in the planning of timely and important events. Another best practice utilized by many councils is emailing monthly meeting minutes to council members. This keeps ALL your members, not just the meeting attendees, up to speed with council successes.

What are the best ways to protect council finances, meeting integrity, and avoid scandal? First is to be fully compliant in youth protection. Next is to obtain liability insurance for your council. If your council does not have a liability insurance policy, a quote can be obtained by contacting Lockton Affinity at 1-800-496-0288. Having an annual budget for your council is a financial best practice. When you vote to approve the council's annual budget, many of the expenses that exceed \$500 will already have their initial approval. This allows for a more expedited approval process. Pre-planning is an effective financial tool. When writing checks, they should have the following elements: Always record on the memo line what the check is intended for and it should be signed by both the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight. Also, never give out cash to a charity or Brother Knight in need. Your council checking account, Trustees and Financial Secretary records must account for cash collected for charity. This protects all parties for any perceived fraud or temptation.

Finally, use our Constitution Laws and Rules, Roberts Rules of Order, and your Council Bylaws. Using these documents will guide your council in effective meeting execution and prevent questions of procedure and protocol. If you have any questions regarding these topics, please let me know how I can help.

My wife Kara and I wish you a blessed autumn season. We hope you enjoy a great Thanksgiving and Christmas and make sure to share the blessings of our Order with all the Catholic men in your parish, community and family.

Vivat Jesus.

Dan Fuller, State Advocate

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 – Parish Picnic



On Sunday, August 24th, St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Knights of Columbus hosted a picnic for St. Patrick parish. The Knights were also assisted by its Columbiette

auxiliary. There was a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed some good food and fellowship. The event helped kick off the new school year at St. Patrick's, and its newly installed playground equipment. Toy donations were also accepted to benefit the White Lake Goodfellows.

From The State Membership Director Douglas Kokot

Greetings Brothers and Ladies:

It is hard to believe that our first quarter of this fraternal year is already behind us. Good news, our Order is Growing!!!

This is due to all of your efforts to invite men of faith to join with us and **SOAR** in the graces of God our Father. The **COR** initiative has positively affected the perception of the Knight of Columbus among both members and non-members of the Order. We are truly a faith-based organization. This aspect is highly appealing to numerous men. The Knights of Columbus is not just another men's organization but a Catholic men's organization that is based in faith and putting that faith into action.

Every Knight should **take pride** in contributing to the growth of our Order. By inviting new members, we not only strengthen our councils and the Order as a whole but also upholds the enduring legacy of the Knights of Columbus—a legacy built on charitable works, the reinforcement of family values, the protection of life, and steadfast support for our priests, parishes, and the community. We encourage Catholic men to join our Order, enabling them to participate actively in our programs and share in the many benefits associated with Knighthood.

Knight of Columbus Annual Facts - Did you Know?

- 2+ million members
- 16,672 Councils Around the world
- 48 million service hours
- \$197 million in charitable donations
- \$8.5 million in scholarships
- \$5.9 million to seminarians and postulants
- \$4.9 million to Special Olympics

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- 1,982 donated Ultrasound Machines
 - Since 1982, \$67 million has been given to the Holy Father for his personal charities

Reflecting on some of the most recent recognitions our state has received from Supreme, it is no wonder why men are accepting the invitation to join our order. Great things are happening in Michigan!!! Let's **ASPIRE** to do even more!

As this is the last issue of the Colombian for this calendar year, I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving and a very blessed Christmas season. Keep in mind, Christmas is an excellent time to give the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus to your friends and families.

Let's take flight and **SOAR** together looking for God Grace and love as we spread our wings and invite other Catholic men to come **SOAR** with us.

Fraternally,

Douglas D. Kokot
Douglas Kokot

State Membership Director

Michigan Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Outdoor Mass



On August 9th, the St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 and its Columbiettes celebrated an outdoor Mass together. Our Chaplain, Father Socorro Fernandes, led the celebration. After the Mass, everyone enjoyed some fellowship with each other over a delicious meal.

A big Thank You goes out to Denny and Trudy Long who hosted this wonderful event at their home.

From The State Program Director Matt Wierzgac

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

Vivat Jesus! I hope all is well and you had a great summer! Fall is officially here, and for some may mean getting out to enjoy spending time doing some hiking, picking apples, sipping cider, visiting a winery, watching sporting event, or just in general enjoying the cooler weather.

The first quarter is officially behind us now already, and boy time sure did fly. In these first three months, our councils have been busy with parish picnics, council soccer challenges, attending diocesan and district meetings, etc. Our state has also been busy with charitable golf outings, Lansing Lugnuts and Detroit Tigers game, and our camporee in Houghton Lake. Additionally, we were blessed to have 1 ultrasound dedication in Michigan in the Kalamazoo Diocese, with a few more in the works in the next coming months. Let's keep that energy and motivation going as we aspire to do more!

Our State Soccer Challenge was on October 4th in Wyoming, MI. We had a good turnout with lots of participants. We had a blast watching and awarding the kids for their great skills.

Our State Community Director Larry Herman has been working hard with our State Deputy Regional Representatives (SDRR) and Diocesan Program Directors to help make our Coats for Kids fall distribution program a great success! We will know more about the final numbers later this year, so stay tuned.

The Supreme Knights of Columbus has issued a very attractive incentive for this program, and that is the Buy One Get One Free (BOGO). We are hoping that even more councils will decide to participate in this great program that helps our communities. But with this BOGO offer from Supreme, hopefully this will motivate additional councils to participate. If your council hasn't bought any yet, please have your council Program Director or Grand Knight get ahold of your Diocesan Program Director, SDRR, or our State Community Director directly. If you participated this year, we greatly appreciate and THANK YOU for being a beacon of light to the community! If you can't participate this year, please consider doing so next year. Like every year, we invite everyone to assist with the distribution of the coats once they arrive in your diocese. Please pay attention to our weekly Constant Contact email communication for more information.

Just a friendly reminder to submit those 10784's in 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 the 15-20 minutes and get it done.

At our Summer Diocesan meeting, I gave all those who attended instructions on how to complete a State Service Program. With all the programs that your council is doing to help the **community, faith, family, and life**, it's about time to start thinking about what program to submit for this State Program Award. Your District Deputy and Diocesan Program Directors will be following up every month with your council. If you need assistance with putting together a book or the criteria needed for submission, I encourage you to ask your District Deputy and/or Diocesan Program Director. If they cannot assist, feel free to contact me with any questions. To maximize your chances of winning, we are encouraging councils to give your District Deputy a rough draft of your program books at your November council meeting. The submission can be digital (preferred) or physical printed copy. From there, they will give my Faith in Action team these submissions for us to review and critique. Then at our Winter Diocesan meetings, we will return these rough drafts back to the District Deputies to then be given back to you. From there, you can modify as needed or add any more details if needed.

Final submissions of the State Program Award will be March 27th, 2026. Remember you can submit an entry for each of the Faith in Action categories and are **NOT** limited to just one entry.

What a great opportunity to get recognition for all the great work your council

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Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

The State Board along with delegates representing our great State of Michigan attended the 143rd Supreme Convention held in our nation's capital, Washington DC August 5-7, 2025, with over 2,000 other Knights and their families from around the world. The first Washington DC council was established in 1897 and ever since, the Knights have served both God and country.

The 143rd Supreme Convention opened with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Principal Celebrant for the Mass was His Excellency Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Basilica was full to capacity and everyone in attendance was in awe of the beauty of the Cathedral, music, and considerable number of Color Corps in attendance.

Once again, everyone was proud to be from Michigan and the efforts put forth by our Knights. At the award ceremony, St. Mary of the Hills Council 13950 in Rochester Hills, MI was the recipient of the Life Programs Award for the Fr. McGivney Field of Dreams.

The Ladies Program did not disappoint anyone in attendance. Montse Alvarado, President and COO of EWTN News was the Emcee. The keynote speaker was Jeanne Mancini, a leadership coach and consultant specializing in support for nonprofit and faith-based leaders. Until January 2025, she served for twelve years as President of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, one of the most visible and impactful pro-life organizations in the United States. She is a recognized voice on pro-life policy and frequently advises both religious and government leaders. The luncheon ended with Claire Kretzschmar, the Artistic Director of Hartford Ballet and the Hartford Company Dancers.

Now that Summer has ended, we are all focusing on preparing for the Winter Leadership Meeting in Lansing again this year. Stories continue to come in of ladies who have been inspired by the "Be The Change" message. We all can do our part to make life a little better for others. The ladies on the Board look forward to seeing everyone in the near future. Never hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions.

God Bless,

Mandy, Pam, Christy, Kara, JanMarie and Julie

Keep Christ in Christmas

As Knights We can Share this Message with our Parish and our Community.

For More Information and a Complete Product Listing Visit our Website at

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Habitat For Humanity - Prison Ministry
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Raise funds for your community while also becoming a part of the evangelization effort of spreading the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ. Give your parishioners the opportunity to participate by sending a personal spiritual Christmas greeting and displaying messages of *Keep Christ in Christmas* with Christmas Cards, Magnets, Bumper Stickers, Seals, Yard Signs and more.

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Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque Application 2025

Memorial Plaque: A beautiful and lasting remembrance is to have your loved one enrolled in the Knights of Columbus Vocations Committee Memorial Society Plaque, which now hang in the chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Memorial plaques can be obtained for a tax-deductible gift of \$25 a line – maximum of four lines per plaque (\$100).

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 13, 2025



K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary –

Sunday November 2, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Families of these brother Knights and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass

Those enrolled will share in the daily Masses, prayers, and good works of the Priests and Seminarians of Sacred Heart.

Proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser go to aid students studying for religious vocations that are in need of help.

In Memory of _____	Date of death _____
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Applicants will be contacted for multiple line engraving information

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Applications available at: [MikofC.org/resources/manuals and documentation/Council Materials](http://MikofC.org/resources/manuals%20and%20documentation/Council%20Materials)

In the Michigan Columbian or

Contact: Mike Cousins at m.cousins@mikofc.org 586-610-8497

Sponsored by the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League.

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



Pictured L-R: Mark Kehoe (Grand Knight); Andrew Doppke; Fr. Joseph Esper (Pastor)

Congratulations to Andrew Doppke on being chosen as our K of C Au Lac Council Youth of the Month for August 2025! Andrew is the son of Gregory and Elizabeth Doppke and will be a 6th grade student at Immaculate Conception School this year. He is an altar server for weekend and school Masses and a lector at school Mass. he has helped with the parish fish fries and summer festival during the past two years. He has been a member of the basketball and track teams at school and participated in the K of C Free Throw Contest. We thank Andrew for his service to our parish school and community.

ST. PETER COUNCIL 6534

Father George Puthenpeedika officially entered a well- deserved retirement on 7/20/25 after 10 years of service at St. Peter. Our new priest is Father Mark Martin who was previously with St. Gerard Parish in Lansing. He has expressed his joy at being a parish priest and has voiced strong support for our Council. He also acknowledged the important contributions of the Knights to the Catholic Church.

Our Emblem is a Reflection of Life

We wear it on our sleeves, shirts, and jackets. We take pride as we wear it at council meetings, at Mass, and in the community. We place it on banners, flags, posters, council lecterns, podiums, and on promotional advertisements.

It is the emblem of the Order which contains the sword, the anchor, and the battle axe. Each symbol has a distinct meaning which we all have a responsibility to live up to. And this responsibility applies to the Life initiatives and programs we lead or take part in.

Let's look at these symbols on the Knights of Columbus emblem and how they provide opportunities to live up to our responsibility within our Life initiatives and programs.

The sword symbolizes honor, distinction, bravery, and courage.

Supporting Special Olympics can bring honor and distinction to many. This is exemplified by the International Program Award, Life Programs, awarded to St. Mary of the Hills Council #13950, Rochester Hills for their efforts to making a reality the Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Field, an A.D.A. compliant baseball field.

Our actions to Defend Life demonstrate bravery and courage. Do so by participating in Fall pro-life events including the Living Rosary (September 13th at the State Capitol), 40 Days for Life Rally (September 24th through November 2nd), the Life Chain (Sunday, October 5th) at locations throughout the state, and the MI March for Life (Thursday, November 6th) at the State Capitol. These events, with our participation, will help our pro-life partners overcome the evil of abortion and continue our right of religious freedom.

The anchor is an instrument designed to hold a ship in place, symbolizing that which attaches, stops, and stabilizes.

The Ultrasound program, a marquee program of the Knights of Columbus, demonstrates how important attachment is. We just celebrated our 101st ultrasound placement in Michigan (lead by St. Mary of the Lake Council #14366, New Buffalo, Women's Care Center, Niles) to help stop abortion. And now, we are looking forward to the placement of six more units in Saginaw, Port Huron, Sturgis, Allegan, Holland, and Dearborn Heights.

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the stabilizing unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. The Silver Rose is a message of Our Lady of Guadalupe that promotes respect for life by participating in a meaningful pilgrimage with a series of prayer services focusing on the dignity of all human life while honoring Our Lady.

With over 2,000 "Created in the Image of God" baby blankets distributed since its start has brought warmth and comfort to newborn babies. A special thank you to all the councils and members that have purchased these blankets and shared them with your parishes, hospitals and your family. The emblem of the Order proudly displayed on the baby blankets along with the inscription is a clear sign of our commitment to start stable family lives with love and hope.

The battle axe, placed on a shield, symbolizes action taken to overcome obstacles or ambushes on the road to accomplishing one's objectives.

A Mass for People with Special Needs aims to welcome those who may not feel comfortable participating in other Sunday Masses due to physical barriers, social barriers, or family anxiety.

The Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program provides a way for councils to help local Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes overcome obstacles. Since the beginning of the ASAP program in 2022 through the end of the last fraternal year, MI Knights of Columbus with matching funds from the Supreme Council have donated \$1.2 million to Pregnancy Resource Centers throughout the state.

Our new goal, ASAP100, challenges us to reach 100% of active council participation during this fraternal year. You are critical in helping us accomplish this objective.

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Youth of the Month Appreciation Dinner



Pictured L-R: Adam Homiak; Melanie Bilicki; Elayna McDonald; Nova McKiernan; Daniel Webster with Grand Knight Mark Kehoe

On August 26 the Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council in Ira Township honored the January through June 2025 Youth of the Month Award winners and their families with a pizza dinner in the parish hall. We thank them for sharing their faith through service to their church, school and community. We also thank their parents for leading their children by example. These young people are the future of our church!

Au Lac Council started the Youth of the Month Award program in January 2023. Each month we recognize one student in grades 3-12 for demonstrating their faith through service to others. Every six months we host an appreciation dinner for the honorees and their families. The program has been a big success and the only problem is choosing just one out of many deserving young people each month!

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Parish Breakfast



On Sunday, July 22nd, The St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 and Columbiettes held a breakfast to welcome Father Socorro Fernandes as the new pastor at St. Patrick in White Lake. The breakfast was held after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses and was very well attended. In addition to receiving a delicious breakfast, parishioners had the opportunity to welcome Father Socorro to St. Patrick and congratulate him on becoming Chaplain of our council. The Chaplain's medal was presented at the event.



Editors Note

Our mailing address has changed due to a conflict with the post office.

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State Community Director

Fall is here and it is time to make sure that children around the State of Michigan have warm coats. Yes, the Coats for Kids program is well underway and the response from councils statewide has been nothing short of phenomenal! Councils have risen to Fr. McGivney's call to care for widows and orphans. As of this writing, councils have submitted checks totaling over \$86,900 for the program. Every diocese has contributed to this event. Distribution sites are set, and the goal is to get all of the coats on the backs of kids by the end of October. This is a marvelous example of Charity, the Order's first and foremost principle. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in showing the world what the Knights are all about.

Don't forget these key dates for this Fraternal Year, everyone is invited:

- **State Soccer Championship Finals**
 - ◇ Saturday, October 4, 2025
 - ◇ Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - ◇ St John Vianney Church, 4101 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
- **State Essay Contest Forms Submission**
 - ◇ Saturday, January 3, 2026
 - ◇ Email copy to Larry Herman at l.herman@mikofc.org
- **State Spelling Bee Championship Finals**
 - ◇ Saturday, March 7, 2026
 - ◇ Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - ◇ Fr. Van Rooy Council 2470 1021 Woodside Ave., Essexville, MI 48732
- **State Free Throw Championship Finals**
 - ◇ Sunday, March 15, 2026
 - ◇ Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - ◇ Sacred Heart Parish Gym, 319 E. Illinois St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Be Blessed and stay warm...

Larry J Herman, FDM

State Community Director

BREAKING NEWS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1ST
THE STATE OFFICE HAS
MOVED!



State Faith Director Bob "Ace" Bagley

Brothers and Sisters,

What happens when you ride as a Disciple of Christ, spreading the Love and Truth of our Lord? What happens when you stand for your faith against a world that has turned their backs on Christ, is there hope for mankind?

Let me start with the last question first. As you know, I was in a battle with my employer over their DEI policy, which attacked my religious freedom. By the Grace of God the company was defeated and policy removed. I continued talking to other employees on how to stand up and fight with the result of more standing for their Faith. I felt that I had accomplished what God wanted me to do and it was time to retire and move on. I requested to have an exit interview instead of just filling out a form. The interview was granted but I could only have a half hour. When I went for the interview, the HR rep that I fought the battle over the DEI policy was the one to give my exit interview, she was very welcoming and stated that she requested to give me the exit interview. She started out asking why I was retiring before the age of 65 and I told her that this has been the most unethical and immoral company I had ever worked for and they go above and beyond promoting the use of birth control and LGBTQ agendas. She agreed and typed everything I had told her. We talked about faith, future plans and finally got to the **forcing of people to sign policies that went against their faith**. She looked at me and said this is why I wanted to give you the exit interview. She went on to explain that when we battled over the DEI policy, she took a copy of the scripture readings from the New and Old testament and went home. She said that she and her husband sat down and read them in the Bible. They were amazed at what they had read and did not realize how far people had fallen away from GOD. She said because of that fight and then reading the Scripture, she wanted me to know that she and her husband are now going back to church. God reclaims two more souls!

On our ride to the Knights on Bikes International Rally in St Augustine, Florida we made our way into the mountains of Kentucky.

What wonders of God we experienced, twisty roads, beautiful waterfalls and Brotherhood. It was time to come out of the mountains and make up some time riding the highway. Little did we know, this is where everything would change. We were now on flat roads and my bike would go nowhere. A Canadian riding behind me yelled to pull over. I got off my bike to find my drive belt stretched out on the road behind me, not good! No dealer in Kentucky had a drive belt for my bike. My HOG membership was able to get a tow truck, but he was 200 miles from me in Tennessee. He called me and I explained the situation and asked if he would be willing to tow it to Tennessee where there was a belt. He said that would be a big bill on top of what the Insurance paid. He gets \$9 a mile and I had no choice. He brought his wife and son because the distance was so far. We loaded up the bike, I rode in the truck with him and his family and we all headed to Tennessee. He had bought pizza and broke bread. He said normally he would not do this, but after talking to me on the phone, he knew I was a man of God and wanted to help. His wife gave her testimony, He gave his testimony and I gave mine. He wondered why the rest of the bikes were following

him, the answer was we are all Brothers and will not leave anyone behind, He thought that was pretty cool and wanted to know more about Knights on Bikes and the Catholic Church. We finally arrived and he offered me a place to stay but I had to be in Florida. He told me not to worry about the tow, what the Insurance paid was good enough and we said a final prayer before he left.

We spread my luggage across the rest of the Bikes, I climbed on the back of my wife's bike and we headed to Florida. Now, I had never rode on the back of a bike. This gave me time to think, if I had been in the mountains and this happened, it could have turned out very bad. Did God and our Holy Mother protect me? Did God need me to talk and listen to this family and I needed to be humbled? I believe the answer is and was YES! After getting to Florida, Brothers wanted to take me to a dealership to rent a bike instead of riding on the back. I told them that God had protected me from harm and needed to humble me, so I will not interfere with his plan, not knowing what he had in store for me next! What a wild ride to abandon yourself to God's will.

We had gone on several rides to shrines and beautiful scenery. My wife said that she needed to get gas. She pulled into the gas station and I had an overwhelming feeling that I was there for a reason. I asked Loree if she could fill the bike while I walked over into the shade and had a smoke? As I was standing there, I could feel someone standing behind me. I slowly turned around to find a man covered in tattoos from the ears down with muscle on top of muscle. This man claimed that he has been watching us for a few days and wanted to know where we were from. I said to him, Brother, we are world wide, we are Knights of Columbus members called Knights on Bikes. We are here in Florida for a Rally and we evangelize by riding and spreading the Truth and Love of Jesus Christ.

The man then introduced himself as a Hell's Angel out of Fresno, California. He then proceeded to tell me that he thinks what we are doing was very cool, he has spent 22 years in prison for the club. The whole time he was in, his wife was repeatedly raped and his children beaten and abused. He stated that is not what a brotherhood is supposed to be. Watching us, he wished he would have had that. He said he appreciated that I was willing to talk and listen. I told him God put us together for a reason. He said he is leaving the club and hopes to find what we have. Then he said he can't leave California because his mother has stage 4 cancer with not much longer to live, when she passes he will take his family and flee. He then asked if I would pray with him? My answer was Absolutely my Brother! We prayed, shed a tear. He then said he has never asked for this from a man before but, can I have a hug? Tears and a hug in a Buckee's gas station from a man representing God and the other a Hells Angel.

These things would not be possible without surrendering yourself to the Will of God. Everything we do should be directed to one thing, The Salvation of Souls. Learn your Faith, use COR and be a man of GOD.

PAX

Bob "Ace" Bagley

State Faith Director

International President Knights on Bikes



Corporate Communion Mass

Brother Knights from the Au lac Council and Anchor Bay councils attended a Corporate Communion Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Ira Township on August 31st. Their family members attended and the Assembly Color Guard was also present at Mass. After Mass they shared a social time in the parish hall. The next Corporate Communion Mass will be held on Sunday, November 30th.

“TEN FOR CHARITIES”

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

I am pleased to make this annual report of the “TEN FOR CHARITIES” program for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. This was a *successful* year of Active Charity. Council contributions amounted to a grand total of **\$122,672.56**. This generous giving is due to members responding to the call of charity by the message on the Take 10 For Charity slips sent with their dues notices, then acting on that call by sending in their donations to their councils, and with your Financial Secretaries forwarding these donations to the State Secretary. Brother Knights and Ladies, working together you are participants in this program which allows our State Office to make contributions to worthwhile charities in amounts that are generally too large for our individual councils to make themselves. I and the State Officers thank you for exercising our Order’s First Principle of Charity.

While this is a sizable amount, the cold reality is that it is still much less than our maximum potential. We were able to reach this amount with donations from 192 councils. This is an increase of 38 additional councils participating this year. Again, thank you to the Members, the Financial Secretaries, and our Grand Knights supporting this wonderful program. Both the number of councils and the percentage of councils that remitted funds were an **increase** from last year. **Thank You!** I believe that if the opportunity to contribute to Take 10 had been properly presented to all the membership in all the councils, at least one member in each council would have donated.

It is incumbent upon every Financial Secretary to include the donation information and the request (the Take 10 For Charity slip) with their annual billing notices, thus giving every member the privilege and opportunity to donate.

Below is a list of the councils that we received contributions from during the 2024-2025 fraternal year, which ended on 6/30/2025. **Thank You!**

My Brother Knights, if you made a contribution to your council through your annual dues payment, or as a standalone donation, and you don’t find your council number listed below, please contact your council financial secretary immediately and find out why your council’s donation is not reflected.

A note to the Financial Secretaries – Contributions from councils were received by the State Secretary AFTER 6/30/2025, which is the end of the fraternal year. It is my experience that these donations were collected from members and meant to be recorded for this 2024-2025 fraternal year. Unfortunately, they cannot be as they were received after the end of the year. Please consider sending in all your accumulated charity funds twice each year to the State Secretary. Suggested first submittal to be received by the State Secretary before 4/1 of each year so as to be included in any reporting for the State Convention, and the second submittal to be received by the State Secretary by 6/1 of each year to be processed and included in any final annual reporting. These funds do not require council votes as they are pass-through monies from the councils to the State Secretary, so the Council Treasurer and Financial Secretary are not bound by any council meeting calendar issues.

A sincere **thank you** to all to those members who made their contributions to their councils and to the council officers who made this past year successful. A

sincere **thank you** as well to those Financial Secretaries who promoted this state program by inserting the yellow slips in their council’s dues notices. By your acts of Charity, Michigan Knights can come to the aid of those in need and continue our service to our neighbor. Thank you in advance for your continued contributions in this fraternal year.

Fraternally Yours,

Thomas M. Wegener, PSD, FSD
State Director Ten for Charities

2024 - 2025 Ten For Charities Annual Report

Archdiocese of Detroit - \$ 51,205.48

600 - 856 - 1266 - 2251 - 2569 - 2632 - 2667 - 2733 - 2950 - 3042 - 3078 - 3129 - 3160 - 3292 - 3615 - 3725 - 3830 - 3860 - 3959 - 4064 - 4188 - 4401 - 4556 - 4764 - 5436 - 5452 - 5460 - 5492 - 5981 - 6549 - 6865 - 7200 - 7413 - 7444 - 7586 - 7918 - 8274 - 8500 - 8659 - 8695 - 8710 - 8902 - 9526 - 9568 - 10501 - 10724 - 11430 - 11658 - 11689 - 11756 - 11957 - 12121 - 12403 - 13340 - 13362 - 13600 - 13673 - 13980 - 13983 - 14427 - 14928 - 15204 - 15352 - 15932 - 16169 - 16630

Gaylord - \$ 8,047.50

791 - 923 - 1705 - 2022 - 2781 - 5083 - 6314 - 6593 - 6851 - 7365 - 8390 - 8556 - 8948 - 9979 - 11664 - 15021 - 15135 - 15937 - 16643

Grand Rapids - \$ 12,925.00

1300 - 2168 - 3104 - 3111 - 4362 - 7115 - 7487 - 7761 - 7869 - 8071 - 8117 - 8291 - 10992 - 11581 - 12668 - 12985 - 13526 - 13579 - 13939 - 14404 - 14598 - 15454 - 15548 - 15889

Kalamazoo - \$ 4,397.00

2508 - 2515 - 4036 - 4141 - 5255 - 6980 - 11114 - 12998 - 13251 - 13633 - 13749 - 14366 - 14409

Lansing - \$ 30,547.08

587 - 609 - 695 - 788 - 2659 - 2890 - 3027 - 3092 - 3230 - 3281 - 4090 - 6223 - 6534 - 6674 - 6687 - 6694 - 7237 - 7311 - 7418 - 7945 - 8169 - 8391 - 8489 - 8669 - 8820 - 8858 - 8989 - 9131 - 9301 - 9937 - 10006 - 10542 - 10907 - 10963 - 11099 - 11532 - 12044 - 12295

Marquette - \$ 3,826.50

649 - 1245 - 1396 - 2894 - 2929 - 2931 - 6447 - 7100 - 10777 - 13115

Saginaw - \$ 11,724.00

1297 - 1546 - 2141 - 2291 - 2724 - 2740 - 2943 - 3224 - 3651 - 3823 - 4102 - 5280 - 7233 - 7255 - 7717 - 8554 - 8785 - 8892 - 11432 - 12850 - 13449 - 13452

Michigan - \$ 122,672.56

St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 – Baseball Game



On Friday, August 22nd, St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Knights of Columbus sponsored a baseball game outing for our St. Patrick Council and Parish at Jimmy John’s Field. This is an event that helps develop a sense of community within our parish. Attendees were busy all evening with events such as unfurling the flag on the field and throwing out the first pitch. We all had a delicious meal and at the end of the night enjoyed a spectacular fireworks display. It was a great event for all that attended.



Youth of the Month - Au Lac Council 10724 - July 2025



During the month of July Au Lac Council honored not one, but two students as our Youth of the Month. Congratulations to twins Christopher and Claire Rom! They are the children of Pete and Meghan Rom and will be in the 7th grade at Immaculate Conception School.

Chris and Claire are both altar servers and Lectors at school Mass. They have participated in the Walk For The Poor and the annual Parish Festival.

Chris has won the I.C. School Gold Award, Principal's Award, Pastor's award, Spanish Award, Computer Award, Altar Server Award, Millionaires Club Award (Accelerated Reader), Academic Olympics: 2nd Place Math (5th and 6th grade) and participated in I.C. School sports: cross country, basketball, track.

Claire has won I.C. School Gold Award, Principal's Award, Music Award, Spanish Award, Altar Server Award, Millionaires Club Award (Accelerated Reader), Academic Olympics: 1st Place Religion (5th grade), 3rd place Religion (6th grade), 2nd place Problem Solving (6th grade), 2024 11 year old girl K of C Free Throw Champion. I.C. School sports: cross country, basketball, track.

Thank you to Chris and Claire for sharing your faith and talents with our parish, school and community!

Michigan Traveling Team Exemplification

We are off to a great start for the fiscal year 2025-26. We have 9 exemplifications already scheduled for the Traveling Teams.

Our current State Deputy Barry Borsenik continues to ask our staffs to help and train other Council Exemplification Staffs who need assistance so they can do their exempts in a more professional way. We all know that the first impressions of the Knights of Columbus are very important. We know that we have many teams that will put on their own exempts. This is all just great. However, so far, we have had only a few local exemplification teams attend any of the degrees that the Traveling Team has put on. We have also had a few neighboring councils bring a candidate to the exemplification.

The Traveling Teams will still be doing Exemplifications for any Council or District upon request as before. In addition to that, the Traveling Teams will go to a District or multiple Districts to put on an Exemplification, with other council exempting team members present to observe how they may do their own exempt more professionally. An Exemplification should be done from the heart with expressions and enthusiasm and not just simply reading the part. Our goal is to hopefully have better exempt teams and retain more new Knights that will be excited about the Knights of Columbus. We want them to get involved and become a long-time member of our council.

How this will work is I, as the State Ceremonial Director, will be working with the DDs to schedule these training exempts. When we schedule training exempts for one or more Districts, we want as many as possible council exempt team members present to observe how the traveling team puts on an exempt. There will also be some new candidates present to become new knights, as well as family and other knights. Team members can see how the Traveling Team prepares the chamber and how they work with the fibers, rosary and pins. When we get it done, the

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The Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council Celebrates a Total of \$101,00 Contributed to Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers over Eight Years of Giving Through its Baby Bottle Campaigns



Members of St. Nicholas Council 7011 present Jessica Gaderick, office manager for Mary'smantle with a \$13,500 check, which were the funds raised during the 2025 Babey Bottle Drive at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. Pictured L-R-Matthew LaPorte, RTL co-chairman, Jessica Gaderick, E Jon Schnell-

Sterling Heights, Michigan – For the past eight years the St. Nicholas Council #7011 has conducted our popular annual Baby Bottle Campaign in support of Knights of Columbus' National Right to Life initiatives, hosted by our supporting parish, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church.

St. Nicholas Council raised a record amount of \$13,500 in 2025, which brings the total donations from our parishioners to \$80,000 over these past eight years. In addition, we previously received \$5,000 from another pro-life fund and \$16,000 matching funds from the Supreme Council, which resulted in \$101,000 support to Mary's Mantle and other pro-life pregnancy centers over these past eight years. These funds go toward facility improvements, operating costs, expansions, and new equipment.

From Mary's Mantle's mission statement: "Mary's Mantle is a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. We witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of life. We provide a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community. We focus on the spiritual, emotional, physical, educational, and vocational well-being of mother and child."

"These lifesaving donations could never have been achieved without the generous love and support of the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius parish. When the need is greatest, as it is now, we can always count on our neighbors and friends at St. Cyril's to open their hearts and wallets and help us help others," said Gino Vitale, St. Nicholas Council's Right to Life Chair.

The St. Nicholas Council, #7011, is a volunteer Catholic organization that works in conjunction with Family of the Good Shepherd parishes and concentrates its charitable efforts on supporting priests and seminarians, right to life organizations, the mentally impaired and physically disabled, and the faith community.

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689

St Paul of Tarsus Council #11689 held its annual awards dinner in June. This dinner includes the families of the council members and is used to recognize council members and their achievements during the last Fraternal Year.

The Awards were made as follows:

Knight of the Year awarded to Robert Amsle

Family of the Year awarded to Vince and Andrea Ursini

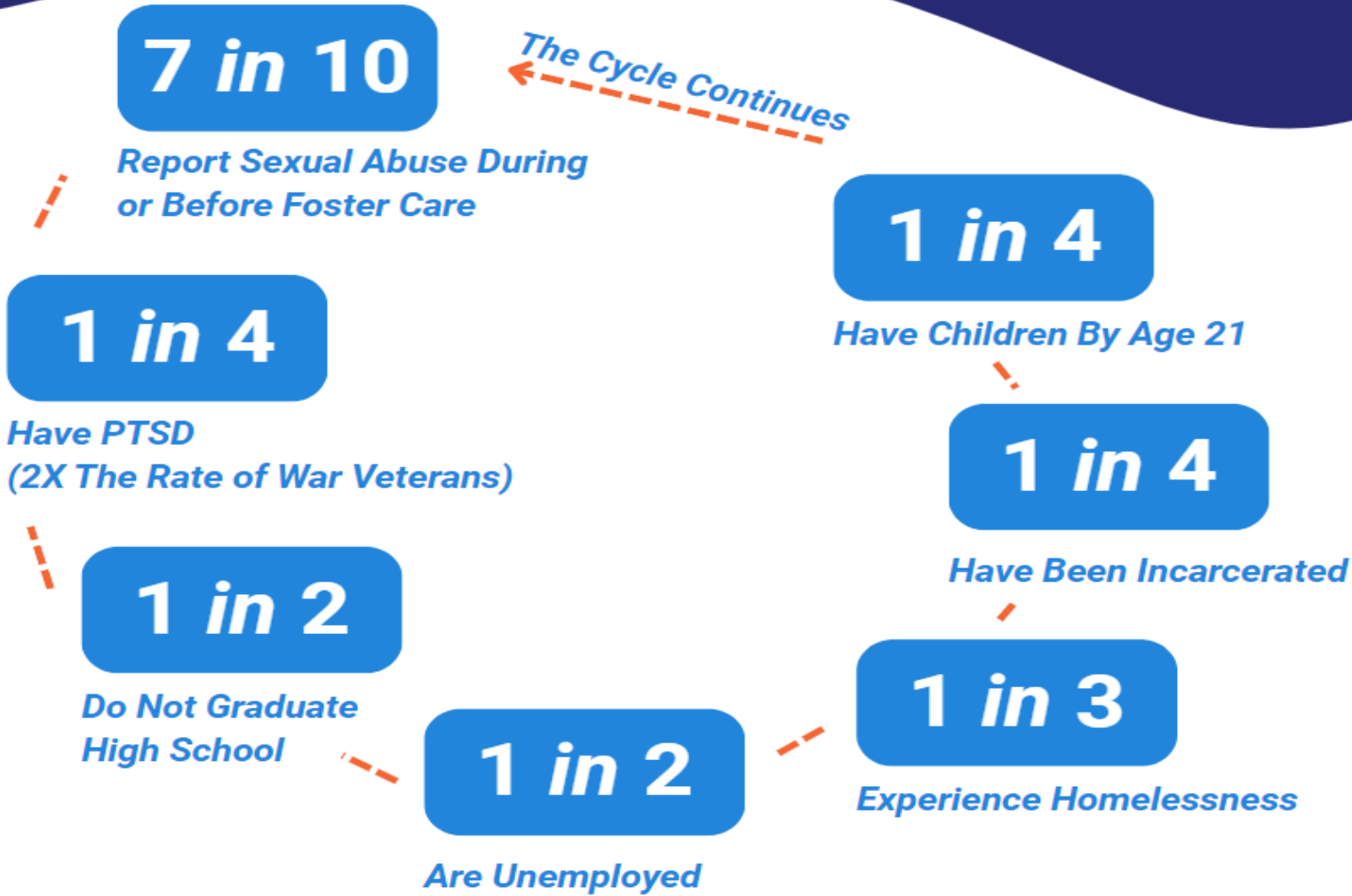
Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to:

Frank Burda, Jim Albertus, Kurt Buhlinger

All enjoyed the potluck dinner

HolyCrossServices
Faith in Action

**YOUTH AGING OUT OF
FOSTER CARE**



THE COST OF DOING NOTHING

\$300K

In Social Costs, paid by taxpayers and communities, for each youth who ages out of foster care

50%

Of the Homeless Population has spent time in foster care

\$172 Million

In Social Costs for the state of Michigan in 2023 from youth aging out of foster care.

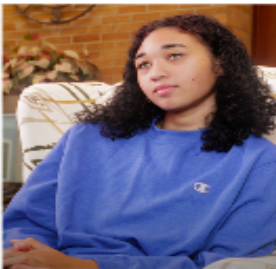
Stats from The New Foster Care

THE DIFFERENCE OF TAKING ACTION



Walter

After aging out of foster care, Walter found stability and purpose through Holy Cross Services at the Compass Center. With support from staff, he secured basic necessities, gained life skills, and landed a job at Schomaker Farms—where he now thrives as a farmhand. Today, Walter is preparing for college at Saginaw Valley State and is looking forward to building a new community. “Progress doesn’t come immediately,” he says, “but it’s worth it.”



Diamond

Diamond came to Holy Cross Services seeking purpose, and she found a place that helped her grow into a leader. After being initially labeled as having authority issues and verbal aggression, she is now vice president of the Youth Advisory Council. She’s mentoring peers, finishing high school, and dreaming big about careers in science and public speaking. “Compass helps us rise above the statistics,” she says. “Even when we act out, they don’t give up on us.”



Lee

From navigating lockdown facilities to leading youth advocacy efforts, Lee’s journey through foster care is inspiring others. At Holy Cross, Lee found the freedom to grow, connect, and give back—serving on the Youth Advisory Council and helping peers find their voice. Now preparing to graduate high school, Lee is building a future rooted in purpose. “You’re your biggest self-advocate,” Lee says. “Even at rock bottom, you can rise.”

A NEW ERA AT HOLY CROSS SERVICES

Holy Cross Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Aidan (Arthur H.) Logan, OCSO, as our new Chairman of the Board of Directors. A longtime military chaplain and priest, Fr. Logan most recently served as Vocation Director for the Archdiocese for the Military Services until being granted senior status in December 2024.

Fr. Logan’s decades of service—from Navy deployments to pastoral leadership—reflect the values at the heart of Holy Cross: compassion, dignity, and healing. His appointment marks a renewed commitment to our Catholic, faith-based identity as we continue serving individuals and families across Michigan.



holycrossservices.org/donate

We also extend our sincere thanks to David “Deacon Dave” Drayton for his dedicated leadership as Board Chair. His steady guidance helped shape Holy Cross’s mission and impact, and we are deeply grateful for his service.

Holy Cross Services provides transformative, person-centered care for children and families engaged in the child welfare system across all 83 Michigan counties, helping people overcome adversity and build brighter futures.

MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN AROUND THE STATE

Adopt A Highway 2025 Summer Cleanup



Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township conducted their Adopt A Highway summer cleanup on July 12. Fifteen brother Knights collected 15 bags of trash along the two mile stretch of Highway M29 (Dixie Highway) near their church. Their fall cleanup is scheduled for September 27.

The Adopt A Highway program has been conducted in the State of Michigan since 1990. The Au Lac Council has been active in the program since 1995. They conduct three cleanups each year - spring, summer and fall with a report submitted to the Michigan DOT after each one. Past Grand Knight Jim Zeck has chaired the program since 2009 and has compiled the following statistics:

- 571 participants
- 1084 bags collected
- 789 hours worked

Thank you to the brother Knights for service to your community!

Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586

On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, District Deputy Alan Darish performed the Officer Installation Ceremony for Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 at St. Joseph Church, South Lyon, Michigan. Congratulations!! Brother Knights



Front Row: Recorder John McCarter, Financial Secretary Mark Munzenberger, Trustees Ed Salna, Mark Zarem, Wil Wilson, Treasurer Craig Lukomski, Guard Dennis Patton.

Back row: District Deputy Alan Darish, Warden Dave Huck, Chaplain Father Stan Tokarski, Grand Knight Bob Donehue, Deputy Grand Knight Mark Galecka, Chancellor Steve Penkevich, Advocate Marc Daniels

Clean the (Road) Way

Members of Bishop Kevin M. Britt Council 13526 in Belmont Mich., picked up garbage and debris along a 5-mile stretch of Rouge River Road as part of the Adopt-a-Road program. The council has organized Spring and Fall clean ups for the past 12 years.

Shining Armor Award Presentation



Photo: l to r- Grand Knight Rob Beam, John Byrne, Brian Wemple, Dist. Deputy Tony Bitz, and Michael Wemple.

Grand Knight Rob Beam, Fr. Owens Council 11114, St. Philip Catholic Church, Battle Creek, MI., presented the Shining Armor Award to Council members. District Deputy, Tony Bitz, was present for the presentation

St John Paul 2 Council 15889

St John Paul 2 Council 15889 of Cedar Springs holds Officer Installation!



Grand Knight Bruce Shackett (3rd from left kneeling), DD Bryan Galloway (3rd from right standing)

Council assists in Eucharistic Procession



The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 of the Knights of Columbus, assisted in the St. Colette Church's first Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 22.

Fr. Jim Smalarz, the pastor at St. Colette in Livonia, Mich., and chaplain for the Dooley Council, led the procession.

The Dooley Council contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of the processional canopy that was used. Knights from the Council also served in the procession as cross bearer, thurifer and canopy bearers. Nearly 150 parishioners participated.

Anchor Bay Council 5981



Anchor Bay Council 5981 in New Baltimore hosted a Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification on July 22 and four new members were added to our Order. John Los, Ken Arant and Pat Carrier joined Au Lac Council 10724 (Ira Township) and Jerold Rigney joined Anchor Bay Council 5981. Congratulations and welcome to the new brother Knights and their families!

District 118 Exemplification



Anchor Bay Council 5981 hosted a District 118 Exemplification on Tuesday, August 19 and welcomed Eddie Foster to our Order. Eddie joined Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township. Eddie is the son of K of C member Mike and Christina Foster. He has been very active over the years at school and parish events. Thursday he leaves for college at Michigan Tech. We wish him safe travels and much success during the upcoming school year!

High School Graduation Breakfast



In June St. Peter Council 6534 celebrated 4 young men that graduated from high school with a pancake breakfast in our parish hall. 6 Knights served approximately 50 people. The photo shows our graduates of Eaton Rapids and Lansing Catholic high schools. Their future plans include college, trade school and the Air Force



From The State Program Director Matt Wierzgac

does. Even if your council doesn't get selected as the final winner, you can use your booklet submission for local recognition and can be used to help draw in interest for new brothers to join your council and the Knights of Columbus.

One of our State Program Award winners from last fraternal year got selected by Supreme to be an International Program Award Winner for Life. The program was from council 13950 in Rochester Hills for their hard work building a baseball field and diamond for the athletes with special needs. Supreme sent out a film crew and interviewed the council and posted it on social media. Best way to watch it is to go to Youtube.com and search for "Life Program Award – Michigan Knights Build Baseball Field for Athletes with Special Needs". Or you can type this link below in your web browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-Life-Award>

This makes it three years in a row that Michigan has been selected for one of its International Program Award winners. This is all because of the good men and families we have in the Knights of Columbus putting their faith into action and doing the good works inspired by the Holy Spirit. Thank you for all that you do!

Also at the Summer Diocesan Meeting, I provided instructions on the State Family of the Year Award submission. Your District Deputy and Diocesan Program Directors will be following up every month with your council. If you need assistance with putting together a book or the criteria needed for submission, I encourage you to ask your District Deputy and/or Diocesan Program Director. If they cannot assist, feel free to contact our State Family Director James Kelly, or

me with any questions. To maximize your chances of winning, we are encouraging councils to give your District Deputy a rough draft of your program books at your November council meeting. The submission can be digital (preferred) or physical printed copy. From there, they will give my State Family Director these submissions to review and critique. Then at our Winter Diocesan meetings, we will return these rough drafts back to the District Deputies to then be given back to you. From there, you can modify as needed or add any more details if needed.

Final submissions of the Family of the Year Award will be March 31, 2025.

Thank you to my State Faith in Action Team for all the hard work you do daily! You help drive this great state in leading this great organization in 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! 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 seeing all the great programs to come. If you ever need any guidance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my state faith in action team!

VIVAT JESUS!

Matthew J. Wierzgac
State Program Director

Here's 6 Recent Victories for Pro-Life Americans

1. Americans' Growing Discomfort with Abortion

Evidence suggests that a sizable number of Americans are uncomfortable with abortion. For example, a 2024 Pew Research article indicates that 36% of Americans believe abortion should be illegal in all or most cases—revealing that more than a third of the nation supports stronger restrictions.

2. Defunding Planned Parenthood on a Federal Level

As part of the anti-life culture, ever since 1970 when Title X was passed and signed into law, politicians have forced taxpayers to subsidize Planned Parenthood—the largest abortion provider in America. Immediately, Planned Parenthood not only received millions of taxpayer dollars in Title X funding to pay for abortions and birth control across America, but soon after also received millions more annually from taxpayer-funded USAID grants to promote "access" to abortion worldwide.

3. Defunding Planned Parenthood at the State Level

In June of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision in Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic. The Court ruled that Medicaid beneficiaries do not have an individual right to sue if their state excludes Planned Parenthood from Medicaid networks—strengthening states' ability to defund and exclude abortion from tax-funded "healthcare." Yet another huge victory.

4. Major Setbacks for Planned Parenthood: Flagship Closures

In early April 2025, the Trump administration began to withhold tens of millions in Title X family planning funds from Planned Parenthood affiliates, claiming ideological misalignment.

Pro-abortion proponents like KFF and the Guttmacher Institute claimed that removing Planned Parenthood from federal funding streams would leave massive gaps in access to abortion and contraception, gaps that other health centers can't realistically fill.

5. More Major Setbacks: Forty-One Planned Parenthood Closures Nationwide

More than just flagship clinics, a remarkable shift is underway: 41 Planned Parenthood centers have closed as of August 2025—a powerful sign that America is moving toward greater respect for the life of the unborn. These closures, quietly enacted across various states, mark an important victory for those who have long advocated for the protection of unborn children.

6. Another Big Victory: Costco Won't Sell the Abortion Pill

In another encouraging development, national retailer Costco announced it will not sell mifepristone (the abortion pill) in any of its more than 500 pharmacies across the USA. The company cited low customer demand as its primary reason.

Moving Forward

Pro-lifers have a lot to be thankful for in 2025. From the closure of abortion centers—especially high-profile ones like Prevention Park and Bleecker Street—to the growing support for defunding Planned Parenthood at multiple levels of government, and even pharmacies declining to fill abortion pill prescriptions, these developments represent real and meaningful strides forward for the pro-life movement.

Source: LifeNews.com August 22, 2025

Check Presented to Au Lac Council for Charitable Good Works



Au Lac Council 10724 in Ira Township was very honored to receive a check for over \$4000 from Immaculate Conception School alumnus Katie Freese during their membership on August 7th. The donation was from the proceeds of a recent BMR Car Show in Chesterfield. Katie said it was in appreciation of our council's support of I.C. School and Parish over many years. The council was very humbled and grateful for the gift which they will use to help fund their various Faith, Family, Community and Life programs. Thank you Katie and BMR!

Programs = New Members

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

PGK Mike & Vickey Wegener,*cfy

Chris & Noelle Wegener

Monroe Council 1266

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Call to Holiness Conference

Saturday, October 25, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at

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Speakers: Cardinal
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October is Respect Life Month.



Nationwide and throughout Michigan, the annual LIFE CHAIN will be held Sunday afternoon, October 5. It is a time of prayer and witness to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Local LIFE CHAINS of 5-50 people with signs silently praying along roadsides bring the truth and a message of hope as cars drive by. Find a LIFE CHAIN near you. Bring the family. Lifechain.org or call for help to start a new LIFE CHAIN: Debbie 734-934-2599.



Michigan March for Life at the Capitol in Lansing will be Thursday, November 6, at 11 a.m. for the Rally and the March at noon. It is the third anniversary of the unfortunate passage of Proposal 3 which made abortion legal any-time during pregnancy for any reason. Knights of Columbus join people of faith to influence the culture and recognize the dignity of every human person. Buses will be available in many places. Downriver residents may make a reservation at DownrivertoMiMFL.eventbrite.com. For other

buses and additional information see RTL.org.

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:

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*cky - council knight of year, send a copy of the names to the Michigan Columbian.

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St. Patrick White Lake Council 13319 Shoe Donation

The St Patrick Knights of Columbus Council #13319 responded to a call from Dublin Elementary School by providing new shoes to 25 students in need. The students receiving the shoes were amazed upon receiving them and showed their appreciation by sending our Council a thank you card that they created. It was a great day for all those that were there.





St. Louis Center

Fullness of Life in the Year of Hope

Dear Brother Knights,

Best Wishes for good health and a continued path of service and holiness in the name of the Lord! Our Summer seems to be fading quickly, and now we are anticipating a beautiful fall season. The new academic year has arrived for a few of our residents who still attend school. We continue to make progress in our Skill Building Program, which creates more engaging activities for our residents. During the summer, the residents were kept very busy with outdoor activities.



In everything that we do for our residents, we strive to provide each person the 'Fullness of Life'. It is our ongoing commitment to them. St. Louis Guanella, our Founder, said, **"We believe, even in humanly critical cases, true love succeeds in finding the path to reach the deepest recesses of people's souls and brings a message of, and encouragement for, good. For this reason, we favor an educational relationship based on and motivated by intelligent love, more than on structure or technical**

efficiency and methodology" (Basic Document for the Guanellian Mission, No. 142-143). The model for our mission is to pour as much love as possible into everything we do. This is a vital mission for all of our staff as well as for everyone who comes in contact with our residents. Beginning with this vital element, we follow through by creating an appropriate structure that seeks to allow our residents to grow into the best possible version of themselves.

We owe a debt of thanks to the State Council, which visited St. Louis Center in July. They came on a Saturday to participate in Holy Mass with the residents and to enjoy an Indian Dinner which I cooked. We also thank the many Knights' councils from all over the State who are supporting us with their Tootsie Roll (MI Drive) funds as well as the many other donations their generosity provides us with throughout the year. We are indebted to such kindness and support; without the support of these councils, it would not be possible for us to continue developing and providing for the social and educational growth of each of our residents adequately.

Our goal is to surround the residents with such love that they thrive to be the best version of themselves despite whatever their disability may be.

Dear Brother Knights, you are a part of this great goal. You partake in this mission whether you visit St. Louis Center or contribute – as you do in so many ways - to our mission.

Thank you again and may God bless you all!

Fr. Satheesh

Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC



Read more about the history of the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive and St. Louis Center here:
bit.ly/SLC-tootsie

MEET THE RESIDENTS

Bradley Herblet



Bradley is an imaginative young man. He loves building things with Legos. Bradley also enjoys listening to music, he enjoys music so much that he learned to play the keyboard. "I like playing the keyboard a lot. I learned it a long time ago."

Bradley has had a lot of change in the past year.

He moved to St. Louis Center in March 2024, and began attending the Chelsea High School Young Adult program. During his time in the program, his teacher Jason King took him to the Chelsea City Offices to volunteer.

Before he graduated from high school in May 2025, Jason helped him create a position at the Chelsea City offices. He uses the WAVE bus to get to and from work each Tuesday. Lyn Sebestyen, City Clerk, said, "Bradley is working on a special project for us. He scans and files documents. He is reliable, thorough and doesn't need much direction. He is very pleasant to work with."





St. Louis Center

Oct 22nd
2025
5pm

Community Dinner
Games
Candy
Haunted House

Seeking trunks, and families to attend this free community event.

Event Location:
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Chelsea MI 48118
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St. Louis Center

News and Upcoming Events



Knights on the Golf Course

St. Louis Center takes the opportunity in the summer to raise funds via golf outings. So many Knights show up to play golf, buy sponsorships, and volunteer to help at the event. Each year, the State Council participates in the Golf & Glory Outing. Past State Deputy Ken Unterbrink was the chairman for the Alaskan Cruise Raffle which raised over \$40,000 for the Center. The winning ticket was drawn at the outing.

Joe Yekulis, former St. Louis Center PR Director and Master District 2, was the Chairman of the Memorial Golf Outing. This year there was even a surprise check presentation at the outing. GK Jack Starzec from the Milan Council presented Fr. Satheesh with his Council's contribution from their Spring Tootsie Roll Drive.

Thank you to the many Councils that have chosen St. Louis Center as a recipient of their Tootsie Roll Drive funds this year.



† The State Council sponsored 2 teams for the Golf & Glory Outing.



† GK Jack Starzec from Howard Heath Council #7587 Presented Fr. Satheesh with a check from his Council's recent Tootsie Roll Drive.

Did you know?

There is always a need for volunteers at St. Louis Center. If you, your family, or Council need service hours, let us know.



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NOVEMBER 8, 2025

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**Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492
Scholarships Awards**



Pictured are (left to right in photo): PGK Tom Jackett; Lukas Sulak; Grace Riski; Tobias Glennon; Joseph Beardsley; Bob Reineck, chairman of the Council's Scholarship Committee; and PGK John Galindo.

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Council #5492 of the Knights of Columbus awarded four \$2,000 college scholarships this year.

This marked the 17th consecutive year that the Council has awarded scholarships to children or grandchildren of active or deceased Council members. During that time, the Council has presented \$110,500 in scholarships to 63 deserving students. The scholarships are made in honor of the late Richard Stanisz, a Knight who played a leading role in relocating the Council in 2002 to its current home at St. Colette Church in Livonia, Mich.

This year's scholarship winners are Joseph Beardsley, son of Knight Kevin Beardsley; Tobias Glennon, grandson of Knight John Glennon; Grace Riski, granddaughter of Knight Jack Burnett; and Lukas Sulak, grandson of Knight Jerry Sulak.

Our Emblem is a Reflection of Life

We wear it on our sleeves, shirts, and jackets. We take pride as we wear it at council meetings, at Mass, and in the community. We wear the emblem of our Order participating in these activities and we live up to the responsibility our emblem symbolizes. We exemplify SOARing for Life through our Service to attend and help make these events happen, showing our Optimism for Life, Aspiring to work a little bit harder to welcome others to participate, and demonstrating our Responsibility to defend Life.

Ed & Lynn Strach
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**LAKE ORION COUNCIL 4764
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

Council members provided canopy support for the monstrance and a color guard for the outdoor Corpus Christi procession at St. Joseph's Church, Lake Orion. Despite the extreme temperatures, over 300 parishioners participated in the June 22 procession.



Fr. Jim Kean, Moderator and Priest in Solidum, carried the Holy Eucharist in procession.

A week earlier on Father's Day, council members held its fourth annual "Dads For Life" program, taking family photos following Masses. Free-will donations were collected for the Oxford Pregnancy Center. Members of Council 4764 belong to St. Joseph and Christ the Redeemer parishes.

Fr. Owens Council 11114



Fr. Owens Council 11114, Battle Creek, MI., held its first golf outing fundraiser at the Marywood Golf Course July 12th. Program Director, Dennis Nunnold, chaired the event. Thirty-nine golfers enjoyed the event with prizes, food, and drink. Thanks to our tee sponsors.

SON WELCOMES FATHER TO LAKE ORION KNIGHTS



At a Knights of Columbus Exemplification held July 8 at Christ The Redeemer Church, Ruben Alonso was inducted into the K. of C. Son Diego, a Knight with Detroit Council 18672, welcomed his father into the fraternal organization. Lake Orion Council 4764 members are parishioners of St. Joseph and Christ The Re-

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May They Rest In Peace

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Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for June 2025.



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

Congratulations to Adam Homiak on being selected as our Au Lac Council 10724 Youth of the Month for June 2025.

Adam is the son of James and Elizabeth Homiak and just graduated from 8th grade at Immaculate Conception School in Ira Township. He will be attending Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School next year. He has been an altar server at weekend Mass and school Mass plus an usher, lector and choir member at school Mass. He was a member of the National Honor Society and won several awards including the Principal's List, Gold Award for academic achievements, Academic Olympics, K of C Spelling Bee Contest, Science Fair and K of C Free Throw Contest. Adam has helped with several parish activities, such as the summer festival, Lenten fish fries, Vacation Bible School and cemetery cleanup. His teachers said that Adam is always very polite and respectful to everyone. He takes his job as a student very seriously and always strives to do his best.

Thank you to Adam for demonstrating your faith by serving God in your family, school and church. You are a great example for young and old alike!

**MICHIGAN COLUMBIAN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE
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Prepared by Gene Murawski,
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that we may share Your gifts in loving service.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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OUR PRAYER FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

As the Father gave His Son, born to Mary and to us in Bethlehem . . .
As the Son gave us Himself, the perfect gift of love . . .
May we give love to each other this Christmas—our gift of **CHARITY**.

As the Child in the manger drew all men to Himself—the shepherds from the fields, the
Magi from the East . . .
As He broke the bonds of time, joining all who came before to all who would come after . . .
May we gather in peace with our families & friends, our sign of **UNITY**.

As He came to save all men, common sons of a common Father . . .
As he gave us His Mother to be Mother to us all . . .
May we reach out this day to our fellow man, in true **FRATERNITY**.

And as we pause to count the blessings He has bestowed upon us
free men in the land of the living . . .
As we thank Him for home, hearth and hospitality in whatever
countries we may live . . .

Let us work together to make our hearts and homelands inns where
there is always room for Him—our dedication to **PATRIOTISM**.

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