



The Knight's Shield



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

February 2024

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 29

A Word from Grand Knight Vince Ursini

"The Darker the night, the brighter the stars. The deeper the Grief, the closer is God"

These are words from a former homeless person quoting **Fyodor Dostoevsky**

Do you believe in God ? There will be tribulations. No one has a free unobscured path to Heaven. This gentlemen's path was quite challenging, but through the help and love of Catholic services, this man saw the light of day and is helping those that are where he was, desperate and destitute.

And so, our Council answers the call. Men's Coats, sweaters and blankets were collected to provide to the Capuchin center to assist those in need of cold weather gear. The Pancake Breakfast this past January was to assist the SPOT Food Pantry in providing meals to the hungry and in need of assistance. We service our Church and our Community at large.

A week of Charity Poker resulted in a significant increase in the Charitable funds we have available to administer to the charities our Council supports. One new group in particular, is the Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry, which strives to keep Christ in the lives of college students who are away from home. Their latest endeavor is to have students attend a Eucharistic Revival Retreat for which the State's K of C's councils (of which 11689 is one) pledged over \$15,000 at the recent Diocesan Winter Meeting in support.

We are embarking on another fabulous Fish Fry season, which marks one of the Council's largest fund raisers. Starting Feb 16th and running thru to Palm Sunday weekend. Remember we serve up to 500 people in a 3 hour window. The need is great for

volunteers, both Knights and their wives to assist. The "Ladies of the Knights" make a huge impact to the success of our Fish Fry service and are much appreciated. Ask your family members to assist, they will be welcome. And for those of us that have an open Friday, come early as prep work goes on all day. Join the team and make a difference.

God bless our Council and God Bless the Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus !

Vincent Ursini

Notes:

The Men's Group in combination with Council 11689 purchased a new Space Force Flag to complete our row of flags for each of the Military branches. We are proud to be able to provide this flag to our church. Please look it over in the Social hall.



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 pm Mass**

Monthly Prayer Intention



For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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

Motions passed at the January Meeting:

There were no new motions in January

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 Month for January: **James Lambertus**

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 January: **"Stan and Ann Marie Labuda Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

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!!!!!!

Vets Returning Home



Vets Retuning Home has opened a Resale store. 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

The Lighter Side



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.

Faternally,

George Loewen

gjl047@gmail.com

Community Director, Knights of Columbus

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.

- 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

**Everyone deserves
KINDNESS!!**

Happy New Year !

Happy Valentine's Day! I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees that love gets a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them, he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle or provide a college education for his children. With many two-income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility, or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss what you want. I'll give you a call, or feel free to contact me.

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

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2024 MI Drive

The 2024 MI Drive is the weekend of March 22-24. We are in need of as many volunteers as we can get to collect funds to help the mentally impaired.

Please search your hearts and volunteer for a 2 hour shift sometime during that weekend.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-337-5942.

Thanks for your consideration.

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.



**Our State Motto
for 2024/2025**

Protecting God's Children

Online Webinar
Thursday, February 1, 2024
6:00 pm

Online Webinar
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
6:00 pm

Online Webinar
Monday, February 12, 2024
6:00 pm

St Sabina Parish (Dearborn Heights)
Saturday, February 17, 2024
9:00 am

St Owen Parish (Bloomfield Hills)
Saturday, February 17, 2024

Online Webinar
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:00 pm

Online Webinar
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
6:00 pm

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.

State Convention Delegates

Vince Ursini (Grand Knight)
Gary Skarb (Deputy Grand Knight)

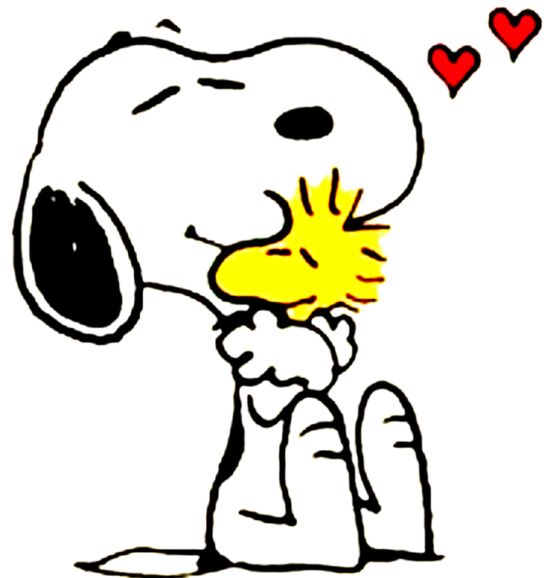
Alternate — Kurt Buhlinger (Trustee)
Alternate — Michael Hartel (Program Director)

Casino Trip

We are looking for someone to take on the role of chairing the annual casino trip. I am retiring from the job after doing it for many years.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-337-5942.

Thanks for our consideration.



Calendar of Events

Calendar:

FEBRUARY

Feb 8 th	General Membership Meeting	Social Hall	6:30 p.m. Dinner	7:30 p.m. Meeting
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday			
<u>Feb 16</u>	Fish Fry (1)	Social Hall & Kitchen	9:00 a.m. Prep	4:00 p.m. Start Serving
Feb 23	Fish Fry (2)	Social Hall & Kitchen	9:00 a.m. Prep	4:00 p.m. Start Serving
Feb 24	Euchre Tournament (canceled)	To Be Rescheduled		
Feb 26	Officers Planning Meeting	Meeting Room		7:00 p.m. Meeting

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Happy Birthday!!



Raymond Mitten	February 2
John Peters	February 2
Leon Berdy	February 5
Michelle Oliveri	February 7
Joseph Phillips	February 9
Noel Bernard	February 9
Donald Iaquinta	February 9
Donald Porchia	February 11
Cindy Essad	February 12
Estelle Hayes	February 14
Phillip Bonnette	February 14
David Asaro, Sr	February 16
Lawrence Brady, Jr	February 16
James Harla	February 17
Robert Morrison	February 17
Frank Burda	February 18
Steve Kargenian	February 19
Joan Lombardo	February 20
Lance Vechinski	February 21
Jerry Featherstone	February 22
Joseph Raymond	February 25
Joan Pfaff	February 25
Ralph Colosimo	February 25
Nick Perfli	February 25
Raymond Sobieski	February 26

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-

Happy Anniversary!!



George & Rosemary Schulte	February 5
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For the Good of the Order



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

Dayna Abraham	Janice Krygowski
Sue Alderman	David Kwasny
Carol Alexander	The Labadie Family
Kevin Bondra	BK Jim Lambertus
The Brown Family	John Lechene
SK Frank Burda	Katie Lechene
Susan Burian	Peggy Lewis
Eric Burns	BK Chuck Loewen
Violet Candela	Pat Loewen
Connie Colosimo	Leanne Mackay
BK Ralph Colosimo	Dan McGraw
Sherri Czarny	Ronald McGraw
SK Ted Czarny	Patty Morgan
Micheal Denomme	Mary R Olejniczak
Claudia Dombrowski	Fr Dale Orlik
Kelly Ellis	Ed Peoples
Rochelle Everhart	Judy Perreau
Christine Gapczynski	Justin Pietsch
Gregory Gapczynski	BK Geno Pirrami
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Ilene Porto
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou
BK Ken Gonko	Kurt Scharapimski
Michelle Greschak	Joanne Smail
Christopher Hageman	Eva Sokol
Jill Hageman	Tom Sokol
Brandon Hale	Patricia Stonehouse
Shirley Hayosh	PGK Karl Sziisz
Barbara Hickner	William Szya
Katie Hickner	Gary Tarbuck
BK Mike Hoste	Jim Tarbuck
Beth Hund	Laura Thomson
The Hund Family	Bob Williams
Sherri Ignatowski	Lynn Williams
Dolores Kendall	Deacon Ed Wilson
Fr John Kiselica	BK Dave Wisneski
Joseph Kook	Cathy Wisniewski
SK Art Krygowski	Barny Young



Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997	Thomas Hayes	September 9, 2018
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998	Anthony Valentine	September 16, 2018
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000	Lawrence Novak	November 19, 2018
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001	Joseph Roehrig	January 8, 2019
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001	Joseph Marheineke	January 10, 2019
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001	Giuseppe Riera	January 21, 2019
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001	Clarence Gajewski	February 3, 2019
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002	Paul Ross	May 25, 2019
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003	George Trapp II	July 14, 2019
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005	Neil Norat	November 25, 2019
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005	Ben Candela	December 27, 2019
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006	Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney	May 15, 2020
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006	Alton Obrecht	August 17, 2020
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007	Joseph Hopersberger	August 19, 2020
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007	Leon Eggers	November 18, 2020
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008	Guido Fracassa	January 19, 2021
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Donald Szlezzyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008	Natalino DiFalco	April 21, 2022
John Billotti	May 20, 2009	Henry Leflere	December 11, 2022
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009	Joseph Kish	December 13, 2022
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009	Raymond Ignatowski	February 12, 2023
Joseph T. Frontera	September 7, 2009	Vito Guzzardo	September 13, 2023
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	September 6, 2017		
Joseph Bono	September 28, 2017		
Bruno Belline	January 28, 2018		
James Lisuzzo	February 1, 2018		
Harry Motta	February 26, 2018		
Carl R. Maron	May 9, 2018		
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018		
William F. Gowland	August 31, 2018		

Officers of S.P.O.T. K of C Council #11689

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Chaplain	Fr. John Kiselica	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Deputy Grand Knight	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286--1038
Outside Guard	Larry Bukowski	586-286-9891
1 Yr Trustee	Rich Miller	586-465-6933
2 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-805-0150
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Tom Pardo	586-263-8187
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Field Agent	Dale Jacks	586-419-0276
Vocations	PCGK & FDD Jeff Gapczynski	586-337-5942
Pro-Life Chairman	Sal Ales Leon Berdy	586-263-3483 586-201-1990
Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
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

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Articles for the March newsletter must be submitted by no later than

February 22, 2024..

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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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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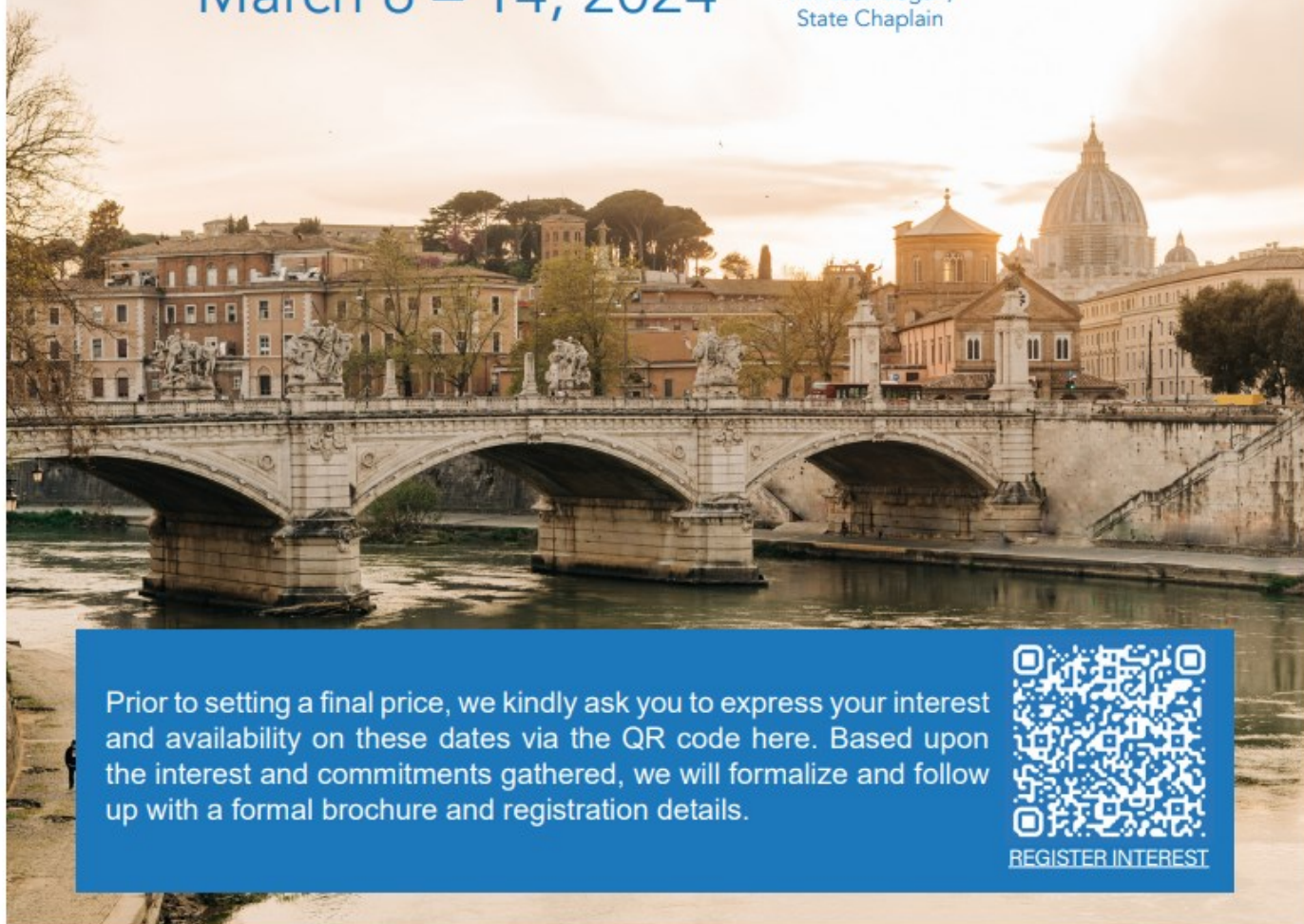
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State Chaplain's Lenten Pilgrimage

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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Itinerary

PRE-NIGHT: TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH | DETROIT MEETING

Optional hotel night near the Detroit airport. Long-term parking services can be arranged.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH | DEPART FOR ITALY

Pending flight schedule, celebrate a send-off Mass near the Detroit Airport (possibly St. Mary's in Wayne) with the Knights of Columbus. Then, transfer to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport for your overnight flight(s) to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH | ARRIVE IN ROME 🍷

Benvenuti a Roma! After baggage claim, meet your Italian Tour Manager in the Arrivals Hall. Board a private motorcoach and depart for the Vatican neighborhood to check-in to your hotel. Celebrate a Welcome Mass at the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls. Finally, enjoy a traditional Italian dinner hosted by the State Deputy! Return to your hotel for overnight

DAY 3: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH | SCAVI | ST. PETER'S BASILICA | SWISS GUARDS ☕

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence in Lucina. Return to the hotel for breakfast. The group will then take part in the Scavi tour - the ancient Roman excavations below the Basilica of St. Peter's culminating at the tomb of St. Peter (pending availability). Tour the beautiful St. Peter's Basilica with Fr. Logan. Then, spend the afternoon around the Vatican taking lunch on the Borgo Pio, where many religious items can be purchased for the Papal blessing on Sunda. Finally, take a special tour of the Swiss Guard Barracks and learn about the oldest and smallest military unit in service to the Holy Father. The remainder of the evening is free for you to explore. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH | DAY TRIP TO CASTEL GONDOLFO ☕ 🍷

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Church of Santa Susanna. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing on a day trip to explore the splendid papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo. Upon arrival, enjoy a beautiful lunch at Pagnanelli's before touring through the residence, Papal Gardens, and private Vatican Farm at Castel Gandolfo. Return to Rome for an evening on your own. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH | ANGELUS WITH THE HOLY FATHER | PNAC ☕ 🍷

After Mass, join Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus and to receive a Papal Blessing. After lunch on your own, transfer by motorcoach to the Pontifical North American College located on the Janiculum Hill. Meet with some of the American priests and seminarians studying in Rome and join them for evening prayer in their Chapel. Enjoy a beautiful cityscape of Rome and the Vatican from their rooftop. Return to Vatican area for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: MONDAY, MARCH 11TH | ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA | HOLY STAIRS | ST. MARY MAJOR BASILICA ☕

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Santi Quattro Coronati. Then, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, as well as the Holy Stairs, which were brought to Rome by St. Helen. Finally, visit the first Basilica dedicated to the Blessed Mother, St. Mary Major. Spend time in prayer before returning to your hotel for a free evening and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH | WALKING TOUR OF ROME | CATACOMBS | AFTER-HOURS VATICAN MUSEUMS ☕ 🍷

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso. Then, take a walking tour of Rome to explore Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Trevi Fountain. This afternoon, enjoy a special lunch at Cecilia Metella. Continue onto St. Callixtus Catacombs, which once contained the tombs of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries. This evening, experience a special after-hours tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH | ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALL BASILICA | SAN CLEMENTE BASILICA | HEART OF ROME WITH FR. LOGAN | FAREWELL DINNER ☕ 🍷

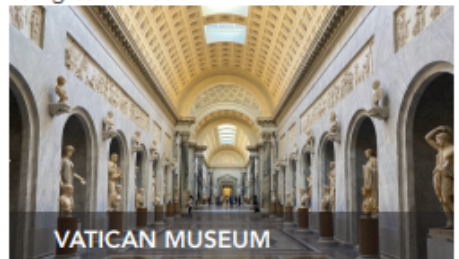
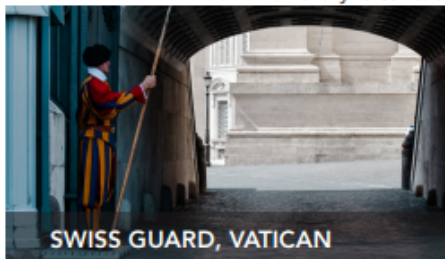
Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, the resting place of the Apostle to the Gentiles. Then, make a visit to the Basilica of San Clemente to see the three-levels of the Church, corresponding to a major era of Roman history. Continue on a walk through Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum and Roman Forum with Fr. Logan. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of our pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner hosted by the State Chaplain.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH | RETURN TO USA ☕

Check out of the hotel and depart for the Rome airport for your return flight home to Michigan

☕ = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 🍷 = LUNCH | 🍷 = DINNER

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses pending confirmation



Knights of Columbus Seventh Annual Camping Trip

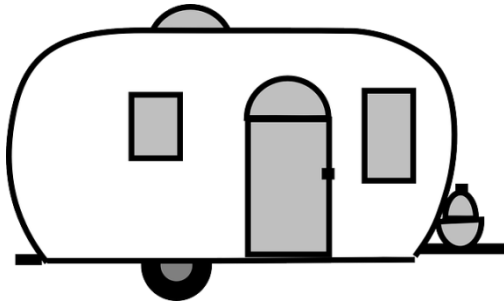
Our preferred campground at Algonac is closed for renovations this year. So we will have a change of venue for 2024. After considering many locations we will be heading up North to Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling. To help avoid the weekend crowds and since many of us are retired we will camp on Tuesday and Wednesday July 30 & 31.

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

The campground has been renovated recently. Please note that sites 65 through 100 have full hook-ups! This is probably where most of us will try and find a site. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

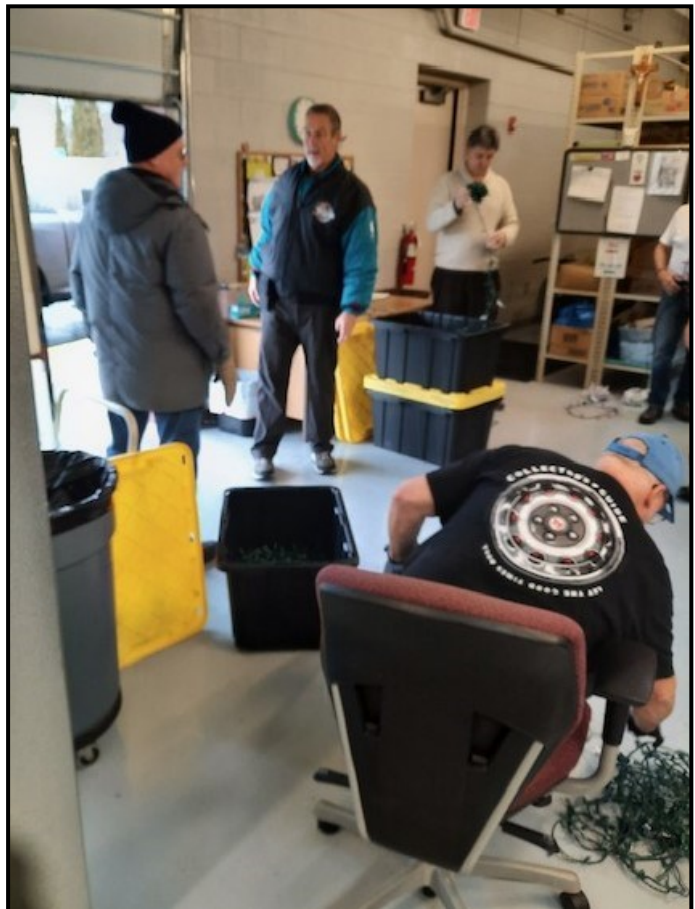
The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Wednesday evening around 7PM. Non-campers are also welcome to attend the potluck.



Please advise Mike Hartel (mhartel5054@wowway.com) with an email after making your reservation. Non-campers should also advise if you plan to attend the pot luck.

KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT
REMOVAL AND STORAGE



DIOCESAN WINTER MEETING AT
SACRED HEART SEMINARY WITH
SPECIAL GUEST
ARCH-BISHOP ALAN VIGNERON

