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"Through The Strength of Brotherhood Put Your Faith Into Action"

From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights!

Happy Fall! As I write this article it is a beautiful 76° on Sunday afternoon. What beautiful weather God has been blessing us with these last several weeks.



This month the subject of respecting life has been swirling around in my head. Maybe it has been all the Anti-Life/Pro Choice political ads that I hear every five seconds. I know by the time this article is published the election will be very soon. I don't know about you but these ads really disgust me and the slant they put on the topic of abortion. I heard one ad that the "actor" was speaking of how "anti-abortion radicals" were out to takeover her freedom of choice. The picture they showed in the commercial was of college age youth holding up signs that stated "Students for Life". I guess that makes those of us who support Pro-Life causes "radicals". I will wear that as a badge of honor! I feel very strongly that speaking up for Life issues is something important to me personally and something that we as Brothers Knights are called to do. In putting our Faith into Action on this topic, I had the pleasure to be part of two events recently that we talked about at our meetings and highlighted as opportunities for Knights to participate in. They were the Life Chain event in Westland on Sunday October 6 th and the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center annual banquet the evening of Thursday October 10 th .



The annual Life Chain occurs every October in cities nationwide. It is to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life. This was an opportunity to be out in public putting our faith to the test. There were twenty-two SJN parishioners, six of whom were Knights. We were lined up on a beautiful Sunday afternoon along Wayne Road near Westland Mall for an hour and a half to peacefully protest against abortion. We held up Pro-Life signs that read "Abortion Kills Children" or "Choose Adoption, Not Abortion". We

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St. John Neumann Council 16169
Canton, Michigan

St. John Neumann
Knights of Columbus
Council 16169 ,
44800 Warren Road
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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*

Friday November 1

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 2 Pancake

Hospitality Weekend

Wine Tasting After Mass Ticket
Sales

8am Build-a-Bed

Sunday, November 3

Pancake Hospitality Weekend

Friday, November 8

Kids against Hunger

Saturday, November 9

9am SJN Parish Grounds
Cleanup

Tuesday, November 12

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

Friday, November 15

6:30pm KofC SJN Wine Tasting

Saturday, November 16

9:15am for Kids -
The Basilica of Ste. Anne de
Detroit

Tuesday, November 26

7:00pm Business Meeting

Saturday December 14t

Deadline for Poster Contest

Tuesday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 17

7:00pm Business Meeting

Sunday, December 29

10:30am Corporate Communion

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

From the Desk of the Grand Knight. (Cont from Page1)

had several people drive by who yelled obscenities or gave us obscene gestures. On the other hand there were a lot of people that honked their car horns and gave us thumbs up. There is no doubt that this can push you out of your comfort zone, but it is a cause that is worth it. It felt good to do something to take a stand for Life and those babies who have no one to speak for them.

Pam and I then attended the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center annual Fall Banquet on October 10th. See the article on this event within the newsletter. This was the annual fundraiser for the center. Nearly 800 people were in attendance. The guest speaker for the evening was TV and movie personality Kevin Sorbo. The event was not one where we stretched our comfort zone, but it was an opportunity to share dinner and social time with likeminded people in support of and organization that is doing so much to help pregnant women make the right choice to have their babies. AAA also provides three years of after pregnancy support for the new mothers.

The presentations from AAA Pregnancy CEO Peggy Roberts and Kevin were awesome. The Knights of Columbus were specifically recognized for our work in providing and material donations to the center and financial help through the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

One more opportunity that we have is to make a statement is in our own front yards. We have had a "Choose Life" sign in our front yard for over two years. Ever since Proposal 3 was on the ballot in Michigan. I left that sign in our yard even after the 2022 election and it certainly has gotten a little rough around the edges.

I wanted to try to get that message to stick in people's minds and know that the people who live here are not just throwing our sign away after one defeat. We also have a school bus stop in front of our house. My hope is that every day this message, little by little, gets across to the high school kids on that bus. Especially the girls who have so much pressure coming from secular society telling them it's their body and therefore their choice.



There will have newly printed "Choose Life" yard signs available to SJN Parishioners soon. I would encourage you to get one and place it in your lawn. You might not know the life you change just by having it there for people to see.

God Bless all of you as together we fight for Life, from conception to natural death.

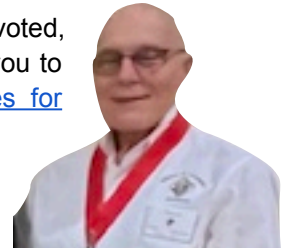
Pam and I want to wish all of you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving. May your gatherings, whether big or small be bountiful and may you give thanks to God for all that he has blessed us with. Thank you for all that you do as Brother Knights for Council 16169. See you in the Eucharist!!

Vivat Jesus, Steve



A Message from our District Deputy

We have a very important day coming up on **November 5, Election Day**. If you have not already voted, please ensure you vote. Vote Catholic. The Michigan Catholic Conference has a good website for you to get information on what voting Catholic means. Go to cthl.cc/election. [2024 Election Resources for Catholics in Michigan | Michigan Catholic Conference](#)



Another special day coming up is **November 11, Veterans Day**. Reach out and thank our veterans for their sacrifice of service in protecting our country and ourselves. Some made the ultimate sacrifice and we owe them all a debt of gratitude.

On **November 28, Thanksgiving Day**, I will give thanks to God for all the blessings he has given me. I am humbled by his love and generosity. Even in my brokenness he has always been there for me, supporting me, giving me strength to get through some tough times. All that I have I owe it all to God. I will also give thanks for my family, my church family and my Knight family. I will give thanks for Father Paul, Father Jeff, Father Jim, Father John and Deacon Pat.. What spiritual direction and support we have as Knights at St. John Neumann. I give thanks for the strong Council we have here at St. John Neumann and the support you have given me as District Deputy. I will cherish the memories we have and those we will continue to make. God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus, Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

A PRAYER CONSECRATING THE 2024 ELECTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Mary, Mother of God, you are our Mother too! We consecrate the 2024 election to your Immaculate Heart and implore your intercession!

Please pray for us, that the Holy Spirit pour out His Gift of Wisdom upon the voters in our country that they may elect leaders who will seek to do

Our Father's Will as they govern our country. We are confident that through your intercession we will remain, "One nation, under God, with liberty and Justice for all"!

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers

Brother George Peters

Ed Chrostowski, Ed's sister Linda Michael, and the father-in-law of Ed and Shirley Chrostowski's daughter Pauline

Repose of the soul of Fr. Dennis Kauffman

Brother Ron LeTourneau

Cydney Domsic and baby daughter Esther Grace, family of brother Jeff Domsic

Scott Hyde, brother of brother Robert Hyde

Megan Rowley, daughter of State Director Kevin Rowley

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

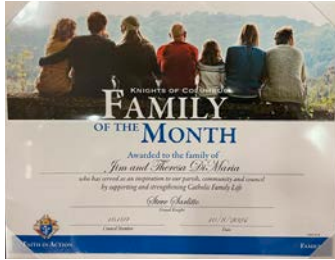
Mark and Carol Sienkowski

Augie Ferrera, friend of brother Dennis Oszust

Mary Ellen Redman, mother of council membership director SK Larry Redman

For the month of October We recognized Two Families of the month

*October Family of the Month
Dan and Connie Vella*



Dan was born in Detroit and was born on Cedar Falls Iowa. He graduated from Taylor Center High School in 1978 and Connie from Dike High School in 1977. Connie attended

airline school after graduation and Dan attended Riddle Aeronautical University. They both went to work for Delta Air Lines and that is where we met. They are both retired from Delta Air Lines, Dan was a Security and Safety Manager and Connie was a Payroll Supervisor. They have been married for 29 years Dan and Connie have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

They have been members at St. John Neumann for 29 years, which is when they moved to Canton. They lead



*Family of the Month of October
Jim and Theresa DiMaria*



Jim and Theresa DiMaria have been parishioners of SJN since 2021. They have been married for 30 years, and have 4 children (three of which are married), 2 grandchildren, and two more on the way. Jim grew up in River Rouge and attended Riverview Gabriel Richard High School. He graduated from Wayne State University and currently manages a data analytics team at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Theresa grew up in Detroit and attended Our Lady of Mercy High School. She graduated from MSU and currently works as a Home Infusion Nurse for Optum Infusion.

Jim and Theresa are long-time residents of Canton. Their children attended All Saints Catholic School and Father Gabriel Richard High School. Their children often fulfilled their High School volunteer service hour requirements through the PBJ ministry at OLCG in Plymouth. Jim and Theresa were inspired by their children to attend the ministry one week, and they have been hooked ever since! It was also the faith discovery journeys of their children that inspired Jim and Theresa to dive deeper into their faith and become more involved in the parish life. When not at work or church, Jim and Theresa most enjoy time spent with their children and grandchildren. They are also blessed to have the love and support of Jim's parents Keith (a fellow Knight) and Joan who, through 65 years of marriage, have provided a wonderful example of love, faith, charity and service for their family members to follow.

Since joining SJN parish, Jim joined the Knights of Columbus and has been involved in such activities as the Cans for Seminarians, Free Throw contest, Tootsie Roll Drive, Cathedral Community Grill, Memorial to Unborn Children, Pancake Breakfast, and Special Olympics. Theresa is a member of the SJN Women's Organization and has participated in the can collection, Halloween Dance, Annual Bake Sales, and the St. Paul of the Cross Women's Retreats. As a couple, Jim and Theresa participated in the very rewarding Acts 29 parish program earlier this year, and both were honored to be asked to co-chair the 2024 Parish Picnic with Dan and Colleen Vella. In true SJN fashion, so many people came together to make this year's picnic a success, including but not limited to last year's co-chairs, the K of C council 16169 members, the SJNWO members, parish staff and volunteers. Jim and Theresa feel blessed and humbled to be a part of the SJN community.

Sign up opportunities

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

- [November 1/2: 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration and Greeter](#)
- [November 2/3: Pancake Hospitality Week-end](#)
- [November 2: Build a Bed](#)
- [November 9: Parish Fall Grounds Cleanup](#)
- [November 15: KofC SJN Wine Tasting Event Help](#)
- [November 16: Coats for Kids, Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit](#)

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



*October Knight of the Month
 Ron LeTourneau*



Ron was born and raised in Ely, Minnesota. He graduated with a degree in Government from St. John's University and had post-graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. He met his wife, Mary, through their shared interest in cross-country skiing where he was an instructor in Minneapolis. They have been married for 38 years and have 2 daughters and a son, 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson and a great-grandson. They moved to Michigan 37 years ago and have been members of St. John Neuman since 1989.

Ron retired 2 years ago when he sold his medical products distribution company after 26 years in that field. He had been a volunteer care-giver with the Stephen Ministry program at his Minnesota parish. Ron has been involved with the Alpha Program, the Couple's Prayer Program, the "That Man is You Program", the "Rescue Project" program. He has been a greeter for Eucharistic Adorations. Ron and Mary provide a Stroganoff dinner for the International Dinner at St. John Neuman. He is a volunteer at the Bickford Assisted Living Center in Canton. Ron has also been the Co-Chairman for our Council's "Leave No Knight Behind" committee for several years.

November Birthdays



William J Kumm (11-01)
 Christopher J Kotcher (11-02)
 Greg Pietron (11-02)

Daniel J Skotak (11-02)
 Don P Schlagheck (11-05)
 Earl R Hoffman (11-06)
 Jeffrey Erdmann (11-08)
 Daniel J Pfeiffer (11-10)
 William E Springer (11-10)

Matvey Polin (11-11)
 John R McGee (11-14)
 Eugene J Suchyta (11-14)
 Tim Sopha (11-15)
 Dr Timothy J Bodnar (11-18)

Ernest P Gubry (11-18)
 Joseph C Bradley (11-20)
 Micheal J Pilotto (11-24)
 Mark Richard Rausch (11-25)

Wedding Anniversaries



Gerald T & Diane Heiss (11 /8)

Robert S & Mary Victor (11/14)

Joe & Ador Ahme (11/23)


"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."

Choose Life Signs Available

Thanks to two generous K of C donors, we have received 50 CHOOSE LIFE yard signs! We will



begin distributing the signs this weekend at the Pancake Breakfast and various other Parish events. Placing a sign in your yard helps promote the Pro-life cause but the most important thing we can do is Pray. Whenever you drive up to your home and see your sign it would be a great time to ask Our Lady to intercede to help end abortions. We are asking for freewill offerings for the signs. All money raised will be put towards the purchase of additional signs.



Years of Service

1 to 4 Years Service

Mark E Mueller (1) Stephen Piontek (1) Keith J DiMaria (1) David C Asika (2) Emmanuel C Asika (2) Steven Polidori (3)	Darrin P Burek (3) Lawrence J O'Hara (3) Aashish Paul (3) Kenneth A Plonka (3) Vincent O Anwunah (4) Paul E Bak (4)	Roger A Biernat (4) Stephen J Meibers (4) Clinton L Randall (4) Steven R Sarlitto (4) Don P Schlagheck (4)
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5 to 9 Years Service

Dr Ehinor P Arhebamen (5) Anthony J Esser (5) Brian S Paul (5) Leonard R Spas (5) Robert S Victor (5) Raymond Wojciechowski (5)	David F Di Franco (5) Jeffrey A Niszcak (5) James M Tallman (5) Dr Mark D Richter (6) James F Kullman (6) John A Kullman (6)	Tom Borke (8) Thomas E Solak (8) Keith R Laurin (9) Lawrence A Maccani (9) David R Blankenship (9) Jeffrey T Wagoner (9)
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10 to 24 Years Of Service

Camillius M Jankowiak (10) Martin I Sviland (11)	Alan K Nutten (12) Edmund J Chrostowski Jr (20)
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25 Years or More Of Service

James F Pryce (40)	Jack S Massarello (43)
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Keep a Child Warm this Winter Volunteer for Coats for Kids



Coats for Kids exemplifies the Knights of Columbus' mission of charity and providing for the most vulnerable of society. Since 2009 the knights have provided warmth to over 1 million children in need. To see the impact please click on the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/coats-for-kids/index.html>

This year, at least 10 of our council members will volunteer to help distribute these coats. The distribution will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 9:15 am to 2 pm. The location of the distribution is Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit. 1000 St. Anne st., Detroit. To be one of these 10 brother knights sign click on the following link.

[November 16: Coats for Kids, Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit](#)

FACTS ABOUT COATS FOR KIDS

- DISTRIBUTION IN 50 STATES AND 10 CANADIAN PROVINCES
- 1,500 COUNCILS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS
- APPROX. 200,000 COATS
- THE GOAL OF OUR COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM IS TO ENSURE THAT NO CHILD IN NORTH AMERICA GOES WITHOUT A COAT DURING THE WINTER

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

October 6th – Lives Saved



St. John Neumann Respect Life Group held 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. An informal count on this day, indicated that 22 people participated in the march. This included a gentleman who noticed the march and walked over from the mall to participate. It was a great day despite the wind wanting to take our signs away. Hopefully we changed some minds..



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. 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.



Our parish grounds looks great all year round. Thanks to our parish grounds committee.

On Saturday morning, November 9, at 9:00am, the Knights of Columbus will be helping with the Fall Cleanup of the Parish grounds. Please bring

rakes, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, and any cleanup tools you think we may need.

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

Free Throw Contest:

Get ready for some basketball. SJN will be hosting the Council, District and Diocese Free throw contest again this year. We are booked for Jan 26th, Feb 9th and Feb 16th respectively. We will need



plenty of help with registration, scoring, organizing, etc.

Sign ups forthcoming.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – Is scheduled before our Election. From Friday 11/1 (after

9:00am mass) through the start of mass on Saturday 11/2. Please sign-up to Adore Christ or Greet parishioners during the late hours.

"How to Live Real Masculinity"

"How to Live Real Masculinity" by Chris Stefanick is the title the video that was shown during the Mens Prayer Group meeting on Sept 28th. Chris does a great job with this topic. This is something that many men need at this time due to the influences of our secular culture. I think you will really enjoy it. Feel free to pass it on. Thank you to Jim Kullman for another great selection. Enjoy!

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/how-to-live-real-masculinity-chris-stefanick-show>

The mens prayer breakfast meets every Thursday at 6am in Baldwin hall. The meeting is always over by 7am. This is a great opportunity to bond with your fellow brothers and enjoy a great discussion of various topics. There is no dues, no fees, and you can participate or just come and listen if you want. Light breakfast snacks with coffee or juice is free to start your day out right.

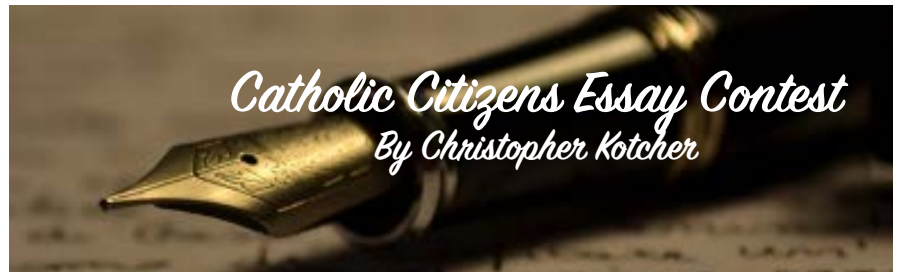
The Saturday version of the prayer breakfast is held every Fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. Free of charge, no need to sign up early just show up. See you there.



The cans that are collected outside the church building, are refunded by either the

Knights of Columbus or the Women's organization. The funds generated by this collection by the knights are used to support three seminarians. The funds from the women's organization is used for the soup kitchens.

The Knights collect the refundable on January, February, May, June, Sept and October. Therefore, the knights will start collecting again in January. At this time make a new years resolution to sign up on the volunteer genius on our web site to assist in this project.



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.

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:

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

*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.

*Keep Christ in CHRISTmas
Poster Contest
By Michael Tallman*



The 2024 Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is coming! Beginning mid-November thru December 14th 2024 the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring and collecting poster entries from youth grades K - 8. The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is a fun and easy way to put our faith into action and get youth in your community involved in their faith. We partner with the Saint John Neumann religious education program, EDGE, and the students of All Saint School. We have been blessed to have student entries succeed at the church, district and state levels of competition. A call for judges will be made soon as we prepare for another successful event. Thank you all for your support!

*A Day with the Saints
More than 100 Relics*

On November 3rd 2024 Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit will be having a first class relic exposition with over 100 first class relics. The exposition will start following the 10:00am Mass. This includes fragments of the true cross, holy manger, and of the 12 apostles.

Also on November 3rd at 10:00AM there is going to be a Memorial Mass for fallen Knights at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Hope that you are able to attend one of these events.

<https://www.motherofdivinemercury.org/relics>

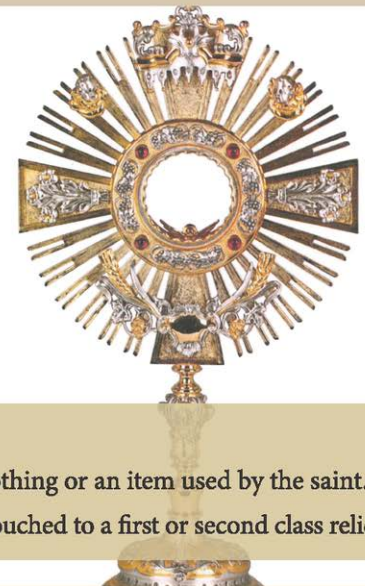
A DAY WITH THE SAINTS
FIRST CLASS RELICS EXPOSITION

Sunday, November 3, 2024
 Following 10 a.m. Holy Mass until 4 p.m.

SWEETEST HEART OF MARY CHURCH, 4440 RUSSELL ST., DETROIT, MI 48207

More than 100 first class relics residing at Sweetest Heart of Mary will be exposed.

Relics include the True Cross, Holy Manger, Flagellation Pillar, Blessed Virgin Mary's Veil, and the twelve Apostles of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotional items may be touched to the relics.



First Class Relic: A part of the saint's body.

Second Class Relic: A piece of the saint's clothing or an item used by the saint.

Third Class Relic: An object that has been touched to a first or second class relic.

SWEETEST HEART OF MARY CHURCH
 313-831-6659
 WWW.MOTHEROFDIVINEMERCURY.ORG

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 CHURCH
MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY PARISH - DETROIT
 www.PreservingSweetestHeart.org

*Your Help Needed
For The
Pancake Breakfast*

The knights will be grilling and serving up pancakes on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at the Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm masses. For these "pancake" masses, we need 8 to 10 people.



We will also be serving donuts and coffee after Saturday 4:30pm. We need 2 people for this.

This includes one brother to man our KofC information table.

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

AAA Fundraising Banquet

On October 10th, Larry and Cathy Redman, Marshall and Colleen Grazioli, Steve and Pam Sarlitto, Chuck and Nancy Lang, Jeff Battistella and Jodi Ring all attended the annual Fall Fundraiser Banquet for the AAA Pregnancy Resource Center. The center is in its 51st year of operation having helped to help women to deliver and care for over 2000 babies that might have otherwise been lost to abortion. Several years ago the Knight of Columbus purchased an ultrasound machine for the center that has aided greatly in this cause. The guest speaker was Kevin Sorbo who played "Hercules" on the popular TV show from the 90's amongst many other acting roles. After having his own life threatened by three strokes caused by an aneurism in his shoulder he became an outspoken Christian and Pro-life warrior. Our council sponsored the table again this year and the combined monetary contribution from the table sponsorship and donations from the table guests was \$2400 which qualifies the center to receive the maximum \$400 offered by The K of C Supreme Council through the ASAP program. Well done!



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.

128 - The Sixth & Ninth Commandments

No doubt you will agree that we live in a sexually charged society. The advertising industry relies on sex to sell a product. In addition, there seems to be a lack of understanding that sexuality is a gift from God. Here we learn about the beauty of sexuality as taught by the Catholic Church. This booklet looks at reality and offers us some practical advice.

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

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

Response to Gov. Whitmer's anti-Catholic skit

Brother Knights,

Some of you may have seen the very disgusting, anti-Catholic skit that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was part of a couple of weeks ago where she mocked the Catholic sacrament of Holy Communion. It was posted on the social media platform Instagram. If you have not seen it you can Google her and the CHIPS skit. There has been a lot of push back on Gov. Whitmer's latest stunt. Many people are not aware of the pushback that she has been receiving. Below are a couple of links to responses from both the Michigan Catholic Conference and the National Catholic Register. I suggest that you take a look and just be informed on how some of our politicians are disrespecting our faith. Feel free to pass this on to your friends and family. Please remember this the next time Gov. Whitmer is campaigning for herself or others.

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,

Grand Knight Reflects on "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Our Faith in Action

I want to make you aware of an opportunity to put your Faith in Action. The organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP) is a national charitable organization. The link to their website is: Home - Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbs.org).



Their motto is "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town". They have 350+ local chapters around the US and Canada. They build and deliver beds to children who are in need of something as basic as a bed. Nationally they have delivered over 200,000 beds. These beds are constructed of wood strictly through the efforts of volunteers. Knights of Columbus councils around the country and in Canada have supported SHP chapters.

The local chapter is sponsoring a Bed Build on Saturday November 2nd from 8:00am - 11:30am at Mettetal Airport in Canton (corner of Joy Rd. & Lilley Rd.). The build will be indoors and as follows:

Description

We will be building 50 beds for Western Wayne County children who are in need of beds.

Purpose

Make an impact on both the children of Wayne County as well as those you join during the bed build.

Role

Cutting, sanding, drilling, assembling, staining, and branding are some of the tasks that will be available to be performed. All tools are provided by SHP.

I have taken part in a Bed Build and it is very rewarding. It's a day to roll up your sleeves, get a little dirty and do some good in the community by building something as simple as a bed frame.

You can sign up for this event by accessing the Sleep in Heavenly Peace event link: <https://x.gldn.io/e/jirSRCFqvNb>

I am planning on signing up for this event myself. If you do sign up please wear your Knights of Columbus shirt, hat, etc. It would be great to see a bunch of us there. Please prayerfully consider putting your Faith in Action by taking part in this great activity to help underprivileged children in our community.

Vivat Jesus! Steve Sarlitto, Grand Knight - St. John Neumann Council #16169

Halloween Dance For Young Adults with Special Needs

By John Crabill

The St. John Neumann Knights sponsored their 8th Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25, 2024. The dance was well attended with approximately 170 young adults and chaperones. The attendees were from the St. John Neumann Parish and the PC Stars Special Olympic Team. The young adults had great costumes and appeared to have a great time on the dance floor. The chaperones were very appreciative of the activities for the young adults.

Several organizations participated with us to make the dance a success. They were:

- The Civitans ran their popular picture taking station. Kathy Turnquest also provided the ice cream treats
- The Middle School and High School Youth Groups provided support during the hall decorating, food serving areas and clean-up.
- The St. John Neumann Women's Organization provided support during the decorating, registration and running the 'Punch Out' Game
- Diana Korte was the DJ for the event and again did a great job this year
- Cindy Fox from the PC Stars coordinated the registration of the PC Stars athletes
- The Planning team of Cindy Fox, Kathy Turnquest, and Roxanne Crabill were instrumental in making the dance a success
- A special thank you to Father John in leading us in an excellent prayer at the start of the dance

I would also like to thank all the brothers from the Knights of Columbus Council 16169 who participated in the Tootsie Roll drive which funded our donation to the PC Stars and the members at the dance which made it such a success.



Fraternal Hours

It's that time of the year where we collect Volunteer Hours for Calendar Year 2024.

The hours come from:

- Our awesome council fundraisers
- Faith in Action Programs (Faith, Family, Community and Life)
- Time spent outside of our programs when we volunteer to visit the sick/disabled members and their families
- Other Volunteer time spent outside of the Knights (Scouting, Athletics, etc)

By reporting our hours, it reduces the Federal Taxes we pay at the Supreme Level.

You may be thinking, "I have time to look at this later." However, it's easier now to capture those hours on the attached file and fill in the remaining months of November and December when they are complete. - - We all know how the Holiday Season catches us by surprise with the many demands of our time.

The attached file is a simple Excel Document that you can capture hours/visits/mtgs monthly.

- **In the first tab titled "Member Name"**, please Type your Name and Membership numbers in the light gray area's. Then proceed to capture your hours/visits/mtgs in the open light gray cells and they will be summarized automatically. Remember to include all Planning, Prepping and Actual Execution of the event. (Note that many Rows, Columns, and cells are protected to retain consistency from file to file)

- **In the second tab title "Explanation"**, we included activities we typically conduct and placed them in categories which seemed reasonable. If you don't find a particular program you were involved with, then simply add the hours to an existing category and capture any comments in the Comments Column. The actual categories are fixed by Supreme.

Save the File in a folder for your future use this year by "SAVE AS" and include Your Name in the File.

At the end of the year, I'll send out a reminder for you to either email me back the file to PD16169@mikofc.org, or Print the Tab and I'll collect it.


If you are not comfortable using Excel, please print the file and write in your hours and I'll collect it from you at the end of the year.

https://kofc16169.org/docs/fraternal_activity_worksheet.xlsx

Additionally, I'll make these available again as Hard Copies at the November 12th General Meeting.

If you have any questions, please send them to me at PD16169@mikofc.org.

ALL RESPONSES ARE DUE TO DAVID TROST BY DECEMBER 31, 2024



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.



Wine Tasting EVENT

- Let's Raise a Glass or Two -

Featuring a Musical Performance of Award-Winning Songs from:



Friday, November 15

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

www.kofc16169.org

Or use this QR code to buy tickets

Tickets: \$50.00

All proceeds benefit K of C 16169 Charities



**Sponsored by:
Super Fine Wine & Liquor**



The night includes tasting of 5 wines, light hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment featuring a musical performance of award-winning songs from Detroit Strong Music. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus SJN Council 16169 charities. The event is being sponsored by Super Fine Wine & Liquor on Haggarty Rd.

[Click here](#) for tickets, or scan the QR code.

Membership Update

Since the beginning of the current fraternal year which began on July 1st, our Council has exemplified 4 new members. The goal given us by Supreme at the beginning of the year in order to qualify for Star Council is 13 new members meaning that we are currently at 31% of our goal with 8 months remaining in the fraternal year. In addition, 3 members have transferred into our Council from other Councils and 1 member transferred out of our Council. Our total membership now stands at 219 members which doesn't make us the largest Council in our area but does put us above the average which seems to be about 180 members.



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.

Family Fall Fun Festival

By Joseph Smyth



On Saturday afternoon, October 12, the Knights of Columbus held the second annual Fall Festival in Baldwin Hall. The event was expanded this year to include the SJN Family Ministry.

The day was filled with festivities for all family members including a Chili Cookoff, Craft Beer Tasting, Corn Hole Tournament, Jeopardy and many additional Family Ministry events for the children. Although not planned, we were able to project the The Tiger Game in lieu of the planned College football game. Children participated in a Halloween Costume parade as parents enjoyed chili, hot dogs, chips and beer. Brother Steve Otting repeated with the winning Chili again taking home the prized Cookoff Trophy.

Thanks to all who participated to make the Fall Festival a great afternoon of Brotherhood and Family Ministry fun!



Fall Mental Impairment Drive

By Larry Redman

Our council held our Fall Mental Impairment Drive on October 11, 12 and 13th. We accepted donations at two new venues this year: Mans Lumber on Michigan Avenue and Three Brothers Restaurant in Plymouth. We also accepted donations after all masses at both Resurrection and St. John Neumann. Donations in excess of \$4,000 were collected! Thank you Brother Knights, parishioners and local businesses that supported our fall drive. Our next Mental Impairment Drive (aka MI Drive) will be in the Spring, Palm Sunday weekend.

Ron Budzisz, Co-Chair & Larry Redman, Co-Chair



Christmas Cards

Christmas Card Sales to benefit Right to Life of Michigan will go on sale in November in the gathering space after mass. Purchase your Christmas cards here for a great cause.

Prayerful Discernment

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. The Michigan Catholic Conference is providing numerous resources to Catholics who are preparing to vote in the November 2024 election. Some very helpful information can be found at the website "2024 Election Resources for Catholics in Michigan"



Christmas in the Philippines Elizabeth Foundation

Every year our council supports the Elizabeth Foundation. This foundation had its beginnings in 1994 as a project of the Fr. Victor J Renaud council of the Knights of Columbus. After becoming aware of the poverty in the Philippines, five of the brother knights each donated \$25 to feed the poor. That year with the assistance of the Philippine knights of Columbus, food packages were purchased and distributed to over 150 needy families of the Negros Philippine area.

After the great success of this project the Renaud council continued its support for many years to come. Several other Southeast Michigan councils heard



of this program and decided to join in. Thru the past 30 years this program continued and some councils continued and some councils dropped out of the program. For the past five years, our St. John Neumann Council has budgeted \$500 to be used for the program which has become known as the "Christmas in the Philippines" program.

Over the years the program has obtained a non Profit status with the USA government as a tax deductible 501(c)3 non profit known as the "Elizabeth Foundation ". This status allows every donation to the programs to be tax deductible by the donor on his or her Federal tax return.



During these past 30 years, the foundation has increased its programs to not only include the "Christmas in the Philippines" program which gives food packages and soup every Christmas, but also includes programs such as the Adopt a Family " program. This program the sponsor for a \$50 per month donation provides needed food to the poor families on a Biweekly basis. Other programs has provided housing, educational and Medical needs.

The Elizabeth Foundation would like to thank our council for its continued support.

If any individual knight would like more information or to make a donation please contact Brother Ron Rathbun at ronaldrathbun@gmail.com.

Membership Keeping Informed

Our council has made great efforts to communicate with all of our brother Knights. Our goal is to inform all brothers of all the activities of the council and to meet the needs of each brother.

Emails

Our worthy Grand Knight sends out updated emails keeping all members informed not only with the activities of the council but also activities that will keep all members abreast with other Church and community activities.

Web Site

All the informations regarding our council is presented on our web site. This site is an excellent source of updated information Brother Gene Suchyta updates this site on a regular basis. Besides informing the members of the past and upcoming activities but also provides each member the opportunity to volunteer to assist in the many activities of the council. The web site address is <https://kofc16169.org/news.php> .

Facebook

For those members that follow the activities on Facebook, our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnneumannkofccouncil16169>. Much like our website this page will keep you informed with many of the councils activities and with events of interest around the archdiocese. This page is managed and updated by Brother Jim Pryce.

Newsletter

On a monthly basis, we publish a digital newsletter. The newsletter is intended to inform the membership of upcoming events and update information on the past months events. The newsletter will also list the birthdays, anniversaries and years of service of the membership. Important information on diocese, state and national news. The newsletter is edited by Brother Ron Rathbun and is sent to every member via email on the first of the month. It is also published on our web page.

Leave No Brother Behind

If our council has not heard from any brother Knight, the committee "Leave no Knight Behind" will make every effort possible to contact that knight to assure that he and his family are ok. When the committee is able to contact the Knight, we will be able to access the needs of the brother. Sometimes we become aware that the knight or his family is in need of help. This committee is lead by Brother knight Ron LeTourneau.If you are aware of a fellow brother who needs our help, please contact the Grand Knight.



*Archdiocese of Detroit Region
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in cooperation with the Michigan Knights of Columbus
and St. Anne's Basilica of Detroit



**Where: Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit
1000 Sainte Anne Street Detroit, Michigan**

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 10AM – 2PM

Coat sizes: Unisex TODDLER sizes 12M-4T
Boys CHILD sizes 4, 5, 6
Boys YOUTH sizes 7/8, 10/12, 14, 16
Girls CHILD sizes 4, 5, 6
Girls YOUTH sizes 7/8, 10/12, 14, 16
Boys TEEN S, M, L, XL, XXL
Girls TEEN S, M, L, XL, XXL

NO NEED TO SIGN UP BUT FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

- * **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**
- * **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A COAT**