



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

November 2025

Grand Knight's Report, by Bryan Stewart, Grand Knight

November brings us a month plentiful of things to be thankful for. Thankful for our veterans for serving this great nation. Please thank a veteran for their service on Veterans Day, November 11. Thankful for our families, our friends, our priests, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember this on Thanksgiving Day, November 27 as we gather with our families for memories, food, and football! Enjoy the last few days of fall as the holiday season approaches.

We will be sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, November 9 after the 8am Mass at St. Mary, freewill donations will be accepted to support our diocesan seminarians. Our next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11 with food and fellowship at 6:30 pm, with the meeting at 7pm. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, stop by and see what your fellow Brother Knights are up to. We will remember those Knights we lost this past year at our Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 18 at 6pm at St. Barbara, along with our Columbian Ladies. Remember to turn in any remaining Football Craze Tickets as soon as possible, the winning starts November 2! And do not forget the 1000 Club 2026 calendars are now on sale! These make great gifts for Christmas! Contact PGK Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

Finally... continuing the message of being thankful, I thank the Lord for another trip around the sun, celebrating a birthday on November 17. And as we get older, we need to keep our health in check. I am thankful for my brother Knights, and DGK Graham Zeneri, for holding down the fort while I was ill for the October meeting. Proving the machine doesn't stop while the conductor is out of commission. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Vivat Jesus!

Chaplain's Report, by Fr. Mike Seifert, Chaplain

As we enter into November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This is the feast day for all our ancestors. Relatives and friends who have passed from this world. They may not have been canonized. However, they live with God in heaven. And this is their feast day. We honor and remember them all during the month. We will be having a special Mass this month. For all our council members who have passed this year. Keep them and their family in your prayers. Later this month, we will celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving. We need to be thankful for everything we have in this world. Our friends are family, our things and especially our faith. God blesses us every day. And we need to give thanks always.

Honorees of the Month for October 2025

Congratulations to **Ken Smith** for being selected as our Knight of the Month. Ken is our Inside Guard and has volunteered for many programs.

We also congratulate **Dale and Barb Piper** for being selected Family of the Month. Both work our Wednesday Hot Lunch Program and for nave cleaners at St. Mary. Dale also helps unload the truck at St. Vincent de Paul.

Congratulations to **Pat Bolyard** for being selected as Volunteer of the Month. Pat volunteers for the St. Mary's - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and many of their programs.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours

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

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen is open 4pm to 8pm 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, John Scheetz, Sam Meyer, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Paul Thayer, Dr. Larry Bucher, and Ron Kurpieski.

On our Member's Family Sick List; Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis and Patty Carmola (daughters of Al), Kathleen Fealko (wife of Ed), Cristen Farris (daughter of Ed), Nancy Eberhart (wife of Ron), Karen Franz (President of the Columban Ladies).

If you want your name or a member's name added to our list, please email girtken@sssnet.com or call 330-608-1729.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: One Year: Terry Philips, Dave Harman, Bill Beese

Two-Year: Gary Lamielle, Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Rick Chapis (Treasurer),

Three-Year: James Brelish (Vice President), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger



Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

Fall is here and the weather is changing quickly. Please remember to check in on your family and friends to make sure their furnace is working properly and if it's not, please tell them who they can call for a check-up. Now is the time for this to happen before winter arrives.

I just wanted to give you an update on what is happening in the Nina Room. I want to thank the following people: Dr. Larry Bucher for painting the room. James and Mike Ziegelhofer, James for help with the ceiling and Mike for helping me with the walls. Ken Girt for helping with the ceiling and Bob Pittinger for help getting the walls ready. That took a lot of time, and I appreciate what you did. We will now start on the paneling, trim, and baseboard.

Also, the new air conditioners are working great, and we will be entering into a service agreement with Shanklin Heating and Cooling to keep the units serviced all year long.

The Pavilion is closed for the season and was winterized by Mike Johnson and Joe. Thank you, Mike, for showing Joe how to winterize everything.

We are still looking for someone to take over the Hot Lunch Program next year.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

The Club Room will be CLOSED November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday!!

Come out Saturday, November 29th for the OHIO STATE vs. MICHIGAN game. Doors open at 11AM game starts at Noon. The Kitchen will open at 1pm. We will be having Door prizes every quarter & the \$5 monthly drawing and the monthly 50/50 will be at 8pm along with the 25 cent & \$1 drawings.

Don't forget the tailgate on November 30th at 1pm doors open at Noon. We will also have door prizes and a 50/50 at halftime. You can bring your own snacks/food for the game.

The first Night at the Races is Saturday, January 17, 2026 sponsored by the MKF. If interested in tickets or would like to volunteer to help please call the office Monday thru Friday 9am-Noon or ask the bartender.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30pm doors open at 4pm.

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

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian ladies held their regular meeting the fourth Tuesday in October. The following business was conducted; Memorial Mass will be November 18th at St Barb 's, Columbian Ladies will provide cookies. There are two ladies who will be remembered at the Mass.

A report was given by Karen and Annie regarding the gazebo. The statue of Mary appears to be in good condition after having the paint touched up by Annie's uncle. The benches are in bad shape and will be replaced as the legs are starting to crumble. We will revisit this project in the spring.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ---- December 16th at 6:30. The cost will be \$20.00 for a guest. Columbian Ladies will be free. The menu will be a choice of chicken or scrod. Reservations must be made no later than December 6. To make a reservation call Annie at 330-844-2051.

A review of the bylaws was conducted and the revisions will be presented at the next meeting. The revisions will be voted on at that time.

Support your local food pantry, as more and more people find themselves in need. As the weather turns cooler and we turn on the heat, don't plug in space heaters to extension cords and don't put anything over cords. Check on your friends and neighbors to make sure they are safe as the weather turns colder.

May the Lord watch over you and your family and friends until we are together again, Our next meeting will be January 27 at 6:30 (note the time change),

May God Bless You and keep you,

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-8091	Faithful Navigator	Chuck Maier 418-8741
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Ray Badzik
Faithful Captain	Bryan Stewart 605-8840	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048
Faithful Admiral	Bob Pittinger 571-5150	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Comptroller	Ken McLaughlin 571 1203	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365
Faithful Pilot	Edward Custer	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Roger Piper, PFN 936-0974
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commanders	James Sieber / Graham Zeneri

Faithful Navigator Report, by Chuck Maier, Faithful Navigator

Our next Bishop Massillon Assembly meeting is Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00PM. This is a regular business meeting. Food will be provided at 6:30PM before the meeting. Please don't forget to vote.

Congratulations to our new Sir Knight, Thomas Piper, who took his degree on October 18.

Mark your calendar for this year's Bishop Massillon Assembly, Tom and Jerry Ladies night dinner on Saturday, December 6th at the K of C Hall in the Pinta room. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with drinks being served and a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. You also will get a ticket for the K club bar. Dress is business casual. The price is \$25 per person for our Assembly Sir Knights and Lady or Sir Knight and a guest. Any additional guests are \$35 each. The buffet requires a minimum number of people, and a total count a week in advance for the chef to prepare so please plan to RSVP before November 21st. Tickets can be purchased from Brian Stewart. 330-605-8840 or from me at 330-418-8741.

Monsignor Graham Assembly 828 has been asked to provide an Honor Guard for Confirmation on December 13th at Saint Paul Church in North Canton. They have scheduled 2 Masses, at 11:00 AM and 2:00PM to accommodate the large number of parishioners involved. Uniformed Sir Knights are invited to Fallout with at either 11:00AM or 2:00PM.

At the October assembly meeting, it was decided to join Monsignor Graham Assembly 828 and purchase a chalice with a carrying case for father Travis, in recognition of his being newly Ordained in the Diocese of Youngstown and being Assigned to Divine Mercy, Parish, and Saint Phillip and James. The chalice has been purchased. Splitting the costs in two results in each assembly paying \$546.77. Date to present to Fr. Tavis to be announced.

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: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degree information, Council 554 activities, K-Club Dining Menu,

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....November, 2025

- 1 **All Saints Day**
- 4 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 9:00 AM Breakfast at St. Mary hosted by Council 554
- 11 **Veterans Day**
- 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 18 6:00 PM Council Memorial Mass w/Col Ladies - St. Barb
- 19 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 25 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 27 **Thanksgiving**

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

.....December, 2025

- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting (No Ladies Night Program)
- 6 6:00 PM 4th Degree Dinner Party Tom & Jerry
- 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 16 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party
- 17 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 25 **Christmas**
- 31 **New Years Eve**

Massillon Council 554's 125th Anniversary

Celebrate Massillon Council 554's 125th Anniversary on February 1st with a buffet dinner. We are preparing for this special occasion and need your help! If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Matt Meyer 330-284-9365 or email mattm@ssnet.com. Your ideas and input are greatly appreciated. What we also would like from everyone are pictures or memorabilia to share at the dinner. The pictures can be digital or physical. Please write your name and number on the back of the photos if you would like them returned.

MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2025 - 2026 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**Officers**

Chaplain	Fr. Mike Seifert	933-4148
Grand Knight	Bryan Stewart	605-8840
Dep Grd Knight	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
Chancellor	Tim Paul	603-502-4455
Recorder	Tom Seesan	234-650-4021
Treasurer	Ken McLaughlin, PGK	571 1203
Financial Sec	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1411
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	265-9584
Warden	Eric Fichter	
Inside Guard	Ken Smith	
Outside Guard	Chris Newstetter	
1-Year Trustee	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
2-Year Trustee	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
3-Year Trustee	Chuck Maier PGK	418-8741
Field Agent	Larry Suter	280-2626
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

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

Round Table Coordinators

Council Chairman	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
St. Mary	Ken McLaughlin PGK	571 1203
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
St Barbara	Joel Fichter	830-9301

Program Activity Chairmen:

Gen Program Dir	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
FAITH	Ken McLaughlin, PGK	571 1203
FAMILY	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
LIFE	Joe Vilhosky	
Squires	Nathan Courter	
Membership	Chuck Maier	418-8741
EFF Director		
Youth Chairman	Chris Campbell	
Degree Team Capt	Bryan Stewart	605-8840
Complex Mgr	Julie Harman	837-9101
Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712

Annual Council 554 Memorial Mass

Council 554's Annual Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 18, at 6:00 pm at St Barbara's Church.

There are 21 council members who will be remembered: **Frank Monago Sr., Thomas Strohmeier Jr., William Houck, Thomas Adley, Dale Estep, Paul Lucchesi, Edward Murray, Msgr. James Kolp, Larry Coyne, Dennis Harwig Sr., Neil Maier, Richard 'Dick' Fries, Frank Minocchi, James Hohman, Ed Hill, Jim Halter, Jerome Kemp Sr., Ron Manse, Ron Sinay, Roger Christ and Bill Hamit.**

There are two Columbian Ladies who passed away since the last Memorial Mass: **Betty Trubisky and Mary Kay Copeland.**

If you are a family member of any of our deceased members and would like to attend the Mass, please contact Bob Pittinger at 330-571-5150 so we can plan the refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

Council 554 Round Table Report, by Ken Girt, Council Round Table Chairman

Thanks to the following Round Table members who helped move individual needing assistance. Ken McLaughlin, Rick Chapis, Tim Eberhardt, Graham Zeneris and Ken Girt.

We will advise when help is needed for the Christmas decorations at each of our Divine Mercy Parish churches as well as assistance for the St. Mary – St Vincent de Paul Food Giveaway on the weekend before Christmas.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex; Nina Room Remodeling

Remodeling continues on the Nina Room. If you are able to help, please contact Paul at 843-214-6508.

We also need help with the Hot Lunch program. As Paul mentioned in his article, several team members are retiring and additional help is needed. Call Paul at 843-214-6508.

2026 1000 Club Calendars, by Matt Meyer, 1000 Club Chairman

It is Lottery Calendar season again! They have been printed, stuffed, sealed and ready to be distributed. The cost is still the same. \$30 per calendar. We give out over \$17,000 in prizes over the course of the year! Christmas envelopes are also available if you are giving them away as gifts. This perennial fundraiser has been running for almost 40 years and has served our council well. Please consider buying or selling calendars. Great rewards for calendar sellers! Any questions, call Matt Meyer 330-284-9365.

The K-Club Dining

Massillon Knights Foundation

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



APPETIZERS

Fried Pickles - \$7.00

Pretzel Bites - \$7.00

Potato Skins - \$8.00

Cheese Sticks - \$8.00

Broccoli Bites - \$7.00

Fried Cauliflower - \$6.00

Fried Mushrooms - \$7.00

Cheddar Poppers - \$5.00

Mac-n-Cheese Bites - \$6.00

Sauce's Available: Ranch, Honey Mustard, Cheese Sauce

SALADS

Grilled Chicken - \$12.00

Dressings: Ranch, Italian, Sweet & Sour, French, Honey Mustard, Blue Cheese

For the Kiddos

(\$2 Surcharge for adults ordering kid-sized meals)

Chicken Tenders & Fries - \$9.00

Grilled Cheese & Fries - \$6.00

Kid-sized Burger with Cheese & Fries - \$8.00

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

(Food may contain allergens)

HANDHELDS

Comes with Chips

Basic Burger - \$9.00

Texas Burger - \$11.00

Grilled Cheese - \$7.00

Brother's Sausage Sandwich - \$10.00

Philly Cheese Steak (Chicken or Steak) - \$11.00

Mushroom Burger - \$11.00

BLT - \$8.00

Chicken Sandwich - \$11.00

Bacon Burger - \$11.00

Chicken Parmesan \$12.00

Chicken Bacon Wrap - \$10.00

SIDES \$4.00

Fresh Cut Fries, Tater Tots, Steak Fries, Onion Rings

WINGS Bone in or Boneless

Jumbo Naked Wings	6 for \$8.00	12 for \$15.00
Wing Dings	6 for \$9.00	12 for \$17.00

Sauces: Buffalo, Hot Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Spicy BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Sweet Chili,
General Tso's, Bourbon, Teriyaki

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

TACO TUESDAY MENU (Tuesday Only)

Burrito: Meat, Lettuce, Onion, Shredded Cheese, Topped with Sour Cream
w/Side of Hot Rice or Nachos \$10.00

2 Soft Taco's: Meat, Lettuce, and Shredded Cheese, Tomato w/Side of
Hot Rice or Nachos \$7.00 Chicken Quesadilla: \$10.00

2 Chicken Fajita Mix Taco: w/Side of Hot Rice or Nachos \$8.00

Taco Salad: \$12.00 Loaded Nachos (lettuce, tomato & taco meat) 12.00

6 pack of Tacos: (Soft only) \$10.00

ALA CARTE: Small Nachos and Cheese \$5.50
Side of Hot Rice \$5.00

Jalapenos can be added to anything as well!!!

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(Food may contain allergens)

FRIDAY FISH-FRY MENU (Fridays Only)

Battered or Floured-Blend Fish Dinners 1, 2, & 3 -piece Dinner with 2 sides.
\$12.00 / \$14.00 / \$16.00

9oz Broiled Scrod with two sides \$17.00

Ala-Carte Piece of Fish \$6.00

Shrimp Basket with Fries \$14.00

Fish Sandwich with Fries \$13.00 (Add cheese.. \$.75)

Ala Carte Sides \$4.00 each: Side Salad, Cole Slaw, Cottage Cheese, Applesauce, Mac -n-
Cheese, Fresh Cut Fries, Baked Potato, Sweet Potato Fries

Massillon KofC SNAPSOTS



Fr. Tom Cebula blesses the recently installed “Baby Box” at the Alliance Central Fire Station on Monday, October 20. Pictured with Fr. Cebula, from right to left, Pat Dorka, and John Dorka. Behind Father is Mary Kring, President of the Stark County Right to Life. 100 people attended the dedication ceremony. The Baby Box initiative will help save lives of unwanted new born babies and provides a means of surrendering an unwanted new born to local children services. Council 554 contributed \$5,000 to the program.



The 2025 Blue Mass sponsored by Council 554 and Bishop Massillon Assembly and was held on October 2 at St. Joseph Church.

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 on the first and third 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. FS issues a Third-Degree card to NEW MEMBER.

Remember the Ohio State Council sponsors - LIVE - Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM. This allows the user to either log in via a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as call in on 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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Membership

As you know, the exemplification degrees of the Knight of Columbus have been **REVISED**. All three degrees are now exemplified in **ONE 30-minute ceremony**. An on-line degree ceremony is available for new candidates and for any 1st or 2nd degree member desiring advancement to the 3rd degree membership. And we frequently schedule a "live" degree after one of our three weekend Masses at Divine Mercy Parish. Notices on scheduled degrees are posted in our newsletter.

We recommend candidates for membership complete the Online E-Membership registration by scanning the code above. Be sure to use "554" for the **Preferred Local Council** and enter proposer Membership Number in **"Member Referral Number"** field. We will then contact candidate with next degree scheduled.



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

Ohio State Council Charity 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 (provides financial support of the Youngstown Diocesan Media Library for instructional books and videos on our Catholic faith. Council also provides \$500 to an area seminarian through the Supreme Council RSVP program.

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

Council Family Picnic: Council sponsors an annual picnic for the families of our members.

Council Bereavement Committee: When requested, bereavement committee conducts a service at the wake of our deceased members.

Youth Awards and Squires Support: Council awards Youth of the Year and Excellence in Religion Awards to area youths. Council also supports Massillon Columbian Squires Circle 2645 for boys ages 10-18.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Support: Massillon Knights Foundation provide facilities for blood drive six times a year.

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Activities

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a weekly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At St Barbara Church: every Thursday following the 9:00 am Mass. At St Joseph Church: at 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. At St. Mary Church: every Wednesday at 3:30 pm before the close of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
2. **Cemetery Cleanup** Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
3. **Rosary and Novena for Life.** Council 554 round table members sponsors a Rosary and Novena for Life throughout the year. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
4. **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping on the grounds of each of the three churches of the Divine Mercy Parish. This includes maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
5. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at the "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday at St. Joseph Church Hall
6. **Support St Vincent de Paul Society and Community Outreach Serves.** 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. Round Table members also serve the needy at St. Joseph Church Hall with groceries and clothing each Monday. Parishioners at St. Barbara serve the needy with groceries one Saturday of the month.
7. **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 at all three churches of Divine Mercy Parish. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
8. **Parish Social Dinners** Members of the Round Table Committee help with the quarterly social meals following weekend Masses.

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Committee.

<u>St. Joseph Church</u>	Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - tferrero@sssnet.com ,
<u>St Barbara Church</u>	Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - fichterlaw@sssnet.com
<u>St Mary Church</u>	Coordinator: Ken McLaughlin, 330-571 1203 kmac.neo@gmail.com

If you belong to Divine Mercy Parish and have not been getting our notices of round table projects, please send your email address to girtken@sssnet.com. We will include you on future projects that help our pastor, Fr. Sheridan, our parish and our three churches. Thanks.

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 10/14/2025 Present: 14

Opening Prayer The meeting was opened at 7:04 by with a prayer by Chaplain Fr. Mike Seifert followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Chuck Maier to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting as presented. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion carried.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Mike Seifert stated that we are thankful for peace in the Middle East. We also pray that it stays as it is still a fragile peace. He said that today is the feast of St. Calistus who was a Roman slave or a Christian. He gave a brief history of the saint.

Grand Knight's Report: In the absence of Grand Knight Bryan Stewart, Deputy Grand Knight Graham Zeneri gave the report. The Knights are leading the rosary at all the weekend Masses during the month of October. The Massillon Knight's Foundation will have a Clubroom Dinner on Thursday October 16, 2025 with dine in and take out. This will be the last dinner in the clubroom as the Foundation is losing 4 people in the kitchen. The K of C breakfast will be held on Sunday November 9, 2025 at St. Mary's following the 8:00 am Mass. The next Officers and Trustees meeting will be Tuesday October 28, 2025. The next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday November 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Forty Days for Life rosaries are being held in the churches on Sundays at 2:00 pm. With the last one being on November 2. The Massillon-McKinley party will be held in the club room on Saturday October 25, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The ASAP drive is being held in all the churches throughout October. The Measure Up collection will be November 2, 2025.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ken McLaughlin reported the current financial information ending the month of September 2025: Checking balance \$9,545.89; Calendar balance \$14,603.27; Savings account \$64,290.36; Bingo account \$22,007.23; Total all accounts (bingo and calendar included) \$11,044.75; \$23,029.49 was given to charitable projects. He added that in July \$1,497.18 was transferred to the council and \$8,234.49 was given to the Foundation from the bingo machines.

Council 554 Donations: Council donated \$25 for Mass for deceased member Jerome Kemp. Donated \$500 for parish picnic. \$9,920 donated to Massillon Knights Foundation from machines.

Membership: No Report.

Program Director's Report: Community Director Matt Meyer reported that the Blood Drive, Helping Hands, and Highway Clean-up projects were reported to the state. Family Director Bob Pittinger said that the Bereavement project was also reported to the state.

District Deputy Report: No report

Fourth Degree Report: The Blue Mass was held on October 2, 2025 at St. Joseph's. Nine Sir Knights were in the fall out in uniform. The annual gun show fund raiser was the weekend of October 4-5, 2025. The Octoberfest was held on October 7, 2025. An exemplification will be held in Boardman on October 18, 2025. Chris Dodson contacted Chuck in regard to helping purchase a new chalice for Fr. Seagraves. More information will be forthcoming. The Tom and Jerry dinner party will be Saturday December 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Unfinished Business: There will be a meeting on October 23rd to discuss plans for our 125th anniversary dinner. We will purchase pens from Engraver's Gallery. The Columbian Ladies are in favor of naming the grotto after Monsignor Kolp, but there has been no decision as to what would be appropriate to do—plaque, engraved stone?

New Business: FS Paul Haig reported Form 4348 needs to be filed for the Squires. He needs the names of the officers and leaders. He also reported that only 173 football tickets have been sold so far. We are behind last year. They are due November 2.

The Good of the Order: Knight of the Month for August: Brian Jones; Family of the Month: Paul & Elaine Lambert; Volunteer of the Month: Vickie Hartman

Closing Prayer: The meeting was closed by Fr. Seifert at 7:39 pm with the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Respectfully submitted: Thomas Seesan, Council Recorder

2025 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month

	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	John & Judy Birman	Terry Philips	Gary Myers & Sandy Skirtich
February	Mike & Sue Zeigelhofer	Rick Chapis	Karen Franz
March	Bryan & Muffy Stewart	Jerry Luckner	John Blackstone
April	Chuck & Ruthanne Maier	Fr. Mike Seifert	Susie Schertzer
May	Joe & Carol Vilhosky	Matt Meyer	Sue Hall
June	Tom & Chiquita Seesan	Ron Kurpieski	Bob McCauley
July	Matt & Ivy Meyer	Chris Newstetter	Mary Joe Stenger
August	John and Pat Dorka	Ken McLaughlin	Sandy Skirtich
September	Paul & Elaine Lambert	Brian Jones	Vickie Hartman
October	Dale & Barb Piper	Ken Smith	Pat Bolyard

Friday Fish Fry's Every Friday 4pm to 8pm.



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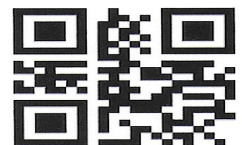
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