



# Massillon Council 554



**Knights of Columbus**

**October, 2021**

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

October 31st, 2021 marks the 1-year anniversary for Blessed Michael McGivney's beatification by the Church. His mission to go out into society in the name of charity, unity, and brotherhood serves as the foundation of our order, inspiring us to make a positive difference in our parishes and community.

The season of fall is a very active time for our Council. We are planning to reform the Bereavement Committee and need fellow Knights to assist us. Please call me or any officer if you can help us in this important outreach mission.

**IMPORTANT:** To date, we will be honoring 23 Brother Knights at this year's Memorial Mass on November 23rd; 4 of these Knights passed away in previous years. We honor them this year because we were not notified of their death sooner. I take this time to remind families to include a beloved's service with the Knights in obituaries, or contact an officer so we can honor your loved ones in a timely manner. If you know of a Knight we have overlooked, please contact us.

I am pleased to announce that we have combined our fundraising efforts with support from the Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council, to strengthen Catholic Education efforts in every Catholic school, religious program, and RCIA program of our diocese. This year we were able to donate \$500 and an additional \$500 was matched by the Ohio Charity Foundation!

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

Please attend the next council meeting on October 12th when we will discuss necessary Council By-Law changes and take nominations for the officer position of Warden. I appreciate your input and assistance.

There is still time to get your Football Frenzy Fundraiser Tickets in before our final turn-in by Nov. 7th. Sales have been robust thus far and we are nearing our first goal of 212 tickets sold which, if met, significantly increases the proceeds to our Council and its charitable fundraising efforts. Additionally, 2022 Calendars are in! Your council relies on a successful Calendar sales campaign, it is our largest fundraiser of the year and the proceeds greatly benefit our council and its charitable operations.

Please join the Knights of Columbus October 13th - 7:30pm for a virtual fraternal benefits night hosted by our Midwest Insurance Region. The guest speaker will be Industry Leader Van Mueller - Financial Success Under Any Circumstance. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. Please see further details in the October WEBSITE newsletter.

Please join your fellow Knights at the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigils each Sunday in October, 2pm at Planned Parenthood on 2663 Cleveland Ave. in Canton where we offer our collective prayers for the sanctity of life.

May the peace and love of Christ guide you always.

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

I wish to congratulate all of our Brother Knights who came to the Men's Conference several Saturdays ago. We Knights were very much involved. I am sure that Bishop Bonnar appreciated it.

We are now in October which is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Our prayers are very much needed for the many challenges that we and our families and our Church and our Nation and our planet face. Plan to pray a Rosary each day during this holy month. Please bring your Rosary with you on Tuesday, October 12th. We will pray at least part of the Rosary on that special day.

## 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, Ron Kurpieski, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Tim Paul, Chuck Meyer, Joe Vilhosky, Terry Philips and Ron Sinay.

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.

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

Lottery Calendars for the year 2022 are now available to purchase/sell. They are still the same low price of \$30 per calendar as it has been for over the past 30 years! There are still some people who have never heard of this fundraiser. Please spread the word! When you purchase a calendar, you get a random Ohio Lottery Pick 3 number. If that number comes up in the Ohio Lottery evening drawing, you win the dollar amount for that day on the calendar. Each month also has bonus days where you have the chance to win up to \$500 on Christmas Day! There are also cash bonuses for those who sell calendars as well. The complex office has them available as well as the council office or you may contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365.

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## What's Happening in...

### .....October, 2021

- 5 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Ladies Night)
- 12 **Columbus Day**  
7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 14 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter
- 19 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 23 8:00 AM Highway Cleanup  
2:00 PM Massillon-McKinley Game Party
- 26 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting  
7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

### .....November, 2021

- 1 **All Saints Day**
- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 11 **Veterans Day**  
7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 16 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting (Special Night)
- 17 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 23 7:00 PM Council Memorial Mass w/Col Ladies
- 25 **Thanksgiving**

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

## Highway Clean Up

We are participating in a highway cleanup on October 23rd at 9am. We all meet at St. Mary's parking lot and then head out to clean up part of route 21 from Lake Ave. to Forty Corners. It takes roughly 2 hours. If you can help out, call Matt Meyer 330-284-9365

## Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for September

Congratulations to **Chuck and Mary Jo Meyer** for being selected as our Family of the Month for September. They belong to St. Mary's Parish where they both are active. They also helped recently preparing the 1000 Club Calendars.

We also congratulate **Ed Fealko** for being selected Knight of the Month for September. Ed volunteers at our weekly Bingo and attended the Catholic Men's Conference on September 18.

We also congratulate **Sandy Skirtich** as our Volunteer of the Month for September. In addition to being one our Clubroom Bartender's, Sandy volunteers at our weekly Bingo.

8:00

## Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz

TAKE TIME OUT to have some reflection time with Mary, on the KofC grounds. The cooler weather and the path out to see Mary is easy to get to, so take a break from your busy life and responsibilities. You will be refreshed spiritually and mentally. October is the month of Mary. Don't forget to pray the Rosary

If you are an inactive member, we would like to see you return to the meetings. We meet the 4th Tues of the month at 7 at the KC, please join us.

Memorial Mass will be held on November 30 for deceased members of the council and Columbian Ladies.

Membership dues for 2022 will be collected starting with the December meeting.

## In Memoriam: Lauren Rohr

Lauren R. Rohr, 83, of Canal Fulton, passed from this life on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Lauren was a man with a deep connection to the land, initially as a dairy farmer and as a successful grain farmer for many years. He founded his life on devotion to family, faith, and hard work. Once retired, you could often find him indulging his love of slot machines and entertaining family and friends. A lifelong Catholic, Lauren was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Massillon, and the Knights of Columbus Council #554, where he held the honors of 3rd degree and 4th degree with the Bishop Massillon Assembly.

Lauren is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Judith, and his children, Jeffrey, Sharon, and Dianna.

May he Rest in Peace

## In Memoriam: Douglas Schmidt

Douglas Joseph Schmidt, 52, passed away on September 25, 2021, following a prolonged battle with cancer. He was born in Massillon and attended St. Mary's Elementary. He graduated from Perry High School Class of 1987. He was a graduate of Walsh University and worked for Dressler Rd Target. Doug was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Massillon, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and was a Third-Degree Member of Massillon Council 554, Knights of Columbus. Doug's greatest love and dedication was for his family.

Doug is survived by his parents, Raymond A. and Judith B. (Appleby) Schmidt; and siblings, Kirk, Steven and Annette.

May he Rest in Peace

## 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:** 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 can't believe summer is over and fall is here. I hope you check on all your friends, neighbors, and family to see if they need anything. Sometimes they just need someone to talk to.

We will be having our next Clubroom Dinner on Tuesday, October 19 from 5:00 – 7:00. Take-Out Only – pickup under Front Canape 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 desert. **The last day for Reservations is Monday, October 18 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. We want to thank you for your support.

I will be sending out a letter to all members in the near future explaining the need for tax exempt donations for our deteriorating parking lot.

Go Browns and we are open every Sunday for the 1:00 games. Come out and join us.

### **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 open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Closed Saturday

### Clubroom Report, *Julie Harman, Complex Manager*

Even though the Queen of Hearts has been hit, we do have a new board that will be here on Wednesday and will be resume ticket sales. First drawing on the new board will be 10/05/2021, the pot is starting at \$2,277.00. Food will still be served from 4-8PM for Taco Tuesday.

Our **Browns Tailgate Parties** have also been a success! For 1:00PM games doors open at noon & 4PM games doors open at 3PM. We will be running weekly boards as well for \$5 a square. You can bring your own snacks/food for the games as well. I would also like to thank Lori Norcia (Chapel Hill Sports @ Belden Village Mall) for donating some door prizes, an Odell Beckham Jr. bobble head, & Cleveland Browns sweatshirt. We will be holding tip boards for the bobblehead and sweatshirt soon!

We are considering having a Halloween party the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup>! More details to come on our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus Massillon Council 554.

We are holding a raffle for a 65in. Samsung TV! Each raffle ticket costs \$20, and we are only selling 200 tickets. The first prize winner will win the tv, the second prize is \$250, and the third prize is \$100. We will be drawing the winners during the Browns vs. Raiders game on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The money will be put towards our patio upgrade.

Dinners in the Clubroom every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.** Taco Tuesday's, Wing Wednesday's and Fish Fry Friday's. Other options on menu are available Wednesday and Friday. Come in and check it out!

As a reminder, since the COVID-19 pandemic we have brought back the **50-cent drawing** (drawn on every Thursday at 9:30PM), and the **\$5.00 monthly drawing** (drawn on the last Friday of every month).

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 all kitchen positions; please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM or online at [massillonkofc554@sssnet.com](mailto:massillonkofc554@sssnet.com). We do have two new line cooks, Eric and Shane who have been wonderful!

## **MKF Clubroom Dinner – October 19, 2021**

### **“City Chicken”**

**The price of the dinner is \$12 for one piece, \$15 for two. Meal includes: mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and bread & /butter. Reservations are required by Monday, October 18 at Noon. Please leave NAME, PHONE NUMBER, Number of one-piece and two-piece dinners and TIME you will pickup.**

**Served 5-7 PM PLEASE NOTE: Take-out only!**



## Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC

My Brother Knights and Families,

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

And we are announcing another Fraternal Benefit Webinar on Wednesday, October 13, at 7:30 PM. This free webinar will help you plan financial success. (See the ad on the next page, with an easy registration link icon).

Vivat Jesus!



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You're Invited to a Virtual Webinar with  
Industry Leader Van Mueller  
October 13th, 2021 - 7:30 PM

Financial Success Under Any Circumstance

You're invited to join our webinar where Van will ask some wonderful compelling questions that will help you clarify how to have financial and retirement success. Here are a few examples.

1. How can you maximize your social security?
2. Do you prefer to build a legacy for your family and business or the Internal Revenue Service?
3. If there was a way to reduce or eliminate the income tax liability on your IRA or 401K, when would you want to know about it. Before or after they charge the tax?
4. Can you build a wonderful retirement income if interest rates remain at zero and the stock market offers zero return for a decade?



You must Pre-Register for this event

[vanmueller.com/knights-of-columbus-midwest-region](http://vanmueller.com/knights-of-columbus-midwest-region)



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

## **Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:**

### **Attention 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 and Saturday morning at 9 am. 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](mailto: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. 330-608-7949

### **Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:**

1. The GK, FS or other council designee forwards the Exemplification Registration to members that wish to advance to the third degree.
2. The Exemplification Degree Link is sent to member after he registers.
3. Advancing Member attends the live online exemplification on Wednesday at 7 PM or Saturday at 9:00 AM. 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. 330-608-7949

### **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 link to Exemplification Registration
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing either Saturday 9:00 AM Degree or 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 and Saturdays at 9AM. 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. Live Exemplifications are being planned monthly. More information in future newsletters.

2021-22 New Member Recruitment Goal	
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**Method 3. Supreme Council “On Demand” Exemplification:**

A new candidate or advancing member can use the Supreme Council “ON Demand” Exemplification procedure. This ceremony can be seen ANY DAY, and ANYTIME of day.

- For instructions, go to:
- www.KofC.org/Ceremonials
- Click on [ONLINE EXEMPLIFICATION]
- Click on [ENGLISH INVITATION]
- Click on [VIEW ON DEMAND]
- Complete the registration form and click [SUBMIT]
- Follow the instructions.

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

## 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 Church 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 330-837-6670.
- 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 09/14/21 present: 7**

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Approved as written in newsletter

**GK Report:** The next officers and trustees meeting will be on the 28th at 6:30. Program Directors meeting will be held afterwards. Columbus Day is October 11th. The Council meeting is on the 12th. GK spoke to Joe Vilhosky today and he will be at the Right to Life dinner. We will be glad to see him back. OCF Scholarships for Central Catholic High school are now available on the Ohio State Council website and a KofC application was requested and is available.

**Chaplains Report:** Reminder that Saturday, September 18 is the Catholic Men's Fellowship Diocese of Youngstown 8th Annual Men's Conference held at St Thomas Aquinas in Louisville Ohio. 8 o'clock will be coffee and doughnuts. Confessions will be held and 9 o'clock will be a talk with Dr. Ray. Bishop Bonnar will speak with the theme "letting go of fear-embarrassing faith" followed by Mass at 12 o'clock. He hopes to see you there. He also mentioned the shortage of priests and requested prayers for vocation.

**Financial Report:** Approved as emailed.

**Membership Report:** We have a few prospects being considered for membership. We need more.

**Other Reports: Program Activity Report:** Highway clean-up will be the 23rd of October. Final turn in date for football crazier is November 7<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate life with a dinner at St Barbs September 18th with free meal donations are optional but consist of donations of diapers wipes formula and so on. The theme is. In the image of God, He created them. Life is a gift not a given.

**1000 Club Calendars:** Calendars are printed and volunteers needed for stuffing envelopes will be next Monday the 20th at 6:30

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree:** Degree is live October 30th at St Charles in Boardman. Graham Zeneri will become a 4th degree knight so come out and support him.

**Squires:** The squires are having a pilgrimage at St Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburg in October.

**Insurance Report by Steve Hamrock:** There will be a virtual Fraternal Benefit Webinar on October 13th presented by Van Mueller at 7:30. Steve mentioned he would donate lots of information for the event. Steve also hopes to visit every council monthly. He mentioned that 65 percent of our work force today will need long term care

**District Deputy's report:** Church drives coming up. We are combining with St Mike's for live degrees.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Idea to discuss at the officers and trustees meeting about purchasing the Mary Star of The New Evangelization. Ken Girt said he will be putting it in the newsletter next month and the exciting information about it. We will be discussing at the officers and trustees meeting about an offer to host a town hall meeting offered by the Diocese of Youngstown

**Good of the order:** Family of the month: Joe and Charlene Paquelet. Knight of the month: Bob Kelly. Volunteer of the month; Karen Franz

**Closing Prayer.**

## **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**

# Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Attending the September 18 Diocese of Youngstown Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference at St. Thomas Aquinas were 16 Council 554 members and two members of the Msgr Labbe Squires Circle. Pictures left to right, front row: Jimmy Theiret, Charles Roberts, Chuck Maier, Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin, Bob Kring and Gary Lamielle. Back row; Bob Pittinger, Ken Girt, Alex Turner, Mike Szillat, Ed Felko, Jim Roberts (Council 5582), Jim Thieret, Walt Petters and Graham Zeneri. Also attending but not pictured were Council Chaplain Msgr James Kolp, Thomas Seesan, Duane Anderson, and Vince Drexler. The conference included a Mass by Bishop Bonnar.



Attending the Annual Stark County Right to Life Dinner on September 18 at St. Barbara's Church were 11 members of Council 554. Pictured Left to Right, Front Row: Al Miller, Bob Kring, Terry Philips, Gary Lamielle, Paul Crowley (Council 14589), and Msgr James Kolp. Back Row; Ken Girt, Bob Pittinger, Ken McLaughlin, Duane Anderson and Vince Drexler. Attending but not pictured was Fr. Tom Cebula. Guest Speaker for the dinner was Emily Whiting on her struggles with her daughter born with birth defects.

## Council 554 Round Table Initiative: Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation

Massillon Council 554 is resuming our promotion and participation in the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** recitation each month in our local parishes. Our Lord said through his apparitions to St. Faustina: "It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet." The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The schedule is as follows:

**St. Joseph** The chaplet recitation at St. Joseph Parish is scheduled on the third Friday of the month at 12:30 PM, in the church following the Blessed Sacrament Exposition which runs from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

**St. Mary** The chaplet recitation at St. Mary Parish is scheduled each Wednesday at 3:00 PM, in the chapel in the parish center on 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**St. Barbara** The chaplet recitation at St. Barbara Parish is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 9:45 AM, in the church, following the 9:00 am morning Mass. The Chaplet is said during the Eucharistic Adoration.

All are welcome at all of the scheduled recitations.

**Measure Up Campaign.** As you know, our support for our citizens with developmental disabilities has been the flagship charity of the Knights of Columbus for decades. Here on the local level, our council members solicited donations around \$6,000 to \$7,000 from shoppers at K Mart, Boerdner's, and many local businesses for years. But we have difficulty locating stores and volunteers to continue this effort. One way we can collect for this charity is by your "Gimme 5" donation when you pay your dues. Even if you no longer pay dues and want to donate \$5, please mail to **Massillon Council 554, 988 Cherry Road, Massillon, OH 44647**. Or drop off at the council during your next visit. Thank you for your support for our "special" citizens.

**Football Frenzy Sweepstakes** Our council receive rebates for our general and charity funds with sales of the Ohio KofC 2021 Football Fund Crazr Sweepstake tickets. **Please note: proceeds from the sales of the football tickets do not benefit the NFL. Sales will, however, benefit our council's charity fund. The purchase of only one ticket makes a huge difference and is appreciated.** Mail your check in the return envelope, include \$20 for each ticket sold, made payable to Council 554, along with completed ticket stubs to: **Massillon Council 554, 988 Cherry Road, Massillon, OH 44647**

Extra tickets are available in the council office (330-837-1411). Please contact Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin or any council officer for more information. Remember... each ticket has 23 chances to win in each of the last 10 weeks of the NFL season!!

### Final Turn-in will be Tuesday, November 1.

Thank you in advance for your participation!



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2ND HIGHEST	\$250	14TH HIGHEST	\$50
3RD HIGHEST	\$225	15TH HIGHEST	\$50
4TH HIGHEST	\$200	16TH HIGHEST	\$45
5TH HIGHEST	\$175	17TH HIGHEST	\$45
6TH HIGHEST	\$150	18TH HIGHEST	\$40
7TH HIGHEST	\$125	19TH HIGHEST	\$30
8TH HIGHEST	\$100	LOWEST	\$100
9TH HIGHEST	\$90	2ND LOWEST	\$75
10TH HIGHEST	\$80	3RD LOWEST	\$50
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12TH HIGHEST	\$60		

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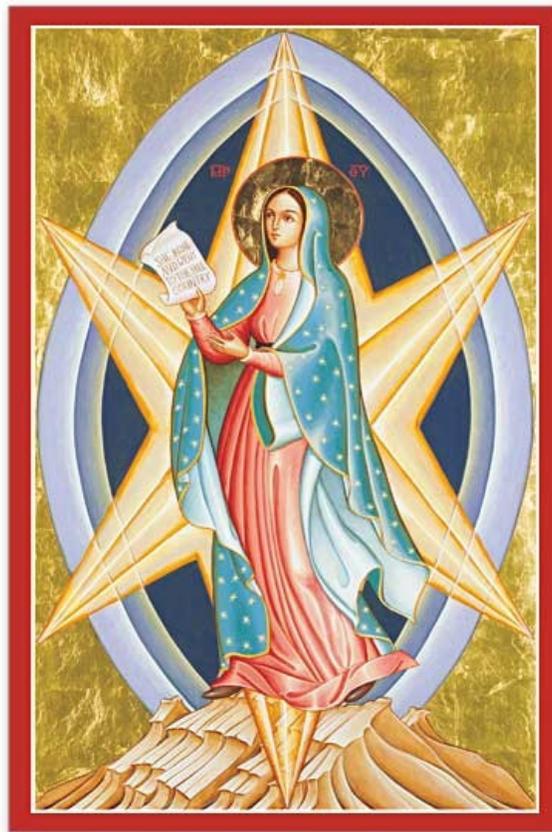
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## Youngstown Diocese Prayer & Icon Visitation Program

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 will obtain an identical icon from the Benedictine Conception Abbey. The icon will then remain with our council after the conclusion of the program. This program is intended to run for a period of one year, starting approximately on September 12, 2021, and ending by October 12, 2022.

Visitations of the icon are to be arranged by our council within our own parish community. 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.



### Right To Life of Stark County Events

Sunday October 3, 2021 - Life Chain from 2:30-3:30 pm at Planned Parenthood in Canton, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW. Arrive at 2:15 to pick up your signs.

Now Through Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 40 Days for Life seven days a week from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW.

Sundays in October 2021 - Massillon Council K of C #554 will stand in front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW on the Sundays in October from 2:00-3:00 pm. 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31.

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross in front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW to close out the Canton Fall 40 Days for Life.

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3:00 pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW.

Friday, January 22, 2022 - Prayer Vigil - Roe v Wade - In front of Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW - Tentative Time is 10:00 am.