



The St. Joseph Worker

Newsletter of
St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council
#11550
Knights of Columbus

Mission Statement
To promote the Catholic values of all families and particularly the families of the membership of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council, through activities and assistance, and to proclaim the teaching of our Catholic faith while sharing our material wealth with those in need of our help.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	1st	All Saints Day
November	2nd	All Souls Day
November	3rd	Bengals game
November	5th	Election Day Go Vote
November	11th	Veterans Day
November	12th	Business meeting 7 PM
November	26th	Memorial Mass
November	28th	Thanksgiving
December	1st	First Sunday of Advent Bengals game
December	6th	Feast of St. Nicholas
December	9th	Holy Day of Obligation
December	10th	Business Meeting
December	17th	Christmas Party
December	19th	Bengals game
December	25th	Christmas
January	1st	Happy New Year 2025

Need a St. Joe K of C Shirt ?
Polo or Blue Dress shirt
Email: Paulbeck@zoomtown.com
Orders being taken for group order!

St. Joe Rosary Rallye



Lectors Message By Dan Warnock

Dear St. Joe Knights of Columbus Family,

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers and generous contributions to my son Mike, his wife Jerri, and their four children after facing the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene. It's hard to believe that tomorrow marks four weeks since the torrential winds and rains wreaked havoc on their home in western North Carolina.

Thankfully, they are beginning to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, albeit a small one for now, given the extensive damage done to the 22 counties in Western North Carolina. Nonetheless, it's a light. The record-breaking floods, loss of life, brutal landslides, downed trees, major power outages, lack of water, and washed-out roads and bridges have undoubtedly changed the landscape and, even more so, the lives of many people, who now face difficult decisions.

On a brighter note, last week saw some encouraging signs: power is back on, the post office in Montreat reopened, and water is now being pumped from the Asheville reservoir, though it's still not potable due to chemical contamination. However, it can be used to flush toilets. Some roads have been temporarily repaired, but where bridges are out, you'll still need a 4-wheel drive to cross the creeks.

Thank God Mike's family is safe, as are all the children where they work at the Black Mountain Home for Children. Supplies, including food and water, continue to be helicopter-dropped on the campus, ensuring the community is well-stocked.

Unfortunately, much of Black Mountain and Swannanoa, where they live, east of Asheville, has been devastated. Most stores in the Swannanoa Valley were either completely washed out or severely damaged, requiring extensive rebuilding.

Mike refers to this as a "1,000-year storm"—a catastrophic event that happens only once over an extremely long period. Now that the initial shock is over, locals are turning their thoughts to what lies ahead, particularly concerning the future of floodplains, as rivers and streams have shifted course in many areas. They face tough decisions about whether they can afford flood insurance and whether to rebuild. Some businesses and jobs are gone for good, though I'm sure a few will bounce back.

JoAnn and I have spent perhaps too much time watching videos on social media of areas we know so well from our many trips to the region for family visits and vacations. It's heartbreaking to see those charming little mountain towns, many now 90% gone. But one thing that continues to give us hope is the positive determination and fortitude of the mountain people. Their faith in God remains strong, and their willingness to help one another in countless ways renews our own faith in humanity. They are always looking onward and forward.

Even though Mike's woodworking shop was completely washed away by the French Broad River, I can still hear positivity in his voice. He feels St. Joseph the Worker by his side. These folks will bounce back. It may take time, and things might look a bit different, but good things will come from this, and I'm already seeing signs of that.



Our Family Programs

By Donald G. Larrick

Memorial Mass

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at St. Joseph Church at 7:00 pm. The Invitations for the Memorial Mass were sent out to the Next-of-kin of our deceased members (and their spouses) on November 1st. Joachim has been working on the Mass details and Ed has the food covered. We encourage all our members to attend and stay after for good food and to socialize.

If you can spare an hour, we will need 4/5 guys after the 8:00 Mass on November 26th to help setup the Gathering Space for the social after the Memorial Mass.

Annual Family Christmas Dinner SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at the Miami Township Community Center on Shady Lane. Santa will be stopping by with presents for each Child. Detailed information on making reservation and the event will follow shortly. We encourage all our members to bring their children and grandchildren. This is a FUN event for the entire family.

Bengals volunteers

By Jim Bicknell

Our sincere thanks goes out to all our brother knights and wives for volunteering this year and sacrificing your time and energy while working the Bengals games. We are over the hump with only four games to go this season. Our next game is Nov 3rd and we could still use some help filling in the roster. Please consider signing up for a game if you haven't already. You can contact me, Jim Bicknell at:

jbicknell@zoomtow.com.

Our Faith Programs

By Joachim Fischesser

This is my last post as Faith Director. Ken Merk will be stepping in as Faith Director starting in November. I will be helping finish the Memorial Mass coming up on November 26th. I can't thank you all enough for how much you all do for the council and the support you have given me as Faith Director. I am sure Ken will be awesome as Faith Director and will look forward to your continued support. God Bless.
Joachim

Football Craz Fundraiser

By Bob Sandhas

The 2024 Football Fundcrazr has come to an end. We needed 374 tickets sold to take advantage of all the cash back. I am pleased to announce that we exceeded that number by 50 tickets for a total of 424 tickets sold. Last year we sold 357. I would like to thank all the members for their commitment to sell the tickets. We have a membership of around 170 and 47 of the members sold their 6 or more tickets. There were multiple members who sold more than the 6 tickets. Multiple sellers were: Blevins (10), Bischoff (34), Bretnitz (25), J Fischesser (25), Hughes (18), Groh (12), Murray (9), Merk (7), Sandhas (23), Wilke (10). This is by far our most successful Fundcrazr due to the membership doing their part. Again I say....THANK YOU!

"A new bonus raffle in the Ohio Football Craz Sweepstakes. Members who sold six or more tickets will be entered into a special Ohio State Council raffle. 48 Knight's name and address have been forwarded to the OSC to be placed in a hopper for several \$100.00 checks. Drawing will be held at the State meeting in January 2025. Good Luck!!"

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

John Hughes

All council expenses have been paid. Several donations have been made to organizations we support.

I am reviewing the process of members paying their dues and assessments on-line using PayPal. To determine the level of interest, please drop a text message of your interest to my mobile number saying "yes" or "no". Be sure to include your name.

John M. Hughes
Knights of Columbus Council 11550
513-574-1814



Greater Cincinnati Area 53rd Annual Armed Forces Sabbath

10 November 2024

All members are invited and encouraged to participate in the

Armed Forces Sabbath Ceremony at the

Holy Cross – Immaculata Church in Mount Adams
30 Guido Street

The celebration will be held at the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

All Military Components

ACTIVE – RESERVE – RETIRED

All Veterans and their families and friends are urged to attend.

The wearing of the Dress Uniform of your service is encouraged, but not required.

Let us show our Support of the Troops to remember those who have preserved our freedom for over 200 years and to seek spiritual support for the members of the military and their families.

All veterans will gather in front of the church and process in military fashion as a group.

A Chaplain's reception will be held after the service in the church hall.

Membership Growth

Our current membership is:

129 Associate Members

47 Insured Members

2 Inactive

Of these members there are

4 Honorary Life Members

33 Life Members

43 Fourth Degree Members

Our Programs

By Steve Rodenbeck, Program Director

The month of October presented our Council with a challenging list of activities and programs. I am proud to say the work and efforts of our Council Brothers were outstanding. I would venture to say we accomplished the same if not more during this past month than some Councils do during an entire Fraternal year.

Our Bengal volunteers worked another two games downtown and raised approximately \$5,000.00 for the Council. Other Councils are amazed at the amount of funds we obtain from this project. Credit goes to Jim Bicknell for heading this program as well as the regular volunteers. We participated in the Parish Rosary Rally by grilling meat products for the Dinner and helping to serve the meal. A number of our Brothers participated in the Holy Name Eucharistic Procession held downtown. We had another successful Bingo program at the Nursing Home. One of the residents is Gloria Schrader, widow of Dave Schrader. Our Council was also asked to assist with the installation of Crosses at St. Jude's in support of the Right to Life movement.

One of the highlights of the General Business Meeting was the presentation by our District Deputy of the Columbian Award and Founder's Award for our achievements during the last Fraternal year. Our Council is known for its action and achievements. Bob Sandhas spearheaded another successful Football Frenzy Ticket Sale program. I think our Council sold a record number of tickets. The Council approved the purchase of Coats for Kids at the Meeting and Paul Beck delivered two boxes of coats to the Three Rivers School. John Hughes will be delivering another two boxes to St. Jude's at a later date.

A highlight for the month was the talk of Joe Zang at the October Social. This month is traditionally known as our Tribute to Veterans. Joe served during the Korean War and told us of his experiences in Korea. At one point he was listed as killed in action after suffering wounds during combat. A notice including his dog tags was sent to his family in Cincinnati. He awoke from a coma after about two weeks. His description of the weather conditions and environment was something to behold.

We are heading into the month of November with a lot of momentum. The Council will be having its annual Mass for the deceased members of the Council, which is always a moving event. In addition, we are planning our Christmas celebration. I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Our Financial Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report

By John Hughes and Carl Braun

\$ 40.00	Support Our Seminarians
\$ 28.00	Split the Pot
\$ 100.00	K of C State Rebate
\$ 2,614.33	Aramark Bengals Game
<u>\$ 2,557.76</u>	<u>Aramark Bengals Game</u>
\$ 5,340.09	Total Income for September

\$ 77.94	Steve Rodenbeck - Food Mtg
\$ 500.00	St. Vincent dePaul
\$ 260.00	Most Holy Rosary
\$ 200.00	Friends of the Rose Garden
\$ 9.27	Web Mason / planners
\$ 1,000.00	Chair Force 1 Donation/Wheelchair
\$ 49.57	Dan Warnock / Drinks
<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>Miami Twp Hall Rental Deposit</u>
\$ 2,296.78	Total Expenses for September

Council Christmas Party

The Financial Secretary is researching using more on-line dues collections and fundraising. To get an idea of how many members would be willing to pay by debit/credit card, and even receiving your 2025 dues notice by electronic email, please send a quick email or text message (to my phone) and advise who you are. If there is enough interest in moving into the next decade, please let me know so we have an idea of how much it would make your life easier. We are working with PayPal to be our provider. Phone number 513-574-1814
Email : jmhughes@fuse.net

Will you consider a little time to the Council?

In the last few meetings and business meetings there have been several requests for people to step up and volunteer to help by either taking over as a chairperson or volunteering for an event. We are proud of our Council but believe we are wearing the same people out. A lot of our leadership hold more than one role and the same people seem to always be around. If you find yourself wanting to do more or you know you have the time, see where your talents could help out in our council. We have members who will be more than helpful in guiding your next adventure. If you have any questions see any of the leaders in our council. Also, go to our facebook page or website to get involved:

Website at: stjosephkofc.org

Facebook: "Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph's North Bend".

The Council Christmas Dinner/Party will be held on Tuesday, December 17 th at the Miami Township Community Center. Doors open at 6 PM, and the buffet dinner starts about 6:45 PM. The meal is catered by Sullivan's and will be roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and tossed salad. Beverages and a dessert will be provided by our Council. There will be gifts for all children ages 13 and younger, and a special guest from the North Pole and his elf will be there to greet the children with the gifts. Cost for the evening is \$25 for adults, \$5 for children 6-17, with no charge for kids 5 and under. When you make your reservation please give us the full names, age, and gender of your children so we have appropriate gifts. Questions: call John Toerner 513.659.1704, or Paul Leising 513.379.5554, or Denny Murray 513.314.1853. More details to follow.

Fourth Degree

Most Holy Rosary Assembly 2170 would like to thank the members of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council 11550 for their support of our fundraiser.

I would like to thank the members of our Council that assisted me in the planning and execution of the event.

God is Good All the Time and Knights are His fantastic supporters. Our veterans also appreciate your support.

Growth

OCTOBER 2024 GROWTH MILESTONE

Our Fast Start Goal is 405 New Brother Knights!

Congratulations Ohio!

We made milestone today on the journey to 2,000 new members and Circle of Honor goal.

Today, we reached 405 new Brother Knights for Ohio this fraternal year. Great job, finishing out the first quarter with strong growth this past weekend.

Are you ready to be Fishers of Men? Our next goal is 1,000 new Brother Knights by December 30.

We form men in their Faith, we build a culture of Life, we help those in Need, we help protect families Financially.

Fraternally,

Andrew J. Nuckols
State Growth Director

Grand Knight's Report

Each year, KofC Councils are challenged to complete activities that promote the Knights of Columbus core values of Faith, Family, Community, Life and Membership. We are currently 1/3 through the 2024-2025 reporting year, and as you can see from the chart below, our council has been very active in all areas. We are well on our way at maxing out at 200 points in all five areas.

Thanks to everyone who has provided their time, financial support and prayers in support of our council.

A special thanks to Steve Rodenbeck, our Programs and Activities Chair. Steve is diligent in preparing and submitting the activities report forms to state to make sure we get credit for all the great things we are doing in support of our faith, families, community and the sanctity of life.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Groh
Grand Knight

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Just received this message from the archdiocese.

Dec 9, 2024: Holy Day of Obligation

As you know, in 2024, December 8 is the [Second Sunday](#) of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to [Monday, December 9](#). **Previously**, when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true.

Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated [Thursday, October 10](#), Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." **In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.**

Football Crazz

Life

Financial Secretary Message:

Thank you to the 48 members who sold more than 6 football Crazz tickets.

Your dues of \$25.00 will be paid for 2025.

I ask that you consider paying the two assessments of \$8.00.

In October, we supported Pregnancy Center West by distributing baby bottles at masses.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this great cause.

Also in October, a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil was held in front of Planned Parenthood. Thanks to all brother Knights and fellow parishioners of the Diving Mercy Family of Parishes who supported this prolife cause.

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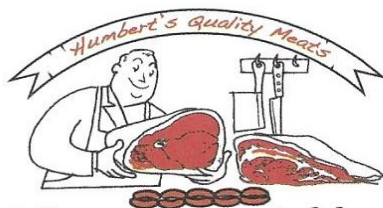
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Fr. McGivney

Baseball's connection with the Knights of Columbus. Our meeting started with a quote from Sparky Anderson "Learn something new every day." Father McGivney played baseball. Babe Ruth was a Knight of Columbus. Jim O'Rourke who had the first hit in the new National League in 1876 was a Knight. Finally, by 1910, 18 World Series were managed by a coach who was a Knight.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rosemary Niehe	Ross Lanter	Denny Thompson	Betty Burwinkel	
Kelly Beebe	Steve Ludwig	Tom Jonas	Colin Doyan	Mark Hennessey
Judy Fischesser	Victims of hurricane Helene	Victims of hurricane Millton		
Pray for cure of Alzheimer's	Active Military			

Ohio State Council "125th Anniversary" Challenge Coin

Members who recruit at least two new members into a council, if their membership number is on the application for membership will earn a Ohio State Council 125th Anniversary Challenge Coin.

Fast Start Council Challenge

All councils that achieve the below listed Growth goal; hold one (1) Fraternal Benefit Event; and file the *Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)* will earn a 16 x 20 unframed print of Blessed Fr. McGivney Icon.

- Councils with fewer than 100 Members: 20% of Supreme Growth Goal by Sept. 30
- Councils with greater than 100 Members: 25% of Supreme Growth Goal by Sept. 30.

Fast Start 1st Quarter Council Challenge

The winning council in each diocese (Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Steubenville, Youngstown) with the highest percentage Growth intake.