



# The Knight's Shield



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

March 2024

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**

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## **A Word from Grand Knight Vince Ursini**

When times seem darkest, there is light . . .

Finally, we have some popular spokesmen for Catholicism. And they were revealed during the Superbowl of all things.

Did you notice a commercial during the Superbowl for "Jesus, He gets us!" ? Well, that ad was provided by Dallas advertising firm "Lerma". They claimed "we are honored to share Jesus' powerful message of forgiveness, unity and love!"

Another Catholic organization supported by Mark Wahlberg introduced Hallow, an iPhone app for daily prayer during Lent. Mark wears his faith on his sleeve and provides some insight on several topics including "fasting" during Lent and letting things go that are not good for us and turning back to God. Wow, very powerful message. The daily messages are great reminders for Lent and moving forward.

In addition, I hope you saw the article in the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Knightline e-news regarding Harrison Butker, the field goal kicker from Kansas City that had a nearly perfect season and a Superbowl record 57-yard field goal. Harrison has been a Knight since 2015 and he lives his belief. He stated: "The greatest impact that I will make with my time on this earth, is remaining dedicated to my primary vocation – helping my family get to heaven." Now that's a great goal.

So quickly, very quickly, we have numerous examples of how God and Jesus are turning lives around. I tend to be skeptical and try to understand motives when I first hear of these people stepping up to embrace

Jesus. But we need to believe. Let's embrace these new ambassadors and promote them. With all the negative news we see on TV and social media these days, we need these uplifting messages to lead us forward and continue our path towards righteousness.

From our Council, brothers and sisters alike are working to raise money for charities through our fabulous Fish Fry events. Join in and work side by side with other like-minded Catholics working for the betterment of our community. The Fish fry runs thru to Palm Sunday weekend so there is plenty of time left to assist. Invite your family and neighbors to come out to eat here at St Paul's. They will be among friends and they will enjoy their dinner. All are welcome !

Another very important activity for our Council occurs on Palm Sunday weekend. That is the MI drive, otherwise known as the Tootsie Roll drive. Our K of C Council raises thousands in support of Mentally Challenged adults and children in our local communities. We support Special Olympics and give to 7 different organizations that provide direct support to local families. The work we do and long hours on the street or store front raise monies that make a difference right here and you likely know people and families that benefit from this activity. Support our Chairman Jeff Gapczynski and our team to go out and make this drive the most successful yet.

God bless our Council and God Bless the Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus !  
Vincent Ursini

## 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 DIFFERENCE "JUST ONE TIME"

24 hours a year to change lives.

## Corporate Communion Masses



March 16, 2024  
4:00 pm Mass

## Monthly Prayer Intention



### For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

## 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 February Meeting:

- A motion was passed to pay existing bills related to dinner expenses for Kurt Buhlinger, Stan Labuda & Gary Skarb.

## 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 February: **Ray Sobieski**

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 February: **"Gerry Ventto Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

## The Apostles Creed

I, *your name*, Believe in,

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



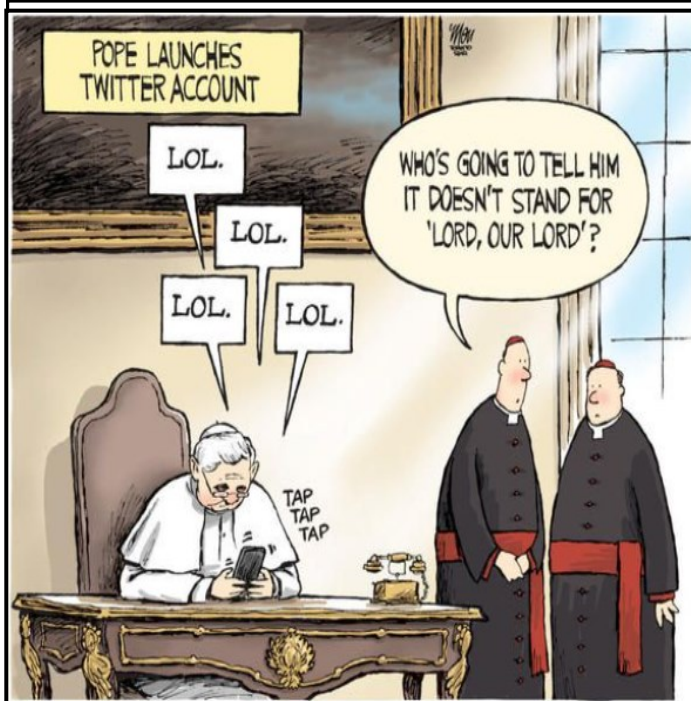
Vets Returning Home has opened a Resale store. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

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



## 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

## 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 and name embroidered \$30
- Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- 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

**Everyone deserves  
KINDNESS!!**

## Happy Easter!

Happy Easter! Easter is the very end of March, the 31st, so I will take this time to hope you conclude your Lenten observances with a celebration of the Resurrection!

March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as “moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity” In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we’ve boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, “First, do no harm.” Attorneys have the American Bar Association’s “Model Rules of Professional Conduct.” In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and for research.

The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By “represent the Knights” we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values. From our Code of Ethics and Conduct handbook the Core Values are these:

- Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.
- Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.
- Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.
- Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.

I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal.

I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you.

**Don M. Wesley, FICF**

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## 2024 MI Drive

The 2024 MI Drive is the weekend of March 22-24. We are in need of as many volunteers as we can get to collect funds to help the mentally impaired.

Please search your hearts and volunteer for a 2 hour shift sometime during that weekend. Last year, we had only 10 volunteers. That puts a large burden on only a few people.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-337-5942.

Thanks for your consideration.

## Food Needed for 2024 MI Drive

We are in need of food donations for the 2024 MI Drive. The following things are needed:

- 2 soups for Friday
- 3 soups for Saturday
- Cookies (no nuts)
- Individual bags of chips/snacks

Soups for Friday will need to be dropped off by no later than 10:00 am. Soups for Saturday will need to be dropped off by no later than 10:00 am on Saturday. All cookies will need to be dropped off by 10:00 am on Friday.

Please call Sherri Ignatowski at 586-925-0895 to let her know what you will be bringing.

## 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.



## Protecting God's Children

Online Webinar

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:00 pm

St Ronald Parish (Clinton Township)

Saturday, March 2, 2024

10:00 am

Online Webinar

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 pm

St Paul Albanian Parish (Rochester Hills)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:00 am

Online Webinar

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:00 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.

Also, background checks will be occurring annually. Please fill out your authorization forms and return to the church office.

## State Convention Delegates

Vince Ursini (Grand Knight)

Stan Labuda (Inside Guard)

Alternate — Phil Kwasny (Communications Dir)

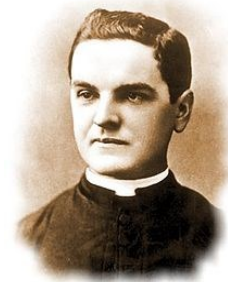
Alternate — Paul Parker (Counselor)

## Casino Trip

We are looking for someone to take on the role of chairing the annual casino trip. I am retiring from the job after doing it for many years.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Jeff Gapczynski at 586-337-5942.

Thanks for our consideration.



**Our State Motto  
for 2024/2025**

## Calendar of Events

Calendar:

### MARCH

Mar 1	Fish Fry (3)	Social Hall & Kitchen	9:00 a.m. Prep	4:00 p.m. Start Serving
Mar 8	Fish Fry (4)	Social Hall & Kitchen	9:00 a.m. Prep	4:00 p.m. Start Serving
Mar 9 & 10	Easter Meat Sales	Entry Hall	Before & After	All Masses
Mar 14	Exemplification Ceremony	Social Hall	6:00 p.m.	
Mar 14	General Membership Meeting	Social Hall	6:30 p.m. Dinner	7:30 p.m. Meeting
Mar 15	Fish Fry (5)	Social Hall & Kitchen	9:00 a.m. Prep	4:00 p.m. Start Serving
Mar 16	Corporate Communion	Entry Hall / Church		4:00 p.m. Mass
Mar 16 & 17	Easter Meat Sales	Entry Hall	Before all Masses	After all Masses
Mar 22	Fish Fry (6)	Kitchen & Social Hall	9:00 am Prep	4:00 pm Serve
Mar 22, 23 & 24	MI Drive	Pantry Assemble	9:00 am Start Daily	5:00 pm Daily
Mar 25	Officers Meeting	Conference Room #1		7:00 pm
Mar 27	Easter Meat Pick-up	Social Hall	10:00 am Assembly	1:00 pm Pick-up
March 31	Easter	Church Mass		



## Happy Birthday!!



Charles Brandel	March 1
James Murphy	March 1
Gerald Vento	March 1
Jacqueline Fracassa	March 3
Rev Ron Essman	March 5
Carolyn Thomson	March 6
Michael Essad	March 7
Kenneth Dudley	March 8
Sheryl Ignatowski	March 8
John Matway	March 9
Paul Megge	March 9
Richard Okerhjelm	March 9
JoAnn Phillips	March 10
Willia Frontiera, Jr	March 11
Karl Sziisz	March 11
Christopher Ignatowski	March 13
Joseph Bohn	March 13
Vincent Urisin	March 13
Arthur Krygowski	March 19
Dennia Menard	March 22
Michael Scharf	March 22
Raymund Macksoud	March 24
Chris Sweeney	March 26
George Loewen	March 28
Martin Winiarski	March 28
Kirk Wojno	March 30
Craig Thomson	March 31

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com), or call at 586-263-5942.

## Happy Anniversary!!



Bill & Renie Giezyng	March 16
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## For the Good of the Order



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

Sue Alderman	Joseph Kook
Carol Alexander	SK Art Krygowski
Kevin Bondra	Janice Krygowski
The Brown Family	David Kwasny
Cathy Buhlinger	BK Jim Lambertus
SK Frank Burda	BK Stan Labuda & Family
Susan Burian	John Lechene
Eric Burns	Katie Lechene
Violet Candela	Peggy Lewis
Connie Colosimo	BK Chuck Loewen
BK Ralph Colosimo	Pat Loewen
Sherri Czarny	Leanne Mackay
SK Ted Czarny	Dan McGraw
Micheal Denomme	Ronald McGraw
Claudia Dombrowski	Mary R Olejniczak
Kelly Ellis	Fr Dale Orlik
Rochelle Everhart	Ed Peoples
Christine Gapczynski	Judy Perreau
Gregory Gapczynski	BK Geno Pirrami
SK Angelo Garavaglia	Ilene Porto
Janet Gennani	Esther Robidou
BK Ken Gonko	Kurt Sharapimski
Michelle Greschak	Joanne Smail
Tony Gilding	Eva Sokol
Christopher Hageman	Tom Sokol
Jill Hageman	Patricia Stonehouse
Shirley Haysoh	PGK Karl Sziisz
Barbara Hickner	William Szypa
John Hickner	Gary Tarbuck
Katie Hickner	Jim Tarbuck
BK Mike Hoste	Laura Thomson
The Jerry Hund Family	Bob Williams
Sherri Ignatowski	Lynn Williams
Dolores Kendall	Deacon Ed Wilson
Fr John Kiselica	Barney Young

## HAPPY EASTER





# Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



Carl A. Owen	March 5, 1997	Thomas Hayes	September 9, 2018
Frank C. Kava	October 3, 1998	Anthony Valentine	September 16, 2018
Chester E. Raszkowski	August 8, 2000	Lawrence Novak	November 19, 2018
Robert A Post	August 1, 2001	Joseph Roehrig	January 8, 2019
Martin W. Rosenau	September 24, 2001	Joseph Marheineke	January 10, 2019
Julius T. Abraham	October 8, 2001	Giuseppe Riera	January 21, 2019
Clemente Truden	December 7, 2001	Clarence Gajewski	February 3, 2019
Walter W. Kawka	December 25, 2002	Paul Ross	May 25, 2019
James P. Koss	May 4, 2003	George Trapp II	July 14, 2019
Dominic Morello	March 12, 2005	Neil Norat	November 25, 2019
John P. Banas	April 16, 2005	Ben Candela	December 27, 2019
Catan W. Bernardo	June 13, 2006	Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney	May 15, 2020
Robert W. Majkowski	June 28, 2006	Alton Obrecht	August 17, 2020
Alfonso Carvajal	March 11, 2007	Joseph Hopersberger	August 19, 2020
Brian R. McGinnis	October 24, 2007	Leon Eggers	November 18, 2020
Arthur J. Hug	January 17, 2008	Guido Fracassa	January 19, 2021
James Bischoff	February 11, 2008	Ronald Serefino	November 22, 2021
Russell J. Licovoli	April 2, 2008	Donald Szlezzyngier	March 10, 2022
Donald Lynch	May 1, 2008	George Francis	March 19, 2022
Joseph Anthonucci	November 18, 2008	Natalino DiFalco	April 21, 2022
John Billotti	May 20, 2009	Henry Leflere	December 11, 2022
Morris Demetsenare	July 9, 2009	Joseph Kish	December 13, 2022
Conrad Leder	September 5, 2009	Raymond Ignatowski	February 12, 2023
Joseph T. Frontera	September 7, 2009	Vito Guzzardo	September 13, 2023
Gary Golec	April 4, 2010		
Walter Baumgart	August 15, 2010		
Robert Serafino	January 16, 2012		
Guy Serafino	March 7, 2012		
Thomas Saura	April 3, 2012		
Frank Gaal	January 12, 2012		
William Carron	July 8, 2012		
Gregory Kropidlowski	May 11, 2014		
Vincent McInnes	August 16, 2014		
Joseph Ricard	September 22, 2014		
Albert Johnson	January 22, 2015		
Joseph Godell	February 5, 2015		
Raymond Dawson	February 25, 2015		
Michael J. Francis	February 28, 2015		
Donald Duff	July 30, 2015		
Harold Patterson	October 20, 2015		
William Galbraith	November 22, 2015		
Donald Badowski	March 16, 2016		
Fr. Louis Grandpre	February 20, 2016		
John Marotta	March 26, 2016		
Ralph Labadie	March 27, 2016		
Reginald Topolewski	June 28, 2016		
James Kaza	September 26, 2016		
John Russo	March 15, 2017		
Ed Marcinkowski	August 30, 2017		
Ross Vizzaccerro	September 6, 2017		
Joseph Bono	September 28, 2017		
Bruno Belline	January 28, 2018		
James Lisuzzo	February 1, 2018		
Harry Motta	February 26, 2018		
Carl R. Maron	May 9, 2018		
Ken Dombrowski	June 8, 2018		
William F. Gowland	August 31, 2018		

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Outside Guard	Larry Bukowski	586-286-9891
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2 Yr Trustee	Kurt Buhlinger	810-794-0833
3 Yr Trustee	Tom Gray	586-805-0150
Advocate	Ken Krause	586-263-7115
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Program Director	Mike Hartel	586-263-0544
Church	Tom Pardo	586-263-8187
Community	PGK George Loewen	586-731-5299
Council	Craig Thomson	586-228-0306
Family	Craig Thomson	586-228-0306
Youth	PGK Art Krygowski	586-322-9411
Membership	Phil Mularski	586-876-9060
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Communications	Phil Kwasny	586-469-1997
Webmaster	Ken Dudley	586-553-2007

"Even in the midst of suffering, we must never lose sight of all that God has given us. We must still put God first and remain loyal to him."

LISA BRENNINKMEYER  
*Walking with Purpose*

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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:

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Articles for the April newsletter must be submitted by no later than

**March 22, 2024.**

**K of Supreme:** [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

**K of C Michigan State Council:** [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)

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**St. Paul of Tarsus:** [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://www.stpauloftarsus.com)

**SPOT Knights:** [www.spotknights.com](http://www.spotknights.com)

Our Council newsletter is now available on-line on the St. Paul of Tarsus Parish website, [www.stpauloftarsus.com](http://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 [spotknights11689@gmail.com](mailto:spotknights11689@gmail.com). Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

# MICHIGAN



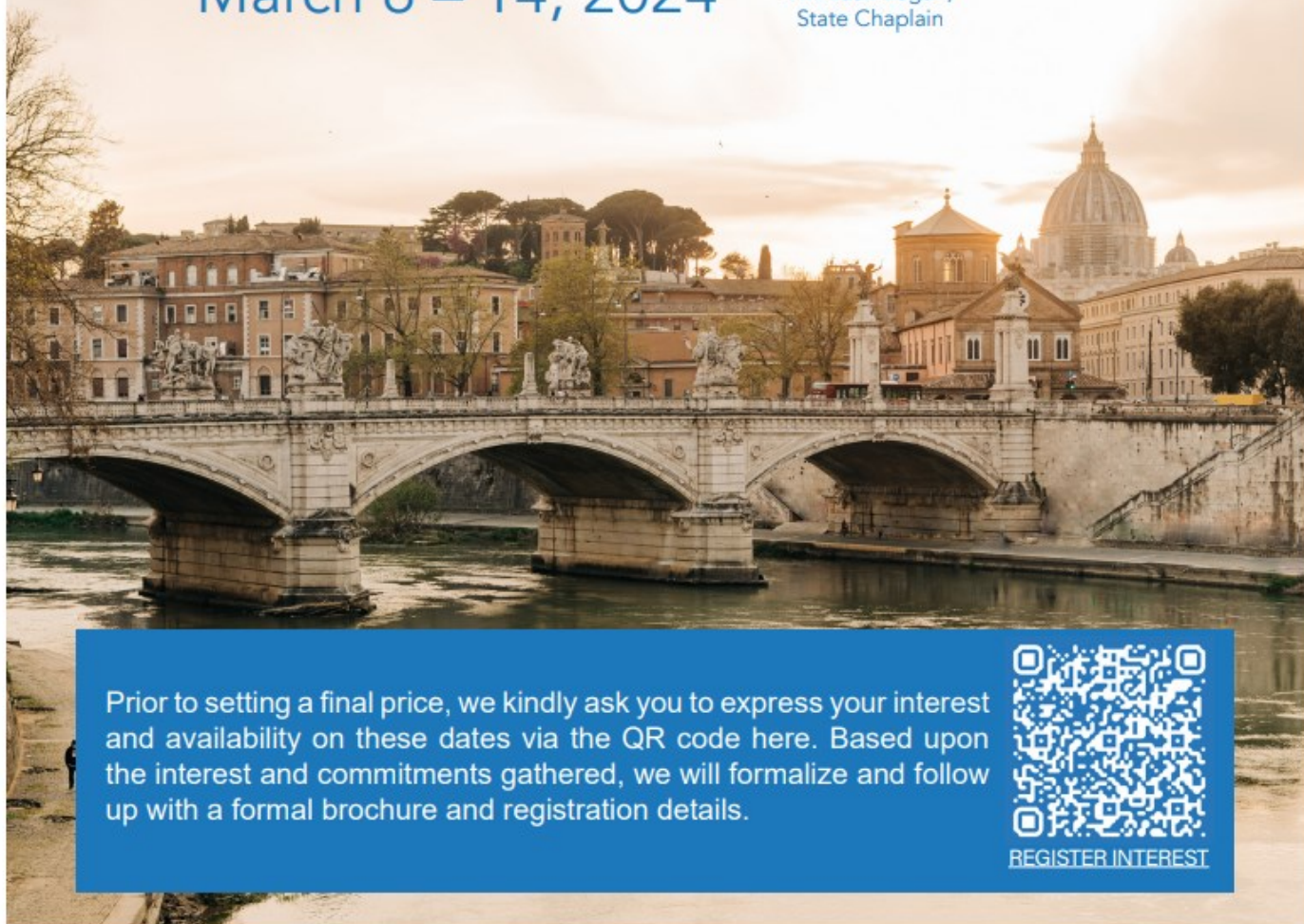
## Knights of Columbus®

### 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 | DETROIT MEETING

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

## DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH | 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 | 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 | DAY TRIP TO CASTEL GONDOLFO ☕ 🍷

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 | ANGELUS WITH THE HOLY FATHER | PNAC ☕ 🍷

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 | ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA | HOLY STAIRS | 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 | WALKING TOUR OF ROME | CATACOMBS | 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 | ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALL BASILICA | SAN CLEMENTE BASILICA | HEART OF ROME WITH FR. LOGAN | FAREWELL DINNER ☕ 🍷

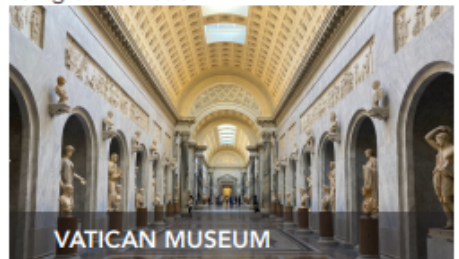
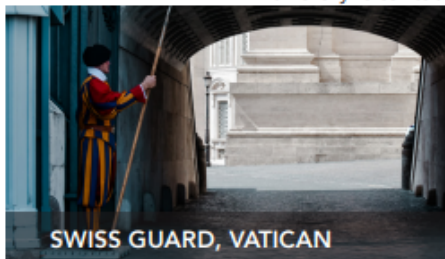
Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, the resting place of the Apostle to the Gentiles. Then, make a visit to the Basilica of San Clemente to see the three-levels of the Church, corresponding to a major era of Roman history. Continue on a walk through 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 | RETURN TO USA ☕

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

☕ = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 🍷 = LUNCH | 🍷 = DINNER

\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses pending confirmation



# Knights of Columbus Seventh Annual Camping Trip

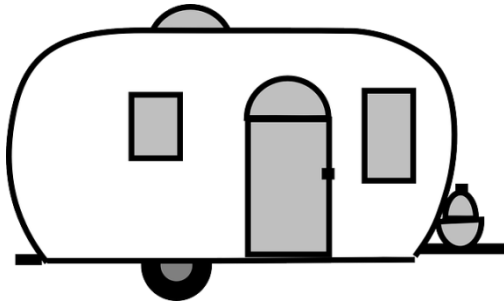
Our preferred campground at Algonac is closed for renovations this year. So we will have a change of venue for 2024. After considering many locations we will be heading up North to Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling. To help avoid the weekend crowds and since many of us are retired we will camp on Tuesday and Wednesday July 30 & 31.

All campers will need to reserve their own site. Go to: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

The campground has been renovated recently. Please note that sites 65 through 100 have full hook-ups! This is probably where most of us will try and find a site. You can of course pick a site wherever you prefer.

The sooner your reservation is made, the more choices you will have for sites.

We will have a pot luck dinner on Wednesday evening around 7PM. Non-campers are also welcome to attend the potluck.



Please advise Mike Hartel ([mhartel5054@wowway.com](mailto:mhartel5054@wowway.com)) with an email after making your reservation. Non-campers should also advise if you plan to attend the pot luck.



Brother Knights,

The Vietnam War ended in April 1975. On April 26, 2025, Supreme is planning a Memorial Mass at the Basilica in Washington, D.C., with the Supreme Knight laying wreaths at the Vietnam and Korean Memorials after the Mass. They also want to remember all those Knights of Columbus that served in the armed forces during both of these events.

The District Master has informed us that "after World War I and World War II, the Knights of Columbus did a census of all those in the Order who served during those two wars. No such census has been conducted since then.

"THE ASK of the Assemblies is to complete a census, as best we can, of those veterans that served in the armed services during the Korean or the Vietnam conflicts. We have been sent a spreadsheet that should be completed by each assembly, in conjunction with their councils, that will then be sent to Supreme. And, yes, please try to include those that have passed away as best you can. "

Thus, please let me know your name if you are a veteran, your years of service, the military branch in which you served, the conflict during which you served, your council number, and your membership number (it's on your membership card).

Please also try to determine which members of your council also are Korean or Vietnam veterans and try to obtain as much of the same information about them as possible.

Lastly, please let me know of any deceased members of our Assembly or your Council (ex. S.K. Joe Olson) about whom you are aware are veterans and let me know their names and as much of the above information as possible.

**Please send the information to me at [drkosc47@hotmail.com](mailto:drkosc47@hotmail.com)** I will then compile the information and send the resulting list to Supreme.

**Thank you for your efforts in giving our Korean and Vietnam veterans the recognition that they deserve and is so long overdue!**

Fraternally and patriotically,  
Ron Kosciuszynski  
Faithful Comptroller  
St. John Neuman K of C Assembly 478

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