



The St. Joseph Worker

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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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Polo or Blue Dress shirt

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Orders being taken for group order!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	2nd	Bengals Game	
November	4th	Officers Meeting	7 PM
November	11th	Business meeting	7 PM
November	14th	Pick up Coats for Kids	
November	23rd	Bengals Game	
November	25th	Annual Memorial Mass	7 PM
November	27th	Thanksgiving	
December	6th	St. Nicholas	
December	9th	Business meeting	7 PM
December	14th	Bengals Game	
December	18th	Bingo at Three Rivers Nursing Home	
December	23rd	Council Christmas Dinner	
December	25th	Christmas	

Grand Knights Report By Ed Hoffrogge

Let me start by thanking Mike Groh for cooking for the October social meeting, Please consider taking a meeting. If interested let me know.

We worked our 3rd and 4th Bengal games of the season this past month and earned over 2100.00/ game. Thanks to 14 brothers and spouses who worked. This fund raiser generates the majority of funds which enables us to make all the wonderful donations throughout the year. We REALLY NEED MORE HELP!!! With at least six more games to go we need to get more of You involved. Please consider getting registered to work and sign up for a game or 2 or 6!! Without these funds our Budget will need to be reduced. Please contact Joachim Fischesser (513-335-4066) to get involved.

Football Crazar final sales are due in to Jim Bicknell. You can still sell but the raffle games start the week of Nov 2. John Hughes has started the COR program with the Men's Group at the Visitation Grotto 3 rd Fridays of the month. This is a new program for our council and has been well received. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend for great prayer, fellowship and support our EFF Director

This month will be busy with Coats for Kids Distribution 11/17. Your council, led by Community Director Paul Beck and Family Director Don Larrick has purchased 168 coats for the students at Three Rivers, St. Jude, and Pregnancy Center West. The State KofC Matched our purchase this year so we are able to help twice as many families with this donation. Great job Brothers this program really shows why all of us do what we do.

Officers planning meeting 11/4 all are welcome, Business meeting 11/11 the Memorial Mass 11/25 and of course Turkey day 11/27. I want to wish a safe and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. We have a lot to be thankful for in our council, family of Parishes, and our Country. May GOD Bless each of you as we prepare for the Advent Season. We have 2 new members Bill Schinkal and Roric Schneider as well as 3 transfers Patrick Cafferty, Rich Riestenberg, And Mike Ries Please make sure to say hi and welcome our new members and transfers to our Council. 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

Famous Fighting Knight

I was recently snooping around on the KofC.org website and came across a section called “Knights Who Shaped History.” It featured some remarkable men. Names like Babe Ruth, President John F. Kennedy, and a whole host of others. But the one that really caught my attention was Floyd Patterson, a Black man who rose from humble beginnings to become the Heavyweight Champion of the World, back when boxing stood tall among America’s greatest sports.

As a kid, I was a big boxing fan and often laced up the gloves with the neighborhood boys. I knew who Floyd Patterson was but I never knew he was a Knight of Columbus... until now.

Here’s what the K of C website had to say about him:

Raised in an impoverished Brooklyn family, young Floyd Patterson struggled. Shy, virtually illiterate, and often truant or stealing food, Patterson ended up in reform school. Surrounded by supportive instructors, he was introduced to boxing — and it helped him rebuild his life. His skill swiftly catapulted him to the top. A protégé of Constantine (Cus) D’Amato, the teenage Patterson won the 1952 middleweight Olympic gold medal. At age 21, he became the youngest world heavyweight champion, holding the title for three years, then regaining it in 1960 — another first. Along with his hallmark “peek-a-boo” style, his sportsmanship stood out in gestures like helping an opponent up off the mat or refusing to gain an “unfair advantage” by watching a future opponent train.

There were battles outside the ring too. Patterson strongly promoted civil rights and integration, despite opposition. In 1957, a hostile crowd of white locals impeded his arrival in Fort Smith, Ark., where he had a scheduled stop on an exhibition tour. A priest — himself an integration supporter — intervened, bringing Patterson and his entourage to the church and hosting them at the rectory. Soon after, Patterson demanded integrated venues for boxing. He later traveled to Birmingham, Ala., standing with Martin Luther King Jr. amid death threats, and he decried his opponent Muhammad Ali’s embrace of the Nation of Islam for its divisive outlook on race, stating that it “preach[ed] hate and separation instead of love and integration.”

While heavyweight champion, Patterson converted to Catholicism in 1957. He later joined the Knights of Columbus in New Paltz, N.Y., and became, in biographer W.K. Stratton’s words, “a mainstay” of Knights’ events. He also helped the parish by distributing holy Communion at the local nursing home, calling himself “the eucharistic minister with the biggest hands.” Despite his love of his sport, he once mused that if the Church forbade boxing, he would give it up. When an interviewer later recalled these words for Patterson and asked if his faith was still as strong, he replied that it was even stronger.

Football Crazz Tickets

The last day to turn in your Football Fund Crazz tickets and be eligible to win the first weekly sweepstakes was October 25. You can still turn in your tickets late however you will miss winning any weekends prior to state K of C receiving your tickets. Even if you turn in tickets late you will still have your K of C December yearly dues paid.

As of October 24 328 tickets have been turned in for a total of \$6560. We are behind last year's total number of tickets but there will be some tickets turned in late. You can turn in your sold tickets to me at any council meeting or drop them off at my house at 3317 South Road 45248.

Thanks again for your participation...Jim Bicknell

COR By John Hughes

The new Knights of Columbus program called "COR" [Heart] has been introduced to the Men's Group "Men around the campfire" at Our Lady of Visitation Parish.

The program booklet called "Becoming A Real Man of God" was shared with the 15 men in attendance. COR is planning to have a discussion of the booklet at their November 21st gathering.

Please consider joining us at the grotto at Visitation on the third Friday of every month. Please consider joining us by talking with John Hughes, COR Chairman or our Grand Knight.

We are preparing to offer the COR program at St. Joseph and St. Jude. Please consider joining us.

Vivat Jesus !! [Jesus Lives]

Bengals Game update

We made it through another game on Sunday. Thanks to all who have helped so far. There are plenty of other opportunities to assist. Especially in the next couple of games. Please let me know if you can assist.

Joachim

Council Website and Facebook

Website at: stjosephkcofc.org

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

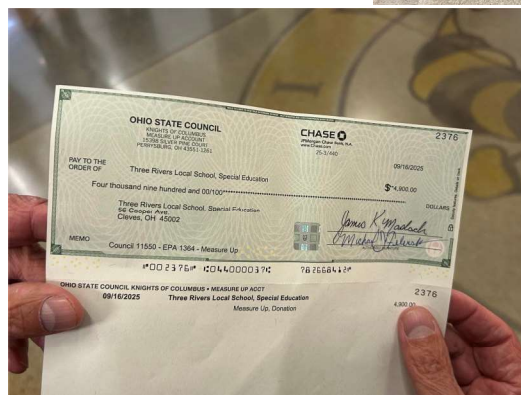
Steve Rodenbeck Council Program Director

The month of October was a very busy month for the Council. Notable achievements included the wrap up of the Measure Up Drive with the presentation of checks to the Three Rivers School District Special Education Division and the Margaret Rost School, the installation of Crosses at St. Jude Church, the Parish Rosary Rally held at St. Joe's Church, volunteer work at the Cincinnati Bengals stadium and our monthly Bingo Program. November will prove to be another challenging month with the coats for Kids program, the Memorial Mass and three Cincinnati Bengals games. I want to personally thank all who have volunteered your services for the Council. Our Council is noted for its activities and we have done a lot of them this fraternal year. Special thanks and credit goes to our Program Directors for their dedication and commitment. As we near the Thanksgiving holiday we have a lot to be grateful and thankful for. Knowing the work you have done and your commitment to the ideals of the Knights makes my job easier.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve

Presentation of Measure up Checks to Three Rivers School District and Margaret Rost School Program Directors



Matt Lakamp

Duerk Zinn



Steve being penned in.

Children in classroom



Faith Director

On Tuesday, November 25 th 2025 our Council's Social for the month is the memorial mass.

We come together to honor the deceased Brothers and deceased spouses of our members.

The church uses the month of November to honor All Saints and All Souls. Please join us for this Mass and fellowship afterward. We are in need of volunteers to help make this event the special night that it has always been.

Vocalists – We have 3 vocalists, but we could always use more. Join us in singing and help us in making this mass a prayerful event.

Lectors – First and Second readings and petitions.

Eucharistic Minister

Servers

Mass Coordinator

Please reach out to me if you want to help with any of these jobs.

Thank you!

Ken Merk

Cell 513-675-9974

Faith Director

Treasurer's Report September 2025

Beginning Balance	\$6,354.18
Less Expenses	<u>\$2,268.03</u>
	\$4,086.15
Plus Income	<u>\$4,845.68</u>
Ending Balance	\$8,931.83
CD	<u>\$10,928.22</u>
Total Funds	\$19,860.05

Annual Memorial Mass By Don Larrick

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 25th at St. Joseph's Church. The Mass will begin at 7:00 PM followed by hors d' oeuvres, snacks, deserts and drinks in the Gathering Space. We encourage everyone to attend to honor our deceased members and their spouses. We will need help setting up the Gathering Space. The exact time of the set-up will follow.

Christmas Dinner/Party

The Council Christmas Dinner/Party will be held on Tuesday, December 16 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 Leisring 513.379.5554, or Denny Murray 513.314.1853. Mail reservation with check to John Toerner, 3106 Citation Ln., North Bend, OH 45052.

Make your reservation soon!

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

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

St. Joseph Rosary Rally

Cooking for the attendees



Web Site / Kyle Dupler

Please visit our website at stjosephkoofc.org

Send any comments or suggestions to webmaster@stjosephkoofc.org



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	Ron Roehrig	Betty Burwinkel
Tom Butz	Mike Kathman	Scott Schrader	Fr. Dan	Schmitmeyer	Kathy Davis
Rose Mary Niehe	Kaleb Lawaon	Dalton Lawson	Pray for cure of Alzheimer's		
Active Military					

Membership Initiative

This past August, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly renewed his call for all Knights to embrace a culture of invitation to our brotherhood. **Specifically, he asked that every Knight invite two men to join the Order in the next year.**

This fall we are all in on the **Go For Two** membership recruitment initiative.

Go For Two – Watch Party Events!

Sticking with our Go For Two football theme, we encourage councils to host **Watch Party Events** this football season. Whether college football or NFL, a watch party is a family-friendly, low-pressure way to help your community get to know your council.

Check out the Watch Party Guide and follow our 5-step process to host a successful event in your area. Make sure to team up with your local K of C agent to maximize your success!

Don't forget, members who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500*! Details can be found - <https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/10a0e088-31c5-4ef1-ac77-77778bca9882.pdf>

Membership Enrollment cards and supporting materials can be found on the Supply Store under: *Membership & Recruitment >> Membership Enrollment Cards.*

All other collateral mentioned above can be found on the Supply Store under: *Membership & Recruitment >> Recruitment Materials.*

Help us reach another record-breaking year and bring men to Christ.

Be bold and go for two!

Fraternally,
Robert J. Ennis
Vice President, Membership Growth



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