



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

March, 2023

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

The month of March is highlighted by the Solemnity of St. Joseph as we honor the foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph put his full trust in God and remained obedient to divine providence. With St. Joseph as our model, let us not stray from our good works and penance, may our Lenten observances be a joyful journey of service to others.

Take note of our Lenten programs to help our membership stay spiritually engaged: Sunday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplets for Life (further details in newsletter), Divine Mercy Chaplet following the weekday Parish Eucharistic adorations, borrow our Mary, Star of Evangelization Icon for private devotion, and join us for the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon and prayer service at St. Joseph Church on Thursday, Mar. 23rd at 7pm.

I am pleased to announce that our \$500 contribution to the Matching Funds program was matched entirely for a total \$1,000 - the 2nd highest amount in the Diocese of Youngstown. Your contributions strengthen Catholic Education efforts in every Catholic school, in every religious program, and in every RCIA program of our diocese. All contributions as well as any amounts matched, go to the Diocesan Religious Education Department. Well done!

You should have received our February mailing which included your Membership Card - if you are current with your 2023 dues. Included in the mailing should be 5 Cash Bonanza Tickets. If you have not received either, please let us know.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

We ask that each member help with the purchase, partnering, or sale of the 5 Super Cash Bonanza tickets you have received. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit our works of charity i.e., Coats for Kids, Measure-Up for the developmentally disabled, Matching Funds for Catholic education, vocations, Support our Seminarians etc. In order to qualify for the highest rebates, please return your ticket proceeds back to the council by Tue. Mar. 28th so we can meet the critical April 1st deadline. Thank you for your generosity.

The Massillon Knights Foundation is planning a special clubroom dinner for Thur. March 16th and the Fish Frys continue every Friday. Considerable effort goes into planning meals and events, please support the Foundation.

Please attend our next council meeting on Tue. Mar. 14th at 7:00 pm as we develop our Lenten programs and special fraternal events. We will be nominating any past grand knight and electing Delegates for the May convention. We will also open the floor for any further discussion regarding our by-law changes. Your presence and input will be welcomed.

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement. May the Peace and Love of Christ continue to guide you.

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

Our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is a most outstanding Catholic gentleman. Recently I looked over his vast life history on line. One of his outstanding undertakings was being Chairman of the Board of the Directors of the March for Life for nine years. The March for Life has become one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. Here are some of his words to you and me: "We are called to be great men- not just "pretty good" men and to achieve this we are given the very Spirit of God who can lead us to a hope that will never disappoint and never give in to despair."

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for February 2023

Congratulations to **Dan Skirtich** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for February. Dan works every Monday at our Bingo and calls the numbers. He is also a Massillon Knights Foundation trustee.

We also congratulate **Matthew and Carrie Competty** for being selected Family of the Month for February. They belong to St. Mary Church and manage the Fish Fry during Lent.

We also congratulate **Paulette Martin** as our Volunteer of the Month for February. Paulette belongs to St Barbara Church and volunteers as sacristan at St. Barbara and St. Mary Churches.

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>.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

This weather has been crazy, and I hope everyone is taking care of themselves, especially with the high temps and then dropping quickly. Please make sure you and your families take care of yourselves. Lent is here and hope you will come out for our fish on Fridays. We do take reservations so please call ahead.

I want to thank everyone who supported our City Chicken Dinner. Our Dinner in March will be "Corned-Beef and Cabbage" Thursday, March 16, 2023 Price: \$10. Dine-In Dinners served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. For Take-Out Only dinners will be from 5:00 – 5:45. Meal includes red-skin potatoes, salad, bread and dessert. RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is WEDNESDAY, March 15 at 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Pickup. **PLEASE NOTE: DINE-IN** - use clubroom entrance. **TAKE-OUT** - pickup meals at front door under canopy

If you know someone that would like to work part-time, we are looking for a maintenance worker. Must have some knowledge of plumbing, electrical and general maintenance. Please have them call Julie for an appointment.

1000 Club 2023 Final Report, by Matt Meyer, Chairman

It was another fantastic year for calendars. We were mostly sold out by early December which is why it is important to get your calendars early if you want them for Christmas presents. Our top sellers this year were Fr. Michael Seifert who sold 155 calendars, the Meyer family selling 136, Thelma Hassman selling 104, Dale Estep selling 82, and Carole Sumption and Mike Huryn both selling 81. I would like to thank everyone who helps out on the Calendar committee. It starts every year in September with the printing of the new calendars to getting a group of volunteers to help stuff them into envelopes and randomize them. Then distributing to sellers, collecting money/stubs and entering in all the information into a spreadsheet and sorting all the stubs. Thank you again and I hope everyone wins this year. See you in the Fall.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On our Member Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Sam Meyer, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Fr. Mike Seifert, Joel Fichter, Neil Maier and Msgr. James Kolp. **On our Member's Family Sick List;** Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis Carmola (daughter of Al), Muffy Stewart (wife of Bryan Stewart).

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.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Happy March!! Spring is around the corner!

Fish fry is every Friday 4:00pm-8:00pm, during lent hours are 4:00pm-9:00pm. You can make reservations for parties of 6 or more people. Call the office 837-9101. Also, there is a copy of the current **K-Club Menu** found on page 14 of the webpage edition of the March newsletter. The menu is for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday dining, available from 4 to 8 PM. (9pm on Fridays during Lent)

Nite at the Races Saturday, March 18, 2023 with co-sponsor Tuslaw Baseball/Softball. Tickets available \$20.00 per person includes open bar & buffet dinner. Buffet will be open from 6pm until 7:30pm. Please call to reserve your seats.

Easter Buffet April 9, 2023 will be from 11 am until 3pm. Information will be posted in club room.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30 pm & doors open at 4pm, we still need some volunteers if you are interested, please call 330-837-9101.

Bloodmobile will be here on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

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 open 4-8 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Open until 9 pm on Fridays during Lent! See menu page 14 of web issue.

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-8091	Faithful Navigator	Roger Piper 936-0974
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Charles Meyer 833-0593
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	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Charles Maier 418-8741
Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next business meeting is Tuesday March 7th at 6:30 PM. This is a regular business meeting with drinks and food provided. Please plan to attend and support our Assembly activities and spend some time with your fellow Sir Knights. The Ladies Night in February was well attended. I sure hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Thank you, SK Joe Vilhosky for providing the emails for praying a Novena for Faithful Citizenship, that took place from February 23 to March 3: "Prayer is one of the first steps in acting for justice in our world. This novena, rooted in the biblical tradition and the Church's social teaching, is intended to promote justice and peace in our cities, our country, and our world. If you want peace, work for justice." May you find time for prayer, renewal, fasting, and almsgiving.

The Stark Gun Collectors Spring Show will be Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd. We are providing the food and drink service (Assembly fundraiser) for this event. We would appreciate any desserts such as pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, that you would like to donate to help us raise proceeds. If you are able to help work the food/drink service, please contact SK Bob Pittinger 330-571-5150. Thank you for your continued support with the Spring and Fall shows.

Please 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 28th – 30th at Double Tree in Independence. The Fourth Degree is an inspiring testament of our founding fathers' patriotism as Catholics. The world needs Knights that will stand up for God and their country; Fourth Degree Assemblies helping Knights to put their faith and love of country into action. The Fourth Degree is the pinnacle of Knighthood: we live, serve and protect the truth. Being called a "Sir Knight" is more than a title – it's an honor!

Have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day - May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door. Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian ladies I hope you have been looking forward to our next meeting as well as the promise of spring. We have a number of items on our agenda: Updated info about AED'S and training, Membership, Raffle basket--- Night at the races, Future projects, New Business

Looking forward to seeing you at the KC on the 28th at 7P.m. May God bless you and your family until we are together again.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....March, 2023

- 7 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;
Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
- 15 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 16 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 18 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 28 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

.....April, 2023

- 4 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Ladies Night
- 9 **Easter**
11:00 AM Easter Buffet.
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 12 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 13 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 20 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 25 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

New Insurance Agent for Council 554

Massillon Council 554 has a new Knights of Columbus field agent. His name is Marty VanDevere. His phone number is: 330 858 0963 and his email is marty.vandevere@kofc.com.

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Open until 9 pm on Fridays during Lent!

In Memoriam: John A. Climo

John Anthony Climo, 89, of Massillon, Ohio, passed away of February 10. He was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania and was a graduate of Massillon Washington High School where he played fullback and was a 4 year starter and State Champion. He was a member of the Massillon Council 554 and was a member of St Joseph's Catholic Church. John and his wife owned and operated 6th Street Pizza and Koonies Bar for 12 years.

John is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary Jo Climo and daughters Melissa and Cindy.
May he Rest in Peace.

Friday Fish Fry's

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm (Until 9 pm during Lent)

With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.

MKF Clubroom Dinner: "Corned-Beef and Cabbage"

Thursday, March 16, 2023 Price: \$10.

Dine-In meals served 5 - 6:30 PM in Clubroom **Take-Out** meals served 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Meal includes red-skin potato, salad, bread and dessert.

RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, March 15 at 12:00 noon.

Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners and whether you will DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT

PLEASE NOTE: DINE-IN Meals- use clubroom entrance.

TAKE-OUT Meals – pickup at front door under canopy.

Membership Report, by Chuck Maier, Membership Director

Massillon Council 554 welcomes new members **Tim Altier** and **Chris Wagoner**, who took their degree on February 4 at St. Joseph Church following the 4:00 pm Mass. We also welcome **Mark Berky**, who transferred from a council in Monroe, CT.

We will be conducting a Degree Ceremony on Sunday, March 26, following the 8:am Mass at St. Mary Church. If you know of a Catholic man who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please bring him to our degree. Call Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt or me with questions.

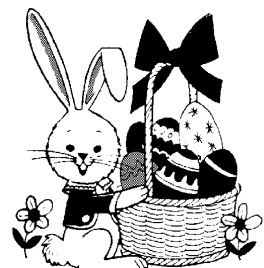
Easter Sunday Buffet

Sunday, April 9, 2023 11 AM to 3:00 PM

(Taking the last reservation for 2:30. Carry-out Orders available until 2:00)

Call 330-837-9101 for Reservations, Menu and Prices!

All Reservations by Noon, Monday, April 3



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 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

Chuck Maier Membership Chairman: massillonward2@yahoo.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 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
Grand Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203	St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
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Recorder	Graham Zeneri	844-7712			
Treasurer	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036			
Financial Sec	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1411			
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Web: http://www.massillonkofc554.org					
			<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
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			FAITH	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
			FAMILY	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
			COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
			LIFE	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036
			Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	268-9879
			Membership	Chuck Maier	418-8741
			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	

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 2/14/23 Present: 10

Chaplain's Message: As you know Ash Wednesday is coming up. Let's do all we can to have a successful Lent this year. One of the ways is to involve ourselves in this Council. Let's pray for a very special Lent for ourselves and those around us and that we may receive many blessings in the days ahead.

Minutes Last Meeting: Accepted as distributed in the newsletter.

GK Report: Member mailing will be tomorrow at 6:00 to stuff tickets and then we'll have dinner with the ladies afterward.

Knight's night out has been canceled due to lack of interest. Greif Share Program for those who want to participate is tomorrow at 1:00 to 3:00 at St. Barbara. Next Officers and Trustee's meeting will be February 28th at 6:30. We will break bread around 5:45 if you want to join us. Stark County Chapter meeting is on March 9th at Holy Martyrs. We have to do our best to sell our Super Cash Bonanza tickets. It is so important to us. We have to get more people involved in our council so let's keep in mind as we welcome new members. We should attend the St. Phillips and James pancake breakfast to show our brotherly support, on Sunday February 19th from 8:30 to 1:00. The Catholic Men's Fellowship will be on March 25th at JFK high school in Warren. 8:00 regeneration. 9:00 program. 10:00 Mass. St. Joseph Icon - March 21st. Silver Rose in July.

Financial report: Accepted as distributed.

Membership report: Donald Kendall was voted in for Membership.

Other Reports:

4th Degree Report: The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be April 18th to the 20th at the Hilton Doubletree in Independence. We want to get one or two individuals to join the 4th Degree in April. There's now an American Flag Replacement and Retirement program.

Squires: Nothing new to report. They had to postpone a trip to Cincinnati to help with Matthew 25. They're an organization that helps with humanitarian work and disaster relief. Their trip is postponed until the spring.

Insurance report: We have our insurance programs on Thursday the 2nd and Tuesday the 7th after the 4th Degree meeting. If we fail to get enough people, we can do it on our own.

Massillon Knights Foundation The Clubroom dinner is city chicken on Thursday February 16th. Dine In or Take Out. \$12 for one piece. \$15 for two pieces. Includes salad mashed potatoes green beans bread/butter and dessert. **Parish Round Table Projects:** No Report

District Deputy Report: DD 73 Matt Meyer. No Report.

LIFE Activity Report: Joe Vilhosky reported Joe Vilhosky reported that for the past 5 or so years our council has been running a peaceful prayer service on the sidewalks of Planned Parenthood during the 40 Days of Life during Lent and in the fall. Due to the facts that show over 20 times more attacks on ProLifer's and Christians since the overturn of Roe vs Wade. We will be having our prayer service in our 3 churches of Divine Mercy Parish instead of the sidewalks of Planned Parenthood.

1st 2 weeks of Lent will be in St. Barbara at 2:00pm. Next 2 weeks of Lent will be in St. Joseph at 2:00pm.

Next 2 weeks of Lent will be in St. Mary at 2:00pm.

Old Business: COR program will be discussed at our Officers and Trustee's meeting.

New Business: Discussion on Bylaw changes. The last changes were in 2019. The only immediate change was the increasing spending limit without approval that went up from \$250 to \$500. The rest will be discussed at our Officers and Trustee's meeting and in the newsletter. The chandelier project at St. George Romanian Church has an unpaid bill of now \$1,250 and are asking for donations from councils. We approved a \$100 donation. We approved \$100 for Christopher Croft in Uniontown Chapter who had a heart transplant and cannot work for two years.

Good of the Order For January: Ron Kurpieski - Knight of the Month, Family of the Month – Mike and Sue Ziegelhofer Volunteer of the Month – Anne Ziegelhofer

Closing prayer recited:

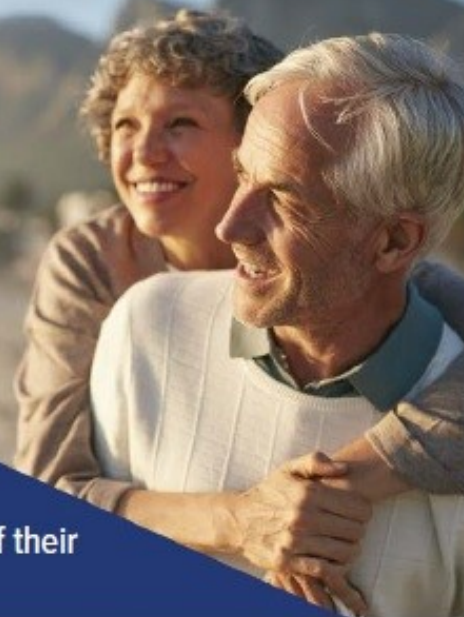
2023 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months			
	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Mike & Sue Ziegelhofer	Ron Kurpieski	Anne Ziegelhofer
February	Matthew & Carrie Competty	Dan Skirtich	Paulette Martin
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March 7, 2023

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7:00 PM CST

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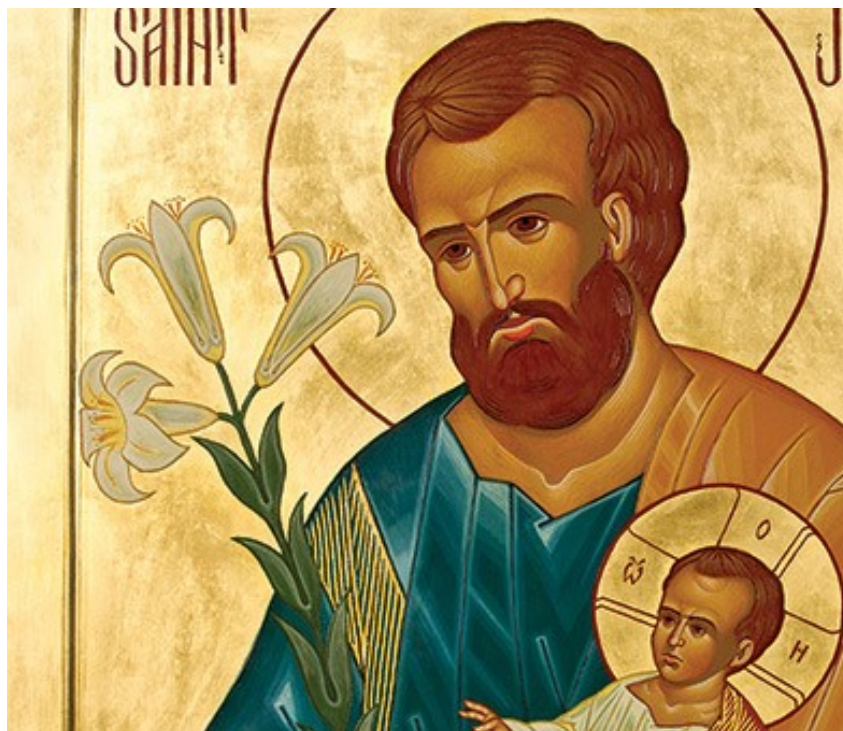
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St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service



Massillon Council 554 and Divine Mercy Parish will present a **St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service** on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church. Included in this hour-long service will be Benediction, readings from sacred liturgy, homily by Fr. Matthew Mankowski and the recitation on the rosary. All members of the Divine Mercy Parish in Massillon are encouraged to attend at St. Joseph Church.

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Ohio has received 4 of these St. Joseph icons which will travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.

The Pilgrim Icon Program is an effort to spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

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 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 needy 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 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 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 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 every second Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
- 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. Lunch is provided to approximately 150 people every week.
- 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 to 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 gather 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

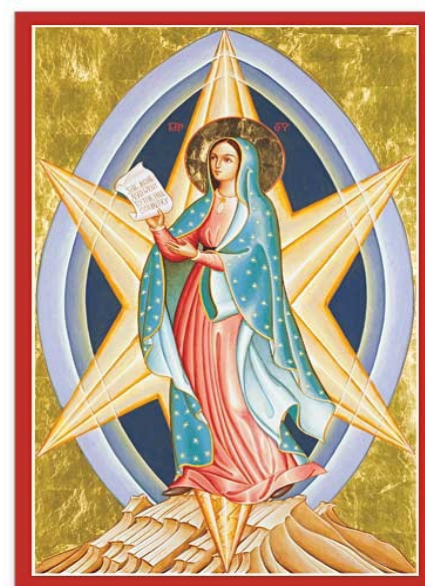
Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*). My beloved father, all my trust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





Catholic Men's Fellowship Diocese of Youngstown

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2023 Men's Conference Registration

We are pleased to announce that Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown is hosting a Men's Conference for Saturday, March 25th. This year's theme is on the Eucharist and is titled "The Eucharist: The Heart of the Church".

Join your fellow Catholic brothers on March 25th at JFK Catholic High School in Warren, Ohio. The conference will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am with Bishop David Bonnar.

Throughout the conference, you will hear from engaging speakers on topics related to the Eucharist: Adoration?, What is the "Real Presence?", What do I believe?, and the Coming activities of the diocese.

Our featured speakers include...

- Fr. Ryan Furlong, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna, Ohio
- Dr. Ben Safranski, D.R.E. Christ Our Savior Parish, Struthers, Ohio
- Fr. John-Michael Lavelle, Pastor of St Michael Parish, Canfield, Ohio.

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired, motivated and educated on the Eucharist. **Admission is free.** To reserve your seat please fill out the form at the bottom of this page.

We hope to see you at this year's conference!

When is it?

SATURDAY

TIME

If you are interested in attending, please email me at girtken@sssnet.com and I will email you the registration form. Thanks

Ken Girt
330-608-1729
girtken@sssnet.com

LIFE Activities Report, by Joe Vilhosky, LIFE Director

The Massillon K of C Council 554 and the Divine Mercy Parish of Massillon consisting of Saint Barbara Campus, Saint Joseph Campus, and Saint Mary Campus will continue reciting the Rosary for Life followed with the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Sunday at 2:00pm** during the 40 days of Lent as we have over the years, **starting on Sunday February 26** but in the churches of the Divine Mercy Parish.

Due to the fact that data show there have been 22 times more attacks on pro-lifers since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade compared to attacks on pro-choice organizations, according to John Lott, the founder and president of the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC). Groups such as Jane's Revenge has organized and taken credit openly for attacks against Pro-Life and Catholics. Our Peaceful Prayer Vigil for Right for Life will be in our Churches and not the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood.

Please join us for this beautiful prayer. One of the most powerful forms of Catholic personal prayer is the Rosary. The gentle repetition in the Rosary helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The intentions will be on a different Mystery each week.

Schedule of 40 Days for Life Rosary and Chaplet for Lent 2023

- Sunday 26 Feb and 5 March - Saint Barbara Church – 2:00pm
- Sunday 12 March and 19 March - Saint Joseph Church – 2:00pm
- Sunday 26 March - Saint Mary Church – 2:00pm
- Palm Sunday 02 April – Saint Mary Church 3:00pm – Palm Sunday being the feast day of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem we will conduct the Stations of the Cross to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

Please help our council's charity fund by selling the Super Cash Bonanza tickets that were mailed to you. Thank you for your support!



1st Prize \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

4th Prize..... \$4,000

5th Prize..... \$3,000

6th to 9th Prizes..... \$1,500

10th to 13th Prizes... \$1,250

14th to 17th Prizes... \$1,000

18th to 21st Prizes..... \$750

22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

DRAWING DATE
May 20, 2023
Hilton Columbus Downtown
402 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Donor need not be present.
Ticket Rules on Back.
Donation \$5.00
All proceeds benefit local charities

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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 ,

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

Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Mary Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects

“K-CLUB” Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

Home for Knights of Columbus - Massillon Council 554

988 Cherry Road, Massillon OH 44647

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday – 4 to 8 pm.

APPETIZERS \$6.00 EACH

Fried Pickles, Cheese Sticks, Onion Rings,
& Pub Pretzels

SALADS \$9.00

Grilled Chicken Salad
Buffalo Chicken Salad

JUMBO BONLESS OR BONE IN WINGS:

6 Wings **\$6.00**/12 Wings **\$12.00**

(Wednesday Dine-in Special \$0.75 each)

Breaded Wings-6 for \$7.50/12 for \$15.00

(Wednesday Dine-in Special (\$1.00 each)

OUR SAUCES

Jack's Whiskey BBQ, Buffalo, Sweet Chili
Drunken, General Tso, Garlic Parmesan

SALAD DRESSINGS:

House, Balsamic, Ranch, Italian, French,
Sweet & Sour, Honey Mustard & Blue Cheese

BURGERS & SANDWICHES Served with Fries

Hamburger \$10.00 add cheese \$0.75

BLT on Texas Toast \$8.00

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast \$6.00

4 Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8.00

FISH FRY FRIDAY'S ONLY

Battered or Floured Blend Fish Dinner

1, 2 & 3-Piece Dinner w/2 Sides

\$8.00 \$10.00 \$12.00

Ala Cart: Piece of Fish \$3.00

9oz. Broiled Scrod w/2 Sides \$15.00

Shrimp Basket w/Fries \$10.00

Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$9.00

(add cheese \$0.75)

TACO TUESDAY'S ONLY

2 Tacos Hard or Soft with Rice \$6.50

Loaded Nachos \$7.00

Taco Salad \$10.00

6 Pack of Tacos Hard or Soft \$9.00

Chicken Quesadillas \$8.00

Chicken Fajita Quesadilla \$10.00

Ala Cart:

1 Taco \$2.25

Mexican Rice \$2.75

Jalapenos can be added!

KIDS 10 AND UNDER

(With Accompanying Adult Meal)

Grilled Cheese w/Fries \$5.00

2 Chicken Tenders w/Fries \$5.50

Hamburger w/Fries \$6.00

Cheese Quesadillas \$6.00

1 piece Fish Dinner w/Fries \$5.00

(Friday Only)

SIDES

Tossed Salad, Veggie of the Day, Fresh-Cut Fries & Sweet Potato Fries

Baked Potato \$2.00

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc. may increase your risk of food illness.

