



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

January, 2024

Grand Knight's Report, by Chuck Maier, Grand Knight

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus which is celebrated on January 3 "in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:19).

And just like that... Santa is gone until next year... But Jesus is still here with gifts that never end.

The Knights of Columbus Council 554 now has round table t-shirts available for sale. They look very nice, yellow gold in color. They are lettered on the back "KNIGHTS AT WORK, Massillon Council 554, Round Table Committee, Divine Mercy Parish, Massillon Ohio. The cost is \$11.00 for all sizes except XXL they are \$13.00. Please let us know if you want one and let us know the size. Contact Ken Girt, or Chuck Maier.

Our next Degree Date is Sunday January 21 after the 8:00AM Mass at St Mary. We currently have two Candidates. You can sponsor a Candidate also. The first year the Dues are paid. Families are welcome to come and watch the Degree. The Degree Ceremony takes about 30 minutes and includes the first three Degrees.

Our first Family movie night went well. We will be presenting another one soon.

Our next 554 Council meeting will be Tuesday January 9 at 7:00 PM. I would like to invite everyone to attend 6:00PM Mass at St Mary before the meeting. We are planning on having food after the meeting.

Have a Happy New Year! Please Pray for Peace in 2024.

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

In one of the parishes in Stark County, some years ago, 48 people joined the church on Easter Sunday. The church was Little Flower Church. All this happened because of the grace of God, and the inspiration of the parishioners and others. If each of us could help someone become Catholic, many might also join our great Order. Have a Blessed New Year.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for December 2023

Congratulations to **Terry Philips** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for December. Terry works our Wednesday Hot Lunch program and the Foundation Clubroom meals.

We also congratulate **Bryan and Muffy Stewart** for being selected Family of the Month for December. Bryan is our Deputy Grand Knight and Faithful Pilot for the assembly. He is a cantor and sings in the choir at St. Mary. Muffy works the St Mary -St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry every Friday and is the Membership Director of the Columbian Ladies.

We congratulate **Suzy Schertzer** our Volunteer of the Month for December. Suzy works every Monday at our Bingo.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours

K-Club Bar: Hours: open Monday thru Saturday from 4:00pm to closing at the discretion of the Bartender.

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen is now open 4-8 pm Tuesday through Saturday!
See page 5 & 6 of website newsletter for latest K-Club Menu

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On our Member Sick List: Bill Ringley, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Sam Meyer, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Larry Coyne and Fr. Mike Seifert.

On our Member's Family Sick List; Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis Carmola (daughter of Al), Thelma Hassman.

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.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: **One-Year:** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger, **Two Year:** Dan Skirtich, Dave Harman, Bill Beese **Three-Year:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Rick Chapis

Massillon Knights Foundation Report, *By Paul Lambert, President*

I hope everyone had a very Blessed Christmas and all your neighbors, friends, and family are doing well as can be expected. I hope this New Year brings you lots of God's blessings.

We will be starting our dinners on the 3rd Thursday of the month and this month it will be a Meatloaf Dinner on Thursday, January 18, 2024. The meatloaf dinner includes mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, homemade bread, and desert. The price is \$12.00 each. Dine-In Dinners served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Carry-Out only dinners will be from 5:00 – 5:45. Pick up under Canape. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, January 17 at 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Carry-Out and what time you will dine-in or pick-up.

I will be doing a few new projects this coming new year. We will be cleaning and fixing a few things on the outside of the building. If you or you know of someone who would like to help, please have them call the office 330-837-9101 and Julie will give me the message. Remember if you would like to donate to help with some of the renovations on the building, please send the donation to MKF Building Fund at 988 Cherry Road, N.W., Massillon, OH 44647. This will definitely help getting the building back on track.

Clubroom Report, *Julie Harman, Complex Manager*

With the New Year brings a lot of events here at the K Club and for the Foundation:

We have **Night at the Races** on Saturday, January 20, 2024, and tickets are \$25.00 each. No tickets at door. Please call 330-837-9101 or see the bartender.

We still have one more tailgate party for the Browns on Sunday, January 7. Time to be announce. Doors open one (1) hour before game. Come out and support the Club and of course the Browns.

Don't forget our Clubroom **Meatloaf dinner**, on Thursday, January 18. Dine In or Take Out. The cost is \$12.00. See our ad for details on page 4 in this newsletter.

We will also be having a **Super Bowl Party** on Sunday, February 11, game starts at 6:30 P.M. There are still squares on the board for \$20.00 each. Stop at the bar and pick your square. More details to come in February newsletter.

We still need volunteers for **Bingo**, if you would like to help, please call the office if you have any questions. 330-837-9101

See K-Club flyers on clubroom menu, specials, parties and live music performances on the web version of the newsletter <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

Friday Fish Fry's
Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm
With weekly specials.

See new Menu on pages 5 & 6 of website version of newsletter

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>.

Articles of Interest for December: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, Round Table Projects. K-Club Dining Menu,

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

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| Faithful Friar | Fr. Raymond Paul 833-8091 | Faithful Navigator | Roger Piper 936-0974 |
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| Faithful Captain | Bob Pittinger 571-5150 | Faithful Outer Sentinel | Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048 |
| Faithful Admiral | Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365 | Faithful 1-year Trustee | Charles Maier 418-8741 |
| Faithful Comptroller | Dan Flanagan 966-4937 | Faithful 2-year Trustee | Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036 |
| Faithful Pilot | Bryan Stewart 605-8840 | Faithful 3-year Trustee | Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185 |
| Faithful Scribe | Graham Zeneri 844-7712 | Commanders | James Sieber / Graham Zeneri |

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next Bishop Massillon Assembly meeting is Tuesday January 2nd 6:30 PM. This is a regular business meeting, not a Ladies Night. Food and beverages will be provided. I sure hope you and your family had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Happy New Year 2024. Let's continue to support our local Parishes, local Councils, Massillon Knights Foundation functions and the K-Club activities this new year.

We had a real nice Tom & Jerry Night on Saturday December 2nd at the hall. It was very well attended and was a fun evening. The special drinks were certainly good as always from the Meyer Family. Chef Blaine and staff prepared a great meal and service. Sir Knights, Ladies and Julie had the room looking festive. Columbian Ladies and others were kind enough to make desserts for us to enjoy. Thank you to all of them and everyone for joining us!

I would like to express my gratitude for your donations to the Serving Area Military, Veterans and Widows (SAM Center) supply drive. With the items collected, cash, and Assembly donation, we were able to deliver over 220 items. Lucia, at the center, was very appreciative of our donations and our continued support of local men and women in need.

I received an email from Ohio District One (OD1) Master Brandon Robinson. The OD1 January District Meeting will be held on Sunday January 28th at 2:00 PM. The location will be at St Joseph Church in Strongsville. This will be a combined meeting for both Sir Knights and Ladies. The meeting will cover upcoming Spring Exemplification including the cost, hospitality rooms, the souvenir book, due dates, and share updates from Supreme Master. In addition, discussion on the March Biennial/District meeting is planned. There will be a meal after the meeting. We need two Sir Knights (Ladies welcome to attend too) to represent our Assembly.

All the best for you and your family as we celebrate the New Year 2024.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Welcome 2024. We had a busy year in 2023 and we are looking forward to 2024.

Just a few recaps and reminders to share with all of you; We acquired AEDs for the club. Annie and Karen took a class from the sheriff's dept. on its use----- that led to several other projects {1} Donation to the sheriff's department for training {2} Training classes for KC members . {3} Putting up the AEDS in the ballrooms. {4} Annie regularly checks to make sure the units are all in working order.

Donation of First Aid kits by Mary Ann and Paul Haig, they are now located thru out the building, with easy access for employees and patrons. The kits are maintained by Annie and MaryAnn.

A donation of Epi pens was secured by Elaine. We are on our way keeping our employees and patrons safe and healthy.

Next on our list was the painting of the gazebo where the statue of Mary is located. SE Johnson company took on this task, they power washed the gazabo and gave Mary a gentle was. Then it was time for the paint. I hope all of you have gotten a chance to visit the gazebo if not spring will give you an opportunity check it out.

Night at the races-- lottery basket a big thank you to MaryAnn (for making the basket), selling tickets with Elaine and Mercy, Great job ladies.

Memorial mass participation. Christmas celebration was well attended and Austin Haig shared Christmas carols (who knew Dominic the Don and key was so popular) thanks, Austin and the officers whom made this such a good night. Thanks to Blaine and staff for good food, and amazing servers.

We welcomed new members in 2023--- REMINDER dues are due to be paid in January. Muffy Stewart is our membership chairperson. You can leave your dues at the bar with your name address and phone number for Muffy.

No meeting in January due to uncertain weather. Until we meet again may the Lord bless you and your family, and friends as we head into 2024.

1000 Club Calendars by Matt Meyer, PGK

We are having another great year and I want to thank all those who sell and purchase calendars. If you have any calendars in your possession, please return them ASAP whether sold or unsold. There are still people looking to purchase calendars yet. If you have any questions, give me a call. Matt Meyer 330-284-9365.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....January, 2024

- 1 *Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day*
- 2 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 11 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 17 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 18 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 20 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 23 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

.....February, 2024

- 6 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Ladies Night)
- 8 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 11 5:00 PM Super Bowl Party
- 13 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 14 *Valentine Day*
- Ash Wednesday*
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 27 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

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

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Council 554 Degree Ceremony Scheduled Council 554 will conduct a Degree Ceremony after the 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 21, 2024. The ceremony will start around 9:15. If you know a Catholic man who is interested in joining our council and the Knights of Columbus, please contact Chuck Maier at 330-418-8741, Ken McLaughlin at 330-571-1203 or Ken Girt at 330-608-1729. Also, all 1st or 2nd Degree members are most welcomed to attend to advance to 3rd Degree. Families are welcome to observe this 35-minute ceremony.

MKF Clubroom Dinner – Thursday, January 18, 2024

"Meatloaf Dinner"

The price of the dinner is \$12.00. Meal includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and home-made bread.

Dine-In Served in Clubroom 5-7 PM. Take-out Served 5:00 to 5:45 PM.

Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, January 17. Call 330-837-9101.

Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Take-Out and what time you will dine-in or pick-up. (Pick up under the front Canape.)

The K-Club Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

Dining available Tuesday thru Saturday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Beginnings

- Loaded Potato Nachos** Seasoned Ground Beef topped with Cheese, fresh pico de gallo, black olives, jalapenos, and sour cream \$10
- Chicken Fajita Quesadilla** Grilled flour tortilla with grilled chicken, peppers, onions, & cheddar cheese \$9
- Poutines** Fresh-cut fries topped with fried cheese curds and rich brown gravy \$8
- Chicken, Bacon, Cheddar, & Ranch Boat** Loaded potato skins drizzled with house made ranch \$10
- Fried Pickle Chips** Puckering pickle chips served with ranch \$6
- Sauerkraut Balls** Served with ranch for your dipping pleasure \$6
- Bavarian Pretzel Rods** Served with a mouth-watering Dijon beer cheese sauce \$9
- Jumbo Naked Wings** Six wings naked as the day they were born \$7
- Breaded Wing Dings** Six crispy-fried jumbo wings tossed in your choice of sauce \$9
- OUR SAUCES** Traditional Buffalo/ Drunken/ Whiskey BBQ/ Sweet Chili/ Garlic Parmesan/ General Tso's (Additional sauce for \$.50)

Midway Handhelds

- Shaved Ribeye Beef Hoagie** Juicy beef with peppers and onions lathered in a beer cheese sauce and served on an Italian hoagie, fries on the side \$15
- Monte Cristo** Thick battered and fried bread, forest ham, roasted turkey, Swiss cheese, with a sweet and savory maple-Dijon mustard, with fries on the side \$16
- Chicken Sandwich (Grilled or Fried)** Served on brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, and mayo, with fries on the side \$12
- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich** Delicious marinara, basil pesto, & mozzarella cheese, with side of fries \$13
- B & D** Burger Juicy burger topped with bacon, beer-battered onions, cheddar cheese, and our whiskey BBQ sauce aioli, with fries on the side \$12
- Burger Basics** Choice of Swiss, American, or cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion with fries \$10
- BBQ Chicken Flatbread** Rustic, baked crust topped with grilled chicken, bacon, red onion, and a blend of Cheddar and mozzarella cheese \$14
- Mediterranean Flatbread** Grilled chicken, red onion, kalamata olive, tomato, pesto, and feta cheese \$15

Friday Fish-Fry Menu (Fridays Only)

- Battered or Floured-Blend Fish Dinners** 1, 2, & 3 -piece Dinner with 2 sides. \$8 / \$10/ \$12.
- Ala-Carte Piece of Fish** \$3 **9oz Broiled Scrod with 2 Sides** \$15
- Shrimp Basket with Fries** \$10 **Fish Sandwich with Fries** \$9 (Add cheese.. \$.75)
- Ala Carte Sides are \$4 each:** Side Salad, Cucumber Salad, Citrus Slaw, Applesauce, Fresh Cut Fries, Baked Potato (add \$1), Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

Also Available Fridays is a Select Limited Menu. Ask your server for available items!

Sides (Ala Carte sides are \$4 each)

Side Salad
Applesauce

Cucumber Salad
Fresh-cut Fries

Citrus Slaw
Baked Potato (add \$1)

Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

Midway Salads

Ham and Turkey Chef Bacon, egg, tomato, cucumber, and onion with a choice of dressing \$14

Buffalo Chicken Salad Crispy-fried chicken tossed with buffalo sauce, cheese, cucumber, tomato, and onion, tossed with ranch dressing \$12

Greek Chicken and Vegetable Salad Juicy chicken with fresh bell pepper, tomato, cucumber, kalamata olives, onion and feta cheese over mesclun lettuce tossed with a roasted garlic and oregano vinaigrette \$15

Salad Dressings: Ranch, Blue Cheese, Italian, or French

Midway Entrees

Herb-Brined Pork Chop Pan-seared succulent 10 oz, chop with rosemary apple cider jus, served with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$16

Individual Meatloaf Your own individual meatloaf served with mashed potatoes with brown gravy and vegetable of the day \$12

City Chicken Fried pork on a stick served with mashed potatoes & savory gravy, vegetable of the day \$12

Mushroom Chicken Lightly-dusted chicken, pan-seared with a rich and creamy mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$14

Cajun Chicken Penne Chicken, Andouille sausage, peppers, and onions in a delectable cheese sauce and a nice pinch of Cajun spice \$14

Simply-seared Atlantic Salmon Served in a buttery wine sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$18

For the Kiddos

Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8

Grilled Cheese with Fries \$6

Kid-sized Burger with Cheese w/ Fries \$7

Cheese Quesadilla with Fries \$6

(\$2 surcharge for adults ordering kid-sized dinners)

Happy Endings

Lava Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream \$9

Snickers Doodle & Bourbon Ice Cream \$9

Bourbon Raisin Bread Pudding \$7

Think of your K-Club for Weddings, Dinners, Fundraisers, & any event!

Just call our office at 330-837-9101. Please leave a message if you get our voicemail.

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc. may increase your risk of food illness. (Food may contain allergens).

Menu effective date: September 5, 2023

K Club Weekly Specials

Happy Hour



Mon. - Fri. 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Happy Apps Wednesdays

\$1.00 off all Appetizers

Thirsty Thursdays

50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers

4:00 - 9:00 pm



MEMBERSHIP & DEGREES: There are three ways that a Catholic man or existing 1st or 2nd Degree member can advance to 3rd 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 is 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:

Chuck Maier Grand Knight: massillonward2@yahoo.com
 Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com
 Ken Girt: 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.

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MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2023 - 2024 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Our first order of Council 554 Round Table T-shirts were ordered for our recent projects at Divine Mercy Parish. The shirts are \$11 for Med thru XL. \$13 for 2XL. We will be ordering additional shirts.



K-Club bartender Sandy Skirtich is shown above drawing a draft from our new keg cooler at the bar. The new cooler will hold larger kegs. Thanks to our volunteers for removing the old cooler and installing the new.



Bishop Massillon Assembly held their Annual Tom and Jerry Christmas Party on December 2. Over 50 participants enjoyed the buffet dinner and music.

COUNCIL 554 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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 packaged and distributed from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. 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 554 can purchase boxes of new coats for needy children in the Massillon Community. 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 8 to 10 volunteers for cleanup in the spring and fall. Cleanup detail involves two to three hours on a Saturday morning. If interested, contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

Charitable Donations: Council 554 annually donates to the Ohio State Council’s Measure-Up Campaign (supporting programs for those with Developmental Disabilities), S.O.S. Campaign (Support our Seminarians), and Matching Fund (provide financial support of the Youngstown Diocesan Media Library for instructional books and videos on our faith).

Impact Massillon: Knights support Divine Mercy Parish in this annual ecumenical service to beatify a local neighborhood

Round Table St. Barbara Church (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 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 Church (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 at 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Sunday Mass.
2. **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.
3. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday
4. **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 Church (Contact Ken Girt, PGK 330-608-1729 email: girtken@sssnet.com)

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a weekly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:30 pm before the close of the Holy Eucharist Adoration in the church. (10am - 4pm)
- 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 provide landscaping and miscellaneous repair for the church grounds. If interested in, please call Ken Girt at 330-68-172.

PRAYERS:

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.

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

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.



2023 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months

| | Family of Month | Knight of Month | Volunteer of Month |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| January | Mike & Sue Ziegelhofer | Ron Kurpieski | Anne Ziegelhofer |
| February | Matthew & Carrie Competty | Dan Skirtich | Paulette Martin |
| March | Jeff & Denise Campbell | Eric Fichter | Linda Girt |
| April | Matt & Ivy Meyer | John Birman | John Blackstone |
| May | Paul & Mary Ann Haig | John Dorka | Sue Hall |
| June | Paul & Elaine Lambert | Gary Lamielle | Stacey Dougherty |
| July | Dale and Barb Piper | Bryan Stewart | Karen Franz |
| August | Tom and Jayne Ferrero | Stan Stroh | Bob McCauley |
| September | Jeff & Cathi Heitger | Fr. Ed Gretchko | Vicky Hartman |
| October | Bob and Mary Kring | Tom Seesan | Lisa Lowden |
| November | Chuck and Ruthanne Maier | John Haubert | Denise Campbell |
| December | Bryand and Muffy Stewart | Terry Philips | Suzy Schertzer |

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 12/12//23 Present: 10

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Msgr. Kolp opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain's Message. Monsignor Kolp referred to the recent Supreme Knight's message in regard to Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast day is today. He pointed out that she is important in our lives and in the work of the Knights not only in our country but throughout the world.

Minutes. Minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.

Grand Knight Report. The next degree will be at St. Mary's on January 21, 2024 after 8 m Mass.

Membership. No report

Programs. No report

Committee. No report

4th Degree. The next exemplification will be on April 19, 2024.

District Deputy Ron Macala. No report

Foundation Report. No report

Unfinished business. All bills are paid.

Financial Report. The most recent financial report was distributed to the members by email prior to the meeting. There were no questions or concerns. Everything is up to date. A motion was made by Bob Pittinger to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Ken Girt. Motion carried.

New Business. 1. A motion was made by Gary Lamielle to donate \$100 to St. Raphael's for the use of their building for the recent Right to Life activity. Seconded by Bryan Stewart. Motion carried. 2. A motion was made by Bob Pittinger to give each church in Divine Mercy Parish \$500 for their food programs for Christmas. This amounts to \$1,500. Seconded by Paul Haig. Motion carried.

Good of the Order. 1. Chaplain Monsignor Kolp was presented a gift for his service throughout the year. 2. The Columbian Ladies dinner is Tuesday December 19. 3. Officers and Trustees to meet Wednesday December 20. Honorees for November: John Haubert (Knight), Chuck & Ruthann Maier (Family), Denise Campbell (Volunteer)

Closing Prayer: Prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney lead by Msgr Kolp.

Faith Activities: Parish Round Table Support

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

Thanks to the four KofC embers who helped with the Christmas Decorations. Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Joseph Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects.

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

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

The Knights of the St. Mary Round Table committee worked two projects over the last month: 1. THANK YOU to all those who helped on Friday and Saturday, Dec 15 and 16, with the St Vincent de Paul food give-away: Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt (and Linda), Gary Lamielle, Bob Rohrer, John Dorka, Jim Fondriest, Mike Norris, Bob Pittinger (and Barb), Graham Zeneri, Mark Hoffer (and family), Joe Perrotti, Bryan Stewart (and Muffy), Paul Haig (and Mary Ann), Christian Campbell, Chuck Maier, and Dale Piper. Very successful project as we help prepare and distribute groceries for 144 families in the community. 2. We had over 9 knights and their families help decorate St. Mary sanctuary for Christmas on Dec 23. Thanks to: Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt, Mark Hoffer and family, Dave and Jennifer Fischer, Alex Turner, Bob Pittinger, Robbie and Steve Bettilyon, Mike Norris and Augustine Drexler.

Council 554 also presented a check for \$500 to Augustine Drexler, a 3rd-year seminary student, at the church decoration project. This is part of the RSVP Program by Supreme Council encouraging councils to help support seminarians. Below is a photo of the check presentation. Pictured left to right, are Ken Girt, Bob Pittinger, Augustine Drexler and Ken McLaughlin. On the right is a Letter of Thanks from Augustine. Please continue to pray for him!

Please Note: we will be taking the Christmas decorations down on Saturday, January 13, at 9:00 AM. Your help will be appreciated.



*Dear Knights of Columbus Council #554,
On behalf of the seminary, and as a personal sign of my own appreciation, I want to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude to you for again showing me such kindness and support. Thank you for not only providing a generous monetary gift, but also for your continual presence and support through your prayers. I am truly blessed to be part of a community which demonstrates such commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity.
May God richly bless you during this Christmas season.*

*In the Peace of Christ,
Augustine Drexler
3rd year seminarian*

Council 554 "Round Table" Shirt We have ordered a supply of Round Table shirts for our volunteers at all churches of Divine Mercy Parish. The cost is \$11. Please let Ken Girt know if you want one of these shirts to wear for our projects. (330-608-1729) Thanks.