

The Knight's Shield



St. Paul of Tarsus - Knight's of Columbus Council #11689

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Happy Easter, He is Risen!

We are approaching Easter and there is a lot still to do. We are continuing fish fries through April 8th. Come on out and join us for a good time serving up food to our community. The Easter meat sales order form is attached. We have the Easter egg hunt coming, a great time for the kids. Last but certainly not least is our 2022 MI Drive. Let Jeff Gapczynski know if you can work it.

Next month begins our officer election process. We will be taking nominations at our April general membership meeting. Then in May a 2nd round of nominations and the elections. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role in the council or have any questions, let me know. It is perfectly acceptable and encouraged to self nominate for a position.

There is a webinar called "purpose driven retirement strategies" hosted by your K of C insurance agency, presenter Joe Jordan. See the flyer with this newsletter. Please let me know if you sign up for this event as we do get credit if you attend.

The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles -- it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Cor 15:14, 17, 20). If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud, and Faith is a sham. But if He really did rise from the dead, His message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. "Jesus is Lord; He is risen" (Rom

10:9) was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles. In fact, the seventeenth-century philosopher, John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Savior's Resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easster egg hunt is Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 pm. We will be stuffing eggs with candy in the social hall this Friday at 2:00 pm. Please come to join us.

Ray Coughlin

Spring Road Clean-Up

Meet by 8:00am Saturday, April 30, in the North parking lot at church for our Spring Road Clean-up. We will split up into groups and pick up the trash along Canal Road between Romeo Plank and Garfield Roads.

Only takes an hour to an hour and a half of your time to complete (Depending on how many people show up).

This is your chance to make a difference and help keep the community looking nice!

No protecting God's Children classes required for this this event.

See you there!







Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, George Sakorafos at 586-610-3576.

Please visit our sick and shut-in Brothers. If you are unable to visit, please send a card with a note. It will be very much appreciated.

E-Mail Communications



Brothers:

One of the methods we use to communicate various events for the Knights is an e-mail list. As coordinator for the list, I want to ask any of you that haven't been receiving these messages to send me an e-mail from your home account. This will give me the correct and current e-mail for you, and I will keep you on the list. Fraternally,

George Loewen gjl047@gmail.com Community Director, Knights of Columbus

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING

BE KIND

Corporate Communion Masses



June 26, 2022 7:45 am Mass

The Lighter Side



A Roman Catholic priest is on his way to Rome when he runs into an old childhood friend.

"My goodness, Mary!" He says. "How have you been?"

"Oh, could be better," she says. "My husband and I have been trying to have children for fifteen years, but we are barren."

"I'm so sorry," says the priest. "I'm on a pilgrimage to Rome, and I promise to light a candle for you in the great cathedral."

Mary thanks him, and after chatting a little longer, they part ways.

Five years later, the priest is eating dinner when there's a knock at his door. He opens it, and to his surprise, it's Mary.

"I'm so glad I found you!" She exclaims. "Remember that candle you lit for me, years ago? Well, my husband and I now have two sets of twins and a set of triplets — and I just found out I'm pregnant with quadruplets!"

She then hands the priest an all-expenses paid ticket to Rome.

"Oh Mary!" Says the priest. "Your joy is my joy. You didn't need to give me a thank-you gift."

"Oh no, it's not a thank you," says Mary. "It's so you can blow out that darn candle."

MI Drive



The annual MI Drive is rapidly approaching for the weekend of April 8-10. Brother Jeff Gapczynski has graciously volunteered to Chair this event.

If you have an hour or two to spare on this weekend, we could really use your help. Please contact Jeff at 586-337-5942 to sign up, or you can sign up at the March meeting. We thank you in advance for your time and effort for this event.

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

The **Knight of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers, as a Knight who exemplifies in his daily life the principles of Catholic Life, and is instrumental to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Knight of the Months for March: Mike Hartel."

The **Family of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies the principles of the Catholic Family Life and who contributes to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Family of the Month for March: <u>"George and Pat Loewen Family."</u> In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the January General Meetings:

\$100 donation for Gleaners \$100 donation for Forgotten Harvest \$100 donation for SPOT Food Pantry \$250 donation for Song and Spirit Institute \$250 donation for St. Aloysius

Our State Motto for 2020/2022

"Rise Up and Answer the Call"

Knight's Clothing



Gentlemen:

If you need any Knights' clothing — polos, sweatshirts, tees and/or caps — please contact me at 2kish@comcast.net or 586-466-4812.

Joe Kish

The Apostles Creed

I, your name, Believe in,

MY 22

- 1. God
- 2. The Father Almighty
- 3. Creator of Heaven and Earth
- 4. And in Jesus Christ
- 5. His only Son, Our Lord
- 6. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
- 7. Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8. Suffered under Pontus Pilate
- 9. Was Crucified
- 10. Died
- 11. And was buried
- 12. He descended into Hell
- 13. And on the third day He rose again
- 14. He ascended into Heaven
- 15. And is seated at the right hand of the Father
- 16. From where He will come again to judge the living and the dead
- 17. I believe in the Holy Spirit
- 18. The Holy Catholic Church
- 19. The communion of Saints
- 20. The forgiveness of sins
- 21. The resurrection of the dead
- 22. And life everlasting

AMEN!!!!!!



The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most, is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish, that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.62 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential!

*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.
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Protecting God's Children

St Peter Parish (Mt Clemens) Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 am

SS Peter and Paul Parish (North Branch) Saturday, April 30, 2022 9:00 am

St Blasé Parish (Sterling Hts) Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:00 am

Solanus Casey Center (Detroit) Saturday, May 21, 2022 10:00 am

A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. AMEN

Calendar of Events

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1 2-3	After All Masses	Fish Fry Easter Meat orders
3 7	2:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt
1	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting
	7:30 pm Meeting	
8		Fish Fry
8-10		MI Drive
13	2:00—6:00 pm	Easter Meat Pickup
14		Holy Thursday
15		Good Friday
17		Easter Sunday
28	7:00 pm Starft	Council Planning Meeting
20	1.00 pili Stalit	Council Flaming Meeting



Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. See the new Supreme Council website for career opportunity: http://kofc.org/careers . For more information, please contact, Don M. Wesley FICF, General Agent, at 888-393-7539, or don.wesley@kofc.org

Happy Birthday!!



Ray Ignatowski	April 1
Conrad Bagans	April 1
James Carnaghi	April 2
Nancy Czarny	April 3
Jeanette Badowski	April 6
Michael Mitrowski	April 6
Gary Skarb	April 6
Janet Valentine	April 7
Jeff Gapczynski	April 9
Valerie Cosgrove	April 9
Jeffrey Motta	April 10
Ronald Perfetto	April 11
Albert Valenti	April 12
Michael Finn	April 16
Jerome Garrisi	April 17
Randy Tisor	April 18
Albert Watanabe	April 20
Mary Russo	April 21
Donald Seidl	April 23
Thomas Blake	April 27

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights1168@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



Greg & Barb Csernai April 6
Georgios & Kathleen Sakorafos April 9
Phil & Pat Bonnette April 11

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights1168@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

For the Good of the Order

Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights below in your prayers.

Lindsey Agan SK Art Krygowski Carol Alexander Janice Krygowski Scott Allen Patricia Labadie SK Kurt Buhlinger SK Henry Leflere Stanley Chmiela Peggy Lewis Connie Colosimo **BK Chuck Loewen BK Ralph Colosimo** SK Chuck Luce Barbara Csernai Diana MacArthur Olivia Czarny Leanne Mackay Jim Daniel BK John Minicuci **BK Paul DeMetsenare BK Edmund Nowak** Micheal Denomme Daniel Okerhielm Del Difalco Patricia Okehjelm **BK Lino Difalco** BK Rick Okerhjelm Claudia Dombrowski BK Paul Paker & Family Rose Donofrio **BK Bob Pastrick** Kim Dutta Maryann Pearson **BK Rick Dutts** Judy Perreau Christine Gapczynski Beverly Pirrami Jill Gapczynski BK Geno Pirrami SK Angelo Garavaglia BK Ralph Pullis & Family Sandy Grobbel Esther Robidou **Brandon Hale** Joanne Smail Kevin Heatwole **PGK Karl Sziisz BK Michael Hoste BK Don Szlezyngier BK Jim Hubbard** William Szypa Ray Huddas **Gary Tarbuck** Beth Hund Jim Tarbuck BK Ray Ignatowski Laura Thomson Dan Jacks Aidin Watson Rob Johnson **Bob Williams**



Lynn Williams

Barney Young BK Larry Young

Deacon SK Ed Wilson

BK Dave Wisneski

Kelley Kennedy

Nancy Koldenkamp

Ron Krawkowski

Tina Kennedy

Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen Frank C. Kava Chester E. Raszkowski Robert A Post Martin W. Rosenau Julius T. Abraham **Clemente Truden** Walter W. Kawka James P. Koss **Dominic Morello** John P. Banas Catan W. Bernardo Robert W. Majkowski Alfonso Carvaial Brian R. McGinnis Arthur J. Hug James Bischoff Russell J. Licovoli **Donald Lynch** Joseph Anthonucci John Billotti **Morris Demetsenare Conrad Leder** Joseph T. Frontera **Gary Golec Walter Baumgart Robert Serafino Guy Serafino Thomas Saura** Frank Gaal William Carron **Gregory Kropidlowski** Vincent McInnes Joseph Ricard **Albert Johnson** Joseph Godell **Raymond Dawson** Michael J. Francis **Donald Duff** Harold Patterson William Galbraith **Donald Badowski** Fr. Louis Grandpre John Marotta Ralph Labadie **Reginald Topolewski** James Kaza John Russo Ed Marcinkowski Ross Vizzaccerro Joseph Bono **Bruno Belline** James Lisuzzo **Harry Motta** Carl R. Maron

Ken Dombrowski

William F. Gowland

March 5, 1997 October 3, 1998 August 8, 2000 August 1, 2001 September 24, 2001 October 8, 2001 December 7, 2001 December 25, 2002 May 4, 2003 March 12, 2005 April 16, 2005 June 13, 2006 June 28, 2006 March 11, 2007 October 24, 2007 January 17, 2008 February 11, 2008 April 2, 2008 May 1, 2008 November 18, 2008 May 20, 2009 July 9, 2009 September 5, 2009 September 7, 2009 April 4, 2010 August 15, 2010 January 16, 2012 March 7, 2012 April 3, 2012 January 12, 2012 July 8, 2012 May 11, 2014 August 16, 2014 September 22, 2014 January 22, 2015 February 5, 2015 February 25, 2015 February 28, 2015 July 30, 2015 October 20, 2015 November 22, 2015 March 16, 2016 February 20, 2016 March 26, 2016 March 27, 2016 June 28, 2016 September 26, 2016 March 15, 2017 August 30, 2017 September 6, 2017 September 28, 2017 January 28, 2018 February 1, 2018 February 26, 2018 May 9, 2018 June 8, 2018

Thomas Hayes Anthony Valentine Lawrence Novak Joseph Roehrig Joseph Marheineke Giuseppe Riera Clarence Gajewski Paul Ross **George Trapp II Neil Norat Ben Candela** Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney **Alton Obrecht** Joseph Hopersberger **Leon Eggers Guido Fracassa Ronald Serefino** Donald Szlezyngier **George Francis**

September 9, 2018 September 16, 2018 November 19, 2018 January 8, 2019 January 10, 2019 January 21, 2019 February 3, 2019 May 25, 2019 July 14, 2019 November 25, 2019 December 27, 2019 May 15, 2020 August 17, 2020 August 19, 2020 November 18, 2020 January 19, 2021 November 22, 2021 March 10, 2022 March 19, 2022

August 31, 2018

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3 Yr Trustee	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
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Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
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We realize that when illness strikes, it may be difficult to attend our meetings. Please let any member know if another Brother Knight or his family should be added to our prayer list at each meeting.

To place articles in the newsletter contact: Chris Gapczynski at (586) 263-5942 or at spot knights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the May newsletter must be submitted by no later than **April 22, 2022.**

K of Supreme: www.kofc.org

K of C Michigan State Council: www.mikofc.org

Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spot-knights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.





ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE TO HELP THE MENTALLY IMPAIRED

WHEN:

April 8—10

We will be providing food for our workers again this year; however, all food will need to be packaged or served by one person only. That person will have to be masked and wearing gloves. We need the following food items donated:

- 2 different kinds of soups
- Egg Salad
- Tuna Salad
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
- Peanut Butter Cookies
- Sugar Cookies

Tuna Salad and Egg Salad will be for Friday only.

Please call or text Sherri Ignatowski at 586-925-0895 to let her know what food you will be donating. All food must be at St Paul of Tarsus by 10:00 am on Thursday, April 7.

Thank you for your generosity!







Easter Ham and Kielbasa Sale

The Knights of Columbus are offering Hams and Kielbasa for the Easter holiday. These high quality meats come directly from Dearborn Brand.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the charitable efforts of the St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11689.

<u>To order</u>: Complete the pre-paid (Cash, Check or Credit Card) order form on the bottom and return to the Knights in the lobby after Mass on the weekends of March 26-27 or April 2-3.

Pick Up Date: Wednesday, April 13 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Parish Hall

We thank you for your support and know you will enjoy these fine Dearborn™ products. For more information please call: Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516



Print Name:

St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus Easter Ham and Kielbasa Sale Pre-Paid Orders due by April 3, 2022 Checks Payable To: SPOT K of C 11689



_ Cell Phone:_ Home Phone:

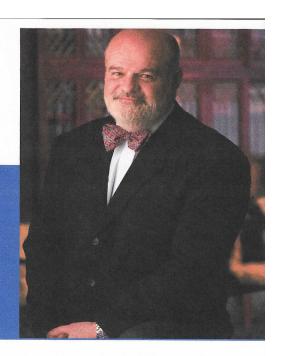
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Item #		EA	Total
1 Half Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham (approx. 8 lbs.)		\$43	
2 Whole Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham (approx. 14 lbs.)		\$68	
3 Half Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham (approx. 8 lbs)		\$33	
4 Whole Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham (approx 14lb)		\$50	
5 <u>Fresh</u> Kielbasa (5 lbs.)		\$26	
6 Smoked Kielbasa, Fully Cooked (5 lbs.)		\$27	
7 Turkey Breast Spiral Sliced (4.5 lbs.)		\$29	

Pick Up: Wednesday, April 13 from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in Parish Hall For More Information call: Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516

Joe Jordan Presents

Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies



Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight Joe Jordan.

Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life).

In "Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies" Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your time? 2) How are you going to pay for it?

You're cordially invited to join our new webinar where Joe will be your guide to devising a meaningful and secure retirement strategy!

Register today to reserve your spot. Time: 7:00 - 8:00PM EST Registration link: KofCWesleyAgency.org LIVE EVENT Tab Date: April 27, 2022

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29TH ANNUAL VOCATIONS DINNER FEATURING





FOOD

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Cocktails: 3pm | Dinner: 4pm

Zuccaro Banquet & Catering 46601 Gratiot Ave. | Chesterfield Twp., 48051

Donations: \$45 per person | \$85 per couple | \$425 for table of 10

All proceeds go to fund scholarships for the seminarians and postulants.

FEATURING:

50/50 Raffle Gift Card Raffle Guest Speaker State Chaplain Fr PAUL BALLIEN

Reservations to: Jeff Gapczynski | (586) 337-5942

P.O. Box 380763 Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Questions to: Larry Frontera | (586) 306-3450

Knights of Columbus Fifth Annual Camping Trip

This summer we will camp along the shore of the beautiful St. Clair River at Algonac State Park for the weekend of Friday and Saturday July 29 and 30.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: www.michigan.gov/dnr

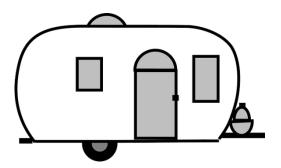
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the North end of the Riverfront North Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening around 7PM.

Even if not camping, you are welcome to stop by and visit. Especially plan to join us for the pot luck! Due to limited parking at the campsites, guests will need to park in the Day Use area. If necessary, we can come and pick you up there.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your Brother Knights and their families!





If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hartel or Ken Krause.

Please send Mike Hartel (mhartel 5054@wowway.com) an email after you make your reservation or let Mike or Ken know if you plan to attend the pot luck so you can be updated on the event.