



# 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 Art Krygowski**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Summer of 2016. Fall is upon us and as everyone gets ready to get back into a more hurried pace, I am looking forward to all the upcoming activities in our Council. I realize we all lead very busy family lives, and life can be messy. Our council does great work for our communities in the Clinton Township area. I am asking personally that any inactive Knight rekindle your relationship with your other brothers. I would like to invite you back into our brotherhood. The meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month. We need your support and involvement...and your good ideas. May God Bless you all. Please pray for all of our departed brothers, brothers seeking employment, and brothers with family ailments.

### **PLEASE, CONTINUE TO KEEP JIM KAZA IN YOUR PRAYERS!!!**

*Southern Louisiana was hit by what is called "The worst natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy". Several people have died, with tens of thousands of others forced to leave their homes. More than 30,000 people have been rescued from the flooded areas, many seeking refuge in emergency shelters. In response to the devastation, the Supreme Council has launched an online donation drive to assist with local relief operations. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. The Knights of Columbus has a long tradition of providing disaster relief, said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Our communities, like the people of Southern Louisiana, need our time, our efforts and our financial assistance. We are going to do all that we can, working with the Louisiana State Council and local councils, to help those*

*most in need as a result of the flooding. If you would personally like to donate to this drive you can search "LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF" on the supreme website.*

*We as a council have decided to donate \$500.00 (in two \$250.00 motions) directly to Fr. Joe Hund.*

*Here is an email Brother Jerry Hund received from his Brother (and ours) Joe.*

### **Good Evening Jerry:**

**We are getting more details on the extent of the flood damage in Louisiana.**

**The member of six families of our 3rd Order Franciscan or Secular Franciscans were affected by the recent flooding. These families live in the Baton Rouge area and suffered home and belongings water damage. If anyone wishes to donate for these families who are members of our Franciscan family here is the information.**

**Make out a check to: St. Joan of Arc Region – OFS and write on the check that the donation is for Flood Relief and send the check to my address at:**

**St. Paul Church, 326 S. Washington St.  
Lafayette, LA 70501**

**The flood waters are receding but very slowly and so many victims without flood insurance.**

**Pray for the victims and first responders and volunteers.**

**Joe**

As always I would like to thank the KC Breakfast Team on another successful breakfast on September 11th. We had over 200 satisfied customers.

Our Corporate Communion was well attended Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> with over three rows of Knights their families and eight members of the color corps of the fourth degree.

The semiannual Adopt-A-Road project will be Saturday, October 8th. 8:00am

Your help is needed to continue building our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat. This year's event will be on Sunday, October 23rd beginning at 2PM. We are looking for additional people to pass out candy from decorated trunks or tailgates. Last year, over 100 of our parishes' youth came out to partake in this event. We have also asked for support from the Choir, Men's Group, Men's Faith Sharing Group, Women of Faith, and Youth Group.

The Holy Cross Children's Services Raffle Calendars are Here! These calendars – which are perfect for home, office or as a gift – continue to be priced at only \$25 each and offer the possibility to win daily and monthly as well as the grand prize of \$5,000. Please contact me or see me at a meeting to acquire a calendar.

Vivat Jesus  
Art Krygowski  
Grand Knight

## Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

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In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

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

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## Monthly Prayer Intention



### Universal: Journalists

That Journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics

### Evangelization: World Mission Day

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

## 2016 Rosary Rally

The 2016 Rosary Rally will be held at St. Paul of Tarsus on October 15 at 12:00 pm sharp. All are welcome.

Thank you for coming to the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of his Blessed Holy Mother and her Son.

This Public Square Rosary is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and will be one of over 15,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on this October 15 at 12:00 pm sharp. We will be offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her Son, and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

For more information, contact: George Mejaly at 586-263-9291.



## Fall Clothing Drive

We will be having our Fall clothing drive at our October meeting on October 10th. As usual all types of clothing, apparel, shoes, jackets, etc. are needed for the many unfortunate homeless, including women and children who are also in need.

The items will be donated to the St. Aloysius Outreach Center in downtown Detroit, to be distributed to those in need. The items are not sold, but given to the homeless for their personal use. This time of the year warm items are of great importance, even hats, gloves and scarves make a difference to those struggling in the harsh weather.

A pick up truck will be parked outside the hall before the meeting to drop off the various items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Outreach Center, and we are fulfilling the First Principle of Our Order "Charity".

IF YOU SAW YOU  
AS GOD SEES YOU  
YOU WOULD SMILE A LOT  
Jerry



## Trunk or Treat



It's not too early to start thinking about our 4th annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 23, 2016. Last year's event was well attended by the families of our parish. We hope to build this event by having more people passing out candy, from their decorated trunks, to our youth. We will once again be partnering with the Men's Group and hope to include the Men's Faith Sharing Group, the Women of Faith, as well as other groups or families from the parish. More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

## Protecting God's Children / Background Check

As has been mentioned numerous times at council meeting and in this newsletter, you must have taken the Protecting God's Children class and have submitted your name to the church offices to have a criminal background check done in order to volunteer at any K of C event that takes place on the church property. Three upcoming Protecting God's Children classes in our area are:

November 5 St. Paul of Tarsus at 8:30 am.

Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to check for available classes and to register.

## Corporate Communion Masses

Our Next Corporate Communion will be held on November 20, 2016 at the 11:30 am Mass.

Lectors: Phil Mularski  
Richard Okerhjelm

Acolytes: Denny Kubczak  
Leonard Gutkowski

We hope you will join us to show the importance of family praying together.



## 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 September: **"Rick Okerhjelm."** In recognition of his exemplary service to the Council.

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

The Family of the Month for September: **"Tom Gray Family."** In recognition of their out-standing service to the Council.

## VETS Returning Home

I have had several inquiries about giving large appliances like stoves, refrigerators and freezers to the Vets Returning Home program. When these vets leave, they typically move into apartments which already have these appliances. Therefore, the Vets Returning Home organization cannot use these kinds of appliances.

If you have furniture that you wish to donate, they will come to your house for pick-up. The direct number for pick-up is 586-419-3420. When you call they will establish a scheduled time and date for pick-up.

If you have any questions, please call me at 586-469-1997.

Thanks,  
Phil Kwasny



## The Lighter Side



An old priest was dying. He sent a message to the parish Banker and Lawyer, to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled; the priest had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable homilies about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behavior which made them squirm in their seats. Finally, the banker said, "Father, why did you ask us to come?"

The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go."

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast. Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!" The PR man said, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me." "Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters?????"

The PR man answered: "If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."

## Motions Passed

**The following motions were approved at the September general membership meeting:**

Motion by George Loewen and seconded by Chuck Loewen, to pay the bills. Motion was passed.

Motion by Ray Coughlin and seconded by Jerry Hund to donate \$250.00 to be sent to Fr Joe Hund to help the homeless that are a result of the recent storms in Louisiana. That motion was amended with a motion by Phil Kwasny and seconded by Steve Kargenian to add an additional \$250.00 to Fr Joe for the same cause. Motion was passed.

### Our State Membership Motto for 2015:

Our Growth Starts With...

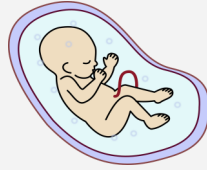
**"One Member, Per Council, Per Month"**

## Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, Ray Ignatowski at 586-946-0129.

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.

## How to Prove Live Begins at Conception Part 4



### Are the unborn human?

Remember that when some people say that the unborn are not human, they are usually using the word human in a philosophical sense to mean a valuable human being or person. Remind them that you want to answer the question, "Are the unborn members of our species?" Only after that question is answered can we debate the philosophical question, "Is every member of our species a person with a right to life?"

When it comes to demonstrating that the unborn are biologically human, or members of our species, there are two kinds of evidence that the pro-life advocate can use. First, we can ask what kind of animal the parents of the fetus in question are. If the parents are dogs, then the fetus will be a dog. If the parents are cats, then the fetus will be a cat. If the parents are human, then the fetus will be human. Second, we (or science) can examine genetic code, or DNA. If the fetus possesses a human genetic code, with approximately forty-six chromosomes, then he is a human being.

Some critics will make this bizarre objection: "It's not human, it's a fetus." When a pro-choice student tried to make this argument in front of a crowd of cheering protestors, I asked in reply, "What is a fetus? Could you define what that word means, or what it refers to?" The protestor became uncomfortable and said, "Well, if you're so smart, why don't you tell me what the word *fetus* means?"

"I'd be happy to," I said. "Fetus is a Latin word that means 'little one.' According to most medical dictionaries, among humans, *fetus* refers to a human being from the eighth week of life until birth. An *embryo* is a human being from conception until the seventh week of life. The words *embryo* and *fetus* are like *toddler* and *teenager*---they are stages of development in the life of a human being. So isn't a fetus by

### definition human?"

At this point some critics say, "If sperm and egg are alive and human, and fetuses and embryos are also alive and human, then aren't sperm and egg human beings in the same sense that fetuses and embryos are human being? Isn't it an act of homicide to kill sperm or egg cells?"

Sperm, egg, fetus, and toddler are all human in the adjectival sense of the word, since they possess human DNA. Unlike sperms and eggs, however, fetuses and toddlers are also human in the normal sense of the word. A fetus is a human and a toddler is a human, while an individual sperm cell or egg cell is not a human. This is similar to how we might say apple pie and the U.S. president are both American, but the president is an American, and the apple pie is not. Since sperm cells and egg cells are not individual humans, the act of destroying these cells is not an act of homicide.

This helps answer another common objection: "A blueprint is not a house, and an embryo with human DNA is not a human being." The problem with this argument is that pro-life advocates don't say a mere strand of human DNA is a human being (or "a blueprint is a house"). We are saying that an embryo with human DNA is a human being because it is a human organism. A human embryo is more like a complex computer with instructions (i.e. DNA) that allow it to acquire new parts and build itself, and not a simple blueprint.

Put simply, a human embryo is a human *organism* and not a mere clump of human tissue like sperm cells or cancer cells. A human being in the embryonic stage of life differs from you and every other born human being only in terms of size, level of development, location and degree of dependency. Just as we don't discriminate against born human organisms (aka human beings) that differ in these ways, we should not discriminate against unborn human organisms just because they also differ in these ways.



## Calendar of Events

October 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Road clean up North Parking Lot
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	K of C Meeting and Fall Clothing Drive Please see the article in this issue.
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Basketball free-throw Championship at St. Clement in Romeo
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	District Planning /Workshop St. Clement in Romeo
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00 pm	Trunk or Treat at
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	K of C Officers meeting
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Protecting God's Children at St. Paul of Tarsus. You must register at <a href="http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus">www.virtusonline.org/virtus</a>
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	First Degree at St. Isidore (Registration at 7:00 pm)
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	K of C General Membership Meeting



### Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

Holy Cross Children's Services 2017 calendars are now available and will be at the October 10th meeting. The cost of each calendar is \$25.00 and serve as a raffle ticket throughout all of 2017, with the proceeds going to support HCCS.

Brother Francis appreciates your participation in this important fundraiser.

### 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  
 Membership Director, Knights of Columbus

## Happy Birthday!!



Richard Olejniczak	October 4
Catherine Finn	October 4
Michael DiGiovanni	October 4
Janice Krygowski	October 6
Ray Coughlin	October 7
Chuck Loewen	October 11
Tony Valentine	October 13
Edward Marcinkowski	October 13
Charles Twigg	October 17
Karla Hartel	October 18
Eugene Kapala	October 21
James Baldick	October 22
James Petoskey	October 23
Brian McCarty	October 25
Elaine Kwasny	October 26
Giovan Candela	October 27
Gino Gattari	October 28
Edmund Nowak	October 30
Joseph Matranga	October 30
Greg Csernai	October 31

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



Leonard & Betty Gutkowski	October 1
Phil & Elaine Kwasny	October 1
Charles & Joann Twigg	October 3
George & Lucille Mejaly	October 6
Jim & Kim Murphy	October 7
Norm & Joann Pfaff	October 24
Angelo & Carol Garavaglia	October 25

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## Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights

Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997
Frank C. Kave	October 3, 1998
Chester E. Raszowski	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 F. 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





## For the Good of the Order

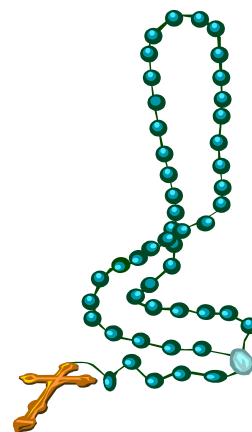
**Please keep the Knights, Relatives or Acquaintances of Knights  
below in your prayers.**



SK-Dick Allore  
Carol Alexander  
Joyce Aufmuth  
Melvin Aufmuth  
Kevin Bondra  
BK-Ralph Colosimo  
Larry Connell  
Michael Denomme  
James Diehl  
BK-Clarence Gajewski  
Carol Garavaglia  
Elaine Hartel  
Holly Hartel  
Ben Hoste  
BK-Mike Hoste  
Barbara Hubbard  
Sue Hund  
Alan Johnson  
BK-Jim Kaza

Caroline Krmel  
Daniel Latosz  
Melissa Latosz  
Fred Lewis  
Jill Nelson  
Patricia Okerhjelm  
Millie Orley  
Don Riekslander  
Zach Saunders  
Zachary Shevsky  
Loretta Suval  
Paul Suval  
Sarah Swanson  
SK-Karl & Joanne Sziisz  
Mildred Tarbuck  
Kim Vestrand  
Bob Williams  
Lynn Williams  
Charlene Wjotaszek

NOTE: BK = Brother Knight  
SK = Sir Knight



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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:**

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Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by no later than September 22, 2016.

### **Important Websites**

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