



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

February, 2022

Grand Knight's Report, by Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight

The great gray beast of February is bearing down upon us but it can be defeated. February is, more importantly, the month of love, the love of the Holy Family. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the models of virtue which we should exemplify if we strive to improve our relations.

I am happy to announce that we have welcomed 11 new members into our order as a result of the degree ceremonies held recently at St. Mary and St. Joseph Churches. We will be conducting a Live Degree at St. Barbara Church on Sunday Feb. 27th following the 10:30 am Mass. This is an excellent time to invite a friend or family member to become a Knight for the first time or for any Knight to complete their Knighthood if presently a 1st or 2nd degree. Please contact our Ken Girt if you have a candidate to sponsor or you plan on advancing. The future of our council relies upon the conversion of Catholic Men into full Knighthood.

Congratulations to our Council Honorees of the Year for 2021! There are so many that are deserving of recognition but few can be chosen each year. Please see Page12 for a list of our latest Honorees. Thank you all for your many years of dedication and support! The Council is currently planning on recognizing our Honorees at the 121st Anniversary and Awards Dinner, tentatively scheduled for June 28th in the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. Please save the date and evening, more details will follow.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH:

Please attend the next virtual council meeting via Zoom on Tue. Feb. 8th commencing at 7:00pm when we will be planning for our upcoming Lenten events, dinners, and fundraisers. We appreciate any assistance you can provide. Let any officer know if you plan on joining us. All Knights are welcome.

Mary, Star of Evangelization Icon is now available for private devotion. Through Mary's involvement with the Incarnation, she has always been linked to the mission of Jesus, never wavering in her devotion, even when standing at the foot of the Cross. Please contact me if you wish to welcome the icon into your home and are looking for inspiration through exquisite art, meditative prayer, and devotion.

You will be receiving a February mailing from the Council to update you on upcoming events and to kick off our Super Cash Bonanza fundraising efforts that directly benefit our charitable programs. Please give the letter your fair consideration and participation. Thank you for your ongoing support of our charitable works.

May the peace and love of Christ continue to guide you and your families through this enduring pandemic.

1000 Club Lottery Calendars, by Matt Meyer, 1000 Club Chairman

We are officially sold out of 2022 calendars! Thank you to all who helped with this fundraiser. This takes many hours of work from printing and stuffing to delivering and picking up calendars to taking phone calls, to trips to the bank and entering in all the calendar stub information into a spreadsheet. It was a great year and it couldn't be done without all of our great sellers! Our top sellers this year are Fr. Mike Seifert with 121 sold, Carole Sumption with 117 sold, The Meyer family with 112 sold, Mike Huryn with 109 sold, Thelma Hassman with 102 sold, Shirley Wachtel with 82 sold, and Jan Davis with 75 sold. Thank you again and I hope everyone wins!

Chaplain's Report, by Msgr. James Kolp, Chaplain

Several weeks ago, the annual March for Life took place in Washington, DC. Estimated crowd size was around 150,000 participants. I was thrilled to see a special part that our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, had in the event. I was unable to take part in this year's march. I have been to the March for Life 46 times.

Let's continue to involve ourselves in the Rights for Life until life is fully respected. Our Supreme Knight said, "Imagine a future in which every woman has the freedom, care and resources she needs to choose life and where a mother and her children have the care they need to thrive".

PLEASE NOTE: Our Council Meeting on February 8 at 7PM has been changed to a ZOOM MEETING. Please email Ken Girt at girtken@sssnnet.com for an invite link. Thank you.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for January 2022

Congratulations to **Vince and Mindy Drexler** for being selected as our Family of the Month for January. They belong to St. Mary's Parish where they both are active in our Round Table projects. Their children serve Sunday Masses and their son, Augustine is a seminarian for the diocese studying at Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland.

We also recognize **Robbie Bettilyon** for being selected Knight of the Month, for January. Robbie volunteers at many of our Round Table projects at St. Mary's and helps with the Squires.

We also congratulate **Gary "Moose" Myers** as our Volunteer of the Month for January. Gary helps in our clubroom activities and repairs around the complex, especially on the patio expansion work. And he offers his video equipment for use during the Browns "Tailgate" parties.

(Editor's Note: My apologies to Bob McCauley, who was selected as our Volunteer of the Month for December. I errantly listed him with a different last name. Bob is our weekly Hot Lunch dishwasher.)

What's Happening in...

.....February, 2022

- 1 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Ladies Night)
- 4 6:00 PM 200 Club Banquet (**CANCELED**)
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 10 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 13 5:00 PM Super Bowl Party
- 14 **Valentine Day**
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 19 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 22 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 27 11:45 AM Degree Ceremony at St Barbara Church

Bingo: Monday Night 6:30 pm **Hot Lunch:** Wednesday 10:45-Noon **Massillon Knights Foundation Mtg:** 3rd Tues of month 6pm
Massillon Squires Circle Meeting: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7pm at St Joseph School

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz

Columbian ladies will be meeting on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the KC (weather permitting).

Thank you Mary Ann Haig for the Valentine lottery basket for bingo. The bingo players have been enjoying Mary Ann's baskets.

Our first project of the year has been completed. Julie worked with the Ladies to put together a booklet to be given to prospective brides or people looking for a venue rental. This will give them information about the KofC from the room sizes to the menus available as well as the pricing. We have tried to answer the questions that someone looking for a rental may have about renting a space at the KofC. Please share with your family and friends that the KofC does have rental spaces available for any type or size of event.

Our meeting agenda will include setting up the meetings thru the end of the year. We need to have everyone's input so please plan on attending our meeting.

Remember to check on your family, friends and neighbors during this winter weather. Pray for our country and all of those who are suffering from Covid.

May God Bless You until we are together.

In Memoriam: David Lustig

David C. Lustig, age 78 of Massillon, passed away Friday, December 31, 2021. He was born in Nashua, NH and was an Army veteran serving 13 months in Vietnam. He retired from Canton Union Drawn Finishing Plant after 47 years as a millwright. David was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Steel Workers Union Local # 1124, and the K of C Council #554 3rd Degree. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson Motorcycles, going to auctions, fishing, gardening, family gatherings and going out to eat.

David is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lois (Workman) Lustig, and daughters, Jennifer and Rebecca
 May he Rest in Peace.

Financial Secretary Report, By Paul Haig, Financial Secretary

Brothers: If you sent in your 2022 dues or if you are an Honorary-Life Member, I will be mailing your Membership Card during the second week of February, along with our general mailing. And thank you for sending in your dues.

.....March, 2022

- 1 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 2 **Ash Wednesday**
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;
Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
- 9 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 10 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 16 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 19 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 22 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 29 7:00 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: One-Year: Dan Skirtich, Terry Phillips, Bill Beese Two-Year: Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber Three Year: James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger.

Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

I hope everyone stayed safe during the cold and wintery days of January. Please if you haven't checked in on your neighbor or a family member, please do so. Make sure they are okay because in this weather they may not be able to get out if they need something. Also still be careful with this virus. Pray that we will get back to some sense of order. I know we are all getting tired but do not let your guard down.

Our Tuesday night dinner will be February 15, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. It will be City Chicken. One piece will be \$12.00 and two pieces -\$15.00. Dinner includes salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, Bread/butter, and dessert. The last day for Reservations is Monday, February 14 at 12:00 noon. ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVATION after 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101 and if no one answers, leave your name, phone number, how many dinners – 1 or 2 pieces and time you want to pick up. TAKE OUT ONLY– pickup under Front Canape. We want to thank you for your support.

I am now forming our committee for cleaning the Kitchen, and back areas of our building. I will be having the first session of cleaning on Monday, Feb. 7 around 9:00 a.m. We will be out there most of the morning. If you can make it, please join us and if this time does not suit you, please let me know when you can help. We will meet you anytime. Thanks again for all your support.

I just wanted to inform you that we have two (2) fund raising drives going at this time: one is for the driveway and the other one is for the extension of the patio. All monies collected for each drive will be used for that specific drive. The response to our letter for the driveway has been good. We want to thank everyone who has sent in a donation. Also, we had a TV raffle and we are now raffling off a Gas Grill for our patio fund.

Thank you, Gary (Moose) Myers and Sandy Skirtich, for all their ideas and help with these projects.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Happy February, I hope everyone is staying warm this winter!

Super Bowl Party- We will be having a Superbowl party on Sunday, February 13th. Doors open at 4:30pm and dinner will be served at 5:00pm. 2 steak dinners for \$25. Please RSVP for the dinners by February 9th.

Nite at the Races- Saturday February 19th, 2022, with co-Sponsor, West Stark Family Services. Tickets are available now, \$20.00 per person, includes open bar and a buffet dinner. The buffet will be from 6pm-7:30pm. Please call the office to reserve your seats!

Coleman Gas Grill Tip Board- We are running a tip board for a portable gas grill! Tips are available at the bar for \$5 each. The proceeds will go towards the outdoor patio upgrade!

Dart Tournament- We are beginning a club room dart tournament on Friday nights! There will be a \$5 buy in with first and second place winners. Starts at 8pm!

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30PM & doors open at 4:00PM, we still need some volunteers as well! If you are interested, please call 330-837-9101.

I am still looking for line cooks, a dishwasher and a part time janitor position; please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM or online at massillonkofc554@sssnet.com.

MKF Clubroom Dinner – February 15, 2022 “City Chicken”

One-Piece Meal: \$12. Two-Piece Meal: \$15.

With Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Green Beans, Bread, and Dessert.

Served 5 - 6:30 PM For Take-Out Only!

. RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Monday, February 14 at 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of ONE-Piece Chicken dinners and Number of TWO-Piece Chicken dinners and your Time of Pickup,

Attention 200 Club Members: Since we canceled the February 4 dinner, and since we are hesitant about rescheduling due to COVID, the council officers and trustees have decided to return the \$35 from all those who paid at the last banquet in 2020. We have plans to bring back this annual men's social in the future, under a new name.

“Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity”

Massillon Council 554 will be conducting an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Barbara Church in Massillon on Sunday, February 27, after the 10:30 am Mass. This revised degree ceremony lasts only 35 minutes and a candidate (or current 1st or 2nd Degree member wishing to advance) will become a 3rd Degree member of the Order. The ceremony is open to any practical Catholic man 18 years or older. And family members are welcomed to attend.

If you are interested in advancing to 3rd Degree or if you know of a Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or by email: girtken@sssnet.com. He will send an application (Form 100) to you. Our council is always looking for more Catholic men to join us in our charitable work, united with other Catholic men of our parishes and our country. If you need an explanation on our council's activities for our area churches and our community, use the information on page 9.

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607	Faithful Navigator	Roger Piper 936-0974
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Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, I hope you and your family are doing well and coping with the winter weather. The next business meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM will be held via ZOOM. With this change, the February Ladies Night is cancelled. The ZOOM details were emailed to the Assembly distribution list. We will continue to access the situation monthly to determine when we back to meetings in the Nina Room.

Thank you to those Sir Knights and families that participated in the January Masses for Life and the Honor Guard requests. The next OD1 Biennial Meeting will be held on March 13th 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Church Cleveland. We need two delegates to represent our Assembly for this meeting. Also, it's not too early to consider Third Degree Brother Knights from your Council that would be good candidates to join our Assembly. The Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on April 22nd-24th at Double Tree in Independence.

We continue to offer “Support Our Veterans 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser” \$5 tickets. Help preserve the past by helping the Monsignor Graham Assembly in purchasing new video/audio equipment for the purpose of recording the experience and memories of our veterans. The items will be donated to MAPS Air Museum to replace their old equipment. The tickets need returned by February 19th for the February 22nd drawing. Please contact either myself at 330-936-0974, SK Bob Pittinger 330-571-5150, SK Ken Girt 330-608-1729, or SK Matt Meyer 330-833-0593 to purchase tickets. (For more information on the MAPS Military History Program, go to: <https://mapsairmuseum.org/military-history-program/>)

Please consider getting the Official Uniform of the Fourth Degree. Your help to serve as Honor Guard in uniform is very much needed. We are still offering \$100 towards the purchase of the complete package. Let me know of any additional patriotic activities that you would propose that our Assembly could consider doing this year.

From the Editor.....Ken Girt, PSD, PGK, Newsletter Editor

Our “printed” newsletter format includes the first four pages of our multi-page electronic newsletter. This four-page document will be mailed to those who requested it. There will be copies of the four-page newsletter in the clubroom. We encourage you to read the complete electronic newsletter on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On our Member Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Paul Renier, Sam Meyer, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, and Jim Hamel.

If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a member or family member who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@sssnet.com or call 330-608-1729.



Friday Fish Fry's

**Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 In our Clubroom
With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.**

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex - Business Hours

K-Club Bar: Hours: open Monday thru Friday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 4-8 pm. Closed Saturday

Massillon Council 554 2021 - 2022 Officers & Trustees

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK 608-1729
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	Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	268-9879	
	Membership	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729	
	Complex Mgr	Julie Harman	837-9101	
	Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058	
	Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712	
	Webmaster	Kyle Shane		
	Virtual Comm Ast	Mark Hoffer		

Web: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC

Knights of Columbus Council 554 is sponsoring an "Estate Planning" Seminar on March 24, 7 pm. We are still working on a location at one of our parishes and will announce in next month. This one-hour presentation will highlight important information about planning your insurance and financial needs, having a will for your beneficiaries, and how to deal with funeral obligations. I will be joined by Attorney Tom Ferrero and Funeral Director Cathi Heitger. We hope to answer your questions about your estate planning. This seminar is open to anyone and spouses are most welcomed to participate.

Thank you.

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Please note: There are three methods that a Catholic man or existing 1st or 2nd Degree member can advance to THIRD Degree.

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

For Council 554 First- and Second-Degree Members:

The Ohio State Council has a “virtual” online Third-Degree Ceremony that is held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in advancing to the third degree, and we do encourage it, please email me (Ken Girt) and I will provide a link for registering. My email is.... girtken@sssnet.com. You then will be sent a link for viewing the 30-minute ceremony at home. And yes, your family can view the ceremony as well. Call Ken Girt with any questions. 330-608-1729

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

1. The GK, FS or other council designee forwards the Exemplification Registration link to members that wish to advance to the to the Third Degree.
2. The member accesses and registers with the Ohio State Council for the degree using the link.
2. The State will then forward the Exemplification Degree Link is sent to member after he registers.
3. Advancing Member attends the live online exemplification on Wednesday at 7 PM. Member must be on-line and attend the entire degree. Family members are welcome to view ceremony.
4. The FS or GK are notified that member attended the online Ceremony.
5. FS sends in Form 100 to Supreme indicating member or members advanced to Third Degree. FS issues new Degree card.

For New Candidates:

If you know of a worthy candidate for membership in the Knights of Columbus, he can also attend the new online Exemplification from the Ohio State Council. See procedure below. Call Ken Girt with any questions. 330-608-1729

Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member

1. NEW MEMBER completes a Form 100 and submits to Council.
2. Council Admission Committee contacts and talks with the NEW MEMBER. This can be over the phone or an online meeting.
3. Upon approval of the Admission Committee, the Council votes on the NEW MEMBER.
4. Once the council approves the NEW MEMBER, the GK, FS, Ken Girt or other council designee sends the candidate the Ohio State Council Exemplification Registration link to NEW MEMBER.
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing the Wednesday 7:00 PM Degree, completes the form using “554” for the Council Number field, and signing it with an electronic pen on a tablet or via mouse or finger for touch screen. Then click [Submit].
6. The system will automatically forward the Exemplification Ceremony link to the NEW MEMBER.
7. NEW MEMBER attends the entire online exemplification via live degree on assigned date and time. Family members welcome to view ceremony.
7. Upon completion of the degree, the State Warden or other appointed designee will complete the Form 450 and submits to Supreme. Exemplification result are sent to Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Director per normal procedure.
8. GK, or FS or other council designee completes the Form 100 from the Officer-On-Line with all fields completed, including dates, proposer name and Membership Number, and ensures all signatures and the proper check boxes are complete. The Form 100 is then submitted to Supreme and State.
9. FS issues a Third-Degree card to NEW MEMBER.

Remember the Ohio State Council sponsors - LIVE - Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every Wednesdays at 7 PM. This allows the user to either log in via a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as call in on the phone.

Each person is required to register. The GK, FS and Council Membership Director are the keepers of the registration link. Therefore, at least one officer should be aware of candidate taking the Exemplification.

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight: kmac.neo@gmail.com

Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com

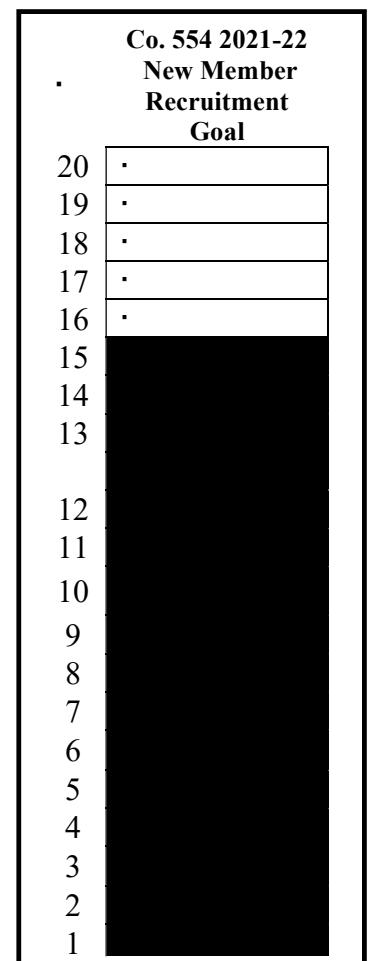
Ken Girt, Membership Chairman: girtken@sssnet.com

Method 2. Massillon Council 554 Exemplification:

Council 554 will continue to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ever Second Wednesday of the month, with a DVD of the ceremony at 7:00 PM. This is for new members as well as current 1st Degree and 2nd Degree members wishing to advance to the full 3rd degree of the Order. It is a 35-minute video. Please contact Ken Girt to register. 330-608-1729 or girtken@sssnet.com,

Method 3. “Live” Exemplification in area Churches:

Also, Council 554 is conducting a “live” Degree Ceremony every other month in our local churches after a Sunday Mass, for New Members as well as for 1st and 2nd Degree members to advance to the 3rd Degree. If you wish to attend the “live” degree, please Contact Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or email at girtken@sssnet.com. Family members are now welcome to attend our degree ceremony! Watch for notices in the newsletter on upcoming degree ceremonies.



Our Massillon Parish and Knights of Columbus Websites:

St. Mary: <https://www.stmarymassillon.com/>

St. Joseph: <https://www.sites.google.com/view/stjosephmassillon/home>

St. Barbara: <https://www.saintbarbaraparish.com/>

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council: <http://www.kofc.org>

Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus: <http://www.kofcohio.org>

Massillon Council 554: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

Council 554 and our Parish Round Tables Report

The purpose of the Knights of Columbus -Parish Round Tables is to encourage councils which own separate facilities from the parishes, to bring their charitable service and support back into their parish. Parish Round Tables have been established in our Massillon parishes and we will announce projects or requests from our pastors. Each of our Parish Coordinators have an email list that we use to get the message out for a short notice, upcoming project. Please email the coordinators below so they will have your address for your parish.

St. Joseph Parish

Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - tferreiro@sssnet.com,

We welcomed five new members to the Knights of Columbus and Council 554 on Sunday, January 16, at our special degree after the 11:00 AM Mass. They were: Brian Jones Jr, Anthony Jones, Brain Jones, John Paul and Joe Minocchi. Also, remember to email me so I can add your email to our list for notification of projects here at St. Joseph Church.

St Barbara Parish

Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - fichterlaw@sssnet.com

Council 554 is scheduling a Degree Ceremony at St. Barbara Church, on Sunday, February 27 after the 10:30 AM Mass. It only lasts 35 minutes. If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, or if you are currently a member and want to advance from 1st or 2nd Degree to full knighthood, please plan to attend. Call me to let me know you are attending. Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Barbara Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects.

St Mary Parish

Coordinator: Ken Girt, 330-608-1729 – girtken@sssnet.com

We would like to thank the members of our St. Mary Round Table committee and their families who helped on Sunday, January 9 with the taking-down of the Christmas decorations. Your help was appreciated. If you are not currently receiving project notification from me, and if you belong to St. Mary's parish, please send me an email so that I can retain your email address for future project notifications. Thanks for being part of our St. Mary Team.

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary. We, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic.

Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet. Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*).

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is great as your power. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Massillon “Knights in Action”

The “Massillon Knights in Action” lists some of the charitable projects accomplished by Council 554 members. If you want to help in our charity work, please contact any Officer / Round Table Coordinator.

Hot Lunch Every Wednesday, volunteers from our council and our social membership cook a hot meal for the needy of the Massillon area. Meals are served from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meals are for take-out only. New volunteers are asked to call Hot Lunch Chairman Paul Lambert at the complex office at 330-837-9101.

Bingo Our major fundraiser for the Massillon Knights Foundation is our weekly Bingo which starts at 6:30 PM every Monday. Volunteers can call the complex office at 330-837-9101

Coats for Kids Our Coats for Kids project is a Supreme Council program in which councils can purchase boxes of new coats for need children in the Massillon Community. An average of 8 boxes of 12 coats are purchased each year to be distributed in late November and early December. Coats are purchased from donations from Council 554, the Columbian Ladies, St. Mary – St Vincent de Paul Society, Massillon American Legion Post 221, and private contributors. If you would like purchase a box of coats, please contact the FS office at 330-873-1411.

Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers from Council 554 pick-up trash along Route 21 north of Massillon in a two-mile corridor on both north and south lanes. Council 554 needs approximately 8 to 10 volunteers for cleanup in the spring and fall. Cleanup detail usually lasts between two to three hours on a Saturday morning. If interested, contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

Round Table St. Barbara Parish (Contact Joel Fichter: 330-830-9301 email: fichterlaw@sssnet.com)

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every fourth Tuesday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass.
2. **Cemetery Cleanup** Council 554 Round Table members meet on a Saturday morning in March or April to clean the cemetery. Look for announcement in Sunday bulletin.
3. **Rosary and Novena for Life and Patriotic Rosary.** Council 554 round table members sponsors a Rosary and Novena for Life and a Patriotic Rosary throughout the year. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin

Round Table St. Joseph Parish (Contact Tom Ferrero 330-844-0469 email: tferrero@sssnet.com)

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every second Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
- 2 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Joseph Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass. Please come to the back of the church after Mass to help.
- 3 **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping parish grounds. They especially take pride in maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden located at the north side of the parish office building. If interested in helping, please call Tom Ferrero 330-844-0469 .
- 4 **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday. Lunch is provided to approximately 150 people every week.
- 5 **Holy Name Society** Council 554 members are active in the St. Joseph Holy Name Society which raises money for church projects. Members also volunteer for many parish activities.

Round Table St. Mary Parish (Contact Ken Girt, PGK 330-608-1729 email: girtken@sssnet.com)

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm during the Holy Eucharist Adoration in the parish center chapel.
- 2 **Support St Vincent de Paul Society** Various Council 554 Round Table members help each week at the St Mary – St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry for distributing food for the less fortunate in the Massillon community. Also, members help to unload the weekly delivery of 4,000 pounds-plus of food from the Akron-Canton Food Bank each Thursday at 9:30 am. If you are interested in helping, please call St Vincent de Paul Society at 330-837-0084.
- 3 **Sanctuary Decorations for Christmas and Easter** Council 554 Round Table members help to erect and take down the Christmas and Easter decorations for the sanctuary and church each year. If you are interested in helping, please call Ken Girt at 330-608-1729.
- 4 **Landscaping parish grounds.** St Mary Round Table members are asked to gather to provide landscaping and miscellaneous repair for the church grounds. If interested in, please call Ken Girt at 330-68-172.
- 5 **“Confessional Guard Duty”** One of the premier projects for the Parish Round Table is providing security for our priest(s) during our Saturday scheduled confession, from 11:00 am until end. Members use the time for prayer, Stations of the Cross, rosary, reading and making confession themselves. A yearly schedule is created for our volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Ken Girt at 330-608-1729.
- 6 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Mary Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass.

Council 554 Meeting Minutes: Date: 1/11/22 Present on Zoom: 7

Chaplain's report No report.

Minutes Last Meeting: Accepted as distributed in the newsletter.

GK report It's unfortunate that we must hold meetings on Zoom but due to the speed with which Omicron is spreading we felt it important to take a pause and utilize the technology available to us.

Financial report Joe Vilhosky sent the report by email. It was accepted as submitted.

Membership report The next live degree will be held Sunday the 16th of January at St. Joseph Church after the 11:00am Mass. Approximately 12:15pm. Massillon Council will conduct the "live" degree on the even months and St. Michael Council will take the odd months.

Other reports:

4th Degree Bishop David Bonnar will preside at a Mass for Life at The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the Campus of Walsh University at 6:30pm on January 18th. Sir Knights requested for fall-out.

Squires They hope to resume meetings soon.

Insurance report by Steve Hamrock No report

Massillon Knights Foundation Clubroom Dinner on January 18 features Salisbury steak. Night at the Races scheduled January 16. We are still in need of cleaning crew for the kitchen. Contact office if you can help.

Parish Round Table Projects: There was really good participation for the set up and take down of Christmas decorations at St. Mary's.

Old Business Before he passed away, member Doug Schmidt mentioned to his father that he would like to donate to our council. We've received five thousand dollars in his name for our charities. The council credit card that was still tabled indefinitely for now.

Good of the Order Knight of the month – Doug Schmidt. Family of the month – Jeff and Denise Campbell. Volunteer of the month – Bob McCauley

Closing prayer recited:

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

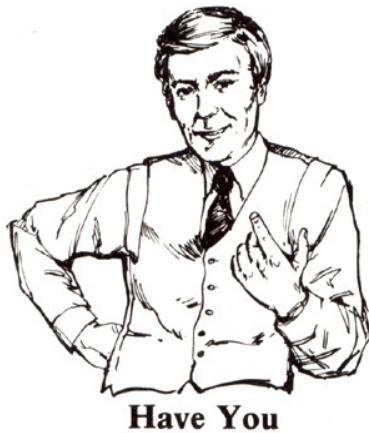
We need your help!! Our Bingo is keeping this facility afloat. The same people volunteer every Monday and we are getting burned out. Please consider volunteering your time once Monday a month. It is only for 2 to 4 hour a night. Once a month is fine with us and would help us greatly. We need your help to keep the facility going. It belongs to all of us! Thank you.

2022 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months			
	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Vince and Mindy Drexler	Robbie Bettilyon	Gary Myers
February			
March			
April			
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Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTs



Six new members of Council 554 took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Sunday, January 16, following the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The new members are pictured, left to right, front row; Brian Jones Jr, Anthony Jones, Brain Jones, John Paul, Joe Minocchi, and Vincent Drexler. Left to right, second row, Council 554 Degree Team members: Chuck Maier, Fr. Raymond Paul, Pastor of St. Joseph's, Gary Lamielle, Ken McLaughlin, (Grand Knight 554) and Paul Haig. Left to Right, third row, Degree Team members: Joe Vilhosky, Matt Meyer (District Deputy), Ken Girt and Bob Pittinger. Absent from the photo was Tom Ferrero, the St. Joseph Round Table Chairman. We also welcome new member Dean Bagnola, who took his degree on-line. Congratulations to the new Members of Council 554!



Honorees of the Year 2021

Knight of Year: Paul Haig Paul serves as our Financial Secretary. He volunteers on various activities at our council, Hi-way Cleanup, sets up our Nativity Scene, and many others. He is a member of St. Mary Parish where he serves as the sound coordinator at Sunday and daily Mass, numerous round table projects and volunteers weekly at our St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry. He is also a Diocesan Marshal for the District 1 Fourth Degree. Congratulations Paul.

Family of Year: Dale & Barbara Piper Dale and Barb are members of St. Mary's Church where they volunteer on Friday for cleaning "Nave" committee and are Greeters at Sunday Mass. Dale is also an Usher. Dale also makes delivery a few days of the week of donated food from area food markets and helps unload the food delivery each Thursday from the Akron Canton Food Bank. Dale and Barb both work the Wednesday KofC Hot Lunch program. Congratulations Dale and Barb!

Volunteer of Year: Nancy Eberhardt Nancy volunteers every Monday at our Bingo selling our tip boards. She is a member of St. Mary's Church and is a former CCD instructor. Nancy was married to the late Ron Eberhardt who was our former financial secretary. Congratulations, Nancy.

Religious of the Year: Fr. A. Edward Gretchko Fr. Ed is currently pastor, St Mary Church in Massillon where he celebrates three weekend Masses. He also serves as pastor of St. Michael Byzantine Church in Pleasant City, Ohio where he celebrates Mass on Sunday afternoon. Fr. Ed is Director of the National Shrine of St. Dymphna in Massillon. He is chaplain of the Massillon Washington High School Football Team. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Massillon Council 554 and Bishop Massillon Assembly 4th Degree. Fr Ed is also chaplain of the Stark County Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations Fr. Ed!

Youth of the Year: (Pending)

Humanitarian of Year: (Pending)

Supreme Knight Award: Fr. Michael Seifert Fr. Mike is a retired priest of the Youngstown Diocese and has been very active serving our council and our fundraisers. He has assisted in our Memorial Masses over the years and participated in many of our social programs. He is also a member of Bishop Massillon Assembly 4th Degree. Congratulations Fr. Mike.

Supreme Knight Award: Tom Tully Tom served many years as a trustee of the Massillon Knights Foundation and helped organize many of our clubroom activities and fundraisers. He volunteers at our Nite at the Races and was chairman of Council 554's Charity Raffle campaign in the 90's. Congratulations Tom.



2022 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign

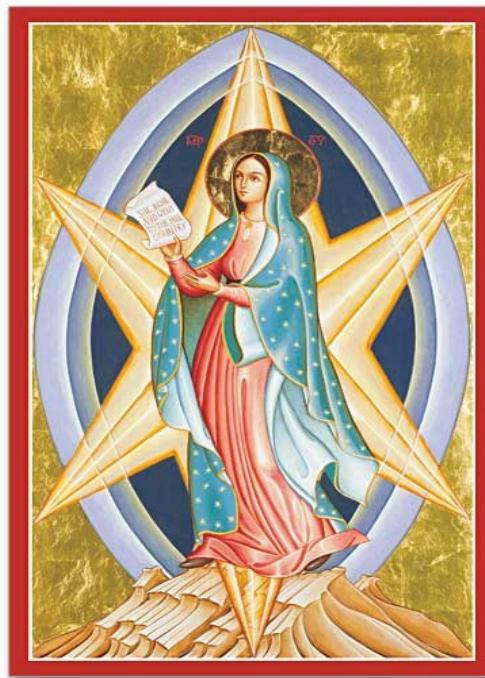
The 2022 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign will start this month and conclude on May 21, 2022 with the Drawing at the State Convention in Sandusky. This ticket sales for this campaign provides money for our charity fund. Please consider buying or selling the tickets we will be mailing to you this month. The letter that is mailed with the tickets will explain the campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

Youngstown Diocese Prayer & Icon Visitation Program

There is a new Diocesan Prayer and Icon Visitation program in our diocese that highlights and emphasizes the “Journey of Love” of Bishop Bonnar’s Episcopal Motto ***“That All May Be One”***. The icon ***“Mary, Star of the New Evangelization”*** was presented to our new Bishop on April 11, 2021, on behalf of the Knights in the Youngstown Diocese.

Massillon Council 554’s Icon is now available for members to use in their homes. Please contact Ken McLaughlin at 330-571-1203 to reserve the Icon along with a manual for suggested prayer services. Please feel free to invite members of our parish to participate as well, even if they are not members of the Knights of Columbus.

The icon is to be placed in a different home each week and remain there until the following week, when it will be transferred to the next intended recipient. During this program, a log of weekly visitations will be maintained by each council.



Massillon K of C 554 Right for Life Plans for 2022

By Joe Vilhosky, Council LIFE Activity Chairman

January 22nd, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. Recognizing the tragedy of legalized abortion still gripping our nation, our Council will be doing a special Right for Life email Novena again starting on the 19th of January. The march for life in Washington is on the 21st.

Another Right for Life Novena will also go out during Lent starting Friday the 4th of March.

The Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil will be done again for Lent on Sunday’s at 2 P.M. with the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet; starting 6th March and ending on Palm Sunday the 10th of April with the Stations of the Cross at 3 P.M.

All the above will be done for the 40 Days for Life in the fall. No dates are set for that at this point. In a nut shell the Right for Life programs for Massillon Council 554 in 2020 will be.

1. Novena during the time of the Roe v Wade around the Jan 21th time frame.
2. Peaceful Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood during Lent and ending on Palm Sunday.
3. Novena starting the Friday after Ash Wednesday
4. Peaceful Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood during the fall 40 days for Life.
5. Novena during the time of the fall 40 Days for Life.
6. The 5th Sunday of the month every quarter a Right for Life Rosary after mass at St. Barbs. We would like to have the 5th Sunday Rosary also done at St. Mary’s and St. Joe’s this year if possible. We need a Knight as a leader for each church. I can send him a copy of the Right for Life Mysteries. The first would be the Joyful Mystery on 30th of Jan. Then the Glorious Mystery on 29th of May, followed with the Luminous Mystery the 31st of July and the last the 30th of Oct the Joyful Mystery.
7. Right to Life booth at the Stark County Fair.- (WEEK OF AUGUST 28)
 - Have a schedule this year for K of C volunteers to work booth.
 - Request that they wear K of C clothing (shirt or hat).
 - Have a sign off sheet at the booth to aid in reporting number of volunteer workers.

8. Council 554 attending the yearly Right to Life of Stark County “Celebrate Life Dinner”.

I believe that is all the plans for 2022. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or additions to the above plans.