



The Knight's Shield



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

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

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A Word from Grand Knight Tom Gray

November is here! One of my favorite months...Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, hunting season, the changing colors, the cool air.

We did our fall road cleanup. We had a dozen or so guys and it went well. Beautiful weather and a light garbage load made it a breeze. We were done in about an hour. We had our Rosary Rally. It was well attended although pretty cold. What a wonderful way to honor Respect Life month and to show support to defeat Proposal 3. We hosted the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon, I'm not sure what happened at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, but we did the service at 7:45 and 4:00 Masses. The Icon has moved on to St. Peter's now.

At the writing of this, the Trunk or Treat is coming up this weekend. I will give a report at our next meeting and mention it next month.

Our pancake breakfast has moved to November 6th. Please plan on helping out with this. These events are really fun to work and it is a good opportunity to show the parish what we do. Also on November 6th is the Memorial Mass for Knights that have passed away this year. We have four being honored. Our next corporate communion is November 20th at the 11:30 Mass. Please consider going to Mass with your brothers and their families.

This November is a very important election for the right to life. I am going to focus on Proposal 3 versus talking about candidates, as I think we all know where they stand. Since Roe V Wade in 1973 there have been more than 63 million abortions, or murders more appropriately worded. The population of France is 65 million for a little perspective. Today for every 1,000 births there are 195 abortions. The writers of Proposal 3 are masking the truth with words like "reproductive freedom" and calling abortion "woman's healthcare" instead of what it really is.

Here is the actual text from the Proposal to amend the Constitution of Michigan. Please, as you read this, pay attention to what the words are saying and, more importantly, what they do not say. It is pretty scary.

Article 12, Section 28 Right to Reproductive Freedom

- (1) Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care. An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Notwithstanding the above, the state may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability, provided that in no circumstance shall the state prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgement of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual.
- (2) The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.
- (3) The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on their actual, potential, perceived or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including but not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. Nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right of reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent.
- (4) For the purposes of this section: A state interest is "compelling" only if it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making. "Fetal viability" means: the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.
- (5) This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.[10]

After my simple mind reads this, I note the following:

- There is no provision for minors to need parental consent.
- There is no provision that only a physician can perform an abortion.
- There is no provision that the facilities be inspected or have to answer to any one.
- There is no provision for time or duration of the pregnancy.

This will make MI one of the most lenient states in the country, and put us up there in the world. The verbiage just has no restrictions and is purposely vague.

We are really up against it guys. The K of C MI donated \$50k to the effort, and we are being outspent by the ACLU and Planned Parenthood...they have \$10 million to \$400 thousand. We need to spread the word about the lies and omissions in this proposal. With amending the state constitution it would open the door to abortion on demand, meaning no restrictions up to and after birth. So please talk to your friends and family to spread the truth. Also vote your conscience in a few weeks.

Vivat Jesus
Tom Gray

Corporate Communion Masses



TBD

The Lighter Side



On the lighter side:

4 catholic priests are sharing a private compartment on a train

They decided to confess their biggest flaw to each other.

The first priest confesses that he spends most of the church money on booze.

The second priest explains that he blows the church collection betting on horses.

The third priest confesses that he spends the church takings on drugs.

They have opened their souls and revealed their deepest secrets. They look to the last priest and he says "I am a gossip and I can't wait to get off this train".

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for Children who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection..

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.

**IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING**

BE KIND

Knights of the Month and Family of the Month

The **Knights 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 October: **John Riesterer.**

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 October: **“Craig and Carolyn Thomson Family.”** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the October Meeting

\$500 donation to Father Joe Hund’s Parish in New Orleans for a generator.



**Our State Motto
for 2022/2023**

“Faith and Family First”

Knights’ 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

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



Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

As always, I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

I wish all of you and yours a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year!!

Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense!

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



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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 Returning 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

Protecting God's Children

St James Parish (Novi)
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
6:00 pm

St Paul of Tarsus Parish (Clinton Township)
Thursday, November 3, 2022
6:00 pm

St Damien of Molokai (Pontiac)
Saturday, November 5, 2022
9:00 am

Christ the Redeemer Parish (Lake Orion)
Saturday, November 19, 2022
9:00 am

Church of the Holy Spirit Parish (Highland)
Saturday, January 21, 2023
9:00 am

E-Mail Communications



Brothers:

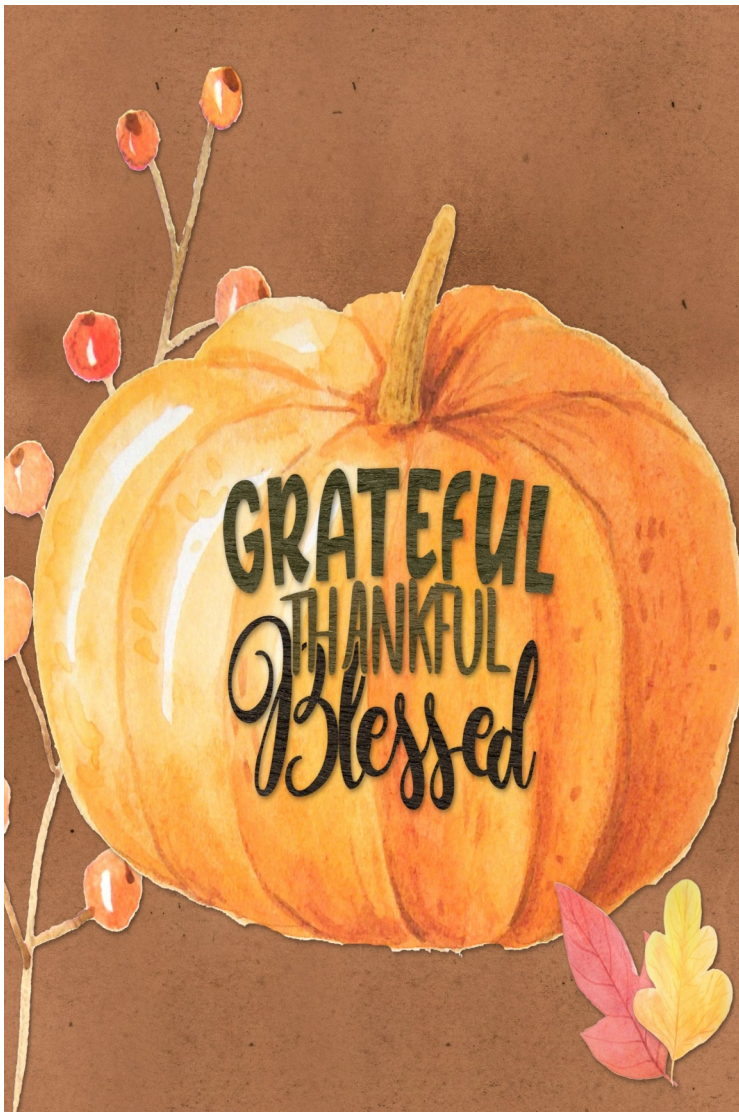
One of the methods we use to communicate various events for the Knights is an e-mail list. As coordinator for the list, I want to ask any of you that haven't been receiving these messages to send me an e-mail from your home account. This will give me the correct and current e-mail for you, and I will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

Fraternally,
George Loewen
gjl047@gmail.com

Passion Play Trip To Oberammergau, Germany

Fr Kiselica led a trip to see the Passion Play in Aug/Sep of this year. It was a trip of a lifetime, and a wonderful time was had by all. The Passion Play was incredible, and we are all grateful that we were able to see it.

Your Charter Grand Knight, Jeff Gapczynski (Chris), and two past Grand Knights Bruce Arnold (Claudia) and Mike Hartel (Karla) attended the trip. Prayers were said for the Council. We wish you all could have been there. It was amazing!



Calendar of Events

November

6		Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
6		Pancake Breakfast
10	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting
	7:30 pm Meeting	
20	11:30 am Mass	Corporate Communion
20-26		MCREST
26-27		Christmas Meat orders after all Masses



Career Opportunity:

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

Happy Birthday!!



Vito Guzzardo	November 1
Rev Joseph Hund	November 1
Janet Loewen	November 1
Michael McKinnon	November 1
Scott Ignatowski	November 3
Paula Tusset	November 4
Bruce Arnold	November 5
Mitchell O'Connor	November 5
Deacon Marc Rybinski	November 6
Gerald Caruso	November 7
Henry Leflere	November 7
Norman Pfaff	November 10
Salvatore Ales	November 11
Leonard Sokolowski	November 11
William Hill	November 11
Alan Giroux	November 12
Timothy Treloar	November 13
Connie Colosimo	November 17
Christine Krause	November 18
Larry Bukowski	November 21
James Cosgrove	November 23
Stephen Szypa	November 23
George Mejaly	November 24
Michael William	November 25
Mike Kramer	November 27
Patricia Labadie	November 28
Anthony Guido	November 29
Dennis Werth	November 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!!



Daniel & Catherine Finn	November 9
Donald & Gayle Bieschke	November 26
Richard & Patricia Okerhjelm	November 26

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For the Good of the Order



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

Carol Alexander	Patricia Labadie
Kevin Bondra	SK Henry Leflere
Janice Burda	Peggy Lewis
Stanley Chmiela	BK Chuck Loewen
BK Ralph Colosimo	SK Chuck Luce
Connie Colosimo	Diana MacArthur
Grant Crater	Leanne Mackay
Barbara Csernai	BK John Minicuci
Sherri Czarny	Patty Morgan
Jim Daniel	BK Edmund Nowak
BK Paul Demetsenare	Patricia Okerhjelm
Micheal Denomme	BK Bob Pastrick
Del Difalco	Maryann Pearson
Claudia Dombrowski	Ed Peoples
Christine Gapczynski	Judy Perreau
Jill Gapczynski	BK Geno Pirrami
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Justin Pietsch
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou
Christopher Hageman	Larry Rosso
Brandon Hale	Mary Rosso
Kevin Heatwole	Joanne Smail
BK Mike Hoste	PGK Karl Sziisz
Beth Hund	William Szypa
Sue Hund	Gary Tarbuck
Dan Jacks	Jim Tarbuck
Kevin Kehoe	Laura Thompson
Nancy Koldenkamp	Bob Williams
Ron Krawkowski	Lynn Williams
SK Art Krygowski	Deacon Ed Wilson
Janice Krygowski	BK Dave Wisneski
	Barney 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 Hoppersberger	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 Szezyngier	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		
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		

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Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
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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.

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

November 18, 2022.

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