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The **Michigan Knights of Columbus** have doubled down on their commitment to life and their service to mothers in need following the historic repeal of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. More than 150 Michigan councils have participated in the Order's ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program — more than any other jurisdiction. Together, they have donated in excess of \$400,000 to more than 75 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state. They also continue to support the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative and currently have placed nearly 90 lifesaving machines in pregnancy centers and clinics. To give just one example of the Knights' pro-life teamwork, councils in the Diocese of Lansing, led by Father John R. Day Council 2659 in Howell, helped raise \$170,000 for a new mobile medical unit for Pregnancy Help Clinic. The mobile unit will travel between the campuses of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, as well as other areas, bringing essential care and services to women in crisis pregnancies.

Christopher A Kolomjec
State Deputy



My Brother Knights, Ladies, and Friends:
Vivat Jesus!

As many of you already know, my watchwords are “Faith and Family First.” I would like to explain to you why “Faith” is so important to me and how it has grown from a simple belief in the Church to a deeper one rooted in reason and the intellect.

As Catholic Gentlemen, and Knights, we have no higher duty than to work for the salvation of souls, particularly those of our family and friends, and of course, our own. But what I have discovered as I grow with age, I know relatively little about my Roman Catholic Faith. I also, discovered that I am not alone in this relative ignorance of our beloved Faith.

I grew up in the 1970s and 1980s during a time when many new “ideas” were imposed upon us Catholics coming out of the reforms of Vatican II. Many reforms were indeed long overdue or desperately needed, but a great deal of what was pushed were changes never contemplated by the Second Vatican Council. For example, after researching the actual written documents produced by Vatican II, I discovered many changes made in the name of the reforms coming from Vatican II were not really called for, and in some cases, were the opposite of what the Council intended. One example of this is the use of Latin in the holy mass. Did you know that Vatican II in no way intended to eliminate Latin from the mass? In fact, Vatican II declared just the opposite by stating unequivocally that Latin shall remain the primary language of the Church and the mass. In other words, the Council did not abolish Latin in the liturgy, it permitted the language of the people, or the vernacular, in certain limited ways, but clearly understood that the fixed parts of the mass would remain in Latin. Now, this is not to confuse what we understand as the Traditional Latin Mass, with the New Rite Mass said in Latin. The later is the mass we ordinarily see on Sunday but done primarily in English. It was the intention of the Vatican II Council to keep Latin as the primary language of that

mass but to introduce readings and such in the vernacular. At the urgency of Popes John Paul and later Benedict, we saw a return of Latin to the mass by many priests, especially at the Gloria, Sanctus, or Agnus Dei. These changes are not “going back to before Vatican II,” but are actually more in tune to the reforms intended by the Council Fathers.

Another misconception from Vatican II is its teaching on Music. Many Catholics believed that the introduction of “Glory and Praise” music, much from Protestant composers, was called for by the teachings of Vatican II. But one only has to read the Vatican II documents to discover how far from the truth this really is. The council fathers state that: “The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112). Now ask yourselves,

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From The State Chaplain
Fr. Aidan Logan

Pray Always?



Jesus told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1

From the earliest days of the Church Christians have asked: How can we pray all the time? It is clear that not even monks and nuns can be saying prayers all the time. If for no other reason than to sustain life, we must work, eat, sleep and take reasonable care of ourselves during the course of a day. So, how has the Church and her Tradition taught us to fulfill this command of Our Lord to pray always?

Over the centuries Catholic Tradition developed many beautiful and workable ways to make the whole day a prayer, even if we cannot recite prayers all the time. A common element of all these traditions is that they are short and simple, said every day at certain times. Among them, the most popular is known as the Angelus.

If you live near a Catholic church or monastery you will here the bells ring not only to signal the celebration of Holy Mass but also three times a day, at six AM, noon and six PM. The bell is tolled nine times in groups of three followed by a prolonged ringing of the bell. This is a call to all Catholics to turn aside from whatever they are doing and recite the Angelus.

In its earliest form the Angelus was simply three Hail Marys, recalling the Annunciation in the morning, the Passion and Death of Christ at noon, and the Resurrection in the evening. With time verses of scripture and prayers were added until we have the Angelus as we know it today:

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

**Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(During Easter Time the **Angelus** is replaced by the **Regina Caeli**:
www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/regina-caeli-o-queen-of-heaven-375)

The modern world of distractions and noise is the enemy of a prayerful Christian life. To counteract this we must have a daily anchor of prayer, something we never omit regardless of how we feel or what we're doing. There can be no better anchor of daily prayer than the **Angelus**. It turns our minds and hearts to the essential mysteries of our faith. It is the Gospel in capsule form. It unites us with Mary, the Mother of God, in her complete openness to the God's Word.

Some practical notes: Avoid obsessing on the exact times of the **Angelus**. Make a schedule that works for you and you know you can do three times a day, every day. If at first you find it hard to remember the whole **Angelus**, start with just three Hail Marys, said with attention and devotion. And finally, remember that the prayers we say when we're not in the mood or fighting distractions are most pleasing to God and powerful before Him. Pray always and never lose heart!

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From The State Advocate Vern Miron



After serving for one year as your state advocate and working with our brother knights regarding activities, challenges, opportunities around the state, I share some thoughts.

For years, the Knights of Columbus have been changing our communities and our parishes, in our states, in our countries, and in our world one council at a time. But we have to set bold, ambitious goals to meet the needs of our parishes and our communities. Boldness and action are exactly what are needed as we tackle the challenges that lie before us. Boldness focused on success and commitment to our cause are the benchmarks we must use to grow our councils and

districts so that we can be there when those who need us call on us.

We have to realize that our mission on earth is to get to heaven and help others achieve their potential. We are on a journey with a destination—heaven—and what goes on in the world and how we affect it is the journey. With every small act of charity, we contribute one step toward change. It is up to every one of us to take that small step. Because, in fact, we are all changing the world with every decision we make. If we all work together making small changes, we can make a very big difference in the world.

Knights of Columbus members have been doing our part to change the world for over 100 years. With every program we complete, with every donation we make, positive change takes place in our councils, parishes, and communities. Of course, the problems in our world and in our country and in our church seem daunting, but we can only begin in the place where we are and with the changes we can make here and now. We have to realize that these changes can only come one step at a time, sometimes seeming so very, very slow. But with faith and belief and prayer, we CAN make these changes happen.

We have to be the change. We have to believe that the steps we take will help us face the challenges ahead. So we have to be bold and brave; invest in the future; work together in charity, unity, and fraternity; and be leaders. We need leaders and people willing to take that first step, remember our resources are online, and don't hesitate to reach out to your leaders when necessary. So be bold, take initiative, and let's move forward together.

What did you accomplish today?

Vivat Jesus.

COUNCIL 1139 MEMBERSHIP AND K OF C INSURANCE RECRUITING AT PARISH PICNIC



At the St. Paul's Owosso Parish Picnic on Sunday September 10, Council 1139 and our K of C Field Agent held a Membership and Insurance Recruiting Drive for over 300 people who attended. During that event, we obtained a new E-member, plus provided info and applications to others. Pictured above, left to right, are: 1139 Grand Knight Dan Koch, Insurance Field Agent

Brennan Hayden, new E-member Matthew Doherty and his son, 1139 Financial Secretary Dave Kenney. Council 1139 also purchased, prepared and served all of the food items for this annual event.

From The State Membership Director James Escott

We're now 3 months into the new year and... we're ahead of our #'s from last year. This shows Michigan continues to shine and are continuing to do great programs which attract new members. I have a couple suggestions for you to think about and, hopefully act upon.

Summer's over – It's time to kick it into high gear. We typically have a very slow Q1 (July, August and September). Most of this is due to summer vacations and family taking priority over Knights activities. This is perfectly fine as Family is a key focus area in our values. But... now school is back in session, golf courses will soon close. It's time to crank up Faith, Community & Life activities (and continue Family activities as well). Get your councils back in full swing and use your great programs to invite others to join.

Colleges are great opportunities. We all tend to focus our attention on our churches which... is great but... nearby colleges are back in session and these college students need and want opportunities to serve their communities, practice and grow their faith and demonstrate their support for Life. Get engaged with any colleges and universities near you. Invite all students to participate in your programs and invite the Catholic men to join.

Have a canned response to someone telling you "I don't have time" to join the Knights. Be prepared with a response. Practice it, refine it and use it. Here's a short list of responses:

- The Knights should complicate your life not complicate it. Join & get involved only when you have time.
- Becoming an E-member keeps you engaged but doesn't require you to get involved. Join us to show your support for what we do. Then... years later... when you have time... join a council and get involved.
- Many people join and only get involved 2-4 hours a year. It's OK with us. I'm hoping it's OK with you.

From the State Faith Director

Brothers and Sisters,

We must wake up and see that Evil has waged war on Christianity. Evil has placed teachers into our children's classrooms that are using the homosexual, transgender Ideology and placing these thoughts into the minds of our children. Telling them that it is okay to feel and act that way. This is an attempt by Evil to destroy the Nuclear Family through our children.

This type of Ideology has spread into the workforce as well. Companies are also promoting this type of Ideology by hiring individuals that push this Ideology which goes against the teachings of the Catholic Church. Several companies have now made a policy called Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. If we do not follow this policy at work and in our private life outside of work, you could be terminated.

I personally have a cousin that refused to agree with this policy because it goes against our Catholic Faith, the teachings of Christ and God's Law. My cousin and many of his co-workers were terminated. My place of employment has adopted this policy as well; I too will fight this policy for my Faith, Christ and God's Law. If we as Christians, concede, turn a blind eye or agree with this abomination, we become responsible for destroying the Nuclear Family and place our Souls in jeopardy.

The people that want us to commit this Evil call it Love but, GOD calls it Abomination:

Leviticus 18:22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; such a thing is an Abomination.

Jude 1:7 Likewise, Sodom, Gomorrah, and the surrounding towns, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual promiscuity and practiced unnatural vice, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

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**From The State Program Director
Paul Palka**

This Fall we have a lot going on in Programs! In this article I will be reviewing Coats for Kids, the Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing, and family and program award booklet submissions for this fraternal year. While all our directors are doing a great job, I am going to concentrate on the programs listed above. We are having an outstanding year for programs, and we want to continue our momentum into the Christmas Season! We will go over where we are on these programs and where we need to be to have a successful year.

*"The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none,
and he who has food is to do likewise"*

Our State Community Director John Hundiak has been working hard with our State Deputy Regional Representatives, and Diocesan Program Directors to make our Coats for Kids fall distribution a success. As of September 1st, we have already received over \$100,000 in funds for Coats for Kids throughout the State for the matching grant program from Supreme. That means we will be buying \$200,000 worth of coats to hand out to those in most need this fall! This is \$50,000 more than we were able to raise all of last year. We hope to collect another \$25,000 in funds to make this our best coat distribution season. If you participated this year THANK YOU, if not please consider doing so next year. We invite everyone to assist in the distribution of coats that are planned throughout our great State. The Weekly Constant Contact communication will have dates, locations, and times of the distributions.

Garret Kelenske is the State Director of Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing Event and 2023 marks our states first time participating in this program. Our first packing party will take place on October 14th in Novi at Holy Family Council #11811. Your donation of \$2 per member per council will help feed 60,000 people at a cost of \$0.33 a serving. The best part is 10% of the meals stay with our local food banks. The packing of the meals takes approximately 150 people 4 hours to complete. We need your help! For full details on this program see Garret Kelenske's article in this edition of the Michigan Columbian.

These are just two wonderful examples of the Programs that we do in Michigan. Your councils all do Programs that you are proud of that serve others. It's time to start thinking about what favorite program you want to submit for the State Program Award Recognition at the State Convention. We started the summer with giving you instructions on how to complete a Program Book and Family of the Year nomination. Your Diocesan Program Directors and your District Deputies will be following up with each Grand Knight to assist you in submitting at least one book for Program's and one for Family of the Year. Your District Deputy will then bring a copy of what you have prepared so far to their Winter Leadership Meeting in December. Every submission will be reviewed by our Faith in Action Directors and sent back to you to make any suggested changes for the best submission possible! Each council that submits a book for review at the winter meeting will receive an entry into a drawing for \$25 which will be drawn at the winter meeting and presented by the DD to the winning council in January.

I encourage all of you to watch the video from Supreme focusing on our States commitment to Life. It showcases our Mobile Medical Unit for Pregnancy Help Clinic, our commitment to the ASAP program and the Heart of Christ Clinic being the model for future facilities. For our commitment to Life we were awarded the International Life Program Award at the Supreme Convention. Father John R. Day Council 2659 in Howell with other councils in the area raised over \$170,000 for a new mobile medical unit for Pregnancy Help Clinic.

We have a great coat give-away season all set to go and plans to feed tens of thousands of people in the world and in our own backyard. I am looking forward to seeing all the great programs you plan on presenting for possible State and International Award recognition along with the inspiring Family of the Year submissions.

Paul Palka
State Program Director

Ladies Corner

Dear Ladies,

As we've mentioned before, the State Deputy and First Lady's logo is "Faith and Family" and we wear our faith on our sleeves as we all should as proud Catholics.

The State Board along with delegates representing our great State of Michigan attended the 141st Supreme Convention held in Orlando, FL August 1-3, 2023 along with 2,300 other Knights and their families from around the world. This year there was an abundance of families in attendance and the conference was geared to the entire family. To say it was hot is an understatement, however, nothing stopped everyone from noticing that Michigan was "in the house"! Every time we turned around people were saying "Oh, you are from Michigan". You should all be very proud to be from a state that is being recognized for their endless hard work and dedication to the Order.



The awards session, held annually at Supreme Convention, recognizes individual Knights, councils, assemblies and jurisdictions throughout the

world who have faithfully carried out the mission of the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. I was honored to be by my husband's side as he accepted the Life Program of the Year Award for the Mobile Medical Unit project. Led by Father John R. Day Council 2659, more than 25 councils in the Diocese of Lansing and beyond raised \$170,000 for a new mobile medical unit for Pregnancy Help Clinic, a local pregnancy resource center. The award also recognized the Knights throughout the great State of Michigan for taking the lead in the number of councils participating in the Order's ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, with more than 150 councils donating in excess of \$400,000 to cover 75 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state.

Julie, Mandy, Pamela, Christy, Kara, Karen

Join us for the Michigan March for Life on November 8, 2023!

The Michigan March for Life is an excellent opportunity for advocates for life of all ages and political persuasions from across the state to join with one voice on behalf of the defenseless! A strong showing of support on the first anniversary of the devastating passage of pro-abortion Proposal 3 sends a powerful message to our elected officials, the citizens of our state, and the nation at large. Join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

Reasons you should attend as a Knight of Columbus:

- Be part of this grass roots effort
- Publicly support other pro-life groups
- Show our commitment as Knights of Columbus to Defend Life

Memorial Mass Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League



Each year the Knights of Columbus with the Detroit Archdiocesan Vocations League sponsor a Memorial Mass held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. It is a very moving event and the name of every Brother who is being memorialized on a plaque is read aloud and also printed in the program. The Mass is attended by the State Officers, Fourth Degree Color Corps and all brother Knights and their families who wish to attend. This is followed by a brunch where we get to meet some of the current seminarians and future priests.

This year's Mass is going to be held on Sunday
November 5, 2023

Time: 10 am, please be seated by 9:45

Location: Sacred Heart Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd.
Detroit, 48206

Enter on Linwood south of Chicago.

If you wish to memorialize a Knight from your family
or Council fill out the plaque application that can be
found on the State Website

<https://mikofc.org/resources/>

manualsanddocumentation/council-materials

or contact Mike Cousins: m.cousins@mikofc.org
586-610-6497

HONORING PARISHIONERS WHO SERVED



Father Michael Williams, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a member of **St. John Council 3281 in St. Johns, Mich.**, and other parishioners prepare for the dedication of a veterans memorial outside the church. The council helped raise \$15,000 for the memorial, which honors all parishioners who have served in the military since World War I, and Knights assisted in its construction.

The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse



The Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse was ordained and installed as the Fifth Bishop of the Kalamazoo Diocese on Tuesday July 25, 2023.

The principal Ordaining Bishop was the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit in the presence of Cardinal-designate Christopher Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the USA.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus were represented by State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec, State Chaplain Rev. Aiden Logan, State Warden Dan Fuller and Immediate PSD Walter Winkle, Jr..

The MI District 2 Honor Guard was led by Master Joe Yekulis, Sr., Marshal Bill Currie, and a group of 10 members from throughout the Kalamazoo Diocese.

Michigan's Longest Serving Brother Knight Celebrates 102nd Birthday!



On Sunday, August 20th, the Brother Knights of St. Augustine Cathedral Council #15439, in collaboration with the St. Augustine Cathedral School, hosted the annual parish picnic at the parish in Kalamazoo. It was a beautiful day filled with delicious food, thrilling lawn bouncers, exciting games of bingo, and countless hours of fellowship for all the parishioners to enjoy.

This year's picnic was extra special as everyone celebrated the **102nd birthday** of Brother Knight Bob Johnson from Bishop Alfred J. Markiewicz Council #1616. Brother Bob received heartfelt congratulations from Bishop Edward Lohse, who was recently ordained in the Kalamazoo Diocese, as well as from Diocesan Chaplain and Cathedral

Rector, Father Bob Creagon.

At 102 years young, Brother Bob holds the distinction of being the longest-serving member of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, with an impressive **84 years of faithful service to the Order**. Furthermore, he is one of the oldest living World War II Naval veterans.

The celebration was attended by clergy members, parish family friends, and well-wishers. As Brother Knights, we are truly honored to have such an exceptional individual

Adoration Chapel 30th Anniversary



On August 20, St. Joseph Church, Lake Orion, Michigan, celebrated the 30th Anniversary of their Adoration Chapel. His Excellency Arturo Cepeda, Auxiliary Bishop of the Detroit Archdiocese, concelebrated Mass with Rev. Jim Kean, Pastor, and Rev. Steve Mateja from St. Joseph. Knights of Columbus Council 4764 provided an honor guard for the celebrants.



The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph Church is one of three in the Archdiocese and only one of five in the State of Michigan. The original chapel was constructed in 1993 by members of Council 4764. The chapel was moved into St. Joseph Church in 2001.

Council 4764 members belong to St. Joseph and Christ the Redeemer parishes in Lake Orion.

Programs = New Members

Fr. Maurice Veryser Council #13810



Fr. Maurice Veryser Council #13810 does so many things for the school and the church but also different organizations. Our latest project started back in the fall of last year. John Cortez at the PLAV Post 16 does a lot for us. If you have ever been to the Post you would know that the front entrance was pretty shabby. A group of us started discussion about replacing the outside front entrance carpet. We were able to get some outdoor carpet in the shade of red and black donated from Independent Carpets in Westland. This was a good start but it couldn't be put down until the weather got warmer. In the meantime Marcel, Bill, and Tom D started looking over the structure and came up with a few ideas. As the weather started getting warmer they decided to start painting the outside and power washing the vinyl portion of the entrance. Just by doing that it made the entrance look better. They also replaced the rotted trim and painted the outside parking poles. They really put a lot of effort into this. When everything on the entrance was completed it came time to lay the carpet. With the help of Tim our carpet guy, and brother knight, the carpet was laid and it looks great. So I just want to bring this to attention because I know some of the members don't know what's the Council is doing at times. I can tell that some of the Post members that have seen the transformation are very excited about what's going on. So I just want everybody to know what a great job Marcel Killingbeck, Bill Strieff,



G.K., Tom DiBianca, and Tim Main did to make this happen. Thank you Brothers on a job well done.. So if you see one of them just say thank you. They deserve it.

Submitted By:
Michael Kozakiewicz
Chief of Fraternal Activities Director

FEEDING FIRST RESPONDERS



Members of **St. Paul on the Lake Assembly 2696** in **Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.**, deliver lunch to first responders at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center in Grosse Pointe Woods. The assembly provides a meal for first responders each quarter, rotating among the departments of the five cities serving its members.

**OUR TRAVELING EXEMPLIFICATIONS
HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL**

We have already 15 traveling team exemplifications scheduled so far for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The exemplifications that we did were very impressive and well appreciated by the new 3rd degree knights, members and guests who were present. The new members will get the experience of the presentation done live and in person and they will receive the presentation of the rosary. Plus, as a bonus they will receive the Memorable Coin if they go through the Traveling Team Exemplification. Most of these exemplifications were done after a Mass and followed by a dinner. Oh yes, the dinner is paid for by the State Deputy.

Now that I have certified 4 teams and working on a few more, these guys are hungry to do more of these exemplifications. I know that many councils have their own great exemplification teams, but we also have councils that do not have any staff. Why not ask for one of our Traveling Exemplification Staff to have a live exemplification rather than using the video? We all know that the first impression of a new member is very important.

If you know of any individual or a staff that wants to become part of one of these Traveling Teams, give me a call at 517-256-7289. It is a lot of fun and you get the satisfaction of teaching the lessons on what the Knights of Columbus stand for.

I hope that we have many more of these great exemplifications scheduled for the next months. Just go online, get the request form and send me the request. Then we will be honored to do the exemplification for you.

By
Gene Murawski

Created in the Image of God Baby Blankets

**Order your
"Created in the Image of God"
baby blankets!**



- Blankets include Knights of Columbus logo with the Created in the Image of God inscription
- Material is cotton and double layered
- Sizes: 20" x 30"
- Machine washable

The ordering response thus far has been wonderful for this new Michigan State Council Life Initiative. Place your today for only \$10 per blanket (additional shipping fee for orders of five or less blankets).

Created in the Image of God Baby Blanket Order Form

Council No. _____ Council Name: _____
 Order Qty: _____ Total Order (Qty * \$10) \$ _____
 Orders of Five or Less Blankets add \$5.00 for Shipping \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Ship to: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ eMail: _____

Check Payable to: Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
 Memo: Baby Blanket Send to: Ed & Lynn Storch
 Pro-Life Clear Couple
 522 Berkshire Dr.
 Selma, MI 48176

Pure Michigan, Pure Michigan Knights of Columbus

The State of Michigan has a fantastic advertising campaign entitled “Pure Michigan”. You’ve seen it, right? The campaign focuses on some truly wonderful places people can travel to in our state; the forefront of the ads being the stunning landscapes our state uniquely offers for tourists to enjoy. We saw one recently and it got us thinking about what makes the Michigan Knights of Columbus wonderful and stunning and unique: In short, what makes us “Pure” Michigan Knights. We may be biased, but we think our councils’ continuing support of pro-life efforts in Michigan is exactly what makes us “Pure.” And we aren’t the only ones who think so.

The Michigan State Knights of Columbus, on behalf of all councils in this state, received the Supreme Council’s International Service Life Award at the 141st Supreme Convention. Your endless support and dedication to pro-life programs and initiatives was the reason we received this amazing honor.

At the forefront of this award is the Ultrasound Initiative. We’d like to offer a special recognition to Fr. John R. Day Council #2659, Howell for leading the



State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec and First Lady Julie receiving the International Service Program Life Award from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and First Lady Vanessa

program award submission of the Mobile Ultrasound Unit which opened the door for other “Pure” Michigan Knights of Columbus pro-life initiatives. Front and center was our Order, leading efforts for the Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Supreme program, followed by support of the efforts through Right to Life of Michigan’s Educational Fund, Protect Life Michigan, and 40 Days for Life.

Our “Pure” Michigan Knights of Columbus must continue to lead and show our commitment to pro-life efforts in a state with government leaders hostile to defending the unborn. One of the best ways we can further demonstrate our commitment for Life is by advertising and attending the Michigan March for Life on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. See the advertisement in this issue and on the State website and Facebook to register.

Next, our commitment to Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) must continue and grow. You are requested to support your local pro-life pregnancy and maternity centers by making donations and receiving Supreme Council’s rebate of \$100 for every \$500 donated up to \$2,000 per fraternal year.

This fraternal year our goal is to fund the 100th Ultrasound unit in the State of Michigan. At the writing of this article, 88 Ultrasound units have been dedicated, two are fully funded and seven more where councils are fund raising. As I remark at Ultrasound dedication ceremonies, it is impressive the number of Ultrasound units dedicated to pregnancy centers by our councils, but the goal is to increase the number of mothers who will have the **opportunity to see their child in the womb and to decide life.**

By continuing your distribution of the “Created in the Image of God” baby blanket program; support of MI Right to Life affiliates and other pro-life causes your councils are involved with, we can help continue our pro-life leadership in the state and Order wide. Thank you again for all the councils and members that continue to make Pure Michigan Knights of Columbus a honor to work with.

Ed & Lynn Strach
Pro-Life Chair Couple

Christopher A Kolomjec State Deputy

does the modern songbook really reflect the “sacred,” or a sense of solemnity? To further guide choirs in this regard, Vatican II went on to say, “sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites.” (SC 112). In other words, the music mass should bring us closer to the holy sacrifice that takes place on the altar. It should never be a sideshow, nor is it ever the primary reason for coming to mass. Rather, music and its ministers in the choir are servants and not “headliners,” as is the priest-celebrant and the worshippers. In fact, Vatican II actually names the preferred type of music for the mass. In Article 116 of Sacrosanctum Concilium, it states: “the Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman Liturgy, therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services.” And to those of you who love the piano at mass, I hate to break it to you, Vatican II also spoke on a preference for the pipe organ over all other instruments as being properly suited for the mass. Article 120 states that “the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church’s ceremonies and powerfully lifts man’s mind to God and to higher things.” This Vatican II document even restricts all other instruments, including the piano or (worse) the guitar to be used only with the “permission of the local Bishop!”

The use of Latin in the mass, Gregorian chant, and the pipe organ are all demanded by the documents of Vatican II. Who would have guessed? But this is

my point, we as Knights, must, now more than ever, educate ourselves on the real and true teachings of the Church. We cannot assume we know. It is, perhaps, in our return to our roots and sacred traditions, that we are able to refill the pews post COVID19. I often find it ironic, but true nonetheless, the more reverent and solemn the mass, the younger the crowd. The truer to our ancient traditions we are at our churches, the more crying babies we encounter. This is true of vocations also. Take your own survey. The convents where the sisters still wear the habit, like the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, are bursting with new vocations while the other orders that gave up the habit struggle. Perhaps we should all take a lesson from the last 50 years and recognize that true secret in energizing our parishes is not to just try the new but is found in a respectful return to the traditions that made being Catholic so unique and fulfilling. We must embrace not just the old traditions of being Catholic, we must embrace the entire culture of being Catholic. It must touch all aspects of our lives and guide our actions and form our ambitions. Yes, being a Catholic defines our religion, but being a Catholic Gentleman, that is, being a Knight of Columbus should define our lives.

Vivat Jesus!
Christopher Kolomjec
State Deputy

Programs = New Members

COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

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 \$100,000 for the program. Every diocese has contributed to this event. Distribution sites are being setup and the goal is to get all of the coats on the backs of kids by the end of October. This is 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.

There is news about the Casey Bear program. Due to the supplier going out of business, we have a new (smaller) Casey Bear. Pricing has been adjusted and the Casey Bears are available for order.

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

- State Soccer Championship Finals
 - Saturday, October 7, 2023
 - Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - St John Vianney Church, 4101 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
- State Essay Contest Forms Submission
 - Saturday, January 6, 2024
 - Email copy to John Hundiak at j.hundiak@mikofc.org
- State Spelling Bee Championship Finals
 - Saturday, March 9, 2024
 - Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - Fr. Van Rooy Council 2470 1021 Woodside Ave., Essexville, MI 48732
- State Free Throw Championship Finals
 - Sunday, March 17, 2024
 - Registration: 12pm, Competition: 1pm
 - Sacred Heart Parish Gym, 319 E. Illinois St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Be Blessed and stay warm..

John Hundiak

State Community Director

From the State Faith Director

Romans 1:26-27 Therefore, God handed them over to degrading passions. Their females exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the males likewise gave up natural relations with females and burned with lust for one another. Males did shameful things with males and thus received in their own persons the due penalty for their perversity.

1 Corinthians 5:9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people.

These readings are from the Old Testament and New. Jesus is Love but He did not come to replace the Old Testament and GOD's Law, but to fulfill it. We must take the fight in this Spiritual Warfare or lose the whole Human Race and Condemn our Souls.

Fight the good fight and Pray for each other.

Bob Bagley,

State Faith Director

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Michigan March for Life – November 8, 2023

Register now for the Michigan March for Life on November 8, 2023, starting at 11am at the State Capitol. Register here: [Michigan March for Life - Right to Life of Michigan \(rtl.org\)](https://www.rtl.org)

Eucharistic Procession



To kick off the 123rd annual state convention, Michigan Knights held a Eucharistic procession in honor of the ongoing Eucharistic revival. Approximately 150 people, including bishops, priests, and deacons as well as brother Knights and their families joined in the procession. Bishop John Doerfler of the Diocese of Marquette celebrated Holy Mass at St. Anne's, approximately a mile and a half away from the convention center at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Immediately following Holy Mass, the Eucharist was placed



in a monstrance and carried by the bishops and priests, taking turns, along the procession route. Knights from the Diocese of Marquette had the honor of carrying the canopy that sheltered the Eucharist and those carrying the monstrance.

Immediately following the Fourth Degree color corps, clergy, and altar servers were Fr. Eduard Perrone and members of the choir from



Assumption Grotto in Detroit (home parish of State Deputy Christopher Kolomjec and his wife, Julie) who led the procession music. The Supreme Council was represented at the convention by Senior Vice President of Membership and Marketing, Mark McMullen, who joined in the procession along the way.

It appeared that God even blessed the event, providing a sunny blue sky and moderate temperatures. Those in the procession were often in awe of the reactions they witnessed along

the way, as people watching the procession either joined in or knelt in reverence as the Eucharist passed by.

Upon arriving at Grand Hotel, the procession-goers remained on the sidewalk in front of the hotel's iconic porch, while the clergy and altar servers mounted the steps to an altar that had been prepared on the porch. Once there, Archbishop Allen Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit led the faithful in the prayers of benediction and raised the monstrance in a final blessing. The Eucharist was then taken to the Adoration chapel inside the hotel that had been previously set up by Fr. Allen Mott and Knights of Columbus faithful from the Diocese of Marquette.

Adoration was then held in the chapel for the subsequent 24 hours, stopping only during the celebration of the opening Mass.



State Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing Program

My Brother Knights, Families, and Friends, as many of you have heard we have a new and exciting Program this year in the Michigan Jurisdiction. The Michigan Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus in cooperation with Cross Catholic Outreach is conducting Food Packing Programs throughout most of our Dioceses this fraternal year. By the time you read this article we will be days away from our first Food Packing Program on the west side of the Archdiocese of Detroit at Holy Family Council #11811 located in Novi at Holy Family Parish. This is the first time we will be doing this life saving program and I am confident that it will be a great success with your help.

I have some rather lofty goals and I would like to share them with you. To change the lives of many starving families around the world and in our own areas I will need your support both physically and monetarily. Each one of these events costs approximately twenty thousand dollars to do. I know that it sounds like a lot, but we are doing these Food Packing Programs at a Diocesan level so that even the smallest of Councils can be part of them. In fact, I am counting on each Council to help in any they can. The dry food we will be packing costs about thirty-three cents per bag. This one meal portion will feed about six people. This will also allow us to do sixty thousand meals with ten percent staying in our own areas for our food banks. I spend way more than that on a cup of coffee. So, the way that we came to the suggested Council donations was dividing the number of members in a Diocese or combining two Diocese together to do the program because of the size. It has been coming out to about two dollars per member per Council. Sometimes a little less and sometimes a little more. This, as I said, will enable all of us to work together to make this a great success for the entire Jurisdiction. Our State has been the leader in many of the Programs of the Order. Consistently keeping up with and excelling past our Brother Knights in other Jurisdictions. It is my goal that we should be able to do just that. I hope we can all work together to make this possible and to help so many that have so little.

Since the Archdiocese of Detroit is so strong and has so many of our brothers and Families, we will be able to do two packing events one on the West side and one on the East side. The next Food packing Program will be in the Lansing Diocese. If you are a Council that is interested in hosting, and you have access to a gymnasium or large area please contact me as I will be looking to find the right fit for this exciting new Program in your area. Soon you will be seeing the Flyer with the QR codes for signing up for the event in Detroit please check as there may still be a few spaces left to participate. If you sign up, please show up there are limited numbers as to who gets to pack the food. Please remember any donations using the QR code for donation will go towards the current Diocesan Event. If your Council is donating, please send your check to the current State Cross Catholic Director with CCO Program in the memo line. I will do my best to make sure your donation is used in your Diocese. More information will be coming as this is a new program and I hope that we can make the Michigan Jurisdiction number one in taking care of the less fortunate of the world.

Your Brother in Christ

Garret A. Kelenske

State Cross Catholic Outreach Director

1439 Maple Ridge Street

Muskegon, Michigan 49445

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“TEN FOR CHARITY”

My Brother Knights and Ladies,

I am pleased to make this annual report of the “TEN FOR CHARITY” program for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. This was a **very successful** year of Active Charity. Council contributions amounted to a grand total of **\$164,064.00**. This amount is the 2nd largest in the program’s history. This generous charitable giving is due to members responding to the call by the message on the yellow slips in their dues notices, then sending in their donations to their councils, and with your Financial Secretaries forwarding these donations to the State Secretary. Brother Knights, working together you are participating 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 without any remittances from 209 councils. This indicates that this year just over half, or 52.93%, of councils remitted funds. 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 yellow slip) with their annual billing notices, thus giving every member the privilege and opportunity to make a donation.

Below is a list of the councils that we received contributions during the 2022-2023 fraternal year, which ended on 6/30/2023. My Brother Knights, if you made a contribution to your council through your 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.

A note to the Financial Secretaries – Contributions from 19 councils, totaling \$ 12,693.48, were received by the State Secretary AFTER 6/30/2023, the end of the fraternal year. It is my experience that these donations were collected and meant to be recorded for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. Unfortunately, they cannot be. Please consider sending in all your accumulated charity funds twice each year to the State Secretary. First to be received by the State Secretary before 4/1 of each year to be included in any reporting for the State Convention, and secondly to be received by the State Secretary by 6/20 of each year to be 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.

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 so 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 many more charities and continue our service to our neighbor. Thank you in advance for your continued contributions in this fraternal year.

Archdiocese of Detroit - \$ 67,707.27

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From our President and CEO:

Autumn is the season of harvest and abundance, truly a season of gratitude.

At Holy Cross Services, we recognize that our physical health can steer our readiness for healing from trauma. When our bodies are nourished, when we aren't worried about whether and where we will find our next meal, our energy can focus beyond survival.

At Holy Cross, we educate children on the physiological impact a steady and nutritious diet has on our bodies, and the way stabilized blood sugar gives our brains the best chance at staying calm. We color pictures of the brain together, showing kids what parts of the brain are responsible for making decisions, and what parts are responsible for acting on fear. We all gasp together when we talk about how our brain shrinks when we are dehydrated, and we instinctively reach for our water bottles. On the weekends, the kids prepare meals alongside staff to develop cooking skills. Once a month, the kids compete on teams to create the best meal using the ingredient of the month. September's ingredient is basil!

At our New Hope shelter for neighbors experiencing homelessness, our community kitchen menu is intentionally balanced and nutritious. Our kitchen team strategizes weekly on menu development to ensure everyone served a meal has the opportunity for fresh and healthy vitamin-rich food. We creatively integrate donated food into the menu selection, maximizing the gifts we receive while committing to health, and we invite community partners in to help us prepare and serve meals. This year we have paid extra attention to ensuring the meals we serve are both nourishing and delicious – and word has spread! Just in the last several months we have increased our daily average number of meals served by 62%!

Mealtime is a time to nourish our bodies and spirit. We all have those "comfort foods" we turn to, because food is a primary, hard-wired source of emotional care, a nurturing extension of God's love. This autumn, we enrich our bodies with the harvest we are blessed to receive. We honor the dignity and humanity in our community members, sharing meals together as a meaningful time of mutual respect, connection, and comfort. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the nourishment you have provided Holy Cross for 75 years. Your support has allowed this agency not just to fill bellies, but to nurture health, build connection, and find immeasurable gratitude in the love that sustains us. Thank you for your partnership.



Susan Rosas
President/CEO
Holy Cross Services



RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS

Winners are announced monthly on our Facebook page. Follow Us at:

facebook.com/HolyCrossServices1

September Winners!

Week 1 – Tom Thelen

Week 2 – Bob Feldpausch

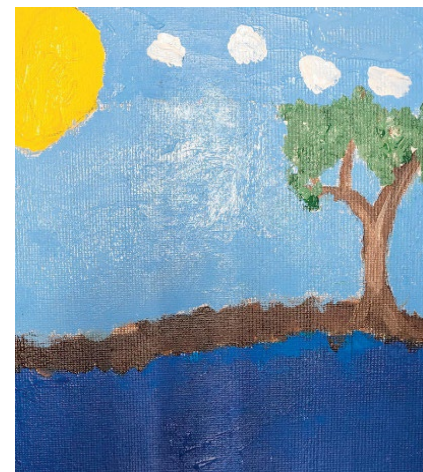
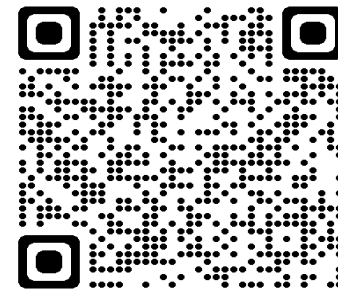
Week 3 – Brian Goerge

Week 4 – Robert Jeska

Month Winner- Tom Wenzlick

Our 2024 Raffle Calendars are now available!

Visit holycrossservices.com/2024-calendar or scan the QR Code below to get your calendar and enter for a chance to win our raffle!





Youth Olympics!

Every year, Holy Cross's residential treatment programs for children in foster care host the Youth Olympics, where kids play and compete in a day of fun. It is THE highlight of the year for the kids we serve.

Our theme this year for the Youth Olympics was "Jammin' in the Jungle." We focused on finding unity and strength from our diverse backgrounds.

Our participants and staff participated in skits, an art challenge surrounding our 4 core values, and a day of fun and healthy competition, which created a wonderful sense of unity.

Thank you to all of our amazing staff, volunteers, and donors who made this day possible! We could not do the work we do without you.

Teamwork at the Ballpark!

Holy Cross Services had incredible opportunities this summer to share in the joy of baseball with our supporters, teammates, and the people we serve. We hosted several events across the state, where our team had the chance to thank our supporters, and where our foster care recruiting team connected with families interested in fostering children. We were able to sponsor tickets for our foster families, helping families to build their relationships and beautiful family memories. Our friends at the Knights of Columbus sponsored nights at the ballpark, providing children and Veterans an evening of fun. Who knew baseball could be so healing??

To learn more about becoming a foster family and how you can support Holy Cross Services, scan the QR Code here!





**82nd ANNUAL MICHIGAN
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
STATE BOWLING
TOURNAMENT**



Saturday February 17, 2024 to Sunday March 24, 2024

HOSPITDRE:
Richard Council #798
5300 N. Grand River
Lansing, MI 48906

Royal Scot
4722 West Grand River Ave.
Lansing, MI 48916
(517) 321-3071

Host Hotel:
Quality Suites Hotel
Rooms Starting at \$98
901 Delta Commerce Dr.
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-0600

OFFICERS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 17 **Sunday, February 25**
9:00 am & 1:00 pm 10:00 am

OPEN DIVISIONS

Saturday February 24, 2024 to Sunday March 24, 2024
Registration at 10:00 am

**MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

Entry Fee \$30.00
Per Person / Per Event
Prize Fund \$ 10.00
Bowling \$ 9.00
Tournament Expenses \$ 11.00

**Handicap & Actual
Cash Prizes
Brackets & Jackpots**

PAY RATIO
At least 1 for every 10

HANDICAP
Based on 90% of 230

ENTRIES
Link into each event



**Information & Entry Forms
on the K of C Bowling Website at
MICHIGANKOFCATHLETICS.COM**



CONTACT
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kzawalski@videopenwest.com
(586) 312-5275

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YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter. Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Country _____
 Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friend who might be interested in the Guild's work.
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 MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

“TEN FOR CHARITY”

Archdiocese of Detroit - \$ 67,707.27

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- 13645 - 13673 - 13793 - 13950 - 13980 - 13983 14427 - 14883 -
14928 - 15932 - 15967 - 16169 - 16630

Gaylord - \$ 6,840.50

923 - 1224 - 5083 - 6314 - 6548 - 6593 - 6851 - 7365 - 8041 - 8556 -
8948 - 11664 13432 - 13958 - 15021 - 15135 - 15937 - 16643

Grand Rapids - \$ 15,659.00

944 - 1300 - 1492 - 2084 - 2168 - 4362 - 4404 - 7115 - 7487 - 7761 -
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14642 - 15213 - 15548 - 15889

Kalamazoo - \$ 8,211.00

708 - 1120 - 2900 - 3798 - 4036 - 4055 - 4141 - 5255 - 6980 - 7796 -
8687 - 9962 12998 - 13305 - 13633 - 14366 - 14409 - 15439

Lansing - \$ 49,948.23

587 - 788 - 1139 - 1665 - 2659 - 2890 - 2959 - 3027 - 3221 - 3230 -
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10907 - 10963 - 11099 - 11694 - 11761 - 12044 - 12186 12295 - 13360
- 13450

Marquette - \$ 3,349.00

640 - 649 - 692 - 1541 - 2894 - 2929 - 2931 - 6447 - 7100 - 13115

Saginaw - \$ 12,349.00

414 - 1297 - 1546 - 2141 - 2724 - 2943 - 3029 - 3224 - 3651 - 3823 -
4102 - 4693 5280 - 7233 - 7571 - 7717 - 8042 - 8043 - 8554 - 8808 -
11432 - 12850 - 13449

Fraternally Yours,

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

Family Matters

Now that it is September, Grand Knights, it is time to check on your progress with your Family of the Year submissions. Don't forget that your District Deputies will be picking them up from you in November to bring them to the winter leadership meeting for us to review and make suggestions (if needed). They will be looked at during the weekend and given back to your District Deputies to return to you that same weekend.

Remember that we are looking for more submissions this year. We all have that family that does so much for our Councils and parishes. Why would not want to honor them with the chance to be the State Family of the Year and possibly Supreme Family of the Year?

The next family project coming up is the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This year things have changed a little bit with the participants category.

- Kindergarten
- 1st - 2nd grade
- 3rd - 4th grade
- 5th - 6th grade
- 7th - 8th grade

The submissions need to be given to your Diocesan Program Directors no later than January 15, 2024, so that they can send their winners to me by January 31, 2024.

Bill Corey, State Family Director
Cell (313) 618-7645 w.corey@mikofc.org

Ironwood Council 1396

Fr. Brian Gerber helps the Ironwood Knights of Columbus serve fish fry's during Festival Ironwood, which was held on July 14th. The Knights served 460 fish fry's from 4-8pm.



District 112



On Saturday August 26th, the Councils of District 112 gathered together for a District-Wide Officer Installation Ceremony.

Officers and members from Councils 4401, 11811, 13362, 13673, and 14427 gathered at Holy Family Parish in Novi for the installation of officers for all five Councils within the District. In a show of Unity and Fraternity, these Councils came together to support each other as they begin their new fraternal year. Honor guard from Assembly 2136 were present to assist in the procession into the sanctuary and during the medal investiture to help instill the honor and dignity of the occasion.

Fr. Robert LaCroix, Pastor of Holy Family parish and Council 11811 Chaplain took part in the ceremony and represented all the Chaplains within our District by leading us in prayer, blessing the jewels of office, and accepting the Chaplain's jewel. District Deputy Gary Mallia conducted the Installation ceremony and was assisted by Former District Deputy and Archdiocesan Membership Director Don Garon for the investing of the medals. After the ceremony, the Councils remained at Holy Family parish for a District Wide Corporate Communion, followed by a delicious dinner! In this setting, each Grand Knight spoke about the many exciting programs and events that their Councils are promoting!

Congratulations to the Councils of District 112 and to all the officers who attended!



141st Supreme Convention – Michigan Recognized with Life International Program Award Life Program of the Year

The Michigan Knights of Columbus have doubled down on their commitment to life and their service to mothers in need following the historic repeal of Roe v. Wade in 2022. More than 150 Michigan councils have participated in the Order's ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program — more than any other jurisdiction. Together, they have donated in excess of \$400,000 to more than 75 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes throughout the state. They also continue to support the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative . We currently have placed nearly 90 lifesaving machines in pregnancy centers and clinics. To give just one example of the Knights' pro-life teamwork, councils in the Diocese of Lansing, led by Father John R. Day Council 2659 in Howell, helped raise \$170,000 for a new mobile medical unit for Pregnancy Help Clinic. The mobile unit will travel between the campuses of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, as well as other areas, bringing essential care and services to women in crisis pregnancies.

Knights Throw Kick-Off Party for New Soccer Club



The Knights of Council #10343, St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, threw a Kick-Off Party for the new St. Paul Stars Soccer Club. Thursday August 31st, it was hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and pop for everyone at the parish soccer field. Parents glowed with happiness as their kids played soccer on the opening day for the new club.



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NOTE: FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND COUNCIL PR CHAIRMAN

In each issue of the Michigan Columbian we print the Families of the month as designated by the local councils in the State. These families deserve State wide recognition. We appreciate your help in keeping this information current. The names of the Family of the Month and the Family of the Year need to be sent to: William (Bill) Corey State Council Family Life Director, 23906 Edward St., Dearborn, MI 48128
*cfy - council family of year . Send a copy of the Family of the Month to the Michigan Columbian.

Families of the Month**Lansing Council 788**

Brian & Cindy Killian *cfy
Richard & Doreen Bierwagen
Andy Goeddeke family
Mike & Dena Arens

Monroe Council 1266

Mark & Sue Carollo
Jack & Pat Ready
Al & Denise Palmer

Portland Council 2168

William & Pamela Brown
Todd & Jennifer Devlin
Brad & Lindsay Russman

Standish Council 2724

Jerry & Carol Brown
Jim & Aggie Somerfield

Gaylord Council 2781

Ken & Diane Tomaski

Westphalia Council 2890

Kevin & Marsha Smith

Joe & Sue Schafer

Phil & Mary Thelen

Chesaning Council 2943

Richard & Mary Jo White

John & Tammy Copes

William & Martha Gillett

Utica Council 2950

Dale & Karen Niedzwiecki

Dennis & Donna Murray

Fremont Council 3111

Sam & Char Chansler

Vern & Mary Rich

Wesley & Melisea Miller

Southgate Council 3956

Bob & Margaret LaForest
Franz & Glenda Albright
David & Christine Nickens

Manchester Council 4354

Timothy Gouwens family

Martin Brogley family

Eric & Stephanie Beuerle

Gladwin Council 5280

Jim & Marilyn Cook

New Baltimore Council 5981

David & Denise Duffy

Brian & Sarah Wilhelm

Roscommon Council 6593

Darren & Jaime Barnes

Patrick & Lori Mattingly, Jr.

Kevin & Cheryl Sherman

Michael & Kate Gammichia

Posen Council 6657

Jeanette Pilarski family

Lacy Smolinski family

Mike & Marian Smith

Rick & Darlene Lewandowski

Michigan Center Council 6687

Alan Adams family

Swartz Creek Council 6694

Keith & Mary Dharmaraj

Thomas & Shelly Roke

Holland Council 7115

Ted & Colleen Mullally

Ken & Barbara Puzycki

Rick & Debbie Kraus

Macomb Council 7200

Douglas & Carol Hill

Charles & Joanne Chault

Dennis Slowke family

Dennis & Cheryl Jarzombek *cfy

Birch Run Council 7233

Norm & Joyce Rushton

Mark & Carol Pozin

Ken & Jessica Bezemek**South Lyon Council 7586**

Lenny & Stacey Earls

Lowell Council 7719

Roger & Kathy Southland

Pieter & Laura Serne

Hillman Council 8041

Bob & Teresa Clark

Kathy Wittman family

Cynthia Schultz family

Sanford Council 8043

Don & Connie Fortier

Howell Council 8169

Kevin & Nancy Regan

Mark & Patty Roma

Flushing Council 8489

Tim & Thersea Cassedy

Keith & Patty Beiter

Auburn Hills Council 8659

Mike & Barbra Zelinski

Michael & Kasia Stach

Montrose Council 8669

Patrick & Sandra Bisson

Robert & Ann Pries

Brian & Aimee Deloney

Temperance Council 8902

Mark & Janice Mignano

James & Cherie Dec

Pete & Mick Lavoy

Mason Council 9182

Ralph & Ann Devitto

Dr. Ronald & Teresa Bates

Christopher & Mary Kundstrup

Ira Township Council 10724

Jeff & Ann Devitto

Michael & Christina Foster

Scott & Amanda Plegue

Lansing Council 11099

Richard & Kathleen Schaefer

Abraham & Helen Earley

Russell & Marcia Pate, Jr.

White Lake Council 13319

Dominic & Daniela Federico

Jason & Jenette Davis

Vincent & Ashley Mattina

Troy Council 13453

Gary & Florence Parent

White Cloud Council 13939

Steve & Mary Bleiler

John & Susan Osterman

Darryl & Mary Rettig

Spero Center in Port Huron.

On Friday, September 8, 2023, the Grand Knights from Bishop Murphy, Council #3257, and All Saints - Memphis, Council 10501, along with members of Knights on Bikes from both councils, presented a check for \$5,000, from Bishop Murphy, to Jennifer MacDonald, Executive Director of the Spero Center, a pregnancy aid facility, in Port Huron. All Saints - Memphis has pledged to donate an additional \$5,000 to the facility. Along with the expected matching funds from Supreme's ASAP program, this makes a total of

\$10,800 to this organization. Also present were District Deputies John Vermeesch, DD123, and Mark Elias, DD127.

For Bishop Murphy, this now makes a total of \$20,000 in donations just to pregnancy centers in this calendar year. They previously donated \$5,000 to Gianna House and \$10,000 via the Pass the Hat event at the State Convention., proceeds from which will support the Heart of Christ Clinic.

Sacred Heart Council #8659

It was 9:00 AM. A shotgun blast echoed in the morning air and volleys of golf balls arched through the air. This was the beginning of Sacred Heart Council

#8659's annual golf outing at the Fountains Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston, MI.

Everyone enjoyed the golf, fraternity and even a little bit of inter-council rivalry. There were raffle items as well as prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. All the proceeds went to fund this next year's fraternal giving.

Programs = New Members

AROUND THE STATE

Pope St. John XXIII Council #5436



The above photo was taken on, Saturday, July 15, 2023. Pope St. John XXIII Council #5436 (Waterford, MI) conducted another one of its many "Helping Hands" projects. Ten Brother Knights and two ladies arrived at a centennial house located in the Clarkston/Independence Township area to clear overgrown brush, shrubs, grass and weeds. Led by GK Michael Mandziuk, this group trimmed 26 shrubberies and attacked two acres with some serious weed-wacking. It took four hours to finish the job.

The home belongs to an elderly and long-time volunteer at the local Clarkston Lighthouse Foodbank who is unable to take care of these chores by herself. Council #5436 also collects canned goods and helps out at this foodbank on a regular basis.

On another note, Council #5436 also recently donated three "knee-scooters" to the Waterford Senior Center for loan out. The total cost of these scooters was \$475. Brother Knight Mark Monohon (and Waterford Township Trustee) coordinated this effort.

Escanaba Council 640



Escanaba Council 640 held a cookout of brats at a local grocery store to raise funds to support their local charities.

Escanaba Assembly 507



Escanaba Assembly 507 Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Sunday at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church held after their morning Mass.

St John Neumann Council 7115



"On the weekend of June 24-25, Fr. Noah Thelen said his goodbye's to his parishioners at St. Francis de Sales in Holland and moved on to become Canonical Administrator at St. Bartholomew in Newago and St. Joseph in White Cloud. The parish and Knights of Columbus hosted cake and cookies at two of the Sunday Masses and he was gifted with a 10' kayak to enjoy on the river near where he is now pastoring! Shown here is Fr. Noah and Deacon Brian Picuch (both Knights) along with several Knights in attendance at this celebration."

Monroe Council 1266



Monroe Michigan Council #1266 hosted its annual Desert Meal on Saturday April 15th, 2023 to help fund the trip to the Holy Land for the Seminarians from Detroit Sacred Heart Seminary. The Council provided \$20,000 to help offset the expenses of the 19 Seminarians who were attending this year. The trip allows the Seminarians to walk in the footsteps of Christ and grow in their faith as they continue their journey to the priesthood.

The Council was able to bring together over 225 members of the community from 11 different parishes along with local clergy. They enjoyed a delicious meal, raffles, and presentation from 3 of the seminarians who were participating in the trip. It was a fruitful night and they look forward to next year's event.

Thank you to DGK Dr. Jeff Couturier, his wife Jenni and the rest of the Desert Meal team. Fantastic job!!!

Baby Bottle Drive - Abigayle Ministries

St. Michael's Council #13799 in Sterling Heights has been active in this event since 2017.

The Abigayle Ministries assist homeless pregnant women and their children by introducing them to the gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping them to be self-sufficient through its residential housing and educational program for women that are homeless and at least 18 years old and are seeking a life change. All services are provided by professional staff and volunteers and with no charge.

We pass out about 500 empty baby bottles after mass and ask the Parishioners that they return them in two weeks. Since the start of the program we have donated over \$40,000, which is an average of \$6,000 per year. This takes about 14 volunteers once a year.

Good Shepherd Council 8669



Council 8669 and Good Shepherd Parish of Montrose, Michigan brings the Gospel message to Montrose School children weekly, using educational release time. The idea of brother knight Lynn Miller, the knights fund safe transport for any child interested in attending the weekly 60 minute training at the parish. Council 8669 and Good Shepherd Parish provide materials and trained Catechist to share the Gospel.

FOR AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER

Members of **Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Council 7329** in **Mio, Mich.**, built a wheelchair ramp at the home of a young woman has physical disabilities. The woman's father, now deceased, was a member of the council.

400 RAMPS IN 40 YEARS

Members of **Irish Hills Council 6223** in **Brooklyn, Mich.**, recently constructed a ramp for a brother Knight who had had knee surgery — the 400th ramp the council has built to assist people with disabilities and mobility challenges. Deacon Gene Hausmann has led the Project Ramp program since it began 40 years ago.



Programs = New Members

BUSY JUNE FOR 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. Over 300 parishioners participated in the procession.

Pastor Fr. Jim Kean carried the Holy Eucharist in procession.



A week later on Father's Day, council members held the 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. Steve Mateja of St. Joseph's Church celebrates Father's Day with his parents.

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED Lake Orion Council 4764



Award presented by GK Frank Kramarczyk and Father Kean to Abiageal Eagan following St. Joe's noon Mass on Mar 12

Lake Orion Knights of Columbus Council 4764 announced the following winners for the 2022 Respect Life essay contest. Recipients of cash awards and certificates were:

- o First place, **Sophia Novak**, St. Joseph RE, 7th Grade
- o Second place, **Sophia Page**, St. John Fisher, 8th Grade
- o Third place, **Abiageal Eagan**, St. Joseph Confirmation preparation
- o Honorable mention, **Kylie Weymouth**, St. Joseph School, 8th Grade

In March, Fr. Jim Kean, St. Joseph's pastor, and Grand Knight Frank Kramarczyk presented the awards to the students at their respective parishes. Seventh and eighth grade students submitted essays on the topic "What is the value of an unborn life."

St. Helen Council 8390



Knights from St. Helen Council #8390 held a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with the proceeds going to Cathy Taylor who travels to Tanzania raising funds to build an

Orphanage and provide school supplies for the children struggling there.

Between a donation and money from the breakfast we presented her with a check for \$800.00 dollars toward her project.

Northeast Michigan Knights of Columbus Councils Support Pregnancy Center in Alpena



Thirteen Knights of Columbus councils worked together during the summer and fall of 2022 in a fundraising effort to provide an ultrasound machine for Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena, Michigan. Councils 791 Cheboygan, 1705 Rogers City, 7365 Indian River, 7688 Onaway, 529 Alpena, 4235 Harrisville, 6657 Posen, 6851 Ossineke, 8041 Hillman, 2709 Tawas, 5083 Oscoda, 7623 Hale, and 8948 Klacking Creek, combined their resources and time to raise over \$42,000 for the ultrasound machine.

About half of the funds were raised on September 11, 2022, at a dinner during the Posen Potato Festival. Councils solicited donations from local businesses for a chinese raffle, sold tickets for a gun raffle, and provided help to prepare and serve the dinner in Posen. All together, the Knights of Columbus members put in over 400 hours for ultrasound fundraising events. But, the story did not end last fall. During the summer of 2022, Options Pregnancy Center purchased a new building, which requires renovations to accommodate the ultrasound machine. Gerald Boerner, Grand Knight of the Thunder Bay Council 6851, is donating his time to the oversight of the construction. Gerald Boerner plus other Knights members have donated 580 hours to the building renovation. Recently five councils, (6657 Posen, 6851 Ossineke, 4235 Harrisville, 8041 Hillman, and 529 Alpena) donated a combined \$15,600 to the building renovations.

Without the K of C support in our local community, it would not be possible to save the lives of future unborn children. Thanks to all our councils in northeast Michigan and to the Supreme Council for supporting life.

Msgr. David Stotenbur Council 7237



GK Eric Simon, new incoming Shared Pregnancy Executive Director Christy Lambright, Life Chair PGK Mitch Dobrzelewski, and immediate PGK/ FN Jeff Archer.

Msgr. David Stotenbur Council 7237 presentation of the ASAP Program Matching Funds check to Shared Pregnancy of Lansing. The Mothers Day Breakfast sponsored by the Council at St Jude Parish in DeWitt, MI generated nearly \$2500 in donations, earning the maximum \$400 Match available through the program.

LASTING REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEPARTED

**Knights of Columbus
Memorial Plaque Application 2023**

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 hangs 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 14, 2023



K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary –
Sunday November 5, 2023 @ 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.

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**Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless
and Your goodness infinite.**

**On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with
gratitude for Your kindness: Open our hearts to
concern for our fellow men and women, so 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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Daylight Saving Time Ends



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday,
November 5, 2023, at 2:00 A.M. On
Saturday night, clocks are set back 1 hour
(i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council's Baby Bottle Campaign Celebrates Six Years



St. Nicholas Council #7011 Grand Knight, Eric Suchland, and Life Director, Gino Vitale (far right), present a \$9,000 check to Mary's Mantle Director of Client Services Mary Jo Wisneski and Executive Director Katie Montes.

Sterling Heights, Michigan -- For the past six years, the Knights of St. Nicholas Council #7011 have conducted a 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, in Sterling Heights.

In recognition of the continuing Pro-Life work of St. Nicholas Council, the Supreme Council sent a film crew to Mary's Mantle, a pregnancy and ongoing support organization in suburban Detroit, to memorialize the presentation of the most recent \$9,000 donation, as well as to publicize these good works of our Council and of Mary's Mantle via a video feature short, including interviews with

Mary's Mantle staffers, moms and babies who have benefitted from the program, and the knights who organize the effort each year.

Led by Brother Knights, Pro-Life Chairman Gino Vitale and Treasurer Ken Pullis, both of whom have been consistently involved in the greater Pro-Life Movement, St. Nicholas Council has raised and donated more than \$55,000 over those six years, along with matching funds assistance from K of C Supreme, to benefit Mary's Mantle and several other recipient organizations across the Detroit Metropolitan area.

From the 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."

Ken Pullis, Treasurer of St. Nicholas Council #7011, said recently, "Our Council especially thanks the parishioners and visitors of Ss Cyril and Methodius Church for their on-going generosity in taking and filling over 2,000 baby bottles over the years with checks, cash, and coins in support of this Campaign. The support checks we provide help these worthy organizations in any number of ways, and we couldn't do it without the help of the parish."

St. Kieran Council 13983



One may wonder, what our Knights have been doing lately? Well, thanks the members and friends of St. Kieran Parish, they help make a difference and enable our Council to celebrate, lead, and/or participate in several extremely successful events during the 1st quarter of 2023. The **Chili Cook Off** was attended by more than 250 people and the **Corn Hole/ Bourbon Tasting** by another 100 plus individuals. These two events generated more than \$2,000.00 that is being contributed to support the travel expenses of our Parish youth members for the Portugal for World Youth Day. Our Spring MI Tootsie Roll Drive generated \$4,752.25 on Palm Sunday weekend, and our JINGO reverse raffle/banquet more than \$9,000.00! The JINGO funds will be used for Sacred Heart Seminarian tuition expenses, Right to Life programs and the needs of single Mothers PLUS many other needy organizations that we support. The **SHROUD** display was attended by more than 1,500 people and donations of \$3,700.00 were forwarded to Marytown National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Knights of Columbus Council #3674 for the support and maintenance of the exhibit.

Queen of Apostles Council 6548



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6548 of Houghton Lake were recently inducted as the officers for 2023-24. From left to right, front row: Grand Knight Clyde Straub, Deputy Grand Knight Steven Sandoval, Chancellor Art Gonzalez, Recorder Jerry Mader, Outside Guard John Haltinner, District Deputy Bill Monahan performed the installations, Back Row: Mac Gutierrez stand-in for Recorder Andy Parrott, Treasurer Paul Berger, Warden Dan Collins, Financial Secretary Claude Schmitt, Trustee 1 George Everett, Inside Guard Bob Sredzinski.

May They Rest In Peace

Standish Council 2724

Cesar Casten, Jr., M.D.

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Gerald Thelen

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St. Louis Center Inspirations and Activities

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank the Fourth Degree Color Corps for their presence at the rededication of St. Joseph Hall. Most Rev. Bishop Boyea celebrated Mass, giving an inspiring homily.

October is a busy month for St. Louis Center. The staff and many volunteers have been working diligently to organize several events.

On **Monday, October 23rd**, the Bishop will

be at the Center to

celebrate the Feast of St. Louis Guanella. Mass will begin at 4:30pm. All are welcome to attend, but please RSVP by **October 16th** to kellyf@stlouiscenter.org.



The Bishop enjoyed speaking with the residents during the Rededication.

A **FREE** family event is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26th**.

The Trunk or Treat is a great time for everyone. Dinner will be served, a portion of the campus transformed into a haunted house and the parking lot filled with decorated cars handing out treats to the attendees. Last year the Center welcomed nearly 300 guests to campus for the event. You won't want to miss the fun.

To close out the month, the 36th Annual Fall Auction will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea **October 28th**. This event has been integral to the Center's fundraising efforts. Please join us.

In November, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Providence. She is the mother of Providence who is the Son of God and who always cares for those left at the margins of society. He constantly asks all of us to be His loving and caring hands for those who are powerless and voiceless but have been created in the image and likeness of God.

Thank you, Brother Knights and State Council, for your continued support of St. Louis Center. Your contributions and your presence are truly felt firsthand on a day-to-day basis at the Center.

With gratitude,

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC
Your Brother Knight

The Servants of Charity
requests your presence to celebrate the feast of
St. Louis Guanella
Monday, October 23, 2023
Mass will begin at 4:30pm
Presided by Bishop Earl Boyea at St. Louis Center
RSVP to Kelly at 734-475-8430 or
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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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