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From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Brother Knights

Prophets of a future not our own!

While serving as a priest in the Detroit Archdiocese, Bishop Ken Untener wrote the following for a talk to be given by Cardinal John F. Dearden of Detroit. I felt a need to share it with you especially with the many challenges we are all being faced with today.

“ It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church’s mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.”

That’s who we are, Knights, doing our very best to serve, to plant some seeds where we can and water the ones already here. We are the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus,
Grand Knight



Chuck Lang, Grand Knight

General Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall.
Officers meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Baldwin Hall and are open to all members.

Family of the Month of August

The Brian Paul Family



Brian and his daughter, Emsley, are active and long time parishioners of St John Neumann.

Brian has been a catechism teacher for many years. He serves as a lector and volunteers to usher when needed. He volunteers his time to the SJN garden beautification team. Serves as a VBS Volunteer. And Brian routinely supports our Knights Membership Drives and Mental Impairment Drives here at SJN.

Brian's daughter, Emsley, is a mass helper. And has volunteered for several years to work with the VBS team.

Let's congratulate Brian and his daughter, Emsley, for their kind and loving service to our Parish over the years!

Family of the Month of September

The Lawrence O'Hara Family

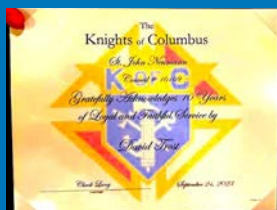


Larry and Allison have been married for 40 years. They have been members of SJN for 31 years. They have two daughters, Lauryn and Marissa. As a Knight, Larry has been involved with the basketball free throw contest, soccer skills challenge, Cans for Seminarians, the MI Drive, Reverse Raffle tickets sales, Knights State Raffle, Pancake Breakfasts and the 24 hour Adoration. Larry has been a volunteer in the SJN Nursery, Serves on the Leave No Knight Behind committee and is presently Co-Chair of the Parish Picnic this weekend.

His wife, Allison, has been a catechist for 20 years! She is currently a catechist for the first grade and for the Children's Catholic Encounter. She has volunteered in the SJN Nursery, served as a VBS group Leader and presently serves on the parish picnic committee with Larry. Daughter Lauryn, made her first Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation at SJN. She has been involved in the High School Youth Group, served as a classroom assistant for religious formation and a group leader for VBS. Now married, Lauryn and her husband Michael have blessed Larry and Allison with 6 grandchildren – 2 granddaughters and 4 grandsons.

Marissa received all her sacraments here at SJN and was involved in the high school youth group.

Join me in congratulating Larry and Allison O'Hara and their family for their outstanding service to our Parish and the Knights.



*Knight of the Month August 2023
David Trost*

David joined the Knights ten years ago in 2013.

David has served in many capacities through the past several years. Presently he volunteers for the Vocations Chalice effort, Parish Picnic, Cans for Seminarians, Adoration and Security and The Vacation Bible School volunteer team. He is also on the team for the Set-up/Take Down of Crosses on Parish Lawn and the Parish Christmas Decoration . In addition, he serves on the Leave No Knight Behind committee. His event volunteer service includes Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales and the MI Drive effort. In addition, this year he Co-Chaired of a very successful Knights Golf outing to raise funds to support our Council's Charitable efforts.

In offering to serve his community, He volunteers Bi-Monthly at the Hospitality Desk for the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center and weekly, delivers the Eucharist to the residence at the Brickford Assisted Living Home. Please Join me in congratulating David Trost for his service to our Parish, Our Council and the community.



Brother Knights , Friends and Family In Need of our Prayers

Ellen Nelson, friend of brother Bill Springer
 Tony Sereno, friend of brother George Peters
 Brother Jim Jermanus
 Brother Joe Bradley
 Marcia Safran, wife of brother John Safran
 Alan Nutten
 Sally Meibers, wife of brother Steve Meibers
 Brother Bill Dierker

Mara Carravallah & Graham Leonard Carravallah,
 daughter-in-law and grandson of Len Carravallah
 Kathie Myers, spouse of brother Mike Myers
 Lee Ann Farrell, friend of brother Dan Pfeiffer
 Brother Robert Victor
 Ed Hurst, Jr., FN, PGK
 Makenna Rugenski, daughter of Robert J Rugenski



October Birthdays

Kenneth A Plonka (10-02)
 Joseph M Henn Jr (10-10)
 Dr Mark D Richter (10-11)
 Robert A Wielechowski (10-11)

Vincent O Anwunah (10-14)
 Peter F Kowalski (10-17)
 Thomas E Solak (10-19)
 Daniel T Timmerman, PGK (10-19)
 Dr John R Becker (10-22)

Michael J Polovich (10-22)
 Charles E Wilson (10-26)
 Court C Holliday (10-27)
 Jorge A Lopez (10-28)

Years of Service

1 to 9 YEARS OF SERVICE



Dan Schneider (2)
 Joseph C Carnes (2)
 Joseph D Maclellan (3)
 Joseph A Wedesky (4)
 Timothy M Wood (4)

Wayne T Worosz (4)
 Steven M Otting (4)
 Michael J Polovich (4)
 Michael J Robinson (4)
 Dennis Keshishian (4)

John C Kim (4)
 Joseph G Nagi (4)
 David J Andreolli (4)
 Deacon Patrick T Conlen (4)
 Richard J Florence (4)

10 TO 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Joseph C Bradley (7) Michael J Cartier (7) Gary R Sienkiewicz (7) Robert A Wielechowski (7)

21 YEARS AND MORE OF SERVICE

George K. Peters (14) Rev Ronald S Richards (15) James L Whitney (17) Stephen L Kamykowski (34)



Wedding Anniversaries

Ronald A & Suzanne Budzisz (10-20)
 Ronald E & Sandy Kretschmer (10-20)
 William E & Ginny Springer (10-29)

Gary R & Carol Sienkiewicz (10-13)
 Eugene J & Kathleen Suchyta (10-13)

Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Month of October

- Vocations Chalice
- Cans for Seminarians

October 6 & 7

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Busch

Friday, October 7

- Essay Contest Due

Saturday, October 7

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN & Resurrection
- SJN Fall Festival

Sunday, October 8

- MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - SJN & Resurrection
- Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, October 10

- 6:30pm Knights Nosh!
- 7:00pm General Meeting

Saturday, October 14

- 12:00pm Rosary Procession

Saturday, October 21

- Prep Bowl

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00pm Business Meeting

Friday, October 27

- 6:00pm Special Olympics Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 28

- Fall Membership Drive, Resurrection

Sunday, October 29

- 10:30am Corporate Communion
- Fall Membership Drive, Resurrection

Saturday, November 4

- Parish Grounds clean up

Sunday, November 5

- After 11:30 mass

Exemplification at

Wednesday, November 8

- 11 am Michigan March for Life

Tuesday, November 14

- 6:30pm Knights Nosh!
- 7:00pm General Meeting

Friday, November 17

- KofC SJN Wine Tasting

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00pm Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- Knights Holiday Gathering with Spouses

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

- 7:00pm Business Meeting

Proposed ByLaws Amendment

The Supreme council has decided to increase the per capita amount that is levied against each council. Also our council officers have proposed to subsidize the cost of name badges for all members. To off set these two increase in expenses , the following amendment to our bylaws is proposed. This prosaic will allow for an increase in the dues for regular members of our councils. The increase will be only a \$5 increase per year. This proposal will be brought before the membership at the next two meetings and then hopefully approved by vote of the membership. Please attend the next two meetings to express your concerns and vote. On this very important issue. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

“Article 1, Section 3. Each member shall pay annual dues. The annual dues of members shall be \$45.00, except honorary members who shall pay the sum of State and Supreme Council per capita changes and levies, and honorary life members who shall pay nothing. A reduced rate of dues for insured members under 26 years of age may be established, but it shall not be less than \$3.00 per year. Except as stated above, the dues of associate and insurance member shall be the same.”

A Message from Our District Deputy

By DD Dan Timmerman

I would like to thank all the Knights who helped at the Special Olympic Soccer Games on September 23, at Independence Park in Canton. With help from Knights from other councils we served five hundred athletes. Thank you for all your support.

I would also like to thank all the Brother Knights who helped with the recruiting drives at Resurrection and St. John Neumann. At this writing, we have five new members to exemplify on November 5. Please consider joining the luncheon and exemplification that will take place after the 11:00 mass at Resurrection. Watch for more information on this event.

On November 8 there will be a Michigan March for Life at the state capital. The rally will start at 11:00 and the march will start at 12:00. For more information go to MI.MarchforLife.org. This date is the anniversary of the passage of Proposal 3. Please consider joining other Knights and friends in this statewide event.

Thank you for all that you continue to do.

God Bless
Dan Timmerman
District Deputy #114
Faith and Family First

Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup Just click on the event below to volunteer:

[October 2023: Cans for Seminarians Help](#)

[October, November, December 2023: Vocations Chalice](#)

[October 6/7: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Busch's at Canton Center and Cherry Hill](#)

[October 7/8: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)

[October 7/8: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)

[October 7: Chili Cook-off Participant](#)

[October 7/8: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection](#)

[October 14: America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Help](#)
[October 27: Special Olympics Halloween Dance](#)

[October 28/29: Resurrection Fall Membership Drive](#)

[October 29: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)
[November 5: State Council Hosted ECUF and Lunch](#)

For activates being coordinated by our Knights of Columbus council, contact [Gene Suchyta](#) if you need to make a change or need to cancel an activity for which you have signed-up.



Halloween Dance For Young Adults with Special Needs

By John Crabil

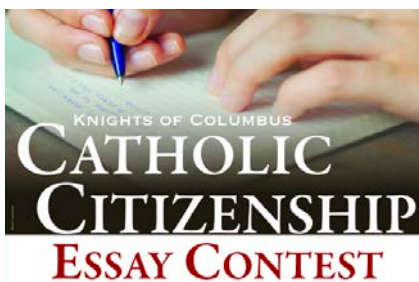
The St John Neumann Knights will sponsor a Halloween dance for young adults with special needs again this year. This will be our seventh time of

sponsoring this event. The St. John Newman Woman's Organization, Civitans, PCStars Special Olympics representatives, St. John Neumann middle school youth group, Alhambras, and church volunteers support us in this event.

Registration starts at 6 pm and the dance goes from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Ballwin Hall on Friday, October 27, 2023. The price of admission is one bag of candy to share. Pizza and other refreshments will be provided. Parents/Care Providers are encouraged to chaperone.

The chairman for this program is John Crabil (313-460-9778). Help from the Knights will be needed in hall setup, food distribution and cleanup after the dance. Please volunteer when the sign-up list is activated in early October.

If you know of a young athlete with special needs that would like to attend please RSVP to Cindy Fox at (cindypcstars@gmail.com).



The goal of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools.

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students –in public, private or parochial

schools in grades 8,9,10,11 and 12 during the current school year.

The theme of the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest will be "How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?"

Upon completion, the first place entry for each grade level (5 total) will be forwarded to the district level of competition. The winners of the district level will then compete in the state level and then on to the international level. The winning essays from state level competitions will be judged by a panel appointed by the Supreme Knight. There will be a 1st place and 2 runner up winners for each grade level

Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work. Essays must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length. The student's name should appear only on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Representatives from our council will speak to the middle schools and high schools and youth groups of the area. If you are interested in helping in speaking, judging or participating in the contest please contact the Essay chairman, Christopher Kotcher (CJKOTCHER@GMAIL.COM) or Program director David Trost,

Mental Impairment Drive



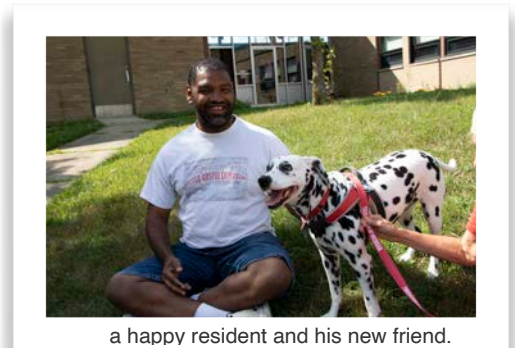
Worthy Brother Knights,

Twice each fraternal year we ask for donations for our Mental Impairment Drive. The spring drive takes place on Palm Sunday weekend and the fall drive usually takes place around a weekend near Columbus Day, in October. Our collections take place after each mass at St. John Neumann and Resurrection Parishes, on those weekends.

Also, a few local businesses have granted us permission to stand in front of their business to ask for donations from their customers. Thank you goes out to the two Kroger Canton locations and Busch's Marketplace. The drives at the Kroger locations are conducted in the spring and at Busch's in the fall. Standing in front of these business gives the Knights of Columbus great exposure in the community and tells our story about charity.

In the 2022/23 fraternal year our council collected over \$7,500. Brother Knights, Larry Redman and I stand and salute you, for the great effort that you put out for this worthy cause. Please be aware, that from the money we raise each year we do not deduct out any expenses. Our council has a line item in our budget for any expenses.

Budgeted expenses include Tootsie Rolls, yellow vests that we wear and canisters to collect the money. So, you may be asking what do we do with the money that we collect? Twenty percent is sent to the Michigan State Knights of Columbus. The money they receive from all the councils in the state goes to support their numerous charitable organizations and activities at the state level. Eighty percent of the funds are left for us to donate to worth charities. Currently we support St. Louis Center in Chelsea, Mi., St. Francis Camp on the Lake in Jerome Mi., and locally the Plymouth/Canton All Stars Special Olympics.



a happy resident and his new friend.



the newly renovated St. Joseph Home.

In this article I would like to talk about St. Louis Center and the great work they do. St. Louis Center is located on a beautiful 180-acre campus on Old U.S. Highway 12, west of Chelsea Mi. Fr. Enzo Addari, is the CEO of St. Louis Center. They provide residential housing and services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), in a faith-based community. Currently there are 53 people residing at the center. Adult residents with IDD range in age from 18- 80, and some have lived at the center for more than 40 years. Several of the residents have jobs in the community and other residents have jobs on campus, such as taking care of the buildings and grounds and working in the kitchen. Also, the residents have a lot of fun activities, throughout each week. My wife and I had a chance to visit and tour St. Louis Center this past April. We both were truly impressed with the staff and the great work taking place there. The residents are very well cared for and happy to be there. As we were leaving after our visit that day, we both had tears in our eyes. These were not sad tears, they were happy tears, that 53 of God's special people have a very nice place to live and have great caring staff. If you ever have the chance to visit St Louis Center, please do so, you will be impressed. St. Louis Center welcomes visitors, but please call ahead to schedule your visit. For more information, please visit their website, www.stlouiscenter.org. Visit the Michigan State Knights of Columbus website, mikofc.org for more information on their charitable activities.

Our fall MI Drive takes place on October 6, 7 & 8. Please go to mikofc.org to sign up.

Thanks to Larry Redman for his leadership and being co-chair for the Mental Impairment Drive.



Fr. Enzo (left) at the dedication ceremony of the St. Joseph Home

God Bless,
Ron Budzisz
MI Drive, Co-Chair

You CAN make a Difference



Cans for seminarians has returned. During October, our council is collecting returnable cans and bottles. The

proceeds from these returnables are used to support our sponsored seminarians. You can help by either , dropped off all your returnable to the collection point outside the north entrance to the church or you can volunteer to help collect and return the deposits. To sign up either click on the link in the Sign Up Opportunities on page 5 of this newsletter or on the link found in our website.

Membership Update

Council membership information is as follows:

. Our quota from Supreme for the 2023-2024 Father McGivney Award (one of the three components required to attain Star Council status) is 12 so we are at 50% of our quota with 10 months remaining in the fraternal year.

Total membership is 201 (160 associate and 41 insurance).

Total Regular Membership is 187, Honorary Membership 3 and Honorary Life Membership 11

Annual Parish Picnic

The parish picnic was enjoyable and successful this year. There was a wonderful turnout of about 450-500 people. The events at the picnic included a petting farm, pony rides, games for all, a face painter and a D.J. that provided good music and got people dancing. The Canton Fire Department as well as the Canton Police Department with their canine unit came to share their time and expertise of their jobs and equipment. The SJN Women's Organization and parish volunteers assisted in many areas as well as providing delicious desserts and the candy walk. A special thanks to the following Knights for their help in making the picnic a success: Dave Andreolli, Andrew Anyanwu, Jeff Battistella, Paul Bak, Phil Brooks, Luke Buehlo, Deacon Pat Conlen, Dan Hankins, Cam Jankowiak, Ron Kretschmer, Dave Kubinski, Chuck Lang, Randy Martin, Steve Otting, Dennis Oszust, George Peters, Leo Petretta, Mike Polovich, Don Pratt, Dan Timmerman, Joe Camill, Bill Springer ,Bill, Franke ,Steve Sarlitto ,Jim Pryce, Geraldo De La'Torre and David Trost.

I apologize if anyone was not mentioned in the list above.

God Bless,

Jeff Domsic and Larry O'Hara



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet

117 – Holy Orders & Anointing the Sick

This booklet deals with two sacraments: Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick. All baptized people are called to contribute to the work of salvation. In the Church, priests of Jesus Christ are dedicated to the service of communion. So what is a priest? The letter of Saint James says that if someone is sick we are to call the priest so that they can pray over the sick person anointing him or her with oil in the name of the Lord. What do we believe about the sacrament of anointing?



[You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure. Click here to Download pdf version .](#)

[Click here for the Audio version .](#)

ROSARY RALLY RECALLING THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

By Dan Pfiefer



You are invited to commemorate the Miracle of the Sun that occurred on October 13th, 1917. An estimated 30,000 to 40,000 people in Fatima experienced a cosmic event that was photographed and reported in Portuguese newspapers. Mary had promised a miracle to the three sisters and on Saturday October 14th at 12 noon we will Pray the rosary in front of the church to commemorate this Miracle. Please join us to honor Our Blessed Mother.

Our Secret Weapon

By David Trost

The Rosary has been described a 'secret prayer weapon' of prayer.

A little over 100 years ago, Mary appeared to three young peasant children in Fatima, Portugal. She specifically instructed the children to pray the Rosary for the conversion of sinners – " Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of war."

Jesus calls every one of us to ongoing conversion and invitation of faith.....



We have 2 opportunities where we can pray the Rosary as Parish Families and grow closer to our Lord.

October 7th at St. Thomas a'Becket – Start Time 11:00 am

Fr. Pat Brennan from St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center will be the guest speaker for the topic – "The Rosary: A surprising Dynamo of Our Faith!"

Meet in the new Prayer Garden located on the south side of the south parking lot. Bad weather backup will be in the courtyard rooms located in church.

October 14th at St. John Neumann – Start Time 12:00 Noon

Theme: America Needs Fatima (Protect unborn and renew faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist)

Meet in the front lawn of church. Chairs will be available for those in need.

St. Paul of the Cross Men's Retreat

By David Trost

Men of the parish took part of a spiritual weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on Sep 22-24 th . A retreat is a precious opportunity to slow down, renew faith, to experience the loving presence of God and to seek the wisdom so necessary for good daily living.



This year's theme 'Dancing with God' invited retreat-ants to take time for the inner dance. To lean into the movement of our Trinitarian God, within and around us, inviting us to the dance floor of Prayer and Trust. We may notice some hesitancy, fear or concern of doing it wrong or not feeling comfortable.....and we remember it is in God that we live and breathe and have our being to do His will.

Prayerfully consider if a silent retreat of various talks, reflection, prayer and sacraments would interest you next year. It is typically scheduled the 4th weekend of September..

God Bless



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.

Special Olympics State Soccer Finals

On Saturday September 23, we had eight brother knights from Council 16169 who volunteered to cook and serve lunch to over 500 Special Olympians



from the State of Michigan. The event took place at Independence Park in Canton Mi. It was great day, with plenty of sunshine and a cool breeze. The Knights of Columbus have been cooking and serving the State Soccer Finals for Special Olympics for over 10 years.

Thank you to the Brother Knights from Council 16169, who volunteered for this great event. They were:

- Marcel Loosbrock
- Steve Outting
- Ron Kretschmer
- Mike Polovich
- Larry Redman
- Marshall Grazioli
- Roger Biernat
- Ron Budzisz

Also, thank you to Dan Timmerman and Hans Hanson for their leadership for this event!

God Bless,
Ron Budzisz

Council Corporate Communion



The next Corporate Communion for our Council will be Sunday, October 29, 2023, 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 bring the entire family to this special Mass!

Please [click here to sign-](#)

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

By Bill Springer



Please join the Knights of Columbus on October, 7th for our Knights Fall Fest. The Fall fest will consist of a 5K costume run/walk that will start in the St John

Neumann parking lot at 9:30.

In addition to the 5K costume run/walk, please join us for a chili cook off. If you think you make the best chili, or if you have been told you make the best chili, now you have a chance to prove it.

We are also looking for chili eaters

Our other event following the 5K will be a corn hole tournament.



The chili cook off will be open to 15 cooks, and the corn hole tournament will be open to 32 teams, so please sign up as space is limited.

Our sign up links are below:

5K costume run/walk:

<https://knights-of-columbus-council-16169-reverse-raffle.square.site/s/shop>

Chili cookoff

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A8AE22A0FCC52-stjohn>

Corn hole tournament

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA5AD23A02-corn/154520883#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA5AD23A02-corn/154520883#/)

Personal Eucharistic Revival

By Dan Pfeifer

As Knights, each of us is called to honor Mary and serve Jesus by serving our neighbors. We are also called to Worship the Trinity. Through our devotion to the rosary we honor Mary.

Through our fundraising, donations to many causes and our works of mercy we serve our neighbors. We worship at Daily Mass and on Sundays as ushers, lectors, sacristans and with our families in the pew. But I have often found myself too "busy" to spend quality time alone with God. If your relationship with your spouse or kids is based on providing an income, doing chores, giving rides to events etc. but you never just talk or spend time alone with them, are you even getting to KNOW them?

God wants us to KNOW Him and Love Him, to share in His Divine Nature. There is no better way to do this than then to become one with His Body and Blood through the Eucharist and spending time alone talking and listening to Him in Adoration or before the Tabernacle. He is calling us to Revival !!! How will we respond?

Pancake Hospitality Weekend



Worthy Brothers: Once again it is time for scheduled Pancake Breakfast. I am in need of workers to fill available time slots for Sunday, Oct. 8. As usual, we will be serving pancakes, sausage and coffee to our enthusiastic fellow parishioners. As a special event, we will be celebrating Deacon Caesar's first mass as an ordained Deacon after the 10:30 mass.

As you may know, the time slots for volunteering to serve are divided into two-hour blocks and the work is light: preparing pancakes and sausage and setting up the beverage bar, then serving and clean-up of the tables following each mass. I encourage new Knights to work alongside our regular volunteers to get to know each other and provide this generous service to our parish family. Please consider volunteering. You can register for the event using the following link [October 7/8: Pancake Hospitality Weekend](#) or via our KofC website - sign-up page.

Looking forward to working and serving with you.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Blankenship



Please Join the St. John Neumann Respect Life Group and the Knights of Columbus for the Annual "Life Chain"

When: Sunday Oct 1st from 2:00 to 3:30pm

Where: On Wayne Road North of Warren (by Westland Mall)



The Life Chain is a nationwide event held each year on Respect Life Sunday (October 1, 2023).

SJN will be standing at the location shown on the map. You can park in the mall parking lot as shown. There will be signs available for you hold up (like those below – your choice) as you stand silently on the sidewalk facing traffic on Wayne Road as a witness to those babies lost to abortion. The back sides of the signs have prayers that you can reflect on while standing.

Come for all or any portion of the 1 ½ hours.

Knight of Columbus 16169 Fall Festival

Corn hole Tournament

Saturday, October 7th, 2023



Where: St. John Neumann

When: 12:00 – 2:00pm

Entry: \$10.00/team

A round-robin tournament, with semi-final matches and then a final match to determine the champions. There will be a cash prize for the winning team.

Knights of Columbus 16169 Fall Festival

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday October 7, 2023

Wanted Best Chili Cooks in the Parish!



Where: St. John Neumann Baldwin Hall

When: 11 am - 2 pm — after the 5K Walk/Run

Entrance Fee: \$10 per chili entered

Rules:

Each contestant cooks 6 quarts of chili supplied in their own crockpot with any necessary condiments. KofC supplies the tables, power, cups, spoons, napkins. Voters/tasters purchase tickets to obtain chili from contestants. All contestants will share 50/50 of proceeds (tickets) collected for their chili. Most tickets collected will win the contest and awarded a medal.

To Sign-up Family & Friends go to:

KofC Council 16169: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A8AE22A0FCC52-stjohn>

Or

Contact Joe Smyth at: jsmyth392@comcast.net

*St. John Neumann
Knights of Columbus Council #16169*

Fall Festival

5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday October 7, 2023

SJN: 44800 Warren Rd, Canton, MI 48187

- Race starts at 9:30 am, before chili cook-off & cornhole tournament. Please arrive before 9:10 am.
- Entrance Fee: \$20 per person or \$30 for families.
- Wearing a Halloween costume is encouraged. Have fun!
- Proceeds benefit K of C council #16169 charities, such as the Special Olympics Halloween Dance.
- First 30 entrants receive a race t-shirt. Trophy for first male/female finisher.
- No crossing of major roads (Sheldon, Warren, Canton Ctr), direction assistance provided, race starts & ends at SJN.

Sign up at <https://knights-of-columbus-council-16169-reverse-raffle.square.site/s/shop>
or contact dkubinsk@gmail.com





Wine Tasting EVENT

- Let's Raise a Glass or Two -

Featuring a Musical Performance
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Friday, November 17

Doors Open: 6:30PM

Event Start: 7:00PM

St. John Neumann

44800 Warren Rd.

Canton, MI 48187



The night includes:
Tasting of 5 wines
Light hors d'oeuvres
Live Entertainment

Tickets: \$40.00

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