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From the Desk of the Grand Knight



Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights!

Fall is quickly approaching and our summer is winding down. Amazing that we are still in the midst of 80° weather here in the middle of September as I write this article. The other season that is upon us is election season. This is not one of my favorite times of year. The commercials are endless, the backstabbing is constant and there is so much vitriol that you don't seem to get any information from the candidates on the issues that are challenging our country. All of this makes it hard to sort truth from fiction and making the right faith based choice in our elected officials. Don't worry. I am not using this article to make any endorsements or tell you how to vote. What I want to do is provide you some resources that may help you as a Catholic to make a better informed faith based choice.

For Catholics, the Church guides us faithful to exercise our right to free participation in the democratic process by engaging in a period of prayerful discernment and conscience formation prior to voting. In recent weeks I have received some articles and links to websites from trusted Catholic resources that I have found helpful in the process of making an informed decision based on my faith. Here are a couple that I would like to share:

- The Michigan Catholic Conference "focus" website has information that can help all of us in our preparation for the election. This edition is intended to help Catholics in Michigan embrace the vocation of a faithful citizen in the 2024 election. All of us are encouraged to consider St. Paul's exhortation to "put on the mind of Christ" before voting. Please go to the following website "A Catholic Approach to Voting in the 2024 Election" for much more information. <https://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/news-room/focus/2024/a-catholic-approach-to-voting-in-the-2024-election/>
- The Michigan Catholic Conference also is providing numerous resources to Catholics who are preparing to vote in the November 2024 election.

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St. John Neumann
Knights of Columbus
Council 16169 ,
44800 Warren Road
Canton, Mi 48187

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=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>
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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3368235608?pwd=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>



*Current & Upcoming
Events & Activities*

Sunday, October 6

2:00pm Life Chain

Tuesday, October 8

6:30pm Knights Nosh!

7:00pm General Meeting

Friday, October 11

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll
Donation Collection) - Mans
Lumber

Saturday, October 12

MI Drive (Tootsie Roll
Donation Collection) - Mans
Lumber

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

9:00am Prolife Workshop -
St Thomas a'Becket,

Sunday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 22

7:00pm Business Meeting

Saturday, October 26

Membership Drive: SJN

Sunday, October 27

Membership Drive: SJN

Tuesday, November 12

6:30pm Knights Nosh!

7:00pm General Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

6:30pm Knights Nosh!

7:00pm General Meeting

Tuesday, November 26

7:00pm Business Meeting

From the Desk of the Grand Knight. [Cont from Page1]

Contained within a “2024 Election Resources for Catholics in Michigan” <https://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/election-2024/> are articles on topics such as “The Principles of Catholic Social Teaching”, “Prayer & Conscience Formation Resources”, “Evaluating the Candidates” and more.

- On Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire website there is an article “Beware the Idolatry of Politics” <https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/beware-the-idolatry-of-politics/>. To quote the author “Throughout the election cycle, and in politics in general, Catholics are called to be informed about the running of the country, but we must always be careful to not worship politics nor the news cycle. The current climate in the presidential race offers a necessary opportunity to intentionally reflect on how Catholics should juggle the constant news with their spiritual lives. Doing so is necessary in order to avoid making the news and politics an idol.”

We all need to prayerfully consider the candidates for open offices and allow our faith to inform our voting decisions. During these times it may be helpful to take time away from media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV, the radio, social media and podcasts and listen in silence.

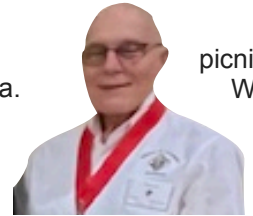
God Bless all of you during this challenging election cycle. We are blessed in this country with the freedom to choose our leaders in a democratic way. Please always remember that “Those who commit to following the Lord seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help inform their choices.” God Bless the United States of America and all of you in your election preparation discernment process. Thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169. See you in the Eucharist!!

Steve



A Message from our District Deputy

We had our first District Soccer Challenge after the Council Soccer Challenge at the parish September 15. We had contestants come from the Daniel Lord Council, from St. Michaels in Livonia. had seven district winners that will go on to the next round, which is the Archdiocese of Detroit Challenge in Waterford. A big thank you to all the organizers of this event and the many brothers who stepped up to help. It was well run, and the kids and parents enjoyed it.



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The Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan held their annual celebration on September 12. Once again, the Knights were big supporters. The state officers presented a check for \$22,500. This money comes from you guys. Congratulations.

Membership drives are in full swing at Resurrection and SJN. Make it a goal to ask someone to join each week. You will be surprised at how many people want to join us.

On September 28, we are supporting the state soccer games at Independence Park in Canton at Denton/Cherry Hill Road. If you can help load the BBQ grills, we will meet at SJN from 8:15-8:30. If you can help set it up, we will be at the park by 9:00 am. If you can help serve the food, we will start at 11:00 and run till 1:30 when we will start cleaning up and loading the grills for the return trip to SJN. Please use the sign-up genius link on our website so I know we will have enough help. Thank you all for your support.

Vivat Jesus, Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers



Samantha Kretschmer, daughter of brother Ron Kretschmer

Marlene, Sarah, Joshua, Daniel and Anastasia Erno, family of brother Marshall Grazioli

Audrey Brennan. wife of brother John Brennan

Jim Helm, father-in-law of GK Steve Sarlitto

Ann Konopinski, friend of brother Ron Kretschmer

Laura Hurn

Mark and Carol Sienkowski

Augie Ferrera, friend of brother Dennis Oszust

Mary Ellen Redman, parent of brother Larry P Redman

Yvette Corey, the wife of Archdiocesan Program Director Bill Corey

Jeanne Michelini, parishioner and friend of bro Ron Kretschmer

SK Hans Hansen, FDD

Michelle Martin, wife of bro Randy Martin

State Treasurer Charles E. McCuen, III

Brother Dennis Lichocki, father-in-law of brother Mike Tallman

Scott Hyde brother of Bro Robert Hyde

Brother Knight Mike Polovich

Michael Hammerberg friend of Brother Mark Oleszkowicz:



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.



September Family of the Month Don and Lorraine

Don and Lorraine Zaksek love being parishioners at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. In fact, they are one of the original registered members of the church when mass was held at Miller School, and Fr. Edward Baldwin was tasked with the mission of establishing a Catholic Church in Canton. That was almost 50 years ago –almost the same amount of time Don and Lorraine will be married. On March 1, 2025 they will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Looking back on their lives, they realize how richly blessed they have been. Their biggest blessing, without a doubt, is their family. They have two married children and 5 amazing grandkids. Their daughter Stephanie has been married to Brad Naberhaus for over 25 years. Their son, Donnie has been married almost as long to Melissa Simons. They know they could not have asked for better matches for their children. Especially because the marriages have produced 5 amazing grandkids. Eva, soon to be 19, is a sophomore at the University of Michigan. Luke, 16, Eli, 16. Lana 13 and Gabe 13 are cousins who consider themselves good friends. Don and Lorraine know how fortunate they are to have their family living close by.

Lorraine is a retired pediatric speech pathologist. In 1988 she opened a private practice called Speech and Language Systems Inc. in Plymouth. It evolved into the Building Bridges Therapy Center when Brad and Stephanie returned from Chicago to take over the business almost 20 years ago. From a staff of 19 therapists it has grown to a staff of 200 professionals both at the clinic itself and throughout the state in many charter schools.

Their son Donnie is a PsyD Clinical psychologist and owner of Progressive Therapy in Ann Arbor. (He does not like it when his mother refers to him as Dr. Zaksek and prefers to be called Donnie.) Prior to finishing his doctorate, he was a Captain in the US Air Force.. Melissa Zaksek was recently named Director of the Erb Institute affiliated with the Ross Business School at U of M. She will never brag about herself - but that is what Mothers-in-law are for.

Don Zaksek retired from Ford Motor Company after 28 years as a middle manager in the Treasury Department. His last position was in financial sales. For those of you who know Don, it shouldn't surprise you that he was a salesman. Lorraine is always amazed at how Don can talk to anybody about anything and make friends wherever he goes.

Throughout their years at St. John Neumann Don & Lorraine have participated in many activities. Early on, Don was part of the Peace and Justice Committee. He served as an Eucharistic Minister for years and currently serves on the finance committee. He also counts money on Monday mornings at the church. Lorraine has done similar activities including helping with Religious Education classes.

Their life in ministry grew when Fr. Ron Richards established the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. John Neumann Church. Lorraine and Don served as both the President and Treasurer of the Society for the first three years. They are still committed members serving the poor in our community as "Vincentians."

Perhaps the greatest blessing they received working with SVdP was their encounter with homeless families in the area. This led them and other members of the Society to establish the Journey to Housing Program. For 10 years and over 50 families, Journey to Housing has offered a unique program to help the "hidden homeless" in our communities. Not only are families housed, but they learn life-skills to prevent the recurrence of homelessness. Lorraine and Don feel particularly blessed for whatever inspiration has led them and others to found this mission.

Lorraine and Don refer to St. John Neumann as their parish "family," They can't begin to count the friendships they have made with the most amazing people who continue to inspire them to live their faith here at St. John Neumann.

Sign up opportunities

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

- [October 2024: Cans for Seminar Help](#)
- [October, November, December 2024: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [September 29: 10:30am Mass Corporate Communion](#)
- [October 6: Life Chain](#)
- [October 11/12: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations, Mans Lumber on Michigan Ave](#)
- [October 12/13: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - SJN](#)
- [October 12/13: MI Drive/Tootsie Roll Donations - Resurrection](#)
- [October 26/27: Membership Drive -](#)



September Knight of the Month

If you have been around the council, then you already know the knight of the month Larry Redan.

Larry has served as the Membership Director for the past eight years. He is responsible for our council achieving not only star council but many years double star council. He has recently taken over the responsibility of selling the Knights of Columbus wear. He is the go to guy for new shirts and hats. For many years he has held the position of Co-Chair of the Mental Impairment Drive (aka Tootsie Roll Drive).

His service to St John Neumann includes Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. On Mondays you will also see him serving as a money counter. During fun eras here at St John Neumann he serves as the funeral sacristan.

Larry's community service includes donating blood but also includes serving as party of the Blood drive caller team.

Congratulations Larry as a well deserved Knight of the Month.



October Birthdays



- Kenneth A Plonka (10-02)
- Marvin Lopez (10-07)
- Joseph M Henn Jr (10-10)

- Dr Mark D Richter (10-11)
- Vincent O Anwunah (10-14)
- Peter F Kowalski (10-17)
- Thomas E Solak (10-19)
- Daniel T Timmerman, PGK (10-19)

- Michael J Polovich (10-22)
- Charles E Wilson (10-26)
- Court C Holliday (10-27)
- Jorge A Lopez-Aguire 1 (0-28)

"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."



Wedding Anniversaries

- Clifton & Sheila Dake (10/11)
- Gary R & Carol Sienkiewicz (10/13)
- Eugene J & Kathleen Suchyta (10/13)
- Conley Vance II & Kelly Poole (10/14)
- Ronald A & Suzanne Budzisz (10/20)
- Ronald E & Sandy Kretschmer (10/20)
- Gerardo De La Torre Jimenez & Maria Andrea Costorena (10/26)
- Dr Matt P & Barbara Steffes (10/28)
- William E & Ginny Springer (10/29)



Past Grand Knight Awards from Patrick Kelly to Chuck Lang



Fr. Paul's 25 year anniversary award.



Years of Service

1 to 4 Years Service

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| Marlowe Ma (1) | Stephen J Guilfoyle (1) |
| Lucas Montgomery (1) | Bernard Klinkhammer (1) |
| Christopher Chirpka (1) | Dan Schneider (3) |
| Robert Godek (1) | Joseph D Maclellan (4) |



5 to 9 Years Service

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| David J Andreolli (5) | John C Kim (5) | Michael J Robinson (5) |
| Deacon Patrick T Conlen (5) | Joseph G Nagi (5) | Joseph C Bradley (8) |
| Richard J Florence (5) | Steven M Otting (5) | Michael J Cartier (8) |
| Dennis Keshishian (5). | Michael J Polovich (5) | Gary R Sienkiewicz (8) |
| | | Charles E Wilson (8) |

10 to 24 Years Of Service

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| George K. Peters (15) | Ronald S Richards (16) |
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25 Years or More Of Service

- Stephen L Kamykowski (35)

Plymouth Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque

Photos by Gk Steve Sarlitto and PGK Chuck Lang

The Rotary Club of Plymouth, Michigan, founded on March 7, 1924, developed a long-standing tradition of fundraising through its popular annual chicken barbeque. This event began in 1956 to raise funds to purchase playground equipment. Beneficiaries of monies raised are as far reaching as student scholarships and exchange programs, community park improvements, targeted special projects, and international humanitarian aid.

This year the rotary club with the assistance of around 650 volunteers from various organizations served over 8000 chicken dinners. Twenty one of those volunteers were from our council. The Rotary will Donte to our council a monetary thank you for the help provided. This will greatly assist in our fund raising efforts for this year.

The Knights that gave of their time for this fundraising included Pkg Chuck Lang, George McPartlin, Dennis Day, David Kubinski, Tom Solak, Jim DiMaria, Marvin Lopez, Ron Kretchmer, Dan Pfeiffer, GK Steve Sarlitto, Larry O'Hara, Larry Redman, Dennis Oszust, Steve Otting, Marcel Loosbrock, Dave Andreolli, David Trost, Dan Pfeiffer, Mike Povolich, Ron Rathbun, Andy Miller and Phillip Lang.



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 name badges at csmbj@protonmail.com (734-673-0004) The cost of a badge is now only \$7, the council is covering half the cost.

Fraternal Hours

Month	Assembly	Supreme	Local	Other	Total
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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.

Corporate Communion Sept 29

By Grand Knight Steve

Brother Knights, Our next Knights of Columbus Council Corporate Communion Mass will be taking place Sunday September 29th at the 10:30 am Mass here at St. John Neumann. Mass is always a wonderful experience but this one is extra special as we Knights play an active role in all parts of the mass. The 4th Degree Color Corp will also be there in full regalia. As of this writing we still have some positions for Ushers and Sacristan that need to be filled. You can sign up at [SJN KofC: September 29: Corporate Communion \(signupgenius.com\)](http://SJN KofC: September 29: Corporate Communion (signupgenius.com)) or on the Council website Sign Up page. We ask that all of you make an effort to come to this mass with your families and friends. Please wear your Knights shirts and name badges proudly! We want to display to our fellow parishioners the size and strength of our great Council. I look forward to seeing you there. God Bless. Grand Knight Steve

Kids Against Hunger

By Chris Kotcher

Kids Against Hunger is a vicariate event that the Saint John Neumann youth groups will be doing in coordination with other local parishes, including Divine Child and Mary Cause of our Joy. The event will see the youth packaging 10,000 rice meals in Baldwin Hall to serve to families in need both inside and outside the United States. On the evening of Thursday, November 7, the KAH truck will arrive at Saint John Neumann, and we will need five knights to help unload it and set up Baldwin Hall. On the evening of Friday, November 8, five knights will also be needed to help support the event to keep each assembly line of kids well-stocked and perform whatever other tasks may be needed from the youth ministers. Signup genius will be created after specific times these evenings are confirmed. Knights can contact cjkotcher@gmail.com for more details.



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.](#)

*Life Chain, Sunday,
October 6, 2:00pm to 3:30pm*

Join the St. John Neumann Respect Life Group for the Annual "Life Chain" on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm on Wayne Rd north of Warren (by Westland Mall).

The Life Chain is a nationwide event held each year on Respect Life Sunday. Find the vehicle with signs in it to get a sign for you hold up (like those below) 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. We will gather for a prayer at the end of event. Come for all or any portion of the 1 1/2 hours.

For more information, contact Marshall Graziosi at mgraz5@yahoo.com or [248-535-3450](tel:248-535-3450).

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

Free E-Membership

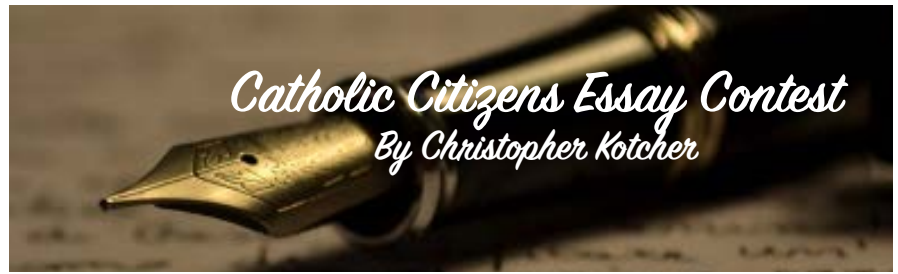
The online or e-membership code to honor Fr. Michael J. McGivney has been extended again!

The free online membership code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

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

*Membership
By Larry Redman*

Our recruitment quota is 13 new members for our current fraternal year. We have planned a membership drive after all masses at Resurrection the weekend of September 21 and 22. Membership drive at SJN is October 26 and 27. Sign-up sheets are online. Renaud council in Plymouth is hosting an Exemplification ceremony September 24th at 6:30 PM. Please join me on the 24th in welcoming new members.



Calling all 8th through 12th grade students! The Knights of Columbus is hosting an essay contest and wants you to participate. Winner's Certificates and Amazon Gift Cards will be awarded at the parish level to the winning essay for each of the following grades:

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

The winner for each grade will be sent on to higher levels of the contest, where they will have the opportunity to win further prizes!

Students are encouraged to write a 500-750 word essay on the following theme: "What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"

Our faith calls for us to live virtuous lives and create a culture that encourages virtue. These virtues include patience, obedience, respect, honesty, generosity, self-control, and many more!

The call to a virtuous life applies to all people in every part of life, including our elected leaders.

All essays must be typed and submitted to by the final due date of Sunday, November 3, 2024.

Essays are judged on grammar, style, and creative presentation of the theme. Submitted essays must include the attached Entry Form with a parent signature. You may submit the essay to the parish office, to the parish youth ministers (Mary Genyk/Lyndsey Osterholt), or through emailing your essay to cjkotcher@gmail.com.

For questions and further information, contact Christopher Kotcher at cjkotcher@gmail.com.



*Mental Impairment Drive
By Larry Redman*

Our fall MI Drive is October 11th, 12 and 13th. We will be passing out Tootsie Rolls after all masses at Resurrection and SJN, accepting donations from our parishioners. In addition, we will be passing out Tootsie Rolls at Mans Lumber on Michigan Avenue on October 11 and 12. We do need your help. Sign-up sheet is online. All donations received go to local and statewide charities.

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

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=eDVmK2xvc0k5YitodWdYVWZlYnRvdz09>
 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.

Pro-Life Workshop

Pro-Life Workshop featuring Mike Spencer. On Saturday, October 12th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Monsignor Clement H. Kern Knights of Columbus Council #8284. Will sponsor a ProLife Workshop featuring Mike Spencer. It will be held at St. Thomas a Becket Family Life Center, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Registration required. This FREE workshop will empower you to stand for LIFE! Breakfast and Lunch available. This engaging workshop is designed to equip pro-life ambassadors to communicate the pro-life message confidently and graciously. We focus on two crucial questions: • What are the preborn? • What makes humans valuable? Attendees will learn to simplify the abortion debate and to respond confidently to common pro-abortion objections. If you have questions, email Mike Goodhart at mgoodhart1@gmail.com or call 734-502-7850. More information will be forthcoming. Sponsored by the Monsignor Clement H. Kern Knights of Columbus Council #8284

The Rescue Project By GK Steve Sarlito

I am sure you have heard the advertising at church for the Fall Rescue Project at St. John Neumann. I am encouraging you to sign up for this great program. The Rescue Project is open to all adults. The Fall sessions for the Rescue Project will run from Wednesday 10/2 to Wednesday 12/11 in Baldwin Hall. Participants, facilitators, and co-facilitators are welcome to attend either an afternoon session (1:00-3:00) or evening session (7:00-9:00). Both Fall sessions will also include a combined retreat on Saturday morning 11/16 for everyone involved. A digital flier for the Rescue Project is included in this email.

Vocations Chalice



St. John Neumann has a long tradition of asking parish families to take home our Vocations Chalice for one week to pray for priestly vocations. Joe Camill, our Vocations Chairman, is asking brother knights, 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 jcamill@wowway.com.

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Tuesday Nights at 6 pm Saturday Afternoons at 3 pm or by appointment with a priest



Soccer Challenge

By DD Dan Timmerman

There were 5 participants in the 2024 Council soccer challenge. All boys. Winners were:

- Jack Tenerio, age 10
- Isaiah Holowecky, age 11
- Braedon Holowecky, age 12

Congratulations to all entrants. The three winners then participated in the District soccer challenge which followed. There were total 10 entrants. The winners of the District challenge were:

Girls-

- Yan Penrente, age 10
- Niviah Gordon, age 11

Boys-

- Drew Parker, age 9
- Jack Tenerio, age 10
- Andrew Piechocki, age 11
- Braedon Hoowecky, age 12
- Austin Trehorne, age 13

Congratulations to these 7 winners who move on to the Diocesan challenge on 9/22.

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.

127 – The Fifth Commandment

Matters of life and death are very important concerns. Frequently it is said that the health of a society is understood by the way it treats the vulnerable: the elderly, children, the ill or the unborn. This booklet explores the Christian approach to the Fifth Commandment and what it means for us to believe that God alone is the author of life and that it is not permissible to take a human life. Instead of reducing "Thou shall not kill" to convenient bromides, we learn what it means to be Christian and to have this commandment as a fundamental principle of Christian living.

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Patriotic Rosary
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A Patriotic Rosary was prayed at St John Neumann on September 18 to commemorate Constitution Day which was on 9-17. The event was a joint effort between the SJN Knights of Columbus and the SJN Women's organization.

The event led off with a compilation of quotes and reflections from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution itself, followed by the recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary with a prayer for our various leaders before each decade and a recognition of each state of the union prior to each "Hail Mary". Patriotic songs such as "My Country Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America" were sung after each decade with piano accompaniment.

The colors were posted and the event presided over by a 4th Degree Honor Guard.

It was an evening of inspired prayer for our country.



Protecting God's Children

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Parish Picnic 2024

By Keith Lawrin
Photos by Gene Suchyta

The 2024 SJN Parish was a huge success! The coordinated effort by the Knights and the SJN Woman's Organization was co-chaired by Dan Vella and Jim DiMaria and their respective spouses Connie and Theresa.

For starters, we were blessed with an absolutely beautiful day!

Local scout group assisted in the table and chair set up in the morning. No shortage of help from the Knights included manning the grills and cooking 640 hot dogs as well as pitching in throughout the event, from overseeing the ever-popular child's petting zoo to working at the famous adult beverage table.

The SJN Woman's organization spearheaded the kitchen duties and candy walk as well as assisting the 50/50 raffle that raised \$302 for our organizations.

Parishioners really stepped up and provided an abundance of desserts, which capped off the feast and a wonderful day.

Thanks to Gene Suchyta for the outstanding pictures!



DD Dan Timmerman presented Officers Medallions to Larry O-Hara (Inside Guard) and Marshall Grazioli (Lecturer) at the last membership meeting.

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