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Serving St. John Neumann & Resurrection Parishes

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

I have two very important impressions I wish to leave with you this month!

FIRST:

As a Council, over the past several years, we have been financially supporting Nick Brown, one of our own parishioners, as he pursued his religious education at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He has completed his studies and will be Ordained as a Priest on May 18th at the Cathedral of



the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Nick is the first ever to be ordained from our parish. This is a dramatic and significant milestone for all of us! Nick's first Mass of Thanksgiving, following his Ordination, will take place at SJN on Sunday, May 19 th at the 10:30am Mass. I encourage all of you, with your families, to attend this Mass celebrating Nick's Ordination. This is a special time for all of us as Knights to demonstrate unity and purpose as we continue to support young men in their pursuit of a religious life. Please mark your calendar now, so you can participate in this beautiful celebration!

SECOND:

In my March message, I shared with you the 14 Stations of the Eucharist that placed in perspective the entire purpose of why Catholics celebrate the Mass. I prayed that you were able to view the video. Last week, I viewed another very impactful video by Bishop Barron at the Men' Prayer Breakfast.

Bishop Barron speaks about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Vatican II says that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life; the source of real food for the Soul! However, a Pew Study in 2020 revealed that 70% of Catholics did not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. That's unfortunate! Bishop Barron's intriguing presentation takes you from the Bible, starting with John, Chapter 6, presenting several theologians over the centuries to the present time. Once you start the video, I will be surprised if you are able to shut it off as it delivers to you a critical understanding of your faith and why you go to Mass to receive the Eucharist! Click here to view the presentation:

https://voutu.be/UzCPu_IEhe8?si=I4bxdAGNSUedDOxX

I pray that each of you will take the time to view this presentation and share it with your family. May God Bless you and your families as we all strive to understand our faith and live it.

Blessings, 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.

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09 All meetings are held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

If you can not attend the general meeting you are encouraged to attend via Zoom. To Attend just click on the link below:

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A Message from Our District Deputy Dan Timmerman

I would like to use my article this month to thank all our clergy. It starts with our Pastor and Chaplain, Father Paul. Father Paul is also the Detroit Archdiocesan Chaplain for the Knights and a past State Chaplain. He always attends our membership and officer meetings and is incredibly supportive. I supervise three other councils. Two councils the chaplain never attends any meetings. The third council chaplain attends about half of the meetings. This is not a complaint about them, because they are remarkably busy and must establish priorities, but more of an explanation of the tremendous support we receive from Father Paul.

Father Jeff, Father Jim, and Father Paul O are also incredibly supportive. Whenever we do a membership drive, they are always encouraging men to join the Knights. Frequently you will hear Father Jim greet us with "Vivat Jesus". Deacon Pat and Deacon Jim are also remarkably busy but will support us in any way they can.

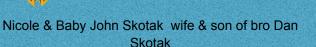
We are very Blessed to have all of them as our clergy. In addition to their support of the Knights we would not have our sacraments without them. We receive a tremendous amount of spiritual guidance from them. I am incredibly grateful that they answered God's call. Please pray for all our clergy. Next time you see them, thank them for all that they do for our parish and for all they do for us as Brother Knights.

God Bless

Dan



Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



Brother Paul Smudski

Gloria Perez, mother-in-law of brother Janson Turner Lorenc Rranxburgaj, friend of Clint Randall

Pauline Kalisz, mother-in-law of brother Jerry Heiss

Allison Basanese wife of Brother Bob Basanese

Mary & her husband, friend of brother Larry P Redman

Dave Yancey, brother of member Bob Yancey

Brother Mike Polovich

Brother Don Schlagheck

Brother George K. Peters

Mark Ryan, son-in-law of brother George K.
Peters

Repose of the soul of Christine Phyllis Bergeron, mother-in-law of bro Bill Corey

William Timmerman, son of bror Nick Tim,reman & grandson of DD Dan Timmerman

Brother Ron Kretschmer

Repose of the Soul, Thomas Tekieli, cousin of Lady Roz Bradley

Dan Kretschmer, brother of brother Ron Kretschmer

Brother Mark Oleszkowicz



Years of Service as a Knight

1 to 4 Years Service

Joseph J Smyth (2) Jeff McGovern (1) Daniel William Sullivan (1) David Trescott (2)

5 to 9 Years Service

Dennis James Dooley (9) John A Safran (7) John A Russell (9) Daniel J Skotak (5)

10 to 24 Years Of Service

William E Springer (14) Peter J Nestor (11) Jason D Turner (14) Robert D. Yancey (10)

25 Years or More Of Service

Ernest B Bucks III (45) Ronald A Budzisz (48)



Christopher R Leach (05-03)

Robert S Victor (05-03)

Michael J Cartier (05-05)

Robert B Hyde Jr(05-06)

Martin J McClellan (05-08)

Pjeter Deda (05-09)

May Birthdays

John P Stabnick (05-09)

Deacon Patrick T Conlen (05-12)

Stephen J Meibers (05-13)

Joseph P Camill (05-19)

Daniel William Sullivan(05-20)

Nicholas D Timmerman (05-21)

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Clinton L Randall (05-23)

Brian S Paul (05-29)

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May Wedding Anniversaries



Steven M & Deb Otting (05-02) James M & Sarah Rose Tallman (05-08) Jeffrey T & Lori Wagoner (05-10)

David R & Brenda Blankenship (05/19)

James F & Denise Pryce (05/19)

Dennis & Cecile Keshishian (05/20)

Joseph J Smyth & Theresa Smyth (05/21)

Keith R Laurin & Christa Laurin (05/28)

Mark & Cindy Oleszkowicz (05/28)

"If your wedding anniversary is not listed, it is because we do not know the date of your anniversary. If this is the case, please send the date along with your wife's name in an email to our Financial Secretary (johnlutz@wowway.com) and he will enter it into the Knights of Columbus records."

Current & Upcoming Events & Activities

Saturday, May 11

9:00am RTL Cross Setup 9:00am SJN Spring Planting and Mulching

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Saturday May 18

10 am Nick Brown's Ordination at the Cathedral

Sunday May 19

Nick Brown's First Mass – SJN 10:30 Mass Celebration

Saturday, May 25

9:00am RTL Cross Removal

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

7:00pm Business Meeting

Sunday June 2

Hospitality Sunday

Tuesday, June 11

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

Monday June 24

SJN Golf outing

Tuesday, June 25

7:00pm Business Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2024

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Resurrection and SJN

Sunday, October 13, 2024

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll Donation Collection) - Resurrection and SJN

April Family for the Month



Nick & Kelly Timmerman Family



Nick is a fellow Knight, sings in the SJN choir, and serves as a cantor. Kelly is a teacher for Children's Liturgy of the Word and a classroom assistant for Vacation Bible School.

William sings in the SJN Choir, and volunteers as an altar server and at Vacation Bible School. Luke volunteers as a school safety Guard and an altar server.

Congratulations to the Timmerman Family!

Welcome New Brother Knights



An exemplification was held here at St. John. Neumann on April 18th. Six men completed the ceremony of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Two of these joined our council. Lets us welcome Gary Golem and Phil Lang as our new brother knights.



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.

Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online signup Just click to volunteer:

- May/June 2024: Cans for Seminarians Help
- May 11, 9:00am: Setup Right To Life Crosses
- May 11, 9:00am: SJN Spring Planting and Mulching
- May 25, 9:00am: Remove Right To Life Crosses
- May, June, July, August 2024: Vocations Chalice
- June 2: Hospitality Week-end

Free E-Membership

The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again!

The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

- Direct prospects to kofc.org/joinus
- Enter promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**
- Enter your membership number for sponsor credit,



Nominations for Officers at May General Meeting

Nominations for the upcoming fraternal year were accepted at the April meeting. The nomination process will continue and election will held at the next general meeting. All members are encouraged to participate. All members are encouraged to join. We encourage newer members to start with the lighter positions such as inside and outside guards, Each term is for a 12 month period. Please step up and volunteer. A description of the positions and responsibilities are found in this newsletter on page 10,

The following nominations were accepted at the last general meeting in April. Please volunteer even if someone is already accepted the nomination. The more nominations and the election will be held at the next general membership meeting.

Nominations that were accepted at the April meeting were as follows:

Officer Nominations for 2024-2025

- · Grand Knight: Steve Sarlitto (he accepted)
- Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Springer (he accepted))
- · Chancellor: Keith Laurin (he accepted))
- Treasurer: Joe Bradley (he accepted))
- Recorder: Ron Kretschmer (he accepted))
- · Advocate: None
- · Warden: None
- Trustee: Len Carravellah (not present)
- Inside Guards (2): None
- · Outside Guards (2): Paul Bak (he accepted)



Hats, Shirts, Badges & More



Brother Larry Redman has volunteered to serve our council as the

source of Knights

wear. Please contact him if you would like to order a new shirt, hat jacket or any knights wear.

Brother Joe Bradley will continue as the contact person for n a m e b a d g e s a t csmjb@protonmail.com (734-673-0004) T h e cost of a badge is now only \$7, the council is covering half the cost.

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Each January every Knights of Columbus council and assembly provide to h e Supreme Council a summary of their fraternal hours for the last

calendar year. This information is used by Supreme to understand the total number of charitable hours for the entire order for communications and to help with the order tax-exempt status.

In order to gather this information, the councils and assemblies ask their members to provide the number of charitable hours, and other charitable activities such as sick visits and blood donations, to the program director and grand knight. To make this easier, the council is providing this spreadsheet to help you track this information.



Purchase New Vestments

The original parish vestments are in need of replacement. The budget that was approved for the year has budgeted \$5000 for this project, However, the total cost of a complete set of vestments is

\$8,419.03 . Therefore we need to approve an additional \$3,419.03. Due to the success of our previous fund raising events, there is enough money in our account to approve the additional amount. However, we need to hold a vote to approve the additional amount. A motion to approve this amount was made by Brother Ernest Gubry and seconded by Brother Earl Hoffman at the last general membership meeting. The motion was then tabled and scheduled for discussion and a vote at the next general membership meeting. Please attend and participate on this vote.



Right to Life Crosses

Our annual Right to Life cross will be installed on May 11 at 9am and removed on May 25 at 9am . Your help is needed . Please sign up Please click here to sign-up of installation

Please click here to sign-up for removal.



Volunteers are needed to pick up cans and bottles from the church and return them to get the deposit back. The funds raised by this collection. Will be used to help support our seminarians.

Brother Steve Otting is leading this effort. Volunteers are being

asked to collect a few times on Monday through Thursday or they can volunteer to collect on Friday through Sunday. (Note that the first and the last time slots may have an additional day or two or may be shortened by a day or two depending on when the months start and end.) Steve Otting can be contacted via email at dotting@comcast.net or called or texted at 734-788-0446.

Please click here to sign-up.

Pancake Breakfast Update



By Dave Blankenship

I am pleased to write this update because of the wonderful support we received from our Council's Knights to set-up, cook, serve and clean up for the Pancake Breakfast held on April 7th. We had over 25 Knights volunteer to serve our parishioners after mass on Saturday and the early masses on Sunday morning. It is especially pleasing that we had the following Knights volunteer for the first time (as far as my records indicate): Jeff McGovern, Jose Villareal, Tim Sopha, Larry Wegrzyn, Jim DiMaria, Mark Oleszkowicz and Tim Bodnar. We hope to see you again at the next pancake breakfast which will likely be in the fall in the next fraternal new year.

The veteran crew consisted of Steve Polidori, Mike Polovich, Ron Kretschmer, Tom Solak, Dennis Oszust, Leo Petretta, Marcel Loosbrook, Greg Link, Larry O'Hara, Chuck Lang, Steve Moraca, Don Pratt, Brian Zahn, Bill Springer, Paul Bak and Dan Timmerman. Thanks also to you who return for breakfast duty time and time again.

As you know, we break up the shifts up into two-hour blocks so few Knight's have to stay for the entire day, and these block times coincide with our Grand Knight's request to volunteer a couple of hours a few times throughout the year. Again, thank you for supporting this parish activity.

Also, the good news is that we collected donations of \$805.56 against costs of \$456.36 for breakfast supplies. This yielded proceeds of \$349.20 which was collected on behalf of the Journey to Housing organization. This breakfast raised almost 70% of the budgeted donation of \$500 that our Council will donate to Journey to Housing this fraternal year. We served 225 parishioners, and I would like to add that the \$805+ collected was the most collected at the pancake breakfast since I became the co-chairman.

Thank you again for the continuing support and Vivat Jesus, Dave Blankenship



Spring Cleaning

Spring has finally arrived! The time has come for us to clean up and beatify the church grounds. More hands make light work! Bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrows and another gardening tools. This project is open to the whole family and not just the knights. Bring along the the kids. We will be at St. John Neumann on Saturday, May 11, 9:00am to about 12:00pm.

Please <u>click here</u> to sign-up.

Priest Travel Kit for Nick Brown



The council has approved the purchase of a Priest Travel Kit for Nick Brown. The fourth degree assembly will pay half the cost. Our cost will be \$871.



The Thursday edition of the MPB is hosting a special Guest Speaker on Thursday, May 9. Fr. Jim Houbeck will address the MPB in a very unique presentation on that day beginning at 6:00 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND this noteworthy presentation. Fr. Jim will speak on the Blessed Mother as a role model for men and fathers and families.

All men of the parish are encouraged to attend and join the MPB for a great time of food and fellowship.

The coffee is hot and the food is plentiful. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 9 at and join us at 6 am. for this month of May special event.

The Meetings will always end by 7am to allow members to get to work on time.



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 Paying for a life insurance policy with one payment allows you to lock in guaranteed coverage without having to add a recurring expense to your fixed budget.
- You want a simple option that ensures your family has money to sustain their financial lifestyle after the insured's death.
 This may include retirement income, mortgage payments, children's college funds and final expenses.
- You want to leave a lump sum of money to your heirs and like the tax-free death benefit that a life insurance policy generally provides.

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Recognized on the Forbes 2024 America's Best Insurance Companies list, Knights of Columbus is equipped to bring Catholic families the peace of mind they deserve.

Contact your dedicated Knights of Columbus field agent – and brother Knight – to see what we can offer you and your family.

Corpus Christi - Procession

By Brother David Trost



This year the family of 4 parishes (St. John Neumann, Resurrection, OLGC, and St. Thomas a'Becket) will work together to hold the Corpus Christi procession at Kellogg Park, Plymouth Michigan on June 2nd from 2:30-4:30pm. Todd Lajiness (OLGC) is leading the planning meetings which are made up of parishioners from each of the 4 parishes. Sub-teams have been established to address the following four key areas:

1.Worship - handle liturgical aspects including altar area, flow of the 2 hours, exposition,

music, logistics of the procession, etc.

- 2. Communication/Promotion create promotional material with branding, images, etc. to be used in all parishes
- 3. Hospitality/Logistics handle permits with Plymouth as well as banners, flags, shirts, etc.
- 4. Engagement/Evangelization, Family Life/Youth/ Young Adults, Prayer Ministry Explore ways to make the day attractive for families, provide tools that can be used during the day and beyond to foster a deeper love for Jesus in the Eucharist; and offer prayer ministry during the event itself.

Several members of SJN parish will be leading and working on Team 4.

The Knights will be asked to assist during the day - - More to come as we develop plan.

Please keep the working groups in your prayers and intentions the following months as we glorify our Lord in the Eucharist and witness to those in our community.

Seminarians for RSVP program

The following is a list of the seminarians that our councils supports.

James Musgrave – LaBoure Society

Brendon Tabone - Sacred Heart Seminary

Michael Horka - LaBoure Society - Capuchins

Cathedral Community Grill

Several of our council's Knights supported a Community Grill at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament last Sunday April 21st. We served hamburgers and hotdogs to the parishioners after the 11:00am Mass. It was a great service project. The hope in the future is to serve residence in the community with an outdoor event. Weather last Sunday caused the event to be moved inside.

The staff of the community issued the following thanks.

"MANY thanks to the St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus for hosting our first Cathedral Community Grill of the new season!"

Thanks to those brother knights that gave their time: David Trost, Jeff Battistella , Jim DiMaria ,Keith Laurin, Larry O'Hara, Jim Pryce And Steve Sarlitto





Celebrating With Fr Paul and Fr Jeff

This is the 25 Year Ordination Anniversary of Father Paul Ballien and Father Jeff Day.. St John Newman will be celebrating them with festivities on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Sunday, April 21, 2024 Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving The 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, June 1st,

There will be a dinner party in honor of Fr. Paul and Fr. Jeff in Baldwin Hall after the Mass. Unfortunately, reservations are sold out for this event. However, there will be The Silver Jubilee Receiving Line For those who are not able to attend the Silver Jubilee Dinner Party, Fr. Paul and Fr. Jeff will meet and greet WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for VOCATIONS Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community. We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, well-wishers in the gym after the Mass before both priests join the party. The Knights of Columbus will help usher the queue.

Support for servents of public safety & Law Enforcement



One way that our community shows its gratitude and expresses prayerful support for these servants in law enforcement and public safety is with the Blue Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 AM. At this annual liturgy, we also pray for those among their ranks who gave their lives for all of us, and to offer our consolation to their survivors, spouses, parents, children, friends

Join Us from your Living Room or from anywhere in the world

Many times we are not able to attend the council general membership meetings. This may be due to a lack of



transportation, it may be that you are out of town, or it may be that you are just a little under the weather. No matter what the reason, now you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Our council has purchased the needed equipment to bring the meeting to you.

Follow the link below and you will be brought in to the attendance of the meeting. The link can be used anywhere in the world.. Hope to see you there next meeting.

Join the Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZIYnRvdz09

Meeting ID: 336 823 5608 Passcode: 969135

Our council meetings are held every second Tuesday at 7 pm. You can join thru this link starting about 6:30. You have the option of using your camera or not.

Duties and Responsibilities of our Officers



Grand Knight

The Grand Knight shall: preside over meetings; appoint committees; act as Chaplain in absence of the regular Chaplain; countersign orders drawn and signed by the Financial Secretary; countersign checks drawn and signed by the Treasurer; read vouchers, etc.; read notices (or cause to be read) notices relative to the Fourth Degree; perform such other duties as the Order may impose.

Deputy Grand Knight

The Deputy Grand Knight shall preside in the absence or inability of the Grand Knight and execute all the duties of said Grand Knight. He shall perform such other duties as the Order may impose. In the absence of the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, then the duty of presiding at a meeting of the council shall devolve on the other officers of the council in the order in which they are named in Section 126 [of the Charter Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus] after the Deputy Grand Knight.

Chancellor

The Chancellor shall assist the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the performance of their duties and shall take charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both. He shall be charged with the total participation of the member- ship in the activities of the council. Subject to the approval of the Grand Knight he shall institute a program to develop the availability and interest of the members in the specific activities of the council and refer his findings to the Grand Knight. He shall exercise a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in dis- tress. He shall perform such other duties as the Grand Knight directs.

Recorder

The Recorder shall keep a true record of the doings of his council upon books approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Secretary at the expense of the council: conduct all correspondence of the council and shall perform such duties as the council or the Order may direct.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall: be the custodian of all funds of the council obtained from any source; receive moneys, etc., from the Financial Secretary; pay to the Supreme Council all moneys assessed by it or the Board of Directors against the council; pay orders drawn; keep accounts; retain orders.

Lecturer

The Lecturer shall endeavor to devise means to entertain his council at meetings and perform such duties as his council may direct. [Note: This is NOT an elected officer position.]

<u>Advocate</u>

The Advocate shall be the attorney of the council in case of trial and investigation of any matter whatsoever of interest to the council.

<u>Warden</u>

The Warden shall be present at all meetings of his council, and at the opening of the same. He shall have charge of all the council property, except moneys and account and record books of officers, and keep the same in proper condition for the meeting of his council. He shall instruct his guards in their duties and appoint the same at pleasure, and perform such other duties as may be imposed by his council.

Guards

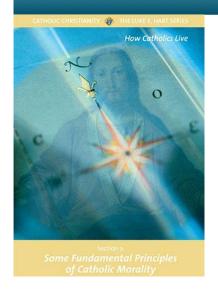
The Inside Guard shall attend the entrance to the council chamber, through its inner door; the Outside Guard, the entrance through the outer door; and each shall perform such other duties as may be imposed by the council.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Grand Knight and three members to be elected by the council. The Grand Knight shall be its chairman. The Trustees shall have supervision of all the financial business of the council and their approval shall be necessary for the payment of all moneys except Benefit Fund moneys and demands of the Supreme Council or Board of Directors or State Council, and the regular and usual stated payments of the council, and payments authorized by the council after notice and vote in accordance with Section 122. They shall audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer at least every six months, and in January and July report thereon to their council, State Deputy, District Deputy and Supreme Secretary, upon blanks approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Council. They shall see that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer give proper bonds running to the Knights of Columbus in trust for their particular council and in amounts fixed by said trustees, and they shall be the custodians of such bonds. They shall perform such other duties as their council or the District Deputy or Territorial Deputy or the officers of the Order may direct.



This Month's Featured CIS Booklet



Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in evangelization. In 1948, the Knights started Catholic Information Service (CIS) in response to blatant anti-Catholic bias in other religious media in order to educate non-Catholics about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church.

123 – Principles of Catholic Morality

Principles keep a person focused on a goal, so that the opposite is true: the lack of principles in making decisions is like building a house on sand. Catholics believe that objective truth exists, that we can know what it is and that we ought to live according to objective truth. However, truth is not a thing, truth is a person: Jesus Christ. And Jesus is the principle by which our morals are built.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

Click here for this months audio version of Featured Booklet

Help Rescue Michael's Vocation

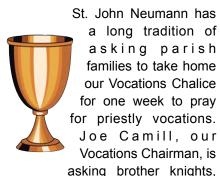


Michael
Horka is
preparing to enter
the Capuchin
Franciscan order.
During Divine
Mercy Sunday,
Michael presented

himself to the Parish at each Mass and asked for financial support to help pay off his college loans so he can join the Capuchin Franciscan Order. If you would like to support Michael, you can click here and go to the Labouré Rescue Vocations website and make a contribution via Credit Card.

Michael has been approved by our Council to financially support his ministry efforts to join the Capuchin Franciscans.

Vocations Chalice



and their families, to step up to this very worthy activity and sign up to take the Vocations Chalice for a week. With almost 200 knights in our council, we have enough knights for almost 4 years of families praying for vocations!

For more information on this program, please contact Joe Camill at <u>jcamill@wowway.com</u>.



The St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing on Monday, June 24, 2024, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 (click here for map). Cost is \$135 per person (or \$40 for dinner only), and includes a cart. The format will be a four-person scramble with check-in starting at 7:45am and a shotgun start at 8:45am. Lunch at the turn and dinner are included. There will also be a Chance Auction and Basket Raffle Both men and women are invited to participate.

Contests will include Hole in One Opportunity, Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive and Longest Drive.

Registration and Sponsorship/Donation Opportunities are Open until June 1.

To register print the registration form at the end of the newsletter or register online at https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/stjohnneumannparishouting.

For more information contact David Trost at dtrostmichigan@gmail.com.

Protecting God's Children

The Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are committed to protecting children and adults from harm. Protecting God's Children is a three hour workshop that helps individuals understand the commitment and actions needed to ensure a safe environment. Participating in the workshop is required for anyone that will be working with children and young adults.

Sessions can be found at www.virtusonline.org

To attend a workshop:

- 1. Go to www.virtusonline.org.
- 2. Click on First Time Registrant.
- 3. Register for the course ASAP.



State Convention Delegates

The 2024 Michigan State Council Convention will be held again this year at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island on May 22 thru May 24, 2024.

Our council will send Gk Chuck Lang and DGK Steve Sarlitto. We will also budget \$1000 so that Fr. Paul Onyebuchi will be able to attend. Fr Paul Ballien will also be in attendance.

A special thank you to Joyce Hanson. She again will prepare our council's "Year of the Eucharist "basket for the convention.

Membership Update

One member withdrew his membership and two new members were exemplified. Membership

Membership gain quota from Supreme for the 2023-2024 Father McGivney Award is 12.

Total net actual fraternal year membership gain is 24 (200% of quota).

Total membership is 215 (174 associate and 41 insurance).

Total Regular Membership is 198, Honorary Membership 4 and Honorary Life Membership 13.

A True Story from the Men's Prayer Breakfast

At one of the men's Prayer Breakfasts during April. Brother Jim Pryce shared a true story the every one enjoyed, Some of the men requested that Brother Jim share the story. The following its copy of



A TRUE STORY OF DIVINE MERCY:

"A relatively young priest is in a hospital visiting some of his parishioners. He is walking down the hallway, and a nun stops him and says, "Father, can yao into this room? There's a man on his deathbed. He's been here for days. We've asked priests to go in, but he chases everyone away. He doesn't want to talk about Jesus. But he's dying. Could you please visit him?"

The priest goes in and introduces himself to the patient. The guy erupts and starts cursing at him. He is so angry: "I don't want anything to do with you. Get out of here!"

The priest says, "Okay" and goes out into the hall.

The nun is still there. She says, "Could you go back in?"

The priest replies, "He doesn't want anything I have to offer."

"Just give it another chance," pleads the nun.

The priest reluctantly reenters the room. "I'm not going to ask if you want to go to confession. I'm not going to ask if you want Holy Communion. But is it okay if I just sit here next to your bed and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?"

The old man replies, "I don't care. Do whatever you want."

The priest sits down and begins softly praying the words of the Chaplet: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world...."

Suddenly the man bursts out, "Stop it!"

Startled, the priest looks up and asks, "Why?"

"Because there is no mercy for me!"

"Why do you think there is no mercy for you?" asks the priest.

"It doesn't matter," responds the old man.

But the priest persists: "Why do you think there is no mercy for you?"

"I'll tell you... Twenty-five years ago, I was working for the railroad. My job was to lower the crossing guard arm when a train would come to prevent cars from going on the tracks. But one night I was drunk.I didn't lower the crossing guard arm, and a couple and their three young children were on the tracks as a train came, and they were all instantly killed. That was my fault. So there is no mercy for me. I have failed. It is over."

The priest just sits there staring at the rosary in his hands. Finally he asks, "Where was this?" The man tells him the name of the Polish town.

The priest looks up and says, "Twenty-five years ago, my mom and my dad were taking my little siblings on a trip. I couldn't go with them. They were driving through this small town. For some reason the railroad crossing guard arm wasn't lowered. As they were crossing the tracks, a train came and killed them all. I lost my whole family that night." The priest gazes intently into the man's face, and he says, "My brother, God forgives you. Not only that, I forgive you."

The man realizes that God's mercy is for him.

The priest asks, "Would you let me hear your confession and give you the Eucharist?"

The man makes his confession and receives Holy Communion. Two days later he dies. Mercy wins. His failure is not final.

The story goes on. It's kind of cool. After giving the man Communion, the priest goes into the hallway in search of the nun. He can't find her. The administration tells him, "We don't employ any nuns at this hospital."

For years the priest does not know who this nun is. Eventually he goes to the town of Vilnius, which is where Saint Faustina lived. He goes to the convent to say Mass for the nuns there. He sees a painting on the wall of Saint Faustina, and he says, "I've met that nun a couple of years ago."

"No, Father, you did not," replies one of the nuns. "She's been dead since 1938."

The priest then realizes it was Sister Faustina who told him to go into the patient's room, told him to go back again into that room.

Failure is not final. Not when it comes to Jesus.



St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #16169

Monday, June 24, 2024
Fox Hills Classic Golf Course, Plymouth, MI

SHOW YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

All net proceeds will support Knights of Columbus charitable efforts (Food Banks, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Centers, etc.) and the needs of the Parish

- 2 Golf/dinner and 2 additional dinner reservations
- 24"x18" Tee Box signs on 1st and 10th hole, and verbal recognition

Sponsor Opportunities - Business or Individual

· Thank you recognition in Outing Brochure, Parish Bulletin, SJN Facebook and Registering Website

Hole-in-one Sponsor (\$10,000 Par 3 and \$2,500 Putting Contest) \$600

- Covers the insurance for the cash prize opportunities to the winner(s)
- 24"x18" Tee Box signs on the Par 3 Tee Box and on the Putting Green; verbal recognition
- Thank you recognition in Outing Brochure, Parish Bulletin, SJN Facebook and Registering Website

- 24"x18" Tee Box sign on sponsored hole
- Thank you recognition in Outing Brochure, Parish Bulletin, SJN Facebook and Registering Website

Golf Day Information

\$135 per golfer; \$40 per dinner guests

- 8:45am shotgun event start
- Four-person scramble with cart
- · Lunch and Dinner
- · Golf Games and Prizes
- Chance Auction/Basket Raffle
- Raffles during dinner reception
- Register on-line available

Seeking Raffle Prizes

Suggested donations are (not limited to);

- Gift cards such as restaurant, store, home services, salon & spa, auto services, etc.
- Golf Course admission, New golf balls
- Sporting event tickets / Sport memorabilia
- Concert event tickets
- Tools, electronic gadgets, etc.
- · Alcohol, Craft Beer, Wine

Visit: St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing (eventregisterpro.com)

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Registration Form

St. John Neumann Parish Golf Outing (Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 16169)

June 24, 2024 - Fox Hills Classic Golf Course

Chancellor

? Parish Picnic Co-Chairs for 2024

? Jim & amp; Theresa DiMaria

? Dan & Connie Vella

Proceeds will support K of C charitable efforts and the needs of the Parish.

You do not need a foursome to participate. We gladly welcome single players, twosomes, and threesomes. (If you are registering as a single we will pair you.)

If registering and paying for yourself but you are part of a group please list here the name(s) of your other player(s)

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Please	make checks payable to:			
	K of C Council 16169			
	In Memo Line of check, write: Golf	Outing		
Mail C	heck and Form prior to June 10, 20	24 to the follo	owing a	address or leave at Parish Office
	K of C 16169 - Golf Event		J	
	44800 Warren Rd			

More information: www.eventregisterpro.com/event/stjohnneumannparishouting

Canton, MI 48187







Shades of Pink Breast Cancer Charity



PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS, LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

And The Shades of Pink Breast Cancer Charity

When: Friday, July 26, 2024

Golf and Banquet: Fellows Creek G.C.2936 Lotz Road, Canton, 48188, (734-728-1300)

Registration: 8:00 AM **Shotgun Start:** 9:00 AM

Banquet: Approximately 3:30 PM

Make Check Payable To: Pope John XXIII Assembly

Mail Checks and registration form to: Greg Rapelje, 11292 Hubble St., Livonia, MI 48150

<u>OR CONTACT</u>: Kyle Mlynarek at: (248) 444-9864, email: mlynarekkyle@gmail.com or Joe Bradley at: (734) 673-0004, email: jbradleyhome@comcast.net.

This Year: Gourmet Steak Dinner, Awards for Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin, 4 - Hole in one opportunities, Double your Money Par 3, Mulligans, and other games.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Registration form is also available at: <u>kofc1536assembly.org</u>

<u>Please Register by June 1st!!!</u>

Golfer #1:	Golfer #2: Phone #:				
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