



# The Knight's Shield



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

March, 2022

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

Volume 27

## A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

Happy March!

If you haven't heard yet, we have a new Parish Priest starting July 1st. It has been announced that Father John Kiselika will be our pastor. We have been blessed...and continue to be...with great clergy here at St. Paul's!

There is an urgent need for ministers at all Masses: Please consider during this time of Lent to volunteer for a ministry. Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors are desperately needed at all Masses. This is a great opportunity to show the parish how much we Knights care about our parish.

March 12 at Noon is a memorial mass at our parish for JoAnne Sziisz, the wife of our Past Grand Knight Karl Sziisz. Please consider attending this to show support for our Past Grand Knight.

Lent is quickly approaching, Ash Wednesday will be here before you know it. As Catholics we are given three penitential practices to follow in order to have a grace filled Lent. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are those three practices. Daily prayer, such as the Rosary, which each of us were given the day we became Knights would be a great commitment for Lent this year. We all know what fasting is, although many of us are not required to any longer. It helps us show self-control and not give in to temptation. Almsgiving is also important, this means giving beyond what you "normally" do. If we follow these practices it will help to have a Lent that means something.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Gray



## Friday Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday is now only a week or so away, and with that brings the return of the annual Fish Fry.

Our biggest and most involved Council function is set to start on Friday, March 4, and run for 6 weeks from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a Drive-Thru Carry-out event — no indoor dining. We did well last year serving over 450 dinners each week. We anticipate similar volume this year.

To achieve this, we need the support and help of our Council members. So far some 25 brothers along with wives and friends have volunteered to help. I'd like to reach out for a few additional volunteers to make sure all positions are covered and ensure we're adequately staffed when people are out or on sojourn to sunny Florida.

Jobs are available both inside the social hall assembling dinners, as well as outside delivering meals and working traffic control.

If you have not already signed up to work, please let me know if you can help. Please respond by e-mail, phone or text.

If you are hesitant to "commit" or "sign-up," just show up any Friday any time from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and we'll put you to work.

Thank you!

Ray Coughlin  
Fish Fry Czar  
raymoc@wowway.com  
586-980-4483

## Monthly Prayer Intention



### Intention for a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## 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



**March 12  
4:00 pm Mass**

## The Lighter Side



On the lighter side:

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

-Hello, is this Father O'Malley?

-It is

-This is the IRS. Can you help us?

-I can

-Do you know a Ted Houlihan?

-I do

-Is he a member of your congregation?

-He is

-Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?

-He will-

## 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 February: **Georgios Sakorafos.**

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 February: **"Vince & Andrea Ursini Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

## Motions Passed

Motions passed at the February General Meetings:

\$100 donation for Catholic Charities



**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!!!!!!

  
**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

## 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.  
Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE**



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## Protecting God's Children

St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish (Roseville)  
Saturday, March 12, 2022  
1:00 pm

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

## 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

### March

1		Fish Fry Prep
2		Ash Wednesday Start Lent
4		Fish Fry
10	6:30 Meal	General Membership Meeting
11	7:30 meeting	
11		Fish Fry
12-13		Easter Meat orders after all Masses
12	4:00 pm	Corporate Communion 18 Fish Fry
19-20		Easter Meat orders after all Masses
24	7:00 pm Start	Council Planning Meeting
25		Fish Fry



### 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](mailto:don.wesley@kofc.org)*

## Happy Birthday!!



Jim Murphy	March 1
Charles Brandel	March 1
Gerald Vento	March 1
Jacqueline Fracassa	March 3
Joseph Ennis	March 4
Rev Ronald Essman	March 5
Carolyn Thomson	March 6
Mike Essad	March 7
Sheryl Ignatowski	March 8
Kenneth Dudley	March 8
Dennis Kubczak	March 8
Brian Wills	March 8
Richard Okerhjelm	March 9
John Matway	March 9
Paul Megge	March 9
JoAnn Phillips	March 10
Karl Sziisz	March 11
William Frontiera, Jr	March 11
Chris Ignatowski	March 13
Vincent Ursini	March 13
Art Krygowski	March 19
John Wargo	March 23
Donald Husovsky	March 24
Raymund Macksoud	March 24
Chris Sweeney	March 26
George Loewen	March 28
Martin Winiarski	March 28
Craig Thomson	March 31

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

## Happy Anniversary!!



Bill & Renie Giezyng March 16

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## 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 Okerhjelm
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 Szlezynghier
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
Kelley Kennedy	Lynn Williams
Tina Kennedy	Deacon SK Ed Wilson
Nancy Koldenkamp	BK Dave Wisneski
Ron Krawkowski	Barney Young
	BK Larry 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 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	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

District Deputy	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8225
District Warden	Ed Perkins Harry Barriger	586-940-0148 810-488-2724
Chaplain	Fr. Jerry Slowinski	586-228-1210
Grand Knight	Tom Gray	586-265-9885
Deputy Grand Knight	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
Chancellor	Kevin Kennedy	586-206-0150
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576
Recorder	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409
Inside Guard	Joe Kish	586-822-4109
Outside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-286-1038
1 Yr Trustee	Rick Okerhjelm	586-469-2996
2 Yr Trustee	PGK Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
3 Yr Trustee	Paul Parker	586-805-1120
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816
Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Angelo Garavaglia	586-412-3327
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	586-263-5942
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

[spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com)

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

**March 22, 2022.**

**K of Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

**Michigan District #1:** [www.michigan district1.com](http://www.michigan district1.com)

**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

**SPOT Knights:** [www.spotknights.com](http://www.spotknights.com)

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://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](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com). Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.





# **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.

**To order:** 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



**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**



**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Totals** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**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**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
DETROIT ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS LEAGUE

29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**VOCATIONS DINNER**  
FEATURING

POLISH



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](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

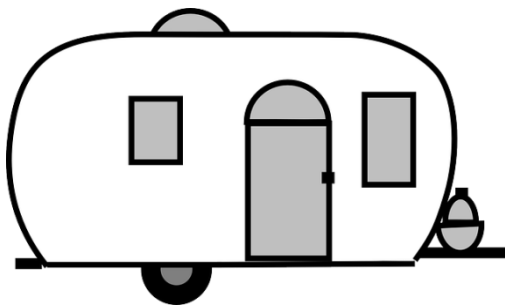
We are suggesting, for the majority of our council campers, to try and select a site in the North end of the Riverfront North Loop. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

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 ([mhartel5054@wowway.com](mailto:mhartel5054@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.