



**The St. Joseph Worker**  
Newsletter of  
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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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

|               |                   |                                 |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>July</b>   | <b>4th</b>        | <b>Independence Day</b>         |
| <b>July</b>   | <b>8th</b>        | <b>Business Meeting</b>         |
| <b>July</b>   | <b>22nd</b>       | <b>Installation of Officers</b> |
| <b>August</b> | <b>8th - 10th</b> | <b>Visitation Festival</b>      |
| <b>August</b> | <b>12th</b>       | <b>Business meeting</b>         |
| <b>August</b> | <b>26th</b>       | <b>Social</b>                   |

**Grand Knight's Report**

First I would to thank Mike Groh for the job he did the past 2 years as our Grand Knight. We have had a lot of success and I hope we can continue to be one of the most active and productive councils in Ohio.

July social will be the installation of officers 7/22/25 at St Dominic. All officers should plan to attend, all members are welcome too.

Our council will be sponsoring a bus trip Pilgrimage to Maria Stein on Sat September, 20 More details to come but mark your calendar as the bus holds a Max of 56 people. (Hopefully a flyer will make into this newsletter)

A special thank you to Bob Sandhaus for all the years chairing the Football Fund Crazz Raffle. Bob is busy moving and has asked that we find someone new to run this fund raiser. Thanks again Bob good luck with the move. If you are interested in running this fund raiser please let me know.

Starting in August I would like to do a quarterly officers meeting on the 1 st Tuesday in Aug, Nov, Feb, and May. All officers please plan to attend and of course these meetings will be open to all.

We are gearing up for our largest fund raiser to start up, working the Bengals games. We really need more support as this fundraiser provides the bulk of the money we use to make all these great donations throughout the year. Please see Joachim Fischesser to sign up if you haven't already.

Lastly, we need to recruit new members, Please invite a Catholic man that you know or see at church to come and check us out.

Continue to pray for the World, Our Country, and our Devine Mercy Family of Parishes.

My Contact information is email- Frog827@gmail.com, Cell phone is 513- 295-0260.

Vivat Jesus! Ed

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

## Lecture's Moment by Dan Warnock

### Does God Love Baseball?

JoAnn and I are heading to the Reds game tonight, thanks to our son Jeff, who's treating his company team to their 4th annual outing at the ballpark. I'm excited, not just because it's 3-2-1 Night (\$3 beer, \$2 hotdogs, and \$1 ice cream cups!), but also because the Reds' ace, Andrew Abbott, is on the mound. And best of all, I get to spend the evening with family and friends.

So here I am, sitting and checking box scores from last night's games (and scouting out cheap parking downtown), when the question pops into my head:

Does God like baseball...America's favorite pastime?

Who really knows?

But I did come across this...

It's a game of anticipation, strategy and skill. It's a game that can't be won by one player, but a lot can be decided because of one pitch, one play or one home run. It's a game of inches as well as chance. And it captures the hearts of so many—including Jesus and God!

Jesus undoubtedly loves baseball because he's the "Natural." He's someone with a sense of anticipation, hopefulness and strategy. He continually demonstrates the skill sets required for both offense and defense. He has solid eye-hand coordination as well as a coachable spirit. He trusts his teammates and cheers them on when they boot a routine play. He's a leader, quick thinker and mentally strong player. He knows the rulebook through and through. He even knows when to burst on the scene with raw quickness and sheer hope. He's patient, skilled and has a knack for shutting down (and creating) momentum. All of these are good, intangible traits for a ball player.

For when we buy in to this hope, we see how beautiful, how true and how good it is for people to unite their time, their effort and their energy around a shared spirituality that prepares them for all nine innings of life. We also realize that no one person can do it alone; it takes a team (a church) moving with a shared vision and dream.

God sees all of this in the game of baseball. That's why God sent us the "Natural." Maybe it's time we pay more attention to the game, and I'm not talking about baseball.

Opinion: Barrett Owen. Why Jesus and God follow Baseball.

Vivat Jesus!!

### Past Grand Knight Mike Groh

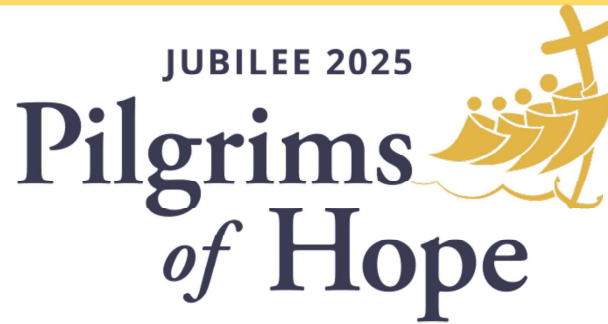
#### Grand Knight's Report

This is my final report as our council's Grand Knight. It has been an amazingly fast two years. I want to thank everyone for the support you have given me during my term. We have accomplished so much, only because of the highly active group of men that make up our council. As the Grand Knight's gavel gets turned over to Ed Hoffregge, I'm confident that you will give him the same support that you have given me.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike

## Maria Stein Shrine of the Relics Tour



In his announcement of the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis writes: “Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

Jubilee 2025 will be marked by special opportunities for grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, local pilgrimages and the Jubilee Indulgence. One of the pilgrimage sites is Maria Stein Shrine of the Relics.

### St Joseph of the Three Rivers Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage To Maria Stein Shrine of the Relics

Open to Knights and Family Members

Saturday September 20, 2025

Chartered Bus Ride

Depart St Joseph Church 7 am

Mass at Maria Stein 10 am followed by tour of Relics and tour of  
Museum

Box Lunch provided – Reservation \$5 per person

Limited to 56 people

Sign up:

Bob Rischmann 513-748-4183 or [robertrischmann2@gmail.com](mailto:robertrischmann2@gmail.com)

**Council Website and Facebook**

Website at: [stjosephkcofc.org](http://stjosephkcofc.org)

Facebook: “Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph’s North Bend”.

## Steve Rodenbeck

## Council Program Director

During our last Business Meeting our Grand Knight, Mike Groh, announced the Council had won the "Mary Award". Our Council had accumulated a total of 960 points out of 1,000.00 for our programs and recruitment. This ranking placed the Council within the top 35-40 Councils throughout the entire State of Ohio. You guys were exceptional and did "good work" this fraternal year. Council 11550 is a noted and known Council in the State of Ohio.

We are finishing the year off with a flurry of activities. First of all, on Friday, June 20, 2025, members of the Council will provide parking detail for the first Township Concert. In addition, the Council will be grilling for the Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove. On June 24, 2025, the Council is to hold its annual Council Picnic at the Pavilion at St. Joe's Church. Two days later on June 26, 2025, we are conducting our monthly Bingo Program at the Nursing Home on Jandar Acres.

The month of July is the beginning of the new fraternal year. Our Council has been asked to run the Big Six Booth at the Oser Roth Fest. We will be wrapping up and concluding our Measure Up Drive and continuing with the Bingo Program. I am also in the process of scheduling another meal at the Ronald McDonald House. The Council is also scheduling a Pilgrimage to the Maria Stein site north of Dayton, Ohio. This is a totally new event as we are always looking into new events.

As we conclude the current fraternal year I want to personally thank the individual Program Directors for their efforts and work over the past year. They have made my job a lot easier and they deserve credit for our Council's success and stature. They are Mike Groh, Don Larrick, Ken Merk and Paul Beck.

## 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 2025 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.**

## From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

We are at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The budget for the next year, 2025-2026 has been approved by the council.

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer are preparing to submit council records to the Grand Knight and Trustees for the semi-annual audit.

The audit must be completed, signed and at Supreme by August 15th.

I'm sure the many organizations the council has supported in the last 6 month appreciate our support.

God is Good, God is Great, and so are the members of St. Joseph Council 11550.

John M. Hughes

Knights of Columbus Council 11550

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## Treasurer's Report May 2025

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$21,925.99        |
| Less Expenses     | <u>\$4,272.04</u>  |
|                   | \$17,653.95        |
| Plus Income       | <u>\$1,311.00</u>  |
| Ending Balance    | \$18,964.95        |
| CD 1              | \$5,813.45         |
| CD 2              | <u>\$10,854.61</u> |
| Total Funds       | \$35,633.01        |

## Faith Director Ken Merk

It is no secret that our Parish Family is in crisis. Given that, I would like to remind everyone of a few things:

1) When Christ chose his apostles, he didn't choose the most righteous people he could find. He chose imperfect uneducated fishermen, a sinful tax collector, a person who denied him 3 times after swearing that he would die for him, and 10 others that abandoned him in his time of need. Christ knew all this but chose them anyway. No priest is perfect, like the apostles weren't perfect. Jesus and his disciples were persecuted simply for telling the truth. Our priests, despite their faults are Christ's representatives here on Earth. They deserve to

be treated with respect as they do their best to shepherd their congregations.

2) When Christ was crucified, he didn't just die for your sins, he died for everyone's sins. Fr. Bachman courageously admitted to the parish and the world that he is a sinner. We need to keep in mind that we all fall short. We are all imperfect sinners. Just like we should support each other when we fall short, we should also be supportive of him as he struggles to resist sin.

Soon our parish family will only have one full time priest. Father Don will need all of the support we can give during this transition. As Knights of Columbus we are called to support our priests and parishes especially when going through difficult times. If we can't do that now, what good are we?

Please join me in sending a letter of support for our priests. If you want to let the Archbishop know of your support:

The Most Reverend Robert Casey

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

100 East Eighth Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Mail or drop off letters of support for Father Don at any Parish office. If you wish to send a note of encouragement to Fr. Bachman, address the envelope to Fr. Bachman c/o Fr. Don at any parish office, and Fr Don will make sure Fr. Bachman gets it.

Fr. Jerry Hiland will retire from full time ministry July 1st

. Please consider sending a note of congratulations at any parish office.

## Membership Growth

### Our current membership is:

136 Associate Members

45 Insured Members

2 Inactive

Of these members there are

35 Honorary Life Members

2 Honorary Members

44 Fourth Degree Members

## New E-Membership

## "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](http://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*

## Council Picnic

By Don Larrick

! OUR ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - HOT - HOT -HOT - BUT FUN

The 48 children and adults who attended our Annual Family Picnic had a great (but HOT) time. The food was good, the games were FUN and the conversations were lively.

Many Thanks goes out to everyone who worked to help the event go so smoothly. From getting the trailer and setting up the grills, to setting up the canopy, to bringing the tables and chairs over from church, to cooking and setting up, to cleaning up and taking everything back. Thanks goes out to: Steve, Ed, Barb, Jim, Dan, JoAnn, Mike, Rich, Bob, Ron, George, Katie and Charlie. A Special Thanks goes out to Jerry and his son Mike for setting up their gas generator and fans to keep some air moving under the pavilion. Thanks also to all the members who brought deserts and side dishes. Our cook lost some weight grilling in the 97-degree heat. Can't wait until next year. Hopefully it will be cooler!!!

## Visitation Festival Aug 8th-10th

We have been requested to work in the sandwich booth again this year on Saturday. Set up time will be 3 PM as the festival will open after the 4 PM mass. We will be manning the booth also, so ask friends and family to help out. Suggested hours 3PM - 7:30PM and 7PM - 11PM. We normally start to close down around 10 PM. Please let Jim Bischoff know when you would like to help. Home # 574-4825 Email: [jbponds@fuse.net](mailto:jbponds@fuse.net)

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Booth

Order takers 4

Sandwich Prep 3

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Cash box 1



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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:***

|                      |             |                              |                 |                 |           |             |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Archbishop Schnurr   | Fr. Jerry   | Ross Lanter                  | Ron Roehrig     | Betty Burwinkel | Tim Leigh | Mike Ellert |
| Tom Butz             | Kathy Davis | Mike Kathman                 | Rose Mary Niehe | Ray Fischesser  |           |             |
| Ed Rothmann & Family | Fr. Bachman | Pray for cure of Alzheimer's | Active Military |                 |           |             |

## Parish Family Picnic June 2025

