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

December, 2023

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A Word from Grand Knight Vince Ursini

My favorite time of year is upon us. Even when we lived in Northern Michigan, my family would come down to Detroit area to celebrate Thanksgiving and then roll into the Christmas holiday with family time. There is a spirit of Christmas in the air and it just seems that everyone is a little bit nicer this time of year.

Congratulations to the Women of Faith and our very own Ray and Lori Coughlin for the tremendous success on the Baby Bottle Drive. Both Gianna House and Abigale Ministries will both receive over \$4,800 to continue their work with pregnant mothers and the support of the unborn child.

Thanks also, to you brothers, for supporting the MCREST program. A significant amount of food was acquired and prepared by St John the Apostle team. And our Council did its part in delivering the food and on some days, serving the food to homeless women and children. What a noble cause, aligned with the Holiday season.

Looking forward to the Council's Christmas Meat sales in December raising money for the general fund. Worthy PGK Jerry Hund and team could use some help. If you can't assist with sales, please buy some of these delicious product(s). Look for Rosary Bracelets as well !

The Knights are assisting the Men's Group with the "Cookies with Santa" program on Dec 10th. Last month's K of C children's programs had awesome turn out's. We're expecting nothing less for this year's program which has been growing in leaps and bounds over the last 5 years. Bring your children / grandchildren and enjoy the fun in a program that has a little Magic and emphasizes the Reason for the Season.

The Memorial Mass last month was well attended by our Council. Several family members of those wonderful Knights we lost last year came out to celebrate their lives. The K of C Color Guard came out in force and added to the wonderful Mass and Program. However, the Knights we lost did a great job for our Council and will be missed. Step up gentlemen, there are big shoes to fill.

For those of you that participated in the Rescue Project, we've learned a lot in a short period of time. Now it's our turn to pass on that knowledge and continue our efforts to further evangelize and spread the good news. Thanks goes out to the Journeymen and Deacon Marc for putting on the program.

If you're looking to get into the Christmas mood, nothing sets that off like putting up Christmas lights and decorations. See Ken Krause on Dec 1st to assist decorating the church grounds.

On a personal note, my wife Andrea and I would like to wish each of you a wonderful Christmas Season. And, may the birth of Jesus bestow his grace upon you and your families !

God Bless Our Council and God Bless the Knights of Columbus

VIVAT JESUS !

Vince Ursini

Grand Knight



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- **JUST ONE TIME** - Throughout history it is evident that no one person can do everything all the time. However, one person can make a resounding difference at any one time.
- The success of any organization is based on the collective ability of its members who support each other at different times. When you can be at a function, just one time, and I can't, **you make a difference.**
- When you can carry the jug during the MI drive, just one time, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity for so many people.
- When you show up for the road clean-up, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in adding to the beauty and well-being of our community. When you help in any capacity, at the pancake breakfast or fish fry, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in promoting charity in our community. When you attend a meeting and have a kind word or suggestion for another brother, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in the fraternity and unity of our council. When you see a huge warm, happy smile on a child after you give them a coat, just one time, and I can't, you make a charitable difference in their young lives that lasts forever.
- When you fill one of the positions on the degree team, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in supporting our council's unity. When you recruit a new member to our council, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in the unity and longevity of our council and create long-lasting friendships. When you supervise a game or pass out candy at a Trunk or Treat function, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** by providing a unique and fun experience to so many kids in our community. When you support the MCREST program at our neighboring church, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity in our community by providing your time to many homeless people

- When you help collect donations for the annual baby bottle drive, just one time, and I can't, you make an incredible difference to so many young struggling mothers. When you volunteer to help at the ice cream social, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference by putting a little sweetness into someone's day. When you attend our corporate communion mass, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in showing support for our church and our council. On any given day, working together, collectively, we can do many things that support our church, community, council, and each other. Together we can make a difference, only because each one of us can make a difference **JUST ONE TIME.**

• **BE THE DIFFERENCE "JUST ONE TIME"**

24 hours a year to change lives

Corporate Communion Masses



**March 16, 2024
4:00 p.m. Mass**

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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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**

Motions Passed

- Cross Catholic Outreach Program - \$250

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

- Knight of the Month - Tom and Clara Loria
- Family of the Month - Guy Infante

The Apostles Creed

- 1. Believe in one 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 and life everlasting
AMEN!!!!!!



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Vets Returning Home



Vets Retuning Home will open a Resale store by June 1, 2022. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

The Resale Store is located at 29523 Gratiot in Roseville about a mile north of their office location. Their telephone number is 586-285-5606, and their office location is 17955 E Eleven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

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

**You can do anything...
Just not everything.
But do something!**

The Lighter Side



- This Holiday Season, be nice to people. You belong to Jesus, let's show our love.

Knight's Clothing



If you are in need of Knights of Columbus clothing, please contact me at 586-871-8450...or see me at the meeting.

Prices are as follows and are subject to change due to the fluctuating market. When the order is placed, I can confirm the cost.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| • T-Shirts — Royal Blue printed with logo | \$14 |
| • Short sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered | \$30 |
| • Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered | \$30 |
| • Sweatshirts in black or gray w/logo | \$30 |
| • Stocking hats black w/logo (one size fits all) | \$15 |
| • Baseball caps black w/logo S-XL | \$25 |

*T-shirts must be ordered at least 12 at a time. I am currently putting an order together, so if you are interested call me.

If you had ordered any items recently and did not receive them, please contact me and I will reorder them for you. There are currently no orders at the supplier.

Joe Phillips
586-871-8450



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Dec Life Insurance Note:

As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of **"Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!"** We remember Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace where he prays "Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last..."

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

- 1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
- 2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
- 3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the "catch up" provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
- 4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! Vivat Jesus!



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Protecting God's Children

NOTE: Please check to see if you've been assigned a module on Protecting Gods Children and Vulnerable Adults as evidence of completion will be needed to participate in future events.

Also, background checks will be occurring annually. Please fill out your authorization forms and return to the church office.

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.



Blessed Father
Michael J. McGivney



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Our State Motto for 2022/2023

"Faith and Family First"

Calendar of Events

December

- 01 Christmas lights decorating
11:00 a.m.
- 02-03 Christmas Meat Sales
(after all masses)
- 09-10 Christmas Meat Sales
(after all masses)
- 10 Cookies with Santa Program
12:45 to 2:30 p.m.
- 21 Christmas Meat Pick up
- 25 Merry Christmas

For the Good of the Order

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



Carol Alexander
Kevin Bondra
The Brown Family
SK Frank Burda
Al Burian
Susan Burian
Eric Burns
Betsy Carl
Connie Colosimo
BK Ralph Colosimo
Sherri Czarny
SK Ted Czarny
Micheal Denomme
Claudia Dombrowski
Kelly Ellis
Rochelle Everhart
Cathy Gapczynski
Chris Gapczynski
Greg Gapczynski
SK Angelo Garavaglia
Janet Gennani
BK Ken Gonko
Christopher Hageman
Jill Hageman
Brandon Hale
Sandy Harbert
Barb Hickner
Katie Hickner
BK Mike Hoste
Beth Hund
Sue Hund
Joseph Kook
SK Art Krygowski
Janice Krygowski
Mark Kwasny
David Kwasny

Patricia Labadie
John Lechene
Katie Lechene
Peggy Lewis
BK Chuck Loewen
Patricia Loewen
Leanne Mackay
Ronald McGraw
BK John Minicuci
Patty Morgan
Mary R Olejniczak
Fr Dale Orlik
Ed Peoples
Judy Perreau
BK Geno Pirrami
Justin Pletsch
Ilene Porto
Esther Robidou
Kurt Scharapimski
Kristin Shaver
Joanne Smail
Patricia Stonehouse
PGK Karl Sziisz
William Szypa
Gary Tarbuck
Jim Tarbuck
Laura Thomson
Bob Williams
Lynn Williams
Deacon Ed Wilson
BK Dave Wisneski
Cathy Wisniewski
Barney Young



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Happy Birthday!!



Angelo Garavaglia	December 1
Patricia Loewen	December 1
James Perreault	December 2
Arthur David, Jr.	December 4
Peter Hoppersberger	December 4
Darryl Troczynski	December 4
Ryan Scratch	December 5
Ellen Francis	December 6
Ralph Pullis	December 8
Patricia Guzzardo	December 9
Steven D'Onofrio	December 9
Stan Labuda	December 10
Sandy Grobbel	December 11
Eugene Chelsey	December 11
Michael Koss	December 12
George Schulte	December 14
Jacob Lueck	December 14
Zachary Abbott	December 17
Kathleen Sakorafos	December 19
Andrew Callahan	December 19
Georgios Sakorafos	December 21
Larry Young	December 21
Sherri Czarny	December 27
Anthony Perfetto	December 28
Thomas Gray	December 29
Gregory Kropidowski	December 30
Patrick Lomasney	December 30

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



There are no December Anniversaries

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Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008
John Billotti	May 20, 2009
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009
Joseph T. Frontera	September 7, 2009
Gary Golec	April 4, 2010
Walter Baumgart	August 15, 2010
Robert Serafino	January 16, 2012
Guy Serafino	March 7, 2012
Thomas Saura	April 3, 2012
Frank Gaal	January 12, 2012
William Carron	July 8, 2012
Gregory Kropidlowski	May 11, 2014
Vincent McInnes	August 16, 2014
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014
Albert Johnson	January 22, 2015
Joseph Godell	February 5, 2015
Raymond Dawson	February 25, 2015
Michael J. Francis	February 28, 2015
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015
William Galbraith	November 22, 2015
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016
John Marotta	March 26, 2016
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016
Reginald Topolewski	June 28, 2016
James Kaza	September 26, 2016
John Russo	March 15, 2017
Ed Marcinkowski	August 30, 2017

Ross Vizzaccerro
Joseph Bono
Bruno Belline
James Lisuzzo
Harry Motta
Carl R. Maron
Ken Dombrowski
William F. Gowland
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 Szlezzyngier
George Francis
Natalino DiFalco
Henry Leflere
Joseph Kish
Raymond Ignatowski
Jim Hubbard
Vito Guzzardo

September 6, 2017
September 28, 2017
January 28, 2018
February 1, 2018
February 26, 2018
May 9, 2018
June 8, 2018
August 31, 2018
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
April 21, 2022
December 11, 2022
December 13, 2022
February 12, 2023
July 30, 2023
September 13, 2023





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Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
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Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
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Outside Guard	Larry Bukowski	586-286-9891
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2 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-805-0150
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Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
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Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007



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

spotknights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the December newsletter must be submitted by no later than **November 22, 2023.**

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 spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



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Coats for Kids at Erie Elementary and Rainbow Elementary (50) Coats in all Delivered





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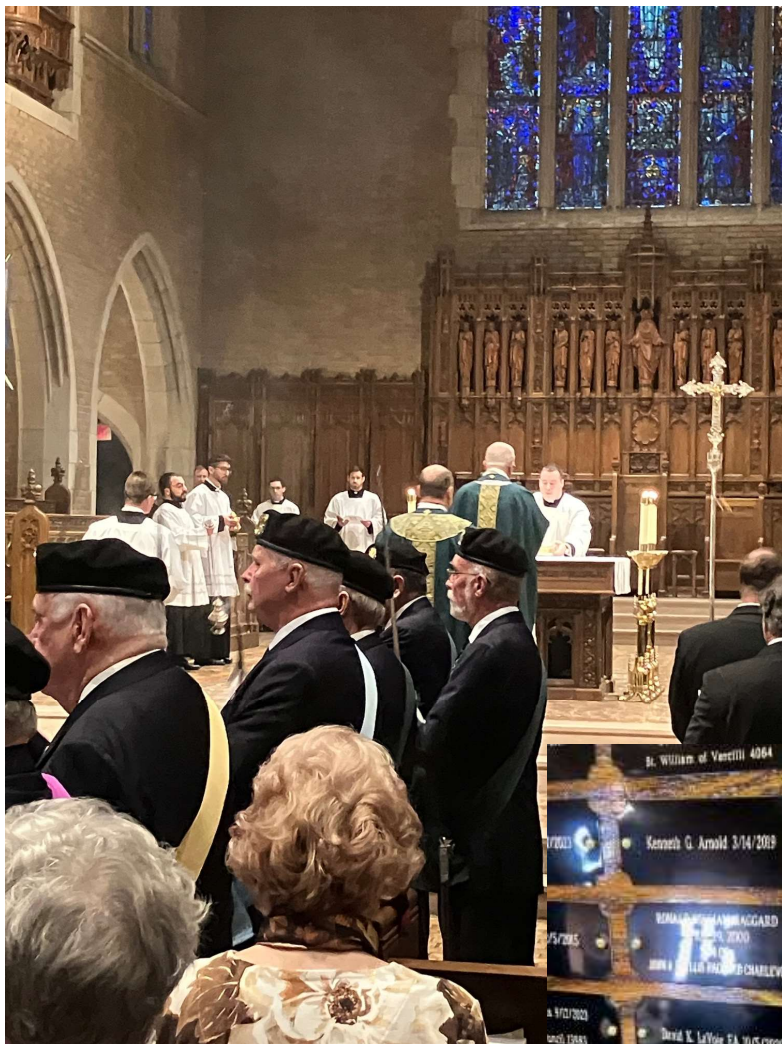
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Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Seminary (18) Family and Council Members Paid Tribute





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The SPOT Men's Group Presents

Cookies with Santa

***Parish Social Hall
Sunday, Dec 10th
12:45 to 2:30 pm*** *(after 11:30 a.m. mass)*

EVENTS:

- Picture Coloring Contest***
 - The Art of Christmas Magic***
 - Decorate Cookies with Santa***
 - Sing Christmas Carols***
 - Fill Out Your Santa Christmas Wish List***
 - Photo, Trivia and Prizes!***
- Join us for a fun-filled afternoon***





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State Chaplain's Lenten Pilgrimage

March 6 – 14, 2024



Fr. Aidan Logan,
State Chaplain

Prior to setting a final price, we kindly ask you to express your interest and availability on these dates via the QR code here. Based upon the interest and commitments gathered, we will formalize and follow up with a formal brochure and registration details.



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