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SEPTEMBER 2021

Fraternity, **Patriotism**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

23815 Power Rd ● Farmington ● Michigan ● 48336

WELCOME/WITAMY! VERY REV. CANON WALTER J. PTAK BROTHER KNIGHT AND NEW PASTOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1st OLS CHURCH HALL, Farmington, MI more to read on the inside...

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23 OCT	Past Grand Knight Ball

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



Grand & Sir Knight Jim Filbert

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting with our new church pastor, Very Rev. Canon Father Walter Ptak. We had a very nice conversation and I shared with him some of the Faith & Action causes our council will be focusing on this year. I also shared with him our council's desire to serve the church as its right arm. Father was very welcoming and made clear that he is very supportive of the Knights and our council. I also delivered to him a gift from the Building Corporation which he was very appreciative of. If you missed page 1 of the OLS church bulletin on August 1st here it is again:

This past week, the Knights of Columbus attached to our parish presented me with a check for \$5,000 for the needs of our parish. What a wonderful gift from a great group of men who support, defend and practice the Catholic Faith they have received. I am proud to be among their number and so grateful for all they do for our parish and the Roman Catholic Church around the world. Men, if you are not a Knight, may this serve as a gentle reminder to consider joining us, you will not be disappointed! May God repay our Knights for this generous gift and for all they do for us here at Our Lady of Sorrows!

My Brother Knights I feel we are truly blessed by this new show of support for our council from the parish and I look forward, as I know many of you do as well, to the continued building of a bridge between our council and the clergy at Our Lady of Sorrows. Rest assured our council is building that bridge and I feel very good about the future.

I'm pleased to announce that our council was recently awarded with the Founders Award and Columbian Award for our great work in the previous fraternal year. I'd like to thank our program directors for their outstanding job in leading our council to these joyous victories.

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

www.mikofc2136.org

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Faithful Navigator: William McKeever, PGK

CURRENT ASSEMBLY ACTION IS COLLECTING DRY GOOD, PERSONAL HYGIENE, ETC., ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR VETERAN RECEIPIENTS PLEASE CONTACT

THE PAUL TOTH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR OUR VETERANSFOR DAILY USE, THANK YOU!





Pictured above the 4th degree Color Corp witness the US flag retirement ceremony June 14 at the American Legion Farmington, MI.

Brothers that aspire to complete their Fourth Degree Exemplification may do so September 11

Set your journey to Knighthood with the fourth pillar of our order; PATRIOTISM

Patriots Day 2021

In Marysville, MI
Please contact Gary Mallia for more information
248.496.9838

Please pray for our Faithful Navigator, Bill McKeever as he is cared for at Ascension Hospital

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Calendar of Events St. Francis Council #4401

September 2021

- 1 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 4 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 8 KofC Assembly Meeting Fourth Degree 730pm OLS church hall
- 11 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic Fourth Degree Exemplification Marysville, MI
- 15 KofC Officers Meeting 730 pm church hall-Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows
- 18 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 19 Installation Mass -Pastor Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, 1 pm
- 25 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

October 2021

- 1 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend ALL DAY , Friday, Saturday & Sunday select store fronts
- 2 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 6 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 7 Another Way Pregnancy Centers Dinner Laurel Manor, Livonia 6pm
- 9 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 11 Columbus Day Observed
- 13 KofC Assembly Meeting Fourth Degree 730pm OLS church hall
- 16 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 20 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 23 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic PAST GRAND KNIGHT BALL AFTER 430 PM MASS, TAPESTRY HALL, Southfield
- 30 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

November 2021

- 3 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 6 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 10 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 13 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life— 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 17 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 20 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life—830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

The Sick:

SK Bill McKeever FN	Mike Torakis	Joe Mallia	Theresa Nagy
SK Ed Waldecker Sr. Pablo Martinez Clifford Cox Johnna Weiss Thomas Weiss Karen Jewell Al Dompiere Kelly Elliot Eva Lamonte Josef & Kathy Dukaric Herman Wang	Andy Caruso Lady Ophelia Arganoza Karen Khoury Donna Lance Martha Burkmeyer Shannon, battling cancer Anuth Thakur	Patricia Bailit John Carnaghi Kendra Smyth Chris Battersby Kathy Haywood Martha Burkmyre Chuck Nagi	Mary Beth Wilkinson Donald Tyler L.J.

The Departed:

Amanda Cavanaugh	Rex Miller	Charlie Haeger
Joseph Brauer	Kay Waldecker	Patricia & William A. Dick, my good friend, fellow ush-
Ken Chiara	Mrs. Delong	er, forever in my heart, soul and mind
Jose Martinez	George Hamson	Patrick Freely
Chelsea Ross	David, Michelle &	SK George S. Jagitsch PGK
Christopher Marchant	Dawson Compo	Paul Krutch
Emiliano Arreola	Rosalia Loomis	Ken Hutchinson
Norman D'Angelo	Del Scodellaro	Joey Suhayda
Marianne Deschaine	Michael Flynn	
	Joe Merritt	

Special Intentions:

For my daughter, Aurora	Wyatt & Logan Brans-	Students and teachers	Caleb Rychlinski
The Jagitsch Family	ford	at Sacred Heart	Pro Life
Eva DeLotto	James Plocinik	The Jobless	Our Family
The Garon Family Tom Wilkins	James LeLond	Warriors praying to end	Our Church End of hostilities in Pal-
Frances Nablo	Kathy Sterbling	abortion	estine
Fr. Brauer success at St Hugo	End gun violence	Fr. Jim Livingston	Max Esmay & Family

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Pictured above from (l. to r.) Gary Mallia, J. Michael Smith, Sister Jean Bauman, Tom Rancour and Henry Testa.

KNIGHTS "PASS THE HAT FOR DONATION\$" AT THE LAST CONCIL MEETING

Local widespread power outages and wind/water damage brought, "**Knights in Action**" for the Bernandine Franciscan Sisters in Farmington Hills. Not the first time helping our local religious at their home, the purpose of our donation was to assist with costs related to power outage damage at the convent. They had 4 large trees come down on the property, some wet carpeting in the Chapel, a little loss of frozen foods and lots of inconveniences. Knights stepped up and dug deep again. WE LOVE YOU SISTER JEAN! Hope this helps.



On July 18 after the 1 pm Mass, Knights gathered to award a \$1000 scholarship to Madeline Kenney, winner of the St. Francis Council Essay Scholarship. Madeline attended OLS grade school, Mercy High School graduating with a 3.9 GPA and will attend Hope College in Holland, MI this fall. Congratulations to all participants and to Madeline as we wish her success in her bright future as a Catholic student at a Christian College. Her father, Mike, is an active Knight and vibrant parishioner here at OLS.

Pictured presenting the award are Grand Knight Jim Filbert & Joe Gromala to scholarship recipient Madeline Kenny

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Annual "Tootsie Roll Drive"



Weekend starting Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 01, 02 & 03

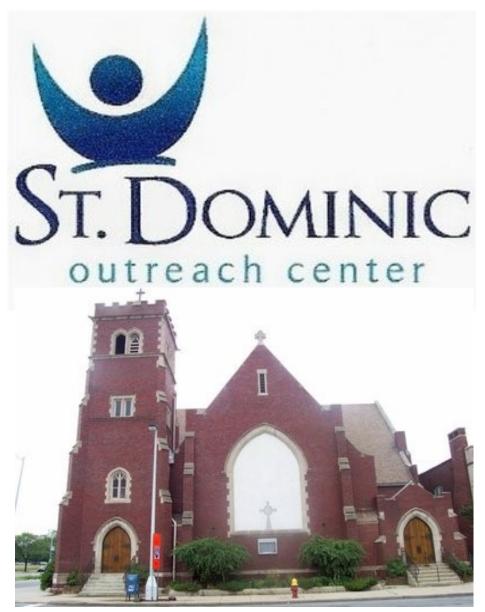
To benefit Children and Adults
With Disabilities

All proceeds benefit local charity groups Contact Henry Testa, Program Director 248.770.7010

Knights will solicit at select local store fronts Volunteers are needed for all locations, all times available

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

Set some time aside to volunteer, this is what we do!



St. Dominic Outreach Ctr. 4835 Lincoln Detroit, MI 48208

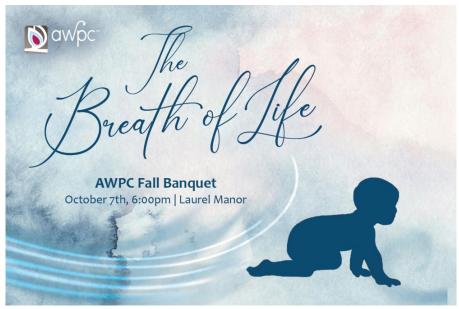
Phone (313) 831-6070 Fax (313) 831-1224 stdominiccenter@aol.com

Now led by Fr. Mario Amore, St. Dominic Outreach Center is one of the Franciscan Ministries of Detroit which include St. Alovsius and St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services. The Outreach Center is open to all and works with other agencies to meet the needs of our neighbors. Well-nurtured "bridging" relationships with partner parishes are the key life's blood of the Center. Since 2005, the Outreach Center has significantly enhanced the range of programs and increased the numbers of families served.

COLLECTION DATE SEPTEMBER 01, 2021 AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OLS CHURCH HALL CALL TOM RANCOUR 248.346.4410 OR HENRY TESTA 248.770.7010

Needed: Canned; vegetables, fruit, tuna/salmon, grape/strawberry jelly. Men's clothing; underwear, socks, shirts, pants, new & gently used winter coats. Personal hygiene; soaps of all use, oral care items, paper products, health & beauty aids for both women and men. Monetary donations can be sent by check to Tony DiPonio c/o Calhoun & DiPonio PLC, 29828 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, MI 48034

(Knights award to..."THE _____ donation!")



AWPC, Inc., 31700 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 230, Farmington Hills, MI, 48334(248) 939-5900 communications@awpc4life.com

Contact Tom Herrmann 248.661.0605 atherrmann825@gmail.com

Please join us in celebrating and thanking God for the ministry of Another Way Pregnancy Center! We will share the successes and challenges of the past year, and you will have the chance to hear from guest speaker, Jennifer Christie. Jennifer will be sharing her powerful story of choosing life for her baby! A baby that was conceived through a traumatic attack, which had the world pushing her toward abortion. She is a nationally certified sign language interpreter whose story went viral. It's been translated into dozens of languages and has appeared across the globe. Her 3-minute testimony before Iowa legislators in March 2018 on behalf of the Heartbeat Bill went viral as well. Please be aware that her story is a difficult one to be heard, though it needs to be shared. We advise all parents to use discretion when determining if their adolescent children should attend and advise that younger children not attend.

ATTENTION:

BROTHER KNIGHTS NEEDED SATURDAY & SUNDAY AUGUST 28 & 29
BEFORE AND AFTER ANY OR EVERY MASS
OLS MINISTRY FAIR PARTICIPATION
OUTSIDE CHURCH ENTRANCES
TO BE WITNESS, ENLIGHTEN, PROFESS
THE BENEFIT YOU ARE BEING A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN
WITH THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SHOW OUR STRENGTH!

Council 4401 St. Francis of Assisi Knight of the Year

Tom Rancour

It is with great honor and pride that we announce our 2020-2021 Knight of the Year Award as having been bestowed to Brother Knight Tom Rancour, our council's Community Director and Trustee!

As Community Director, Tom helped lead our council's efforts with various charitable and community outreach programs such as Coats for Kids, Leave No Neighbor Behind, our OLS School Essay Contest, our Faith & Action programs, and our monthly charity drives. Tom's commitment to the church, our parish, our neighbors in need, and our order's highest values exemplifies in every way what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Our council is blessed to have men like Tom leading our charge and lighting the way for others to follow on the path of Christ.

We look forward to Tom leading us well into the future and for all of the many great things he will continue to lead our members in. Thank you to Tom and his wife Nancy for sacrificing their time to benefit so many lives in need. Their contributions will be felt by many for years to come.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Filbert, Grand Knight



Accepting his award recognition pictured is Tom on the left with Grand Knight Jim Filbert

FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2020-2021 DAN & KRISTEN, THEIR CHILDREN; LILY, GABRIELLE, SAMANTHA, MADELINE, AVA, ANTHONY & JOSEPHINE CONGRATULATIONS!

The Wolocko family is pictured below at the annual Knights Corn Roast. Grand Knight Jim Filbert (far right) and Program Director Henry Testa (far left) presented the award at the fun filled and great picnic food event sponsored by the council. We are blessed for this beautiful God given gift, a model for our Catholic family rich in faith. We are proud having the Wolocko Family as part of our council. Dan (middle with award), Samantha (holding the other award next to mom Kristen), Ava & Anthony (up front) walked in the Farmington Founders Day Parade in July with fellow Knights. The children were distributing tootsie rolls to parade watchers. Baby Josephine was just baptized a few weeks ago. What a great group!



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Our **Past Grand Knight Ball** will be held on **Saturday October 23rd** so please save the date now in your calendars. The PGK Ball is typically held every 2 years but because of circumstances, this October will mark 4 years since our last one. The PGK ball is THE event to be at. If there was only one event this year you could attend, the PGK ball should be it. Please try your best to be available to show your support for our council and Past Grand Knight Henry Testa.

I invite you all to attend our monthly council meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Our council meetings are informative, mission centric, and designed so you'll walk away with a meaningful message. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and I'm looking forward to this being a great year for our council!

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Filbert, Grand Knight

Faith & Action Donations 2021-2022

Below you will find our approved annual giving for various Faith & Action programs throughout the year. We are excited to help contribute to these great causes and look forward to having a successful year of programs.

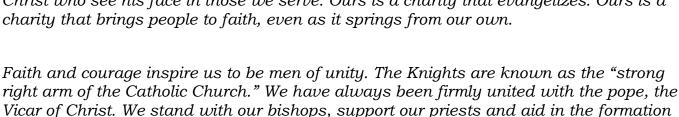
Family	
Food for Families - CARES	\$ 500.00
Food for Families - St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 1,000.00
Consecration to the Holy Family	\$ 100.00
Family of the Year	\$ 1,000.00
Keep Christ in Christmas Banner	\$ 300.00
Community	
Helping Hands - Franciscan Poverty Program	\$ 1,000.00
Coats for Kids	\$ 1,100.00
OLS School Essay Contest	\$ 400.00
Youth Sports	\$ 500.00
TBD Community/OLS Programs	\$ 500.00
Life	
Pregnancy Center Support	\$ 2,000.00
Christian Refugee Relief	\$ 500.00
Ultrasound support	\$ 500.00
Special Needs Christmas party (4th Degree)	\$ 700.00
2000 Crosses	\$ 200.00
Right to Life Michigan	\$ 500.00
Faith	
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	\$ 300.00
First Communion Gifts	\$ 600.00
Seminarian Super Bowl Party	\$ 300.00
Sisters of Mexico	\$ 500.00
St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center	\$ 500.00
Seminarian Support	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 15,500.00

Excerpt from the 139th Supreme Convention Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

I am often asked what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. My answer is simple. A Knight lives by faith and leads by creative courage. Faith and courage compel us to be men of charity.

It is often said "Where there's a need, there's a Knight." And we prove it every day. We feed hungry families, give coats to kids, protect the vulnerable from catastrophe, and defend the unborn. We rebuild churches in the Middle East and build homes for the homeless in our communities. But we are not merely volunteers. We are servants of

Christ who see his face in those we serve. Ours is a charity that evangelizes. Ours is a



We strengthen the family — the domestic church —helping men build strong marriages and raise faithful children. We strive to be the family's first line of defense, encouraging men to embrace their vocation to heroic generosity and self-sacrifice.

We are called to protect the truth from those who deny it, and bring the truth to those who need it. Our fidelity to Christ is the source of our unity; we are proud to proclaim it, far and wide.

Finally, faith and courage bind us together in fraternity.

of seminarians and religious.

A Knight of Columbus is never alone. Each one of us stands side-by-side with brothers in our parish and around the world. At a time when men are increasingly isolated, we offer solidarity. At a time when men are searching, we offer meaning and mission.

Fraternity amplifies all we do. It broadens our charity and deepens our unity. Alone, a man can do good works. Alongside his brother Knights, he can rise to greatness.

So, what does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Catholic men are looking for nothing less. In the Knights of Columbus, they will find it.

Read or watch the full report at www.kofc.org

ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

NORMAN	GOERS	09-26-1965 56				
RONALD L	BEAUDOIN	09-01-1969 51	REGINALD	LASKEY		09-01
PATRICK G	DUNLEAVY	09-01-1979 41	JOHN	TEMPLIN		09-02
			FRANCIS	KENNEDY		09-04
MICHAEL C	MC GRATH	09-01-1981 40	IMOKHAI	SULE	JR	09-04
ROBERT A	BYWALEC	09-01-1982 39	DONALD	BERNHARD		09-06
BRIAN M	SUOMALA	09-01-1983 38	MATTHEW	KIPF		09-11
RONALD G	ACHO	09-01-1986 35	JOHN	CUSCHIERI		09-13
ROMAN J	BELOBRADICH	09-01-1991 30	BRIAN	KRASICKY		09-14
			DAN	MEYERS		09-17
CARL W	CADIEUX	09-01-2010 11	COLBY	MILLER		09-17
AARON M	DICK	09-27-2011 10	STANLEY	WILKINS		09-19
BENJAMIN R	VOSS	09-27-2011 10	RALPH	KOCH		09-20
BRUCE P	LILLEY	09-18-2012 9	WALTER	PIECHOWSKI		09-21
JASON A	CAVANAUGH	09-19-2012 9	AARON	DICK		09-23
MAICHAEL	IZENINIEW	00 17 2014 7				
MICHAEL O	KENNEY	09-17-2014 7	RYAN	BURKHARDT		09-23
DONALD E	SLUSSER	09-17-2014 7	GREGORY	TOKARSKI		09-28
DONALD	ZALEK	09-17-2014 7				
SEBASTIAN	ABATE	09-02-2015 6	DAVID	POGGIONE		09-29
			KEVIN	RYAN		09-29

FAMILY OF THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021

DAN & KRISTEN WOLOCKO THEIR CHILDREN; LILY, GABRIELLE, SAMANTHA, MADELLYN, AVA, ANTHONY & JOSEPHINE

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2021

TIM GELLETLEY

(Tim is pictured left of GK Jim)



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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Farmington, Michigan

The Knights of Columbus
St. Francis
Council
#4401

FY 2020 Council Officers & Directors & Building Corp.

Chaplain	TBD	248-474-5720
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Building Corp. President	Tom Pegler	248-207-1225
Chancellor	Mike Kandah	248-637-1166
Warden	SK Bob Plocinik	734-812-2738
Recorder	Pat Dwyer	248-471-4088
Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	248-302-8016
Vocations Director	Alan Redmond	616-970-8617
Advocate & Membership	SK George Curran	248-477-7940
Financial Secretary	SK Tony DiPonio	248-721-2564
Trustee 3 year	Mike Evangelista	248-912-8113
Trustee 2 year/Newsletter Editor	SK Dean Wojtowicz	248-794-3582
Trustee 1 Year/Community Director	Tom Rancour	248-346-4410
Program Director	SK Henry Testa	248-770-7010
Life Director/Guard	SK Tom Herrmann	248-661-0605
Faith Director/Guard	Tim Gelletly	313-595-8071
Building Corp Treas./Guard	SK David Trumpy	248-477-5680
Guard	John Sule	
Building Corp	SK Joe Hejka	248-789-2557
Building Corp	SK Joe Gromala	248-474-9775
Nursing Visitation	5.01.4.4	240 442 0702
	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	Bill Martz TBD	248-442-9783

Who are the knights?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.9 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Membership benefits

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the *Columbia* magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits.

How to join

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application forms are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus. Our membership chairman is George Curran. George can be reached at (248) 477-7940.

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