

The Knight's Shield



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

October, 2023

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 28

A Word from Grand Knight Vince Ursini

The Corporate Communion this past September was really special. The Cardinal Mooney High School Football team was there with their staff and some parents. It was great to see such an upstanding group of young men. These men were not just sitting there at the request of their coach, but actually participating in the mass and listening to another awesome homily by Father Ron. They loved the choir's communion song "Gonna Sing" and you could see the spirit work in them as they clapped their approval after the song.

It got me to thinking of my days back playing football and what I had aspired to be while in High School. There was a lot of uncertainty at that time, but the more I leaned on my faith, the clearer the picture became. It was evident to me then, that students who had little or no faith background seemed to struggle and lived in the now rather than plan for their lives outside of High School. Our presence as Knights, I believe, favorably impressed them. And, thanks to Deacon Marc who talked about the important programs the Knights are engaged in here in this community. These young people need positive role models. Let's be that for our community.

I'm expecting several of these young men to join our ranks in the Knights of Columbus sometime in the near future and as Father Ron mentioned, maybe one or two will have a calling to the priesthood. Let's continue to show our presence at church and within our community. Let's continue to tell our story about what we are doing and how it impacts the lives of others. Let's continue to be there when people are in need.

The Pancake Breakfast was another success thanks to the hard work of our director Kurt Buhlinger and those that contributed cooking, cleaning or serving. The money raised is going to McCrest to assist with the feeding of homeless men, women and children. What a great cause.

Thanks Brothers. I'm proud to be part of this Council and excited about the programs we have coming up.

God bless our Council and God Bless the Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus!

Vincent Ursini



Our State Motto for 2022/2023

"Faith and Family First"

Just One Time

Throughout history it is evident that no one person can do everything all the time. However, one person can make a resounding difference at any one time.

The success of any organization is based on the collective ability of its members who support each other at different times.

When you can be at a function, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference**.

When you can carry the jug during the MI drive, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity for so many people.

When you show up for the road clean-up, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in adding to the beauty and well-being of our community.

When you help in any capacity, at the pancake breakfast or fish fry, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in promoting charity in our community.

When you attend a meeting and have a kind word or suggestion for another brother, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in the fraternity and unity of our council.

When you see a huge warm, happy smile on a child after you give them a coat, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a charitable difference** in their young lives that lasts forever.

When you fill one of the positions on the degree team, just one time, and I can't, you make a difference in supporting our council's unity.

When you recruit a new member to our council, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in the unity and longevity of our council and create long-lasting friendships.

When you supervise a game or pass out candy at a Trunk or Treat function, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** by providing a unique and fun experience to so many kids in our community.

When you support the MCREST program at our neighboring church, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity in our community by providing your time to many homeless people.

When you help collect donations for the annual baby bottle drive, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make an incredible difference** to so many young struggling mothers. When you volunteer to help at the ice cream social, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** by putting a little sweetness into someone's day.

When you attend our corporate communion mass, **just** one time, and I can't, **you make a difference** in showing support for our church and our council.

On any given day, working together, collectively, we can do many things that support our church, community, council, and each other. **Together we can make a difference**, only because each one of us can make a difference JUST ONE TIME.

BE THE DIFFERNCE "JUST ONE TIME"

24 hours a year to change lives.

Corporate Communion Masses



November 26, 2023 11:30 am Mass

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world.

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

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the September Meeting:

- Forgotten Harvest \$200.00
- Song and Spirit Institute \$250.00
- St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services \$ 250.00
- Gleaners \$100.00

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

The **Knight 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 Month for September: <u>James</u>
<u>Harla</u>

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 September: <u>"Ken and Sandy Grobbel Family."</u> In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

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 Retuning 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

The Lighter Side



What do you call a Catholic Priest who became a lawver?

A Father in law . . .

What kind of candy do Catholics eat on Sundays?

Sacra-mints

Why can't muggers catch Catholics during Lent?

They fast . . .

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

Community Director, Knights of Columbus

You can do anything...

Just not everything.

But do something!

Knight's Clothing



If you are in need of Knights of Columbus clothing, please contact me at 586-871-8450...or see me at the meeting.

Prices are as follows and are subject to change due to the fluctuating market. When the order is placed, I can confirm the cost.

•	T-Shirts — Royal Blue printed with logo	\$14
•	Short sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo	\$30
	and name embroidered	
•	Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo	\$30
	and name embroidered	
•	Sweatshirts in black or gray w/logo	\$30
•	Stocking hats black w/logo (one size fits all)	\$15
•	Baseball caps black w/logo S-XL	\$25

*T-shirts must be ordered at least 12 at a time. I am currently putting an order together, so if you are interested call me.

If you had ordered any items recently and did not receive them, please contact me and I will reorder them for you. There are currently no orders at the supplier.

Joe Phillips 586-871-8450

Life Insurance Awareness Month

It's the one month each year that he life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and heling them ge the coverage they need.

Christopher Kauffman, the historian, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, <u>Faith and Fraternalism</u>, notes on Page 35,"...he (Fr McGivney again) spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. As a pastor, he didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice. I'd like every member to know what we do and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

- 1. Discover Identify their current insurance situation and financial goals
- Gather Data Collect facts and figures based on their current situation
- 3. Analyze Conduct an Insurance Needs Analysis (input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls)
- 4. Recommend—Propose appropriate K of C products to help them meet their needs and goals
- 5. Implement Work with them to implement the product solution they select (take the application, etc.)
- Periodic Review Review regularly (at least annually) for changes in their needs and goals and make appropriate recommendations based on those changes.

This is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help find solutions that fit within almost any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance. I want to buy what life insurance can provide: protection from the riskl of a significant change in lifestyle for the survivors, including not being able to stay in the house where they want to be, of not being able to give your daughter the

Wedding she's been promised, or a child the college education he or she has been promised and much more. What does life insurance proviied? Peace of mind.

That's where I can help. Vivat Jesus!

Ask about our <u>GUARANTEED</u> LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & INCOME DISABILITY INSURANCE



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Protecting God's Children

St Rene Goupil Parish (Sterling Heights)
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
5:30 pm

St Andre Bessette Parish (Ecorse) Saturday, October 14, 2023 9:30 am

St Joan of Arc Parish (St Clair Shores) Wednesday, October 25, 2023 5:30 pm

NOTE: Please check to see if you've been assigned a module on Protecting Gods Children and Vulnerable Adults as evidence of completion will be needed to participate in future events.

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.

Calendar of Events

Oct:		
7	8:00 am	Road Clean-up
12	6:30 pm Meal	General Membership Meeting Installment of Officers
	7:30 meeting	
14	Noon	Rosary Rally SPOT
16-19	11:00 am to 6:00 pm	Texas Hold'em – Ciccerelli
22	2:00 pm	Trunk or Treat – Set up at 12:45 pm
26	7:00 pm	Council planning meeting



Happy Birthday!!



David Hale	October 3
William Rochefort	October 3
Richard Olejniczak	October 4
Catherine Finn	October 4
Brother Garry Kalinsky	October 5
Lawrence Kitka	October 5
Janice Krygowski	October 6
Ray Coughlin	October 7
Chuck Loewen	October 11
Charles Twigg	October 17
Karla Hartel	October 18
Eugene Kapala	October 21
James Petoskey	October 23
Brian McCarty	October 25
Elaine Kwasny	October 26
William Murray	October 26
Gino Gattari	October 28
Edmund Nowak	October 30
Joseph Matranga	October 30
Greg Csernai	October 31

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!!



Phil & Elaine Kwasny October 1
Charles & Deanna Twigg October 3
George & Lucille Mejaly October 6
Jim & Kim Murphy October 7
Norm & Joan Pfaff October 24

If you'd like to see your anniversary posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spot-knights11689@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

For the Good of the Order

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

Carol Alexander Kevin Bondra	David Kwasny Mark Kwasny
The Brown Family	Patricia Labadie
SK Frank Burda	John Lechene
Susan Burian	Katie Lechene
Eric Burns	Peggy Lewis
Connie Colosimo	BK Chuck Loewen
BK Ralph Colosimo	SK Chuck Luce
Sherry Czarny	Leanne Mackay
SK Ted Czarny	Ronald McGraw
Micheal Denomme	BK John Minicuci
Claudia Dombrowski	Patty Morgan
Kelly Ellis	Mary R Olegniczak
Rochelle Everhart	Fr Dale Orlik
Christine Gapczynski	Ed Peoples
Gregory Gapczynaki	Judy Perreau
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Justin Pietsch
Janet Gennani	BK Geno Pirrami
BK Ken Gonko	Ilene Poto
Christopher Hageman	Kurt Scharapimski
Jill Hageman	Joanne Smail
Brandon Hale	PGK Karl Sziisz
Sandy Harbart	William Szypa
Barb Hickner	Gary Tarbuck
Katie Hickner	Jim Tarbuck
BK Mike Hoste	Laura Thomson
Tim Hug	Bob Williams
Beth Hund	Lynn Williams
Sue Hund	Deacon Ed Wilson
Sherri Ignatowski	BK Dave Wisneski
SK Art Krygowski	Cathy Wisniewski
Janice Krygowski	Barney Young



Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen Frank C. Kava Chester E. Raszkowski Robert A Post Martin W. Rosenau Julius T. Abraham **Clemente Truden** Walter W. Kawka James P. Koss **Dominic Morello** John P. Banas Catan W. Bernardo Robert W. Majkowski Alfonso Carvaial Brian R. McGinnis Arthur J. Hug James Bischoff Russell J. Licovoli **Donald Lynch** Joseph Anthonucci John Billotti **Morris Demetsenare Conrad Leder** Joseph T. Frontera **Gary Golec Walter Baumgart Robert Serafino Guy Serafino Thomas Saura** Frank Gaal William Carron **Gregory Kropidlowski** Vincent McInnes Joseph Ricard **Albert Johnson** Joseph Godell **Raymond Dawson** Michael J. Francis **Donald Duff** Harold Patterson William Galbraith **Donald Badowski** Fr. Louis Grandpre John Marotta Ralph Labadie Reginald Topolewski James Kaza John Russo Ed Marcinkowski Ross Vizzaccerro Joseph Bono **Bruno Belline** James Lisuzzo **Harry Motta** Carl R. Maron

Ken Dombrowski

William F. Gowland

March 5, 1997 October 3, 1998 August 8, 2000 August 1, 2001 September 24, 2001 October 8, 2001 December 7, 2001 December 25, 2002 May 4, 2003 March 12, 2005 April 16, 2005 June 13, 2006 June 28, 2006 March 11, 2007 October 24, 2007 January 17, 2008 February 11, 2008 April 2, 2008 May 1, 2008 November 18, 2008 May 20, 2009 July 9, 2009 September 5, 2009 September 7, 2009 April 4, 2010 August 15, 2010 January 16, 2012 March 7, 2012 April 3, 2012 January 12, 2012 July 8, 2012 May 11, 2014 August 16, 2014 September 22, 2014 January 22, 2015 February 5, 2015 February 25, 2015 February 28, 2015 July 30, 2015 October 20, 2015 November 22, 2015 March 16, 2016 February 20, 2016 March 26, 2016 March 27, 2016 June 28, 2016 September 26, 2016 March 15, 2017 August 30, 2017 September 6, 2017 September 28, 2017 January 28, 2018 February 1, 2018 February 26, 2018

Thomas Hayes Anthony Valentine Lawrence Novak Joseph Roehrig Joseph Marheineke Giuseppe Riera Clarence Gajewski Paul Ross **George Trapp II Neil Norat Ben Candela** Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney **Alton Obrecht** Joseph Hopersberger **Leon Eggers Guido Fracassa Ronald Serefino Donald Szlezyngier George Francis** Natalino DiFalco **Henry Leflere** Joseph Kish Raymond Ignatowski Vito Guzzardo

September 9, 2018 September 16, 2018 November 19, 2018 January 8, 2019 January 10, 2019 January 21, 2019 February 3, 2019 May 25, 2019 July 14, 2019 November 25, 2019 December 27, 2019 May 15, 2020 August 17, 2020 August 19, 2020 November 18, 2020 January 19, 2021 November 22, 2021 March 10, 2022 March 19, 2022 April 21, 2022 December 11, 2022 December 13, 2022 February 12, 2023 September 13, 2023

May 9, 2018

June 8, 2018

August 31, 2018

Officers of S.P.O.T. K of C Council #11689

District Deputy	Dan Nowakowski	586-722-8225	
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Chaplain	Fr. John Kiselica	586-228-1210	
Grand Knight	Vince Ursini	248-635-4366	
Deputy Grand Knight	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329	
Chancellor	Paul Parker	586-805-1120	
Financial	George Sakorafos	586-610-3576	
Recorder	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168	
Treasurer	Ray Coughlin	586-980-4483	
Warden	Tony Guido	586-201-4409	
Inside Guard	Stan Labuda	586-2861038	
Outside Guard	Larry Bukowski	586-286-9891	
1 Yr Trustee	Rich Miller	586-465-6933	
2 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833	
3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-805-0150	
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115	
Lecturer	Frank Burda	828-400-1816	
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Church	Tom Pardo	586-263-8187	
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299	
Council	Gary Skarb	586-612-3329	
Family	Ron Marrese	586-481-1168	
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411	
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060	
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Pro-Life	Sal Ales	586-263-3483	
Chairman	Leon Berdy	586-201-1990	
Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997	
Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007	



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.

To place articles in the newsletter contact: Chris Gapczynski at (586) 263-5942 or at spot-knights11689@gmail.com

Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by no later than **November 22, 2023.**

K of Supreme: www.kofc.org

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Michigan District #1: www.michigan district1.com

St. Paul of Tarsus: www.stpauloftarsus.com

SPOT Knights: www.spotknights.com

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, www.stpauloftarsus.com.

Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spot-knights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.





Fall Road Clean-up

Meet by 8:00am Saturday Oct 7th in the North parking lot at church for our Fall Road Clean-up.

We will split up into groups and pick up the trash along Canal Road between Romeo Plank and Garfield Roads.

Only takes an hour to an hour and a half of your time to complete (Depending on how many people show up).

This is your chance to make a difference and help keep the community looking nice!

No protecting God's Children classes required for this this event. See you there!









MICHIGAN STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOWLING ASSOCIATION



2024 MICHIGAN STATE TOURNAMENT

Brother Knights,

The Michigan Knights of Columbus Bowling Association "Mixed" bowling tournament will be held on October 14th 2023 starting at 10:00 in Westland, Michigan. This is a good opportunity to invite prospective members to show them the fraternity that they can join. Each team only has to have one active Knight. So, get a team together and come out and have a good time. If you are interested, please complete the mixed form and submit it by September 30th.

In 2024, the 82nd Annual State Bowling Tournament will be held in Lansing, Michigan, hosted by Richard Council #788 at Royal Scot Bowl and Golf. Officers Day will be February 17th and the Open weekends February 24th through March 24th. Participation is open to all members in good standing who belong to a council in the Michigan Jurisdiction. Please see the Tournament Flyer and Richard Council 788 ad placement form for more information.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Gregory Zawalski - Vice President
Michigan State Rowling Association



The Knights of Columbus

Invite you and your family to our 11th Annual





Sunday, October 22 - Starts at 2 pm

(set up after 11:30 a.m. Mass)
St. Paul of Tarsus Northeast Parking Lot

Prizes for best costumes!

If you would like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, contact Youth Director Art Krygowski, 586-322-9411

or Grand Knight Vince Ursini, 248-635-4366

(You must have had Protecting God's Children training to pass out candy.)







2023 PRO-LIFE REPORT CARD

Commissioned By: Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

Dear Fellow Pro-Life American,

Life is WINNING!

My name is Marjorie Dannenfelser, I'm the President of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, and I write you today with excitement about the work we are doing to save babies from suffering cruel, violent deaths.

All across the country, state legislatures are moving to protect the God-given rights of unborn babies. Now that the judicial tyranny of *Roe v. Wade* is GONE, there is nothing standing in the way of our ability to:

- ✔ Pass protections for little boys and girls resting peacefully in the womb;
- ✓ Support women by funding crisis pregnancy centers and promoting adoption; and,
- Stop giving tax dollars to Planned Parenthood and anyone else in the abortion "industry."

The Biden-Harris Abortion Agenda is being REJECTED . . .

... and caring Americans like you and me are activating a powerful pro-life movement that's saving babies every day in our blessed country!

To show you exactly where things stand, I've enclosed a 2023 Life-Saving Laws in the States Report Card. You can see which states are saving babies' lives, which ones are having their pro-life progress blocked by state-level courts, and which ones still need to be pushed into taking action.

Your name was forwarded to me as a fellow pro-lifer, so I'm hoping you will give those politicians another "shove" today by supporting Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. We are the country's most aggressive and effective grassroots organization working to pass laws banning abortion and protecting the God-given rights of unborn children.

As I write to you today, 25 states (and counting!) are enforcing new pro-life laws protecting the rights of unborn babies, potentially saving more than 181,000 lives just in the last year.

But the fact is, we are only at the beginning of our fight.

And that's why after you've had a chance to look over your 2023 States Report Card, please fill out your Report Card Reply Form and return it along with a generous and urgent gift of \$35, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, or more using the envelope provided.

Since our founding more than 30 years ago, the SBA Pro-Life America team has stood on the

Over, please . . .

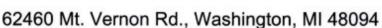
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Knights of Columbus District 124



5:00 PM

Men's Day of Prayer & Reflection at the Capuchin Retreat Center





Saturday, November 18, 2023

Fr. Julius Milton & Fr. Vito Martinez

9:00 AM	- Registration and Arrival with Continental Breakfast (coffee, tea, pastries)		
9:30 AM	- Welcome & Conference #1		
10:30 AM	- Small group discussion with a coffee break		
11:00 AM	- Larger group sharing & Conference #2		
12:00 Noon	- Lunch	DCVD by	
1:00 PM	- Conference #3		
2:00 PM	 Confession and Fellowship 	Nov 9, 2023	
4:00 PM	- Mass & Eucharistic Celebration	5, 2025	

Cost: \$75.00 per person All proceeds go to the Capuchin Retreat Center

Pay Online

Pay By Mail

www.RomeoKnights.com/Retreat

- Departure

Make check payable to:
"Capuchin Retreat Center"
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More Info Contact: DD Joe Suminski: 586-337-5776

MICHIGAN



State Chaplain's Lenten Pilgrimage

March 6 - 14, 2024



Fr. Aidan Logan, State Chaplain



Prior to setting a final price, we kindly ask you to express your interest and availability on these dates via the QR code here. Based upon the interest and commitments gathered, we will formalize and follow up with a formal brochure and registration details.





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Itinerary

PRE-NIGHT: TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH I DETROIT MEETING

Optional hotel night near the Detroit airport. Long-term parking services can be arranged.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH I DEPART FOR ITALY

Pending flight schedule, celebrate a send-off Mass near the Detroit Airport (possibly St. Mary's in Wayne) with the Knights of Columbus. Then, transfer to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport for your overnight flight(s) to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH I ARRIVE IN ROME ...

Benvenuti a Roma! After baggage claim, meet your Italian Tour Manager in the Arrivals Hall. Board a private motorcoach and depart for the Vatican neighborhood to check-in to your hotel. Celebrate a Welcome Mass at the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls. Finally, enjoy a traditional Italian dinner hosted by the State Deputy! Return to your hotel for overnight

DAY 3: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH | SCAVI | ST. PETER'S BASILICA | SWISS GUARDS 😎

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence in Lucina. Return to the hotel for breakfast. The group will then take part in the Scavi tour - the ancient Roman excavations below the Basilica of St. Peter's culminating at the tomb of St. Peter (pending availability). Tour the beautiful St. Peter's Basilica with Fr. Logan. Then, spend the afternoon around the Vatican taking lunch on the Borgo Pio, where many religious items can be purchased for the Papal blessing on Sunda. Finally, take a special tour of the Swiss Guard Barracks and learn about the oldest and smallest military unit in service to the Holy Father. The remainder of the evening is free for you to explore. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH I DAY TRIP TO CASTEL GONDOLFO 速 🗟

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Church of Santa Susanna. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing on a day trip to explore the splendid papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo. Upon arrival, enjoy a beautiful lunch at Pagnanelli's before touring through the residence, Papal Gardens, and private Vatican Farm at Castel Gandolfo. Return to Rome for an evening on your own. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH I ANGELUS WITH THE HOLY FATHER I PNAC 堂 📥

After Mass, join Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus and to receive a Papal Blessing. After lunch on your own, transfer by motorcoach to the Pontifical North American College located on the Janiculum Hill. Meet with some of the American priests and seminarians studying in Rome and join them for evening prayer in their Chapel. Enjoy a beautiful cityscape of Rome and the Vatican from their rooftop. Return to Vatican area for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: MONDAY, MARCH 11TH I ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA I HOLY STAIRS I ST. MARY MAJOR BASILICA 🚖

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Santi Quattro Coronati. Then, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, as well as the Holy Stairs, which were brought to Rome by St. Helen. Finally, visit the first Basilica dedicated to the Blessed Mother, St. Mary Major. Spend time in prayer before returning to your hotel for a free evening and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH I WALKING TOUR OF ROME I CATACOMBS I AFTER-HOURS VATICAN MUSEUMS 💩 👼



Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso. Then, take a walking tour of Rome to explore Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Trevi Fountain. This afternoon, enjoy a special lunch at Cecilia Metella. Continue onto St. Callixtus Catacombs, which once contained the tombs of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries. This evening, experience a special after-hours tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH I ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALL BASILICA I SAN CLEMENTE BASILICA I HEART OF ROME WITH FR. LOGAN I FAREWELL DINNER 🖃 📥

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, the resting place of the Apostle to the Gentiles. Then, make a visit to the Basilica of San Clemente to see the three-levels of the Church, corresponding to a major era of Roman history. Continue on a walk through Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum and Roman Forum with Fr. Logan. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of our pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner hosted by the State Chaplain.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH I RETURN TO USA 💻

Check out of the hotel and depart for the Rome airport for your return flight home to Michigan









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