



NEUMANN KNIGHTS

St John Neumann Knights of Columbus
 Council 16169
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 Canton, Mi 48187

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2023, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for your warm, caring and generous service to our Knight Families, parishioners and community this past year. It is who we are; a Council that serves! Congratulations to those who were recognized throughout the year as “Knight of the Month” and as “Family of the Month”. Your example of service shines for all of us!



We had many accomplishments that we celebrated throughout the year and

we also had a few setbacks that came our way. We made it through with prayer and our Lord’s Blessing. Our Brother, Jeff Matheny, went home to our Lord on December 18th. He will be remembered as one who served always willing to assist, even up to the end. As he was nearing the end, DGK, Steve Sarlitto, and myself asked him to remember all his Brother Knights. He smiled and said he would. Jeff’s last goal was to get to Christmas Mass with his family and to see his grandson’s perform as Alter Servers. I feel the Lord took him early so he could share Christmas Mass with Him. Please remember Jeff and his family in your prayers and those on our Prayer List.

We ended the year with a celebration at our December Membership meeting. It was a grand sight to see 86 Brother Knights in attendance. This was our largest attended meeting since the start of the covid-19 pandemic. We celebrated with an awesome Holiday Buffet that the Officers prepared for everyone’s enjoyment. I watched with amazement, the beautiful fellowship taking place amongst the Brothers taking time to share stories and experiences with each other. It was truly a special evening and a grand way to launch into the New Year! I pray that everyone will continue to attend our meetings and encourage those that are not, to join us and share in the wonderful fellowship of our Brothers.

As we enter this new year, let us be mindful of the virtues of our Faith, especially Prudence, Fortitude, Brotherly Love, Humility, Hope, Charity and Diligence. I pray that we will all do our very best to serve. We all have personal issues that often times, allows us to compromise ourselves from serving others. Service to others is extremely rewarding, even the smallest gesture or prayer will make a difference. When called to serve, respond with joy!

My Brothers, I sincerely appreciate everything you are doing and what you will do in the future. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and minds to help us discern how we are called to serve this new year; a year of fulfillment!

Blessings,
 Chuck “CJ” Lang

Chaplain

Rev. Paul Ballien

District Deputy

Brian Zahn,

Grand Knight

Chuck Lang

Deputy Grand Knight

Steve Sarlitto

Chancellor

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Inside Guard 2

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Paul Bak

Outside Guard 2

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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

In Memory

Brother Knight Jeff Matheny Dies at age 65



With Great Sorrow We have to Announce the Death of our Brother Knight Jeff Matheny on December 18, 2022. Jeff was our current Treasurer and has served not only our council but also the entire St. John Neumann community. Jeff will be greatly missed by all.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died in a monastery in the Vatican at the age of 95.

Pope Benedict was born Joseph Ratzinger in Germany in 1927. He was ordained as a priest in 1951, made a cardinal in 1977, and later served as chief theological adviser to Pope John Paul II. He was elected pope in April 2005, following John Paul II's death. He was known to be more conservative than his successor, Pope Francis. Pope Benedict XVI died in a monastery on December 31.



Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers

Kristin Stroening, Neice of Bro Ron Kretschmer, friend of Pkg Ed A Hurst Jr.
 Michael Bodzianowski ,relative of Pkg EdHurst Jr.
 Matt Utter, Son of SK Larry Utter, friend Pkg Edward A Hurst Jr.
 Kristin Stroening, niece of Bro Ron Kretschmer
 Bro Don & Rita Schlagheck
 Paul Redman, brother of Larry Redman
 Suzanne Brunson, wife of State Faith Director Greg Brunson
 Linda Pfeiffer, wife of bro Dan Pfeiffer
 Steven Pink, nephew of Ron Kretschmer
 Barbara Miller, cousin of bro Jerry Heiss
 Ashlie Eslick, cousin of Pkg Ed A Hurst Jr.
 Chris Scanlan, friend of Pkg Ed A Hurst Jr.
 David Grant, friend of Pkg Ed A Hurst Jr

Gerard Jankowiak, brother of bro Cam Jankowiak
 Bob Caravallah, brother of bro Len Caravallah
 Wojas Family, friends of GK Chuck Lang Steve and Pam Sarlitto
 Janet Schneider, friend of bro Ron Kretschmer
 Brother Paul Bak
 Brother Daniel T Timmerman
 Susan Hurst, relative of Pkg Ed A. Hurst Jr.
 Chris Kroll, friend of Dave Andreolli
 Fr. Paul Ballien
 Jason Richardson, relative of Pkg Ed Hurst Jr.
 Richard Baehre, friend of bro Gene Suchyta
 Peter Mulka, friend of br Larry P Redman
 SK Hans Hansen
 Lady Laura Scanlan
 George Hurley, friend o Joe Bradley & Gene Suchyta



At the December meeting two outstanding Knights were recognized as Knights of the Month.

*Dan Pfeiffer,
Knight of the Month December 2022*

Dan is married to Linda. They have five children. Dan has been active with the Knights serving as Faith Director, Chairmen of the Corpus Christi Procession and the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon. He is a committee member with the Special Olympics Halloween Dance and Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally. He serves at Pancake breakfasts, sells Tootsie Rolls for the Michigan Drive and was the creator and organizer of the "Choose Life" sign Rally effort. He promotes and attends 24-hour Adoration, attends daily Mass and serves the parish as Lector, Usher, Sacristan and Weekly Rosary

*Congratulations
to Dan for all of his contributions.*

*Jeff Matheny
Knight of the Month December 2022*

We are proud to award the Knight of the Month for December to Jeff Matheny., Jeff is originally from Bradley Illinois. He and his wife Lynne moved to Canton in 1994 and they have been Parishioners here at SJN since then. Jeff and Lynne have been married 40 year this year. They have three daughters: Milyne, Sarah and Meghan They have seven grandchildren, 4 boys and 3 girls Jeff retired from Linde Gas in 2021 Jeff has been very active at St. John Neumann over the almost thirty years they have been parishioners.

He has supported the parish in the following roles and organizations: Parish Council Member, Catechism Teacher, Mass Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, assisted with Youth Group, Hospitality, Men's Prayer Breakfast and of course Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to Jeff on this well-deserved award.

January Birthdays

- Alexander R Lams
- Nathaniel J Gasiorowski
- John W Brennan
- Joseph J Smyth
- Andrew A Anyanwu
- Stephen L Kamykowski
- Alan K Nutten
- Robert A Johnson
- Jeffrey A Niszcak
- Michael S Cabaj
- Carl W Zahn
- Timothy P Quinn

YEARS OF SERVICE

1 to 4 Years of Service

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| Gregory J Link (2) | Charles E Kovalik (4) |
| Dr Timothy J Bodnar (3) | Carl W Zahn (4) |

5 to 9 Years of Service

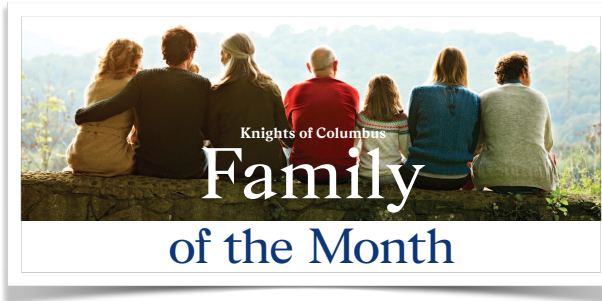
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| Marshall J Grazioli (7) | James R Michalik (7) |
| Edward A Hurst Jr (7) | Robert J Rugenski (7) |
| Ronald G Letourneau (7) | Brian J Zahn, PGK (7) |

10 to 19 Years of Service

- Franklin E Njubigbo (17)

20 Years of Service and above

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| Timothy P Quinn (23) | Mark Richard Rausch (28) |
| James R Korona (39) | |



Before the December meeting Two Families were recognized. The Steve Otting Family for the month of December and the Michael Tallman Family for the month of September.

*Steve & Deb Otting Family
December 2022 Family of the Month*

Steve and Deb have been members of SJN since 1987. They have raised 3 children through SJN, and have been blessed with 3 grandchildren.

Besides the K of C activities, Steve is a Eucharistic Minister, active in the Kitchen Cleaning ministry and the Funeral Luncheon ministry. K of C activities include leading the Cans for Seminarians program, and participating in the Tootsie Roll drive, Salvation Army bell ringer, hospitality weekends, free throw contest, and maintaining the church grounds.

Deb is a Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, and reader. She is active in the Women’s Organization including being the co-chair of the Euchre night fundraiser and the bake sale. She also helps clean the church, delivers Communion to senior citizens, is active in the Pray and Play program and volunteers for Vacation Bible School week!

Congratulations to The Otting Family

*Micheal & Sarah Tallman Family
September 2022 Family of the Month*

Michael has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since December 2019. For the past three years, he has been organizing the Keep Christmas in Christmas contest.

Sarah has been a part of the core Family Ministry team since 2019, and has volunteered with VBS the past 2 years.

They have been married for 12 years, have 5 children Cecilia 10 Margaret 8 Gabriel 7 Theodore 5 and Julia 3.

Michael is a Respiratory Therapist at University of Michigan hospital. Sarah is a stay at home mom and home schools the children. The kids enjoy participating in American Heritage Girls, Baseball and the various events, especially Family Ministry events that take place at St. John Neumann.

Congratulations to the Tallman Family

State Family of the Month: Len and the Carravallah Family



The State Family of the month of December was the Carravallahs. They have been married for 35 years and are blessed with four adults .sons. Len’s activities have included the pancake breakfast, Tootsie Roll Drive, 24-hr Adoration and Right to Life. Laura’s activities have included the SJN Grounds Beautification, SJNWO, Right to Life and taught Religious Ed. They are a perfect example of a model Catholic knight family.

Congratulations Len and Laura!

Council Members Recognized



At the December general meeting, brother **Jeff Domsic** was recognized for receiving his Third Degree honors.



Dave Kubinski, Tom Solak and Cyril Miranda were recognized at the December Meeting for their years of service. CONGRATULATIONS

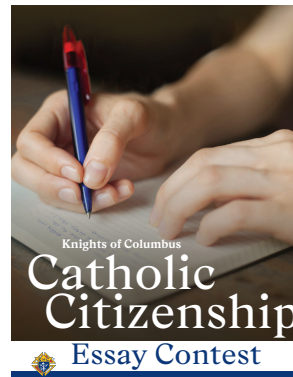
Pictures & Photographers Needed



Did you take any pictures at any of our events? If you did please share them with us. WE are in need of someone to volunteer to take pictures at our events. These pictures will be saved to record our events used in our newsletter and on our web site.and in reports. You do not have to be a professional. All we want is snapshots.

Please attach the pictures to an email and send them to newsletter16169@gmail.com

Our First Essay Contestant Advances



Congratulations to Noella Hurst! She is our first citizenship essay contest winner. Her essay is now at the State level where it will be judged on January 7, 2023. Pray and wish her well.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP THIS MONTH

TELL YOUR SONS & DAUGHTERS AND YOUR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND NEIGHBORS TOO!

There is still time to sign up. And it is FREE! All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. They do not have to be a member of St John Neumann nor do they have to be Catholic. This companion is sponsored annually and the winners will progress through the local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. The event will happen January 28, 2023 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. at St John Neumann Church – Gym (North Entrance) 44880 Warren Road, Canton MI To Pre-Register: E-mail or call Marshall Grazioli at mgraz5@yahoo.com or 248-535-3450 (cell). If you would like to help please contact Marshall.

The details of the companion are as follows: 3 Warm up free throws 15 free throws for scoring (5 extras for tie breakers, if needed) Girls and Boys Ages 9, 10, 11 12 foot distance Woman's size ball Girls Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Woman's size ball Boys Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Regular size ball Winners in each gender/age group move on to District competition and potentially the Archdiocesan Competition (Dates and Locations TBD) and the State Competition on March 19 at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant.



K of C Scholarship Applications are available after Jan 1

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus grants scholarships ? Each has different qualifications and different deadlines for submission. Below are listed those that are available in the United States. There is also a scholarship for seminarians. An applicant must be:

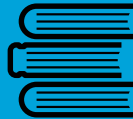
1. Entering freshman year, of a four-year, undergraduate program, leading to a bachelor's degree, at a Catholic college or Catholic university, in the United States.
2. A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, a son or daughter of such a member, or of a such a deceased member, who at the time of death, was in good standing, or a Columbian Squire in good standing. (Not limited to fourth degree members)



U.S. UNDERGRADUATES

An eligible candidate for these scholarships is a K of C member in good standing, a child of the member or of deceased member who was in good standing. Scholarship candidates should be entering the freshman year in an approved Catholic college in the United States and its territories as a fulltime student in a bachelor's degree program. For more information or to apply follow this link :

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/us-undergraduate-scholarships.html?1tab=1tab0>



MATTHEWS AND SWIFT

The Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Scholarships are available to children of members in good standing who are killed or permanently disabled, by hostile action, while serving in the armed forces in a combat zone identified as eligible by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors; as well as the children of fulltime firefighters and law enforcement officers, who while in the lawful performance of their duties, died as a result of criminal violence directed at them. In either event, applications must be filed within two years of the date of death or disability.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/educational-trust-scholarship.html?1tab=1tab0>



BISHOP GRECO

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships assist U.S. students pursuing a master's degree designed for teachers of people with intellectual disabilities. Applicants must be a member in good standing or his wife or child attending a Catholic college/university. This also applies to the widows and children of deceased members who were in good standing.

To For more information or to apply follow this link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/graduate-fellowships.html?1tab=1tab0>



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A select number of undergraduate scholarships are administered by the Catholic University of America, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. There are also fellowships available to help prepare CUA graduates to teach at the university level. Please contact Catholic University of America for Undergraduate and Graduate applications.

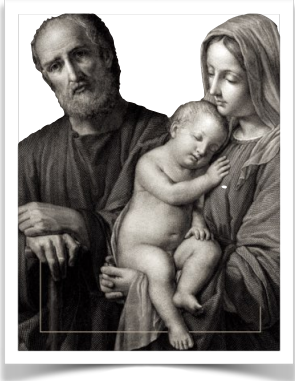
For more information or to apply Contact CUA Undergraduate Contact CUA Graduates Studies

cua-graduatestudies@cua.edu

SEMINARIAN

Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers Scholarships to seminarians studying at major seminaries. Applicants will attain the appropriate ecclesiastical approval, will have been accepted at a major seminary, and will be studying for an (arch)diocese or religious institute in the United States or Canada. For more information or to apply follow this link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/seminarian-scholarships.html?1tab=1tab0>

January is the month of the Holy Family.




To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Please consecrate your family to the Holy Family during the month of January.

O Lord Jesus,
 you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
 There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
 as you prepared to fulfill your mission
 as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

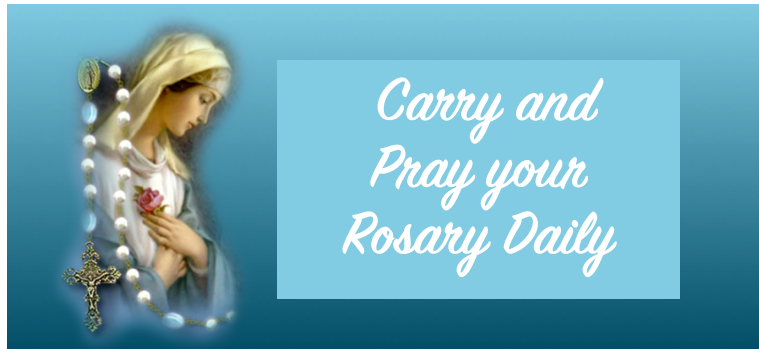
O Blessed Mary,
 you are the Mother of our Savior.
 At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
 and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
 you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
 and gave us a model of fatherhood
 while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
 we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
 May we be completely united
 in a love that is lasting, faithful
 and open to the gift of new life.
 Help us to grow in virtue,
 to forgive one another from our hearts,
 and to live in peace all our days.
 Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
 diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
 May our home, O Holy Family,
 truly become a domestic church
 where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.



2023 State Raffle

With summer winding down and the beginning of football season it's time to plan for the 2023 State Raffle. Once again we've lined up a Great List of CASH Prizes and Vacations to Awesome Michigan Destinations to go with the Top Four Prizes. This joint charity fundraiser of Local Knights of Columbus Councils and the Michigan State Council, returns monies raised directly to Local Councils and Communities. Twenty percent of all GROSS SALES is sent directly to the councils. Check the size of your council's raffle check this year? Can you do better this year? We're asking each council to take a look at the check you earned, directly from the participation of your members and challenge yourselves to do better this year. Sell more tickets as a council and earn more money for your local charitable needs in your community. This year we introduce our EARLY BIRD incentive, giving the chance to directly reward those who sell and/or purchase their book(s) of raffle tickets. Our Early Bird Drawings will take place several times throughout the sales time of the drawing. Each book of tickets will have an EARLY BIRD cover ticket to be filled out and turned in with your complete Sold book of tickets. Each sold book of tickets affords you one chance at every \$250.00 Early Bird Drawing. The more books you sell the more chances you have to win. We still have our traditional seller incentives, 1st – 4th Individual Top Sellers, Council Sellers, etc... There are Forty chances to win. With a little luck of the Irish, one winner just might be you. However, you've gotta buy a ticket to win! Look for details with your raffle tickets mailed to you in mid November. Kevin Rowley Mike Haughey (586) 596-8649 (586) 873-9234 k.rowley@mikofc.org m.haughey@mikofc.org

January & February are Cans for Seminarians Months



Supporting our Seminarians Seminarians are in need of our help and support. They not only need our financial support but also our emotional and spiritual support. We have two ongoing programs to answer these needs.

The Cans for Seminarians program runs 12 months of the year. Every two months the Knights share this program with the Women Club.

This project has turned out to be a great success. The success is due to not only the thousands of cans that our parishioners have donated but also a large part due to the seemingly endless trips that a few of our brother knights have been making, traveling back and forth between the church collection bin and the stores to redeem these can donations. Thanks to all who have either donated returnable cans or those who spend hours redeeming them.

To volunteer to assist in this program please follow this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da5a62ba2ffc43-januaryfebruary#/>

Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest was open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Each poster had to reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image.

Each poster was judged on the following criteria :

1. Slogan — 30 Points:
2. Visuals — 30
3. Points:Overall Impact — 40 points.

The winners from our council’s “Keep Christ in Christmas “ poster contest were announced.

The Winners are :

- Anna Paul in age group 11-14**
- Corrine Porenta in age group 8-10**
- Raymond Otten in age group 5-7**

These winners will move on to the district competition and then to regional , state and finally to the International level.

Watch for updates on these further competitions and hopefully next month we will be able to publish copies of the posters in the newsletter. Stay tuned.



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

108 – The Forgiveness of Sins

There is nothing better than God. And sin separates us from God. Therefore, there is nothing worse than sin. But what exactly is sin? And how is sin forgiven? What is the difference between Catholic and Protestant teachings on this topic? Download the PDF below to help understand these questions.

[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>

A Message from our Faith Director

By Dan Pfeiffer

On January 20th we will celebrate the overturning of Roe vs Wade with the 50th anniversary of the March for Life in Washington DC. Our Supreme Knight has called for all Knights to consider attending and volunteering to help at the various events being held beginning Wednesday the 18th and ending Saturday the 21st. We are told all available busses from Michigan are full but we will monitor that situation. It's an 8 hour drive to DC from Church. Carpooling with four Knights sharing driving is also an option. I have looked into renting a van or 6 passenger SUV. All who are interested in exploring options please text me at 734-892-3894 and we can let the Holy Spirit lead us to the best option.

On Friday, January 20th, we will also have Adoration in Church. All those who aren't able to make the trip could consider praying before the Eucharist sometime between 12PM and 3PM for the Safety of the Marchers and the end to abortion. Not only are the hours of 12 till 3 the actual hours of the March but that is also the time Our Lord hung on the Cross. We lost a hard fought battle in Michigan. We must regroup and pray for God's grace to continue to stand together for Life!!!

There will be a signup genius for Adoration. Take some time to spend with the Lord. Vivat Jesus



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.



Vocations Chalice Opportunities

We associate having a vocation with becoming a priest, brother or nun. However, having a vocations is much larger than that. Vocations include not only these religious orders but also includes the marriage and single life.

When we pray for vocations we are actually praying that a person follows the correct vocation be it a religious life , married life or single life.

In our country and much of the world is suffering from a shortage of Priest and other members of religious life and many of the newer generations are choosing not to marry but to cohabitate.

Please take time to pray that God the Holy Spirit will guide the people of this earth to choose the vocation that He has put us on this earth for, be it religious, married or single.

To assist you with these prayers our council is offering the "Vocations Chalice" for each family to take home without charge for one week to serve as a center of your prayers.

To sign up for this "Vocation Chalice" opportunity follow this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da5a62ba2ffc43-january#/>

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood from our archdiocese and families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son, strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity. Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests, comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call. With Saint Joseph, may they know your love and companionship as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Anne, pray for us.

Elizabeth Foundation Christmas in the Philippines

THANK YOU ST. JOHN NEUMANN COUNCIL for the generous donation of \$500.

Twenty Eight years ago, Five knights decided to start doing something to assist the poor and underprivileged.



Especially, those in the Philippines. Each of these knights donated \$25 each. Food goods were purchased with the assistance of a

Philippines council the food was distributed to the needy of the Bacolod area in the Philippines.

As other southeast Michigan councils heard of this unselfish act of charity, the number of councils that wanted to donate grew. One year, as many as eight councils participated. However, as times got harder and the economy slipped, the number of councils settled on four base councils and one assembly. Our council along with the Msgr. Kerns council, the St. Edith council and the Duns Scotus Council have continued this program since. This year not only these base councils but the Bishop Gallagher Assembly and the St. John Neumann Mens Prayer Breakfast group joined.

With the support of the above mentioned groups and a few individuals,, the Elizabeth Foundation was able to provide food packages of Rice, Sardines and Noodles to over 1,000 individual families this past Christmas season.

Also because of these generous donations, the Elizabeth Foundation has been able to sponsor a "Soup on Wheels" program known as the "Feed My People" program. Under this program every Sunday since last March ,volunteers have met and prepared large kettles of "Arroz Caldo" (a Filipino Chicken, Rice and ginger soup) to be distributed in various poor communities. After the soup is ready it is then transported to the needy area. Here volunteers go door to door and inform the residents to bring some containers for a delicious hot soup meal free of charge.



These programs has been such a great success, before our brother knight returns to Michigan, the Elizabeth Foundation plans to open a second soup kitchen in another location.

If individuals or other service organizations would like to contribute to this tax deductible foundation please contact Brother Ron Rathbun or send your donation to Elizabeth Foundation
12149 Laginess
LaSalle, Mi 48185
elizabethfoundation.net

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! The breakfast last exactly one hour. Stop on your way to work. Just show up no reservations needed.

For more info Contact: Ron Kretschmer

Baptism Team

We are in the process of forming a Baptism team. Members of this team would be present at a baptism and represent the Knights. He would then present the parents with Casey the bear. If you are interested please notify an officer.



Would you like to be a Fourth Degree Knight ?



The council is the basic building block of the Knights of Columbus. When originally conceived, the Knights had only 3 degrees. The Fourth Degree, or "Patriotic" Degree, was established in 1900. Referred to as "Sir Knights," charitable work done by Fourth Degree members tends to be centered around veterans, first responders and other patriotic activities. Further, members of the Fourth Degree can also choose to be members of the Color Corps, representing the Knights of Columbus at various religious and community functions.

While Fourth Degree members meet separately as part of an Assembly (most of our members are with Pope John XXIII Assembly 1536 in Plymouth, MI), almost all Fourth Degree members are still active in their councils. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree, talk to any of the council members that are Sir Knights. Thirty members of our council are currently fourth degree members and the current Faithful Navigator is PGK Ed Hurst Jr. from our council.



The Memorial Chalice Program is designed to memorialize a 4th Degree Sir Knight who has passed away. A chalice, with his name engraved on, is purchased. The chalice is first presented to the family and upon the family's recommendations, the chalice is then presented to the chalice, to a bishop, priest, parish or mission. The deceased Knight is remembered in every Mass in which the chalice is used.

In past few months the Pope John XXIII Assembly has presented four Chalices to the Bishop of Buea in Cameroon and three Chalices were hand carried to the Philippines by brother Sir Knight Ron Rathbun. Brother knight Ron then presented the one chalice to Rev. Fr. Celoy Villarosa, a diocesan priest in Bacolod The remaining two chalices were presented to Redemptorist Priests, Rev Fr. Julius Martin Malacas, CSsR and Rev.

Fr. Arnel Rallos,CSsR .

On December 23, 2022, the assembly provided a honor guard for funeral of Brother Jeff Matheny.

An upcoming fundraiser will held at Krazy Kops. The Sir knights of council can volunteer to assist by contacting the Faithful Navigator.

TOGETHER, WE MARCH FOR LIFE

Local Marches/Memorials

- **Gaylord RTL** - Thursday, January 19, 2023 1pm
St. Mary Cathedral School, 321 N Otsego
- **RTL of Ogemaw County March for Life**
Saturday, January 21, 2023 10:45am
417 W Houghton, West Branch
- **Holland Area RTL** - Saturday, January 21, 2023 11am
Central Ave. Christian Reform Church
259 Central Ave., Holland
- **Bay County RTL Prayer Service**
Sunday, January 22, 2023 1pm
Bay County Building, 515 Center Ave., Bay City
- **Downriver March for Life**
Sunday, January 22, 2023 Noon
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Wyandotte



Protecting God's Children

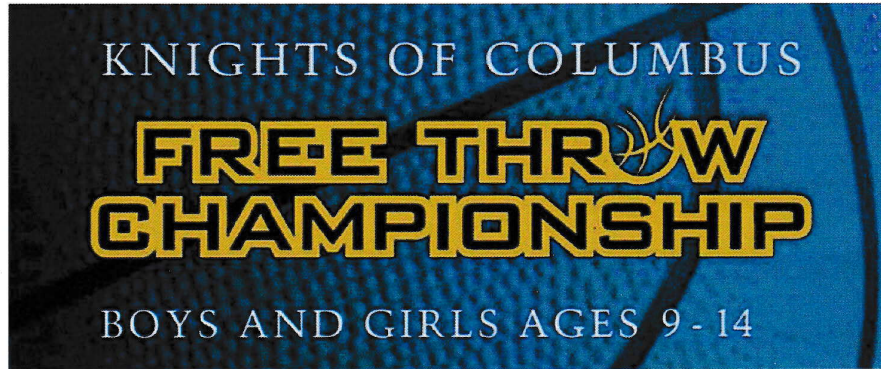
Reminder to new Knights:

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.

Free Throw Challenge!

January 28, 2022 - 1:30 to 3:30 PM



Sponsored by: St John Neumann K of C Council #16169

Where: St John Neumann Church – Gym (North Entrance)
44880 Warren Road, Canton MI

*You do not have to be a parishioner or Catholic to participate
All are welcome!*

Who: Girls and Boys Ages 9 to 14 (age on February 1, 2023)

To Pre-Register: E-mail or call Marshall Grazioli at
mgraz5@yahoo.com or 248-535-3450 (cell)

Pre-Registration is not required but would be appreciated!
Registration at the event starts at 1:30 PM (proof of age needed)

Details

3 Warm up free throws	15 free throws for scoring (5 extras for tie breakers, if needed)
Girls and Boys	Ages 9, 10, 11 12 foot distance Woman's size ball
Girls	Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Woman's size ball
Boys	Ages 12, 13, 14 15 foot (Regular Free Throw) Regular size ball

Winners in each gender/age group move on to District competition and potentially the Archdiocesan Competition (Dates and Locations TBD)

And the State Competition on March 19 at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant.

There is No Charge for this Event!