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Serving St. John Neumann & Resurrection Parishes

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

From the Desk of the Grand Knight



Vivat Jesus my Brother Knights!

I trust that all of you had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends and giving thanks to God for all the blessings that we have in our life. We are quickly approaching the Christmas season and the hectic pace that comes with it. Secular society has turned this time of Christ's birth into a mega marketing blitz with the sole focus on buying, buying and more buying. It is ever rarer to hear about the reason for the season. Don't get me wrong. Giving a gift to our family or friends this time of year can be an expression of our love for them. There is certainly some excitement and admittedly some stress too that comes with searching out for that perfect gift. However, we need to balance the desire to find the perfect gift with keeping our faith as the focus during the season.

One suggestion that I might make is to take some time and give yourself a perfect gift this Christmas and a New Year's Resolution all in one. Something that might take the edge off the stress of season and help you grow in your faith a little bit more at the same time. One such gift would be to attend one of our Men's Prayer Breakfast meetings. At the end of each our Business/Membership Meetings I always make a point to mention not to forget Men's Prayer Breakfast (MPB) on Thursday mornings at 6:00am. Also, our Cor MPB on the 4 th Saturday of every month at 8:30am. Both sessions are held here at St. John Neumann in Baldwin Hall.

Before I describe MPB let me start by reassuring those of you who might stop reading this article at this point thinking you are not interested or qualified to attend. MPB does not require you to be deep in your Catholic faith to attend. This is not a bible study class. This is a group of guys who get together each week to grow their faith a little bit more through watching a video and sharing a little with each other. Some share a lot. Some don't share anything at all. There are no requirements. There is no pressure.

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St. John Neumann Council 16169
Canton, Michigan

St. John Neumann
Knights of Columbus
Council 16169 ,
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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*

Sunday December 1

2:00 pm Outdoor Christmas Lighting

Monday, December 2

Family Life Services Fence removal

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 pm Exemplification Renaud

Wednesday December 4

Deadline for Diaper, Wipe, and Gift Card Drive

Tuesday, December 10

Bring Holy Cross Sweatshirts to meeting
6:45 pm Membership Meeting and Holiday Gathering

Saturday December 14

Deadline for Poster Contest

Tuesday, December 17

7:00pm Business Meeting

Tuesday December 31

Due date for membership dues

Sunday, December 29

10:30am Corporate Communion

Tuesday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 pm Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 pm Business Meeting

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

I started attending Thursday MPB in 2016 while I was still working and before I became a Knight in 2020. I have attended the Saturday Cor MPB since we started those sessions last year. First, I must acknowledge the great job that Ron Kretschmer and Jim Kullman do in making the Thursday and Saturday sessions so successful. Ron is there bright and early to have light breakfast snacks and coffee setup. Jim selects the theme for each session which consists of a video. They are both great early morning greeters too!

Most guys usually show up 10-15 minutes early to get their coffee and share in some lighthearted banter. Usually sports is involved. The one-hour session kicks off promptly at 6:00am (every Thursday) or 8:30am (4th Saturday) with an opening prayer, followed by a couple of minutes of "Prayer & Praise". This is where any one of us can ask for Prayers for a family member, friend, or even ourselves for some need that we might have, Also the opportunity to share a "Praise" for something that God has blessed us with over the past week. Once all Prayers or Praise have been asked for we recite together a short "Prayer for the Sick" followed by one decade of the rosary. We then move to the video which is approx. 20 minute long followed by discussion. Again, sharing thoughts on the video topic is not required. Several of the guys do which normally prompts further sharing. Hopefully everyone is learning and growing a little bit more by just being together. The session ends promptly in one hour with a closing prayer and then everyone is on their way to their day. We normally have 20-30 men attend on any given morning. Sometimes we are lucky enough to have either Fr. Paul, Fr. John or Fr. Jim join us. The environment is not intimidating at all. No one is put on the spot to contribute. I know that 6:00am on Thursday may sound impossible, whether you are working or not working, but it is only once a week and once you get into the swing of it you find the Holy Spirit will help you get up early to attend. I truly hope that this article moves you to give MPB a try, either on Thursday or the 4th Saturday. I know that attending has truly helped my faith grow stronger over the years. I suggest that you just give it a try just once and see what you think. I think you will enjoy it and will want to keep coming back. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

In closing I want to wish all of you and your families a Joyous, Blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to save us. I pray that 2025 will bring great blessings upon you, your loved ones and our Council. God Bless all of you. Thank you for all that you do as a Brother Knight for Council 16169. See you in the Eucharist!!

Steve

**SACRAMENT
of RECONCILIATION**

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

SJN KofC: December 10: Membership Meeting and Holiday Reception

Have you placed the December 10th Membership Meeting on your calendar?? I hope so! It will be a bit different in format than our normal monthly Membership meetings. We will begin at 6:45pm with a **very short** meeting followed by a Holiday Reception of good food and fellowship ending when the last one goes home. (No later than 9:45pm) The Officers and Directors are preparing this special evening for **YOU! Spouses and Significant Others are also invited.** Please sign up at the **SignUp Genius link below so we can get an accurate headcount for food**

Please come and join us for an evening of Brotherly love and fellowship! Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 10th!

Sign up opportunities

The following activities are available for online sign up Just click to volunteer

- [December 2024: Vocations Chalice](#)
- [December 1: Outdoor Christmas Lights and Hot Chocolate](#)
- [December 10: Membership Meeting and Holiday Reception](#)
- [January 11: Forgotten Harvest Food Box Packing](#)

Zoom In to the Meeting

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

A Message from our District Deputy



I hope you all had a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the diaper drive for state wide pregnancy centers. The last day to donate is/ was December 4. The four councils in my district donated so much I had to enlist the help of others in delivering everything. What a nice problem to have.

The Knights are back this year in accepting donations to Holy Cross Services. They are asking for hooded sports team logo sweatshirts and or gift cards. I will pick all these up at the December 10 business meeting.

Advent starts December 1. May we all focus on Jesus and his second coming at the end of time, and the celebration of the anniversary of his birth on Christmas day. I pray for the grace to see Jesus in others and to love them like Jesus loves them all. A tall task I know, but it is what Jesus calls us to do.

Throughout this Christmas season let us continue to offer the hope and love of Jesus to others, especially Catholic men. Let us offer them the hope to grow closer to Jesus and one way to do that is have them join the Knights of Columbus. Together as a fraternal group we will walk with them on their journey to Christ. As we get together with family, friends and acquaintances, let us offer them the gift of becoming a Knight before Christmas.

God Bless you and your families. From Pam and myself we wish you all a Merry Christmas! See you in the Eucharist.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Timmerman - District Deputy

Brother Knights and Friends That Are In Need our Prayers

- Joe Fanelli, brother-in-law of brother Larry O'Hara
- Brother Jim Kullman
- First Lady Mandy Borsenik
- Kim Caulver, sister of brother George McPartlin
- Jennifer Bilyk, wife of SDRR Ray Bilyk
- Rebecca and Joe Mead, granddaughter & grandson-in-law of brother Tom Borke
- Noella Hurst, daughter of PGK Ed Hurst, Jr.
- Rebecca (Sienkiewicz) James, daughter of Brother Gary Sienkiewicz
- Maddie Smyth, the granddaughter of Brother Joe Smyth

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

*November Family of the Month
Jahna, Vince and Chris Kotcher*



Jahna was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 24, 1964, and Vince was born in Roseville, Michigan, on March 3, 1965. They both moved to the Canton area in their childhood, and they met each other while working at the publishing company R.L. Polk in Taylor, Michigan. They have been married 36 years and have one son, Christopher, who was born November 2, 1994.

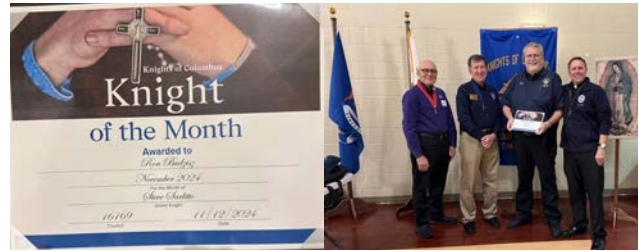
Currently, Jahna works as the Saint John Neumann Family Minister after retiring from her position as General Manager of the Ford Road Panera Bread here in Canton. She also babysits for the Saint John Neumann Middle School Youth Minister Mary Genyk. Vince and Christopher both work from home. Vince is a Senior Technical Client Support for Cox Automotive, a data company which assists with incentives for car dealerships across the country. Christopher is the Lead LMS Coordinator for MedCerts, an online learning company that trains adult and high school students for certification in allied healthcare and IT.

Christopher has been a Knight since 2020 while Vince has been a Knight since 2023. They both participate in Men's Prayer Breakfast every Thursday morning. Christopher and Jahna have participated in The Rescue Project and are currently facilitators. All three of them assist with family ministry events and the middle school EDGE program.

Additionally, Christopher is a sixth-grade Catechist on Sunday mornings and the Faith Director for our council. He has run the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, helped plan the 2024 Praise Fest for Family of Parishes, and brought in the Knights to help with the youth's Kids Coalition Against Hunger Event.

Congratulations to Jahna, Vince and Chris on being selected as Council 16169's Family of the Month for November.

*November Knight of the Month
Ron Budzisz*



Ron was born in Detroit. Suzanne and Ron have been married for 45 years. They were blessed to have 3 children, Laura, David, and Steven. Ron and Suzanne have been parishioners of SJN for 28 years. He retired from General Motors Powertrain Engineering in June of 2017 after 36 years.

Ron joined the Knights of Columbus with his dad and 3 brothers in May of 1976. And joined the 4th degree in March of 2022. Originally from Fr. O'Kelly Council, he transferred to SJN Council 16169 in 2021. Currently he is serving as co-chair of the Mental Impairment (MI) Drive for Council 16169 which he has served on since 2022. Ron has served on the planning committee For Fr Jeff's and Fr. Paul's 25th Anniversary of Priesthood.

Outside of the Knights he is the owner/manager of BUD Properties LLC. Which provides housing for special need adults.

On May of 2022 he joined the Alhambra Manresa Caravan and currently holds the position of Grand Scribe. At the Alhambra mission is to serve and enriching the lives of individuals with who are intellectually and developmentally disabled. Ron has been very active in co-chairing many Manresa events, such as special needs dances, barbecues, annual golf outing, Cooke School parties and the Northville July 4th Parade. He also serves on the Manresa Caravan budget committee, and is serving on the Board of Directors for Manresa Alhambra Housing Inc (MAHI). Manresa currently owns 2 homes for special need adults in Southeastern Michigan. Ron considers it an honor to be Crew Chief and Head Mechanic for Fr. Paul's, Alhambra Manresa go-cart parade vehicle.

Ron's special interest includes Detroit Lions (longtime fan), any type of motorsports, such as NASCAR, NHRA, classic cars and hot rods.

Congratulations to Ron Budzisz on being selected as Council 16169's Knight of the Month for November.

Diaper, Wipe, and Gift Card Drive



We're excited to announce the **2024 Diaper, Wipe, and Gift Card Drive**, and we need your help to make it a success! As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting local pregnancy centers in your diocese through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program, we're collecting disposable diapers, baby wipes, and gift cards. What a great opportunity to be more charitable as we prepare for Christmas!

Why Diapers and Baby Wipes?

Diapers and baby wipes are one of the most essential yet costly items for families with young children. Many parents struggle to afford them, and your donation can make a direct impact by easing that burden. With yours and the council's support, we are aiming to assist pregnancy centers with the resources they need to help provide families in your community care.

How You Can Help:

- Donate Diapers (all sizes needed, preferably size 3 and up)
- Donate Baby Wipes.
- Gift Cards (preferably Target, Walmart, and Meijer)

Donation Deadline: dropped off at the St. John Neumann office no later than **Wednesday December 4.**

Please attach the sales receipt to the item for ASAP purposes or just write it on the item.

Why It Matters:

Your generosity will go directly to help pregnancy centers who need diapers and wipes in your diocese the most. We can make a real difference helping new mothers in the caring of their child.



December Birthdays

Philip M McKay (12-01)
Laleen Pinto (12-06)
David P. Trost (12-10)
Gary R Sienkiewicz (12-11)
Anthony Czajka (12-12)
Andrew J Miller (12-12)
Patrick W Mulcahy (12-12)
Emmanuel C Asika (12-13)

Ronald A Budzisz (12-14)
Dan Schneider (12-15)
Stephen J Guilfoyle (12-16)
Tom Borke (12-19)
Walter T Stang (12-19)
James C Demmer (12-20)
Lawrence J O'Hara (12-21)
Camillius M Jankowiak (12-27)
Gerald T Heiss (12-29)
Michael M Myers (12-31)
Steven Polidori (12-31)



Years of Service

1 to 4 Years Service

Robert Suchyta (1) Richard E Suchyta (1)

5 to 9 Years Service


James C Demmer (5) Austin R Lynn (5) Edward F Curley (8)
Greg Pietron (5) Jonathan J Otten (5) Martin J McClellan (9)
Leo A Tykoski III (5) Nicholas L Brown (6) Kenneth J Svoboda (9)

10 to 24 Years Of Service

Raymond L Coppiellie (11) Ronald E Kretschmer (18)

25 Years or More Of Service

Hans K. Hansen, PGK (26) John W Brennan (34)



Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Stephanie Erdmann (12/01) Steven Polidori 12-05-1991 Jennifer Polidori
Michael J & Liz Polovich (12/01) Ronald G & Mary Letourneau (12/06)

Mark N & Helen Betanzor (12/20)
Vincent O & Chinyelu Anwunah (12/26)
David P. & Cheryl Trost (12/30)

"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 Still 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.



Annual Christmas light decorating of the outdoors

As was announced at the Masses, the annual Christmas light decorating of the outdoors will be taking place **Sunday December 1st starting at 2:00pm**. Fr. Paul would really appreciate our help as a Council in lighting up the outdoor space. We want the church grounds to glow!! There is no need to bring any tools or equipment. However if you do have a long extension pole this would help with wrapping lights around the upper portion of the trees. There will be hot cocoa and Christmas music of course. Thanks for helping make the season bright!

Please go to the SignUp Genius link at [SJN KofC: December 1: SJN Outdoor Christmas Lights and Hot Chocolate](#).

Tear Down This Wall

Family Life Services in Ypsilanti is in need of some manpower to help with a fence removal project at their location. See the request below from Brother Marshall Graziolli.

All,
 I'm looking for some help on **Monday December 2, starting at maybe 9:30 AM** with removing the rear fence at their facility in preparation for a contractor to come in the next day and make repairs on their retaining wall. The retaining wall contractor will be able to dispose of the removed fence for them.
 Their location is 840 Maus Avenue in Ypsilanti. Let me know if you are available to help and then we can hone in on a time and if we want to meet there or ride over from SJN. Let me know if there is anyone else you know of that might be available and willing to help.
 Marshall
 248-535-3450

Please bring tools (shovels, sledge hammers, hammer, chainsaw, etc.) and gloves that would be appropriate for removing a fence. If you can assist please reply to Marshall through this email (he is copied), or by giving him a call at the number listed above.

Wine Tasting By Keith Laurin

The 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting event was held on November 15, 2024. Once again, the event was considered a success. Special thanks are due to "Super Fine Wine & Liquor" who served as wonderful partner for the event that was educational, fun, and profitable to the Knights of Columbus Charities. The event included an expert review of the wines, provided by Carl and Roger Zahn, and a music presentation of five Detroit Music Award winning songs by Detroit Strong Music. Proceeds from the event, which are expected to exceed \$2500, will benefit Knights of Columbus charities. A total of 77 people attended the event, which was thoroughly enjoyed with continued indication of it being a worthwhile annual night of fun, comradery and fundraising.





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.

Holy Cross Services Collection.

We are again requesting your support for the Holy Cross Services Collection. This program has been a great success for years with the council's support. Our Worthy District Deputy Dan Timmerman spoke about this drive at our last Business (Membership) meeting.

Items requested for donation include Sweatshirts, Gift Cards, and/or Toiletry Items. When purchasing new sweatshirts, please consider youth sizes XS, S, M, and L and adult sizes S, M, and L. Quality is more important than quantity, as your gift may be the only one they receive this Christmas. **Donated items can be brought to our next Council Business (Membership) meeting on December 10th.**

To help make the donation even more special, please consider placing the sweatshirts in a decorated gift box and mark the size of the sweatshirt on the outside. If the sweatshirt is gender-specific, please indicate this in large, easy-to-read lettering. You can also consider putting toiletry items in a gift like a bag or other form of decorated wrapping.

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas

Sweatshirt - Gift Card Programs

Sweatshirts that we are asking for
Any College Logoed or Professional Sport Teams
Adult Sizes needed L, XL, XXL, XXXL



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS MAY BE THE ONLY GIFT THEY RECEIVE!

Acceptable Boxes For Sweatshirts
(Robe Boxes from a Dollar Store work great)



Please Mark Size on the Back of the box

Please No Plain Sweatshirts!



Acceptable Gift Cards
\$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00


or

or


(PLEASE MARK ON THE GIFT CARD HOW MUCH IT IS WORTH)

Toiletry items also accepted
(Hand Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Wipes, Mouthwash, Moisturizer)



GIVE A LITTLE. HELP A LOT.

Knights Apparel



For Knights apparel, please reach out to Larry Redman. Golf shirts, tee shirts, dress shirts, sweatshirts and baseball hats! Most items are in stock. Larry can be reached at 734-674-4544.

Charitable Donations

By John Lutz

Since the beginning of this calendar year, the St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus Council has donated over \$42,000 to various charitable causes. Specific organizations/causes that we supported include:

- Seminarians and their education,
- Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry at Wayne State University,
- Catholics Defending Truth, Right to Life of Michigan,
- St. Vincent de Paul,
- Journey to Housing,
- St. John Neumann Parish (Vestments),
- Ave Maria Radio,
- Guadalupe Workers,
- Kids Coalition Against Hunger, Coats for Kids,
- Keep Christ in Christmas billboards,
- AAA Pregnancy Resource Center,
- "Casey" Teddy Bears given at St. John Neumann Baptisms,
- Christmas in the Philippines,
- Plymouth – Canton Stars (Special Olympics),
- St. Louis Center,
- St. Francis Camp on the Lake
- Catholic Information Services booklets available at Saint John Neumann and Resurrection Churches.



STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Within 36 hours of the Russian invasion in February 2022, the Knights of Columbus established the Ukraine Solidarity Fund® to support humanitarian relief. We are committed to this effort and will be there for Ukraine, as long as it takes.

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SJN Parish Grounds Fall Clean Up



Thank you to all that helped at the Fall Parish Grounds Cleanup at SJN on Saturday (11/9) from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The grounds now look great and are ready for the upcoming winter. Thank you and God Bless.



Membership News

By Larry Redman

Supreme has given us a quota to recruit 13 new members this fraternal year, which concludes



on June 30, 2025. We've exemplified 5 members, or 38% of our quota. Our Grand Knight has given us a stretch objective to double our quota which would be 26 members to recruit, or 21 additional men.

Our newest member to join us is Ron Krupitzer from Resurrection parish. Ron completed the Exemplification at SJN on November 7th. Welcome Ron! Vivat Jesus!

A Membership Drive was recently completed at SJN the weekend of October 26/27th. We're grateful to our Archbishop. He provided a letter encouraging all catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. We inserted that letter in SJN bulletins the prior two weeks of the drive. At the Membership Drive, several men were interested in joining. As of now, we have not received any membership applications from the Drive. We pray the holy spirit will inspire SJN men to follow through and join us.

Next Exemplification is Tuesday, December 3rd at Renaud council in Plymouth. Ceremony starts at 6:30 PM.

Brother Knights, please invite your Catholic family, friends, and neighbors to join the Knights of Columbus. We are stronger when more men band together!

Keeping Children Warm this Winter



Council 16169 was well represented



This years coats for kids program was held on Nov. 16th Coats for Kids Distribution, St. Anne's-Detroit. Putting their faith into action, Knights of Columbus councils throughout the United States and Canada have handed out more than one million coats to children through the Coats for Kids program.

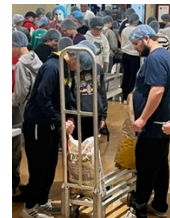
Thanks to all those knights that represented our council. Our council was well represented.

The Kids Coalition Against Hunger

By Chris Kotcher



“The Kids Coalition Against Hunger event was held on Friday, November 8, in Baldwin Hall. Knights supported the middle school youth of our parish and several visiting parishes in packing 10,000 nutritious rice meals going for hurricane relief in North Carolina and Florida. We had eight total knights unload the trailer containing the meal ingredients and equipment. Then, we had four total Knights help run the event itself alongside our parish youth ministers. The Knights also donated a check for \$350 towards the cost of the meals prepared.”



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.

129 – The Seventh & Tenth Commandments

Stealing and coveting the neighbor's goods are the only points of the 7th and 10th Commandments. People of conscience admit that violations of these commandments not only go against the natural law and the rule of justice, but also threaten our personal security and peace. Moreover, violating these commandments is contrary to the will of God. One question to ask ourselves: Is justice tempered with love?

You Can download this booklet to read during your leisure.

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2025 Membership Dues

Dues invoices for 2025 have been emailed to all members with a payment required date of 12/31/24. Paying your bill promptly will eliminate the need and expense of sending additional notices. If you have any questions at all regarding your dues payment please contact our Financial Secretary, John Lutz. He will be glad to help you and answer any questions you may have.



On January 11, 2025, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, the St John Neumann Knights of Columbus will be helping at Forgotten Harvest, 15000 Eight Mile W, Oak Park, MI 48237 ([click here for map](#)). Note that we need 20 people to sign up for this event.

Please wear Knights of Columbus gear when attending. Additional information for volunteers can be found at the Forgotten Harvest Volunteer website: [Volunteer - Forgotten Harvest](#).

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine.

Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble servants, those who defend Ukraine and her much-suffering people, and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion.

For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You, and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen

Knights of Columbus Council Corporate Communion

Brother Knights, Our next Knights of Columbus Council Corporate Communion Mass will be taking place Sunday, December 29 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. 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. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



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!



On Saturday, November 2, 2024, members of St. John Neumann council 16169 joined other community members at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build at Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport in Canton. Eighty beds were built in 2 hours, helping to ensure that no child sleeps on the floor. The beds will be delivered soon to local children. [Click here](#) for more information on Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Recognition From the October Meeting



PGK Chuck Lang accepted the Double Star Award for last fraternal year



GK Steve Sariitto and PGK Hans Hanson received state awards for recruiting new members

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.



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.

Christmas Cards

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

Men's Conference at St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church



On Saturday, October 24, brothers Dave Andreoli, David Trost & Jim Pryce attended the Men's Conference at St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. Guest speakers were Fr. Simon Eshaki and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.



Get Your Name Badge

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 Recap Due December 31

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 December 10th 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

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain William E. Lori:



E a c h
m o n t h,
A r c h b i s h o p
W i l l i a m
L o r i –
S u p r e m e

Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Gospel for Dec. 1, Lk 21:36)

To remain watchful is a frequent exhortation of Jesus, for we do not know when the end will come. For most people, their end will come at the moment of their death. We trust in God's grace, but grace requires our response: We must not grow lax and presume we have plenty of time to repent. We must pursue holiness and seek God's will at all times so that we stand ready to meet him at any time.

This month, in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I challenge you to meditate on the poor shepherds who watched over their flocks on the night he was born and identify one way you can better incorporate watchfulness into your own life.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you maintain a practice of daily prayer, regular examination of conscience and frequent confession, or do you sometimes grow spiritually lazy? Do you commit yourself to steady growth in holiness and virtue as preparation for the final judgment? Do you teach and encourage your loved ones to do the same?

Our Council will hold a Corporate Communion on December 29 at the 10:30 am Mass. All Knights are encouraged to attend that mass and sit with the other members of the council. Please wear your KofC attire if you have any. See you there!

K of C Pancake Breakfast served on November 8, 2024.
By Dave Blankenship

I am again proud, but not surprised, at the level of support that the pancake breakfasts receives from our council members. Because we serve after each of the three morning masses, it takes quite a few Knights to serve breakfast all Sunday morning. While we do offset the cost of our expenses and make a small amount to go toward our Council's charities, most importantly it provides our parishioners the opportunity enjoy breakfast as well as fellowship in a social setting right after mass. Of course it never hurts that the knights get exposure for the service to the parish and also allows us to speak to potential future knights.

Thanks to all of the Knights who donated their time and talents to making this breakfast a success:

Steve Polidori	Dennis Oszust	Larry O'Hara
Ron Kretschmer	Leo Petretta	Joe Smyth
Tom Solak	Marcel Loosbrook	Greg Bajorek
Steve Sarlitto	Greg Link	Bill Springer
Marshall Grazioli	Hans Hansen	Jim DiMaria
George McPartlin	Don Pratt	Larry Redman
Carol Niemczewski	Chuck Lang	Jim Pryce
Jeff McGovern	Jose Villareal	Dave Andreolli

The Knights served 226 parishioners and collected donations of \$688.25. After expenses were paid, we have \$246.24 to go toward our Council's charities.

Thanks again, I will look forward to another great breakfast event next April in 2025.



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.

Vacant Positions

We still have two positions in. Our council that are vacant. We are looking for a member to step forward and volunteer for one of these positions. If you are interested please contact the Grand Knight.

1. Resurrection Round Table Coordinator
2. Evangelization and Faith Formation Director (EFF) this position also includes COR Coordination.

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.

