

Knights of Columbus 16169 September 2020 Newsletter

Worthy Brother Knights,

August has gone and Fall is approaching. We had our September Meeting with in-person and online brothers in attendance. We voted and approved the budget for the fraternal year 2020_2021 at the September Meeting. Going to church is slowly getting parishioners back with the social distancing allowing more people to attend masses weekly. SJN continues to Live Stream the 8:30 Mass every Sunday. Our Council Chaplain was installed on August 29th as State Chaplain. A very nice mass and dinner afterwards. We placed an ad for our council in the booklet.

We are starting the Fraternal Year strong. We are well on our way to STAR Award standings with Membership growth (33% of quota). Thank you, brothers please keep recruiting as the Catholic Church is under attack and we are needed now more than ever.

Family of the Month:

The Lang family

- Members of the Parish since 1997 as a family.
- Family: Chuck & Nancy, son – Phillip, daughter – Nicole and her husband, Derek Sokloski, and their two children, Trent, 6 yrs. old and Autumn, 3 yrs. Old
- Nicole & Derek joined the parish as a family in 2019. Since joining the parish, Nicole has volunteered and been involved with Vacation Bible School, Family Ministry and participated in the Pray & Play program. Her latest SJN volunteer effort was organizing and coordinating the Michigan Foster Care Closet Clothing Drive at the church involving her entire family and several parish volunteers. They packed 154 boxes, each box containing one and a half weeks of clothing for 154 foster children in Southeast Michigan. She also was able to involve The Neumann Needlers in the making of 39 blankets for the Foster Children. As a family they also volunteer their time during Christmas to ring the bell for Salvation Army.
- Phillip has offered his time helping with the Reverse Raffle, the Landscape and mulching project around the church grounds and putting up the Christmas lights on the outside of the church. In addition, he assisted with the Michigan Foster Care Closet Clothing project. He also volunteers his time ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and provides many hours of help for the annual Plymouth Rotary Chicken BBQ.
- Nancy continues to be involved in several efforts around the church over the years. Presently she volunteers for the Funeral Guild helping during the luncheons and is a caller for food donations. She is a member of Neumann Needlers and volunteers her time for the Jesse Tree project, the Reverse Raffle and the parish picnic. She also helped with Fr. Mark's farewell reception and spent many hours helping with the Michigan Foster Care Closet project. She is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club's "Days for

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Girls Team” volunteering her sewing and teaching skills in making feminine hygiene kits for girls in third world countries. Nancy also offers her time to help with Rotary’s Golf Classic and Chicken BBQ.

- Chuck, who retired 8 years ago, has managed to stay active and involved doing what he can to help and assist others. Over the years, he has been involved in numerous activities and church committees. As a member of SJN’s Knights of Columbus, he is serving his second year as Chancellor. Presently he participates in the Thursday morning Men’s Prayer Breakfast, serves on the Funeral Guild usually doing the pots & pans after the meal, has served on the VBS committee and this Spring, assisted with the landscape and mulching effort around the church grounds. He served as a Table Coordinator for TMIY and helped initiate the very first parish fundraising event serving as co-chair of the Reverse Raffle and now serves as a committee member. He volunteers for the Pancake breakfast events, the parish picnics and putting up the outside Christmas decorations around the church. He also assisted with the Michigan Foster Care Closet project and Fr. Mark’s Farewell reception.
- During his spare time, Chuck serves on several community non-profit Boards. He is a Board Member of the Detroit Great Lakes Field Service Council, Boy Scouts of America, serves as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in Plymouth and a Board Member of the Greater Plymouth-Canton Service Project for Kids Against Hunger. Chuck has been a Rotarian since 1976 and remains very active with the Rotary Club of Plymouth serving on the Golf Classic committee, The World Service Disaster Relief committee, and the Rotary Youth Leadership committee. He also serves as the Advisor to Rotary’s High School Youth program the “Interact Club” at the P-CEP with 163 participating students. Not having enough to do, he was recently elected to serve a second term as President of the Rotary Club’s Foundation Board.
- For the past two years, Chuck & Nancy have also served as Host Parents for the Rotary Foreign Exchange Student program hosting a young man from Denmark and one from Finland each for 3 months.
- Chuck & Nancy believe that the more you do and give, that you will be blessed in many positive ways. They feel they are very fortunate to be able to do the things they do. They also believe that a family that volunteers and prays together stays together!

Congratulations to the Lang Family. Chuck, Nancy, Phillip, Nicole, Derek, Trent, and Autumn.

Knight of the Month:

Michael Pilotto – Michael

- Michael/Mikey is involved in a lot of services besides being a Knight. He ushers two masses a week, helps the sacristan’s, and greets all as they enter the church. Michael

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has attended our Special Olympics Halloween Dance every year. Michael is always volunteering for any of the outreach programs and has helped with flower planting. Mikey most recently helped with VBS as the Grey Line Engine for Rocky Railway - Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through.

- Quote from his mother: "Michael's most important gift from God is his smile and sincere love for everyone."

Congratulations Michael Pilotto as our Knight of the Month September 2020.

Happenings:

Upcoming Events:

- October 13, 2020 Meeting: Knights Knosh @ 6:30/Meeting @ 7pm In-Person/Online
- Livestreaming the 8:30 mass on the SJN YouTube page weekly
- September 13 Soccer Challenge
- September 20 Parish Picnic
- September 30 Michigan RTL Dinner 2020 Virtually
- October MI Drive

Protecting God's Children:

Reminder: SJN is currently reorganizing our plan for the AOD's Safe Environment Program to ensure all required information is on file. To do this most efficiently, we are creating a master volunteer list so that as people sign up to volunteer, all staff can verify that all required paperwork is completed correctly, and Protecting God's Children has been completed prior to volunteering. All parishioners who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license (to make sure we can read your writing), a volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD) and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed.

Please be safe and hope to see you at our meetings physically or online.

God Bless!

VIVAT JESUS

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