



The St. Joseph Worker

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

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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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Fourth Degree Navigator	Paul Blevins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March	5th	Ash Wednesday
March	8th/9th	Men's CHRP at Visitation
	8th	Meal prep for men attending CHRP
March	11th	Business Meeting
March	25th	Social All Parish Degree Program
March	27th	Bingo 3 Rivers Nursing Home
March	30th	30th Anniversary Celebration
April	8th	Business Meeting
April	13th	Palm Sunday
April	20th	Easter Sunday
April	22nd	Awards Presentation
May	13th	Business Meeting
May	15th	Noon meal Ronald McDonald House
May	27th	Social - Cornhole Tournament

Need a St. Joe K of C Shirt ?

Polo or Blue Dress shirt

Email: Paulbeck@zoomtown.com

Orders being taken for group order!

NEW E-Membership Enhancements!!

Great News! kofc.org/join has **TWO New Enhancements!**
UPDATED ONLINE REFERRAL CODE

First, the [Online Join Application](#) has been updated to make it easier for prospects to add an Agent Referral Code. This feature has been added to the top of the [Join form](#) with a checkbox to stand out. When an applicant enters an Agent Referral Code, the Promo Code option at the end of the form (where the *BLESSEDMCGIVNEY* code would be entered) disappears. Only one code can be applied, and both the Agent Code and Promo codes allow the applicant to join at no cost. **"FIND A COUNCIL" FUNCTIONALITY**

Additionally, a link to *"Find a Council"* has been added next to the *Preferred Local Council* field. This allows applicants to more easily find the correct local council they would like to join. Councils should continue to promote the use of this field and make sure that their new members know their council number.

Hopefully this will help sign up a man even easier now! See page 5 for more.

Lecturer 's Message
By Dan Warnock

Council 30th Anniversary

E6 Catholic Men's Conference

On February 22nd, I had the privilege of joining 11 fellow knights from our esteemed council at the **E6 Catholic Men's Conference** at East Central High School in St. Leon, Indiana. It's impossible to attend one of these conferences and not feel the grace of God in your mind and heart at days end. What is the E6 Catholic Men's Conference you might ask?

The E6 Catholic Men's Conference is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to good resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ. In a world that is losing a truly biblical understanding of masculinity, fatherhood and brotherhood. This conference aims at equipping men to put on the armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-18) and stand as men of Christ.

For me the **E6 Catholic Men's Conference** is a powerful event designed to inspire and strengthen men in their faith. This year marked the tenth year that Father Meyer has hosted this incredible gathering of 1500 men, and he continues to bring in outstanding speakers who challenge and encourage men to be more devout, stronger husbands, fathers, and men of Christ.

I strongly encourage my brother Knights to look ahead and mark their calendars for **next year's conference**. It's an experience that truly makes an impact.

Vivat Jesus!!



Please join us for the
30th Anniversary Celebration
Of

St Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of
Columbus Council 11550

March 30, 2025 4:30-8 PM

Miami Township Community Center
3780 Shady Lane, North Bend Ohio 45052

Dinner served 5:30PM

Please RSVP by March 16, 2025

Ed Hoffrogge 513-295-0260

Council Website and Facebook

Website at: stjosephkcofc.org

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

Men's Christ Renews His Parish

March 8th & 9th

Divine Mercy Parish

Men's CRHP Retreat

Event Details:

- Saturday March 8th & Sunday March 9th
 - 8AM to 9PM Saturday (*Optional: Social hour with drinks/snacks immediately following the day's activities*)
 - 7:45AM to 2:30PM Sunday
- Location: Our Lady of Visitation Library
- All meals will be provided including:
 - Lite breakfast, lunch, dinner, & snacks on Saturday
 - Lite breakfast & snacks on Sunday

Important Notes:

- There is **NO COST** to participate in the retreat
- There is **NO OVERNIGHT** stay required

Register for the retreat online at:

- <http://bit.ly/407ajq9> or by scanning the QR code!



From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

John Hughes

I had mentioned that annual dues notices would be emailed to you from Supreme. It turned out that there was a need to change each member's profile from mail to email, then send the dues notice, and then change profiles back to mail. This was not an acceptable change. Remember, the annual request to have members contribute to the Measure Up Program and Culture of Life Program has been removed from your invoices. The Program chairman for these events will ask you later to contribute. You can still include your donation with your dues payment.

Annual DUES NOTICES were mailed to the membership in early January.

A SECOND NOTICE was mailed to those owing dues in early February.

At this time dues in the amount of **\$2, 535 are still unpaid.**

This includes members owing \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 and 6 who owe \$108.00.

If you paid dues before February 20th and have not received your membership card -- please call me.

John M. Hughes

Knights of Columbus Council 11550

513-574-1814

Each year we ask you to tell us how many hours you have spent doing K of C activities. The report is due to the Supreme Office by January 31st. To date, three members have submitted their report. You can view the report at "[https://www.kofc.org/annual survey](https://www.kofc.org/annual_survey)".

Treasurer's Report January 2025

Beginning Balance	\$18,397.99
Less Expenses	<u>\$6,245.12</u>
	\$12,152.87
Plus Income	<u>\$10,259.66</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,412.53
CD 1	\$5,757.13
CD 2	<u>\$10,782.29</u>
Total Funds	\$38,951.95

Our Programs

By Steve Rodenbeck, Program Director

The month of January saw our Council resume its request for Star Council status. Our Social featured a presentation from our Financial Field Representative on Annuities. With the number in attendance the Council has satisfied the requirements for the Founder's Award. In addition, we had a Chili Cook Off.

During the month of February a number of our Brother Knights attended the E-6 Conference in Southern Indiana. I have attended this Program in the past and Father Meyer and his staff put on one fine and thought provoking program. Our Council held its annual Ladies' Appreciation as its Social in February. Thanks to the efforts of Joachim Fischesser and Ed Hoffrogge this event was a success.

The month of March will be highlighted by our 30th Anniversary celebration at the Miami Township Community Center. This will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Rich Joesting is coordinating this event. We are also planning to prepare a meal for the participants of the Christ Renewal Program to be held at Our Lady of Visitation.

Looking ahead, the Council will be having its annual Awards' Ceremony in April. If anyone has suggestions for Volunteer of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year please let me know. There are numerous candidates to consider due to the vitality of our Council.

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE

John Toerner

By now you have received your 8 raffle tickets and letter of explanation. This raffle is a major fund raiser for our Council, and last year we earned over \$2800 in profit. The prizes are significant, 25 prizes in all, with first prize being \$49,680! The cost is \$5.00 each, and we ask that you sell or buy at least the 8 tickets you have already. We earn a minimum of \$2.50 per ticket, and this increases with ticket sales goal achievement. You can return them either by mail in the return envelope we provided, or at any Council business meeting (March 11 & April 8), or social event. The first bonus-earning ticket turn in for the Council is April 1, so please return your ticket stubs and checks by March 27 to maximize our earnings. Return tickets and \$ to John Toerner or Steve Rodenbeck. Additional tickets are available by calling John at 513-659-1704, or toerner4@fuse.net.

Membership Growth

Our current membership is:

134 Associate Members

46 Insured Members

2 Inactive

Of these members there are

33 Honorary Life Members

4 Honorary Members

44 Fourth Degree Members

New E-Membership Continued from page 1

"HOW TO" VIDEO

Remember, we also have a how to video on the State of Ohio's K of C YouTube page. This will show the entire process of how to sign a man up online! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kZFgaGKgEw>

PARISH BULLETIN INCENTIVE!

Finally, please don't forget about the parish bulletin incentive we have going on right now for E-Membership. For more details, go to kofcoho.org/membership

Please reach out to me for any questions you may have.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Greg Singlar
State E-Membership Coordinator

Our Faith Programs By Ken Merk

On February 22nd we had at least 10 of our council members attend the E6 Catholic Men's conference in St Leon Indiana. This was the 10th year for this conference. This year it sold out, so there were 1500 men in attendance. What an inspiration it was to pray and praise God with a group of this size!

If you have never been to a Catholic Men's Conference I would highly recommend the E6. Every year I attend, I always come away from it a better man.

The featured speaker was Chris Stefanick. He gave 2 talks. The first was on authentic masculinity, and how it is lacking in today's culture. The second was on being joyful despite the circumstances of your life.

Jake Khym spoke on what is in our heart and how we relate to God the Father.

Fr Johnathan Meyer's homily discussed the question from the Gospel, "Who do you say that I am?"

Bobby Angel spoke about accepting God's love and forgiveness.

The entire conference was live streamed and can be watched at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/wUxQ6fzaxNg?feature=shared>

To get free lent and Easter reflections with Fr. Johnathan Meyer text RISEUP to 84576.

Family Program By Don Larrick

Our Scholarship Committee will be reviewing the Essays of the twelve finalists the first week of March. The participating Schools are - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Bernard, St. Jude and Our Lady of Visitation. Each school narrows the field of those 8th Graders applying to three students. The twelve Essays are collected, randomly organized in binders for each committee member to read. The committee then meets to discuss the twelve Finalists Essays choosing the three scholarship winners. Each scholarship winner receives a check for \$1,500.00 written to the Catholic High School of their choice. We hope to announce the winners at our March business meeting.

March 25th Degree at St. Joe

We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries in your parish.

If you have not seen the new Degree Program join us that evening and join us for fellowship. Viewing of Degree will begin at 7 PM in the Gathering Space. Open discussion will follow with refreshments and snacks.

Remember ask a gentleman to join us and family members are welcome to participate in the evening.

Call Jim Bischoff Growth Director (513-574-4825) for any questions.

Honor Flights

Recognition of your Military Service.

There will be four Honor Flights to Washington DC this year.

Any new veteran to join our council in 2024 is asked to share the following information.

Your branch of service.

The date you enlisted in the service and the date you were discharged.

Your job profession title (and abbreviation) and the highest rank you held.

Please share this information with Brother Knight Don Larrick.

He will add your information to our annual Veteran's Mass in November.

And let us know if you would like to be considered for an Honor Flight.

Thank you for your service.

Bengals Recap

By Jim Bicknell

We had our annual stadium workers appreciation dinner on February 1st at The Farm. This has always been an enjoyable way to end each season. This was my last function over many years as Stadium Volunteer Coordinator. We made somewhere between \$150,000 and \$200,000 profit over those years. Joachim Fischesser will now be taking over as coordinator and I will be his back-up. I would like to thank everyone that made this fundraiser possible.



Thankyou to Jim Bicknell for his leadership.

Michael J. Felerski – State Secretary

2024 Matching Funds

In January I had the opportunity to meet with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and present him with this symbolic check in the amount of \$14,588.86 from the 2024 Matching Funds program. The Archbishop asked me to thank all of his brother Knights and councils in the Archdiocese for their donation in support of Evangelization, and Faith Formation here in our community.



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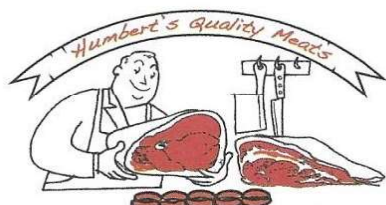
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Fr. McGivney

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:

Pope Francis	Archbishop Schnurr	Fr. Jerry	Ross Lanter	Rosemary Niehe	Billy Wittich
family	Ken Uhrig	Tom Butz	Ray Hoendorf	Ron Rohrig	Kathy Davis
Betty Burwinkel	Terry McCabe		Pray for cure of Alzheimer's		David Wereley
				Active Military	

2nd Annual Fishing Derby

Camping Weekend May 30 - June 1

DIVINE MERCY FAMILY OF PARISHES

Saint Joseph of the Three Rivers

Knights of Columbus Council 11550

Catch and Release

FISHING DERBY

SOUTH WESTERN OHIO

CONSERVATION CLUB

Saturday, May 31, 2025

11AM to 2PM

6084 Morgan Road, Cleves, OH 45002

Contact Jim Bischoff at 513-574-4825

Or email: jbponds@fuse.net to register to fish

Lunch will be provided to everyone.

Awards presented for longest

Pan Fish == Bass Fish == Catfish

In age groups 5 & Under

6 to 7 and 8 to 11 and 12 to 16.

We have 18 slots open for camping this year for the Fishing Derby. Please register by May 15th. Saturday evening meal will be a potluck cook out with the council providing burgers, brats, metts, and hotdogs.

