



NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

We are at a crossroad and our faith is being challenged regarding LIFE. As Catholic Knights, it is our duty and responsibility to stand up and defend the faith understanding that life begins at conception. With the possible pro-abortion amendment appearing on the Michigan ballot in November, now is the time for us to act. The abortion issue is more than a political battle. It is an epic spiritual struggle being played out right before our eyes. Many in our society have lost their way and their understanding of the Creator's most precious gift to us – LIFE! As your Grand Knight, I am calling on all Knights and parishioners to join together, starting September 9 th , for a nine week period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our prayer is asking God to send the Holy Spirit to inspire all Christians to protect life by voting against the pro-abortion amendment. If every Christian votes pro-life in November, we will have a chance to defeat this pervasive evil. We need Divine assistance in this Spiritual battle to be victorious!



How do we do this, beginning on Friday, September 9th , we would like to have one Knight present at Adoration from 12 noon until 6pm each Friday for nine consecutive weeks culminating with a 24 hour adoration from 9am, Friday, November 4 th till 9am November 5th . Our collective prayers will be powerful!

To sign up for your hour of prayer and adoration, please click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-septembroctober2> We also made a commitment to assist the Rotary Club of Plymouth by volunteering to help with their Chicken BBQ on September 11th . We need 40 Knights! In return, the Rotary Club will make a generous contribution to our fund and each Knight that volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and 1 chicken dinner!

Please join us for this adventurous opportunity. To sign up, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-september2>

You are being called to serve. There are many opportunities to serve on our website. Please respond generously! Remember, many hands make lite work for all!

Blessings,

VIVAT JESUS

Chuck "CJ" Lang



Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien

District Deputy
Brian Zahn,
Grand Knight
Chuck Lang
Deputy Grand Knight
Steve Sarlitto
Chancellor
Bill Springer
Recording Secretary
Ron Kretschmer
Treasurer
Jeff Matheny
Advocate
Jeff Battistella
Warden
Roger Bienat
Inside Guard 1
Michael Pilotto
Inside Guard 2
Bob LeBeau
Outside Guard 1
Paul Bak
Outside Guard 2
John Safran
1 Year Trustee
Dennis Oszust
2 Year Trustee
Keith Laurin
3 Year Trustee
Dave Andreolli
Financial Secretary
John Lutz
Lecturer
Marshall Grazioli
Membership Director
Larry Redman
Communications Chairman
Ronald Rathbun



Knight & Family of the Month of August
Knight: Mike Polovich Family: Mike & Liz Polovich

Mike has been a Knight for three years, recruited by yours truly (Chuck Lang)! Liz recently joined the Saint John Neumann Women's Organization.

Many of you know that Mike and Liz took on the challenge of creating the Kitchen Ministry back in 2019. Their goal was to keep our kitchen clean, organized, well stocked and ready for the numerous ministries that use it in support of their good works.

While Liz leads the Kitchen Ministry, Mike took on the lead for the Hospitality Ministry this year. You can see his happy team of Hospitality volunteers again coming next month serving coffee and donuts!

Mike and Liz have been active participants in the Saint John Neumann International Dinner for many years, serving up various Polish delicacies like pierogis, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut, and angel wings. This year, PGK Dan Timmerman presented Mike the opportunity to host the International Dinner. It was sort of a promotion from coffee and donuts to the major leagues!

You can also find Mike grilling hotdogs at the summer parish picnic, flipping pancakes at our Pancake Breakfasts, helping with the spring and fall landscape cleanup, and putting up the Christmas lights.

Liz has performed numerous roles for our Funeral Ministry including preparing meals in the kitchen, donating desserts and salads, and calling volunteers to bring desserts or salads. She also makes hats, scarves and baptismal blankets for Neumann's Needlers to distribute and she assisted in this year's Vacation Bible School.

Liz and Mike also volunteered at All Saints Catholic School while their two granddaughters attended there. Both granddaughters now attend Salem High School. The youngest is quite the baker, in keeping with the family tradition, while the oldest is an active track and cross country runner. Mike helps her coach mark the course when the Salem Girls Cross Country team hosts events at Willow Metropark and he is always rooting her on! They also have two very young grandson's in Lowell, MI that they look forward to visiting or chatting on video.

Membership Anniversaries for September

1 Year of Service and above

Earl R Hoffman (1)

5 Years of Service and above

Andrew A Anyanwu (5) David P. Trost (9)

10 Years of Service and above

Clifton Dake (12) Dr John R Becker (16)

20 Years of Service and above

Rev Paul K Ballien (23)

Birthdays for September

David J Kubinski

Jeffrey T Wagoner

James M Tallman

Rev Paul K Ballien

Frederick J Morath

Dr Ehinor P Arhebamen

Franklin E Njubigbo

Austin R Lynn

John C Kim

James M Ostermeyer

Leonard R Spas

David R Blankenship

Timothy M Wood

Kenneth J Svoboda

David F Di Franco

Stephen C Moraca

Timothy F Lauster

Edmund J Chrostowski Jr

Jose N Villarreal

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers

If you or a family member or Friend is in need of our prayers please contact our Chancellor or any officer to add them

Brother Greg Pietron and wife Laura
Rodrick Coons, friend of Steve Earles
Leeann Hitchcock, friend of PGK Ed A Hurst Jr.
Chris Kroll, friend of Dave Andreolli
MaryAnn Shedd, former mother-in-law of Bob Rugenski
Janet Schneider, friend of bro Ron Kretschmer
Brother Paul Smudski
Brother Daniel T Timmerman
Peter Morris family, friends or bro Gene Suchyta
Richard Baehre, friend of bro Gene Suchyta
Rusty Hennika, uncle of brother Chris Kotcher
Roger Biernat Jr, father of brother Roger Biernat III
Christopher Michael, neighbor of bro Bob Rugenski
Fr. Paul Ballien
Michael Tallman Family, friend of PGK Ed A Hurst

Cheryl Kolka, friend of bro Dennis Oszust
Walter Ranus, friend of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
Amy Hurst, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
Jason Richardson, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst
Susan Hurst, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
Shaunnah Stang, wife of bro Walter Stang
Bro Cyril Miranda, friend of PGK Edward A Hurst
Sue Hurst, relative of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
Noella Hurst, daughter of bro Edward A Hurst Jr.
Mary Alice Hurst, wife of PGK Edward A Hurst Jr.
Roz Bradley, wife of brother Joe Bradley 07/17/2022
Dave & Donna Kriofsky, friends of bro Ron Kretschmer
Karen Gedemer, cousin of bro Ron Kretschmer

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the main Church after the 9 am Friday Mass. Exposition is made available until 7pm concluding with benediction. Come in to pray and spend some time with the Lord.



St John Neumann Traveling Vocation Chalice Program

By Joe Camill



Please answer the call to pray for priestly vocations, the purpose of the vocation's chalice is to encourage families to pray for vocations within our parish and within the Archdiocese of Detroit.

I want to thank all of you who have signed up to take the vocation chalice home and pray for priestly vocation and the consecrated life.

The chalice will be available during November and December next for you to bring into your homes for a week

as a visible reminder of the commitment to pray together as a family for vocations.

Many thanks to Gene Suchyta in making a monthly, vocation chalice sign up on our K of C web page, just click on vocation chalice and pick the date you would like to take the chalice home.

I do encourage "you" to sign up and take the chalice home.

For further information contact: Joe Camill

Email: jcamill@wowway.com

Home: 734-455-1079

Men's Prayer Breakfast Men of St. John Neumann

All men of the parish are invited to come join us for faith, food and fellowship!

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Thursday at 6:00am in Baldwin Hall!

Contact: Ron Kretschmer
734-756-4425
ronkretschmer@gmail.com



Council Fundraiser: Plymouth Rotary's Chicken BBQ Event.

The Rotary club contacted me today to ask if we could also assist on Saturday, September 10th, with set up in the afternoon. There is an additional sign up for this on our sign up genius.

I sincerely thank everyone who has already volunteered and ask everyone who has not to consider volunteering for just a few hours either on Saturday or Sunday. Rotary will make a NICE donation to our organization for our assist. Please remember, ALL volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and a Free chicken dinner.

Go to this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA5A62BA2FFC43-september2>



Knights Host Parish Picnic

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 2022 annual SJN Parish Picnic which will begin after the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, September 18th and end at 4:30 pm. In addition to food and beverage, several activities will be available, including pony rides, petting zoo, and a soccer challenge. Be sure to take a break from the activities to fill up on hotdogs, watermelon, potato chips, and ice cream.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. It is a great opportunity to spend time with your SJN friends and family. All are welcome.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after weekend Masses in the gathering area beginning August 20th and also available online at our website. We need volunteers to assist with Set-up, Grilling, Beverage Station, Kitchen Help, Clean-Up, Watermelon Cutting, Dessert Donations, and Raffle Ticket Sales.

Please [click here](#) to sign-up.



Pray for Life Adoration on Fridays

While Roe v. Wade was struck down by the Supreme Court earlier this year, the fight is not over. Michigan has a decades-old law that makes abortion a felony. The law has not taken effect as a Michigan judge has issued an injunction blocking the state law from being enforced. Additionally, there will likely be a proposal on the Michigan Ballot in November - Reproductive Freedom for All - that would amend the state Constitution to make reproductive freedom a right in our state.

One of the actions we as Catholics can take to get this proposal defeated (other than voting in November) is to pray. Fr. Paul has asked our council to help pray that this proposal does not pass as part of the Eucharist Adoration planned for October and November. Fr. Paul mentioned that he would appreciate having people at Adoration from noon to 6:00PM. Please note that any and all family members are welcome (these times are not limited to just Knights). Please [click here](#) to sign-up.



Do NOT miss the next corporate Communion

The next Corporate Communion for our Council will be Sunday, October 30, 2022, 10:30am. Fr. Paul will recognize the Knights of Columbus that are in attendance. Note that the Knights will be covering the service positions. Knights are asked to wear their KofC shirt (if you have one). Please [click here](#) to sign-up.

District 114 Exemplification

On August 28, 2022, District 114 held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. John Neumann. Ten new Knights were added to our fraternity, with an additional brother moving from the first to third degree.



Annual Soccer Challenge



Our Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be on September 18, 2022 after the 12:30pm Mass. The competition is

designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick.

Open to all boys and girls in our community, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Points are awarded based on the placement of the ball into specific areas of the goal. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event.

All participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Winners progress to the regional, state, and international levels.

Help is needed on Saturday, September 17 at 6:00pm to help set up the net and field for the challenge.

Help is also needed on Sunday, September 18, after the 12:30 Mass, to help run the event. This includes signups, scoring, chasing balls etc.

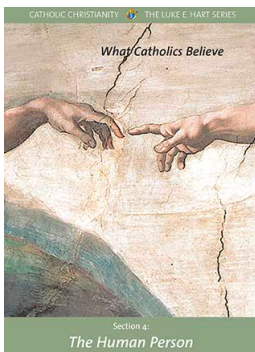
Please [click here](#) to sign-up.



Sign Up Opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup: (click on the links below to sign up.)

- [September/October 2022: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)
- [September/October 2022: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [September/October 2022: Eucharistic Adoration](#)
- [September 11: Council Fundraiser: Plymouth Rotary's Chicken BBQ Event](#)
- [September 17/18: KofC Soccer Challenge Help](#)
- [September 18: Parish Picnic](#)
- [September 24-26: Retreat at St. Paul Retreat Center](#)
- [October 2: Life Chain](#)
- [October 6: AAA Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraising Banquet](#)
- [October 7/8: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Tim Horton's Drive Through in front of Meijer on Ford Rd](#)
- [October 7/8: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Busch's at Canton Center and Cherry Hill](#)
- [October 8/9: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)
- [October 30: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

104 – The Human Person

To learn the Catholic faith well, not only do we have to understand something about God, but we also need to understand something about our human need as men and women created by God. Our understanding of the human person will affect our understanding of the great questions: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose? What happens after I die? This booklet will provide an overview of the Catholic understanding of the human person. Thanks to the Saint Gregory Society for providing music.

[Click here for this months audio version of Featured Booklet](#)

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. [Download PDF.](#)

Or go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/booklets.html>



Mental Impairment Drive

(aka MI Drive, aka Tootsie Rolls Drive)
It was 48 years ago that three members of a Chicago Council Number 4698, CC Boyle Council, in Tinley Park wanted to do

something to support people with mental retardation. They came to this decision because one of the member's daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. They started what today that has become known as the Mental Impairment Drive. This drive has been known for the tootsies rolls that we give in thanks for the donations we received.

We conduct this drive twice a year, on the Columbus Day week end and also the Palm Sunday week end. This years co-chairmen, Larry Redman and Ron Budzisz .

This years we will not only be soliciting after all the masses but will also be at Kroger, Tim Hortons, and Busches.

The proceeds from these drives have shared by Canton All Stars St. Louis Center, ChelseaSt. Francis Camp on the Lake in previous years .

Please signup to help. It only requires about 10 to 15 minutes of your time to help after a Mass or one or two hours to help at one of the stores.

Bring Family Prayer to your house



Start with Grace before meals

Need a Badge or a New Shirt?



Contact Brother Joe Bradley, for name badges at csmjb@protonmail.com (734-673-0004)

And Brother Mike Cartier for shirts, jackets, hats, etc. mikeandnoel81@comcast.net (734-459-5635)

Carry and Pray your Rosary Daily

Cans for Seminararians



Returnable cans and bottles are again being collected and refunded for our seminararians.

For the month s of September and October, our council will again have the ability to refund all the returnable containers that are being collected outside the church.

You can help either by returning all your containers to the collection bin near the religious education door or you can volunteer to collect and return the containers to the store.

Sign up today. Click on this link

[September/October 2022: Cans for Seminararians Help](#)

Protecting God's Children

Reminder to new Knights:

Protecting God's Children:

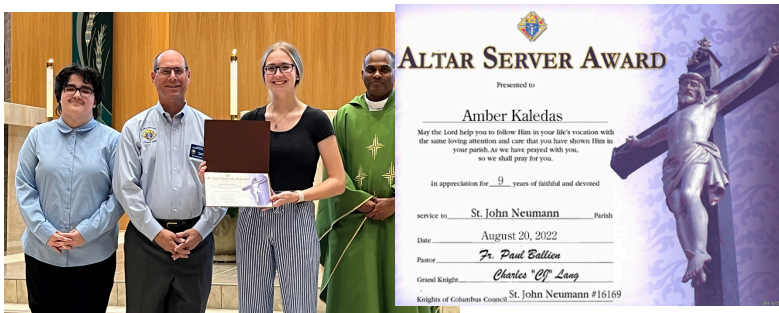
All Knights who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license and volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD), forms available at <https://sjncanton.org/christian-service> and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed. The Protecting God's Children is available online https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm.

Altar Servers Recognized

Two altar servers were recognized by our Council



Daniel Asika and his family, along with Jessica Hurst and Fr. Paulo, awarded August 14 after 12:30 mass. Daniel Asika received the Altar Server Award at the conclusion of the August 14, 2022, 12:30PM Mass. Daniel has been an altar server for two years and is leaving for college soon.



Amber Kaledas received the Altar Server Award at the conclusion of the August 20, 2022, 4:30PM Mass. Amber has been an altar server for nine years and is leaving for college soon.



This year we have upgraded our golf outing. On September 24, 2022 at Salem Hills Golf Club at 9am Shotgun start. Registration and sign in starts at 8 am. / Hot Dogs and Chips are provided at the turn.

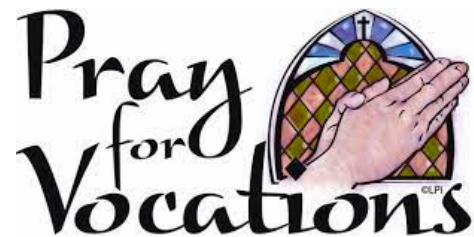
The \$100 fee includes 18 holes of Golf, Cart and the hotdog snack at the turn cost. You can form your own foursome or come as an individual. And we will assign you to a foursome. Sign up online or contact Randy Martin at rem7662@aol.com.

If you are not a golfer but would like to help, please ask your employer or a business that you frequent to support our golf outing. A **hole sponsor** will cost \$150 and they will have a sign on the tee area of the sponsored hole. Also a businesses can donate prizes or gift cards to be used at the event.



Salem Hills GOLF CLUB

There will also be a **50/50 drawing** on the day of the outing.



Tailgate Party



Plan on enjoying the big game on Saturday, October 29. With your fellow Knights. More details will follow in the October newsletter.

Len Carravallah is the lead for this event and is looking for help with the

committee. Please contact Len at lcarravallah@gmail.com to help.



Mother Theresa needs your Help

St. John Neumann is donating the large statue of St. Theresa of Calcutta to the St. Mary Cause of our Joy parish in Westland. However, we are having difficulty transporting her. Several knights have volunteered the use of their pick up trucks, however, the statue is too heavy and large to move. The statue base measures 4 ft. By 4 ft. And the state os 5 feet tail. The weight is estimated between 600 to 800 lbs. We need some kind of a lift to place her either in a large truck or a flat bed trailer that could hold that weight. The lifting equipment would be needed at both Churches. If anyone has any suggestion or has access to the equipment needed please contact either Ron Rathbun at 734 928 5249 or ronaldrathbun@gmail.com or Dan Pfeifer at danielpfeiffer1411@gmail.com.

We have gotten an estimate from a company we said they could do it but would like \$2,000 in payment.

For the most up to Date Council information visit our website <https://kofc16169.org>



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles or information to be included in the monthly newsletter is the 24th of

every month. Please send any info to newsletter16169@gmail.com.



UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

To date, our members and friends have donated \$19,046,382.

As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus continue to work with our councils in Poland and Ukraine, the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches, and partner NGOs to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, religious supplies, and other humanitarian needs as identified as the situation continues to change.

100% of your donation goes directly to support those effected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Knights of Columbus all over the world stand in solidarity, ready to support the 1,889 Knights and their families, the Church, and all in need in Ukraine. Click on the link below:

DONATE NOW

A Message from our Insurance Agent

Dear Brother,

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.



While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today .

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security.

Vivat Jesus!

T.J. McCully FIC
Assistant General Agent

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16169 2022 CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE



Saturday, September 24, 2022

8 a.m. sign-in – 9 a.m. Shotgun Start

- Men and Women (Mixed Teams Welcomed)
- Four Person Teams - \$100.00 per Person
- Closest to the Pins & Long Drive Contests
 - Mulligans for Sale
 - Raffles, Prizes & Auction Items
 - Hot Dog Lunch at Turn
- Short Prize and Winner Presentation after Golf

SALEM HILLS GOLF CLUB

8810 SIX MILE ROAD, NORTHVILLE, MI 48168

For ticket information, contact R. Martin at rem7662@aol.com or

See the SJN Website, sjncanton.org