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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and to all

A GOOD KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS!

**For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is
Messiah and Lord. Luke 2:11**

DATES TO REMEMBER

25 DEC THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
05 JAN Monthly Council Meeting
08 JAN Epiphany Gathering
**26 JAN Officer Meeting and
Exemplification**
**25 MAR WEEKEND Retreat St Paul of
The Cross**

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights - Vivat Jesus!



Grand & Sir Knight Jim Filbert

This season, the season of Christmas, is when we are supposed to join in the embrace of God's tender love and mercy. When we share our love and be most kind to others, especially those in need. But unfortunately, the world we live in is not always that kind and we realize that the Lord's embrace is not felt by everyone. Every few years we turn on the news to hear about a certain kind of story that makes your heart ache and your stomach turn the moment you see a headline containing two specific words: school and shooting. Typically though, as terrible as those events are, they always take place on the other side of the country. Columbine Colorado, Parkland Florida, Sandy Hook Connecticut. Until just yesterday when 4 students were killed at Oxford High School just 45 minutes from here. We all stop from time to time and think to ourselves what could cause someone to commit such an act. It's really easy to just say, "well, if they had faith and accepted Jesus maybe they wouldn't have." Well, maybe that's true. But what does that mean for us? What role do people like you and I play? I always thought phrases like "Love stops hate" were kind of cliché and corny. But maybe the simplicity really is the answer. Maybe sharing kindness, especially with strangers, opens a world of possibility to put down thoughts of hate. Maybe one of the reasons people hate is because they think that's how the world is... that there is nothing except hate, and they don't really know kindness. I'm not one of those hippies with a message of "let's just all love each other, man," but think about this for a moment: What is the kindest thing a complete stranger has ever done for you? Now think about what is the kindest thing you have ever done for a complete stranger. Maybe all it takes is a very small effort to show people that there is kindness in the world and that everyone doesn't just hate each other. Is that something that God calls on us to do?

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4th DEGREE NEWS

St. Francis of Assisi Assembly #2136

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Knight in Shining Armor - Ryan Arndt

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the Shining Armor Award is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is. The concept of the Shining Armor Award is to introduce new members to the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as early as possible and assist in maintaining that activity and also honor them as a valued member of the order. **Congratulations to Ryan Arndt**, our council's newest Knight in Shining Armor!



Calendar of Events

St. Francis Council #4401

December 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 Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 11 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 15 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 18 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 25 **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

January 2022

- 5 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 8 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
EPIPHANY GATHERING CELEBRATION
- 12 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 15 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 22 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 26 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall EXEMPLIFICATION at 630pm
- 29 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

February 2022

- 2 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 5 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 9 KofC Business Meeting Fourth Degree 730 pm OLS church hall
- 12 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic
- 16 KofC Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m. church hall
- 19 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd
- 26 STIR Ministry-Family Ctr 6 am Rosary for Life– 830 am Evergreen Rd, Southfield clinic

March 2022

- 2 KofC Council Meeting 730 pm OLS church hall –rosary prayer 7pm in church
- 23 Retreat Weekend at St Paul of the Cross

The Sick:

SK Ed Waldecker Sr. Pablo Martinez Clifford Cox Johnna Weiss Thomas Weiss Joan Joyce Great grandma Kendra Jack Strong Ed Dissmond Carole Whinnery	Mike Torakis Lady Ophelia Arganoza Donna Lance Betty Kohler Shannon, battling cancer Anuth Thakur Sue Larabell	Joe Mallia Patricia Bailit Kendra Smyth Kendra Cowan Robert Kerberi Cecilia Bach Jim Eldridge Patricia Balint	Theresa Nagy Mary Beth Wilkinson Donald Tyler Dalilah Tomlinson Max Distelrath Marie Walkie Bill Nhut Sr Patricia Balint Nick Cook
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The Departed:

SK William D McKeever Amanda Cavanaugh Joseph Brauer Ken Chiara Jose Martinez Chelsea Ross Christopher Marchant Emiliano Arreola Norman D'Angelo Ed Desmond Jerry Stribell Steven Kerns	Rose Benoit Ron Piper PGK Mrs. Delong George Hamson David, Michelle & Dawson Compo Rosalia Loomis Fr Jack Child Dick Dwyer Conner Toth	Charlie Haeger Fr Elmer Patrick Freely SK George S. Jagitsch PGK Paul Krutch Rosalie Hebler Elizabeth Edwards Jerry Stribell Renato Maffezzoli Fred Arganoza PGK PFN Italina Bonucchi
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Special Intentions:

For my daughter, Aurora The Jagitsch Family Eva DeLotto The Garon Family Tom Wilkins Frances Nablo	Wyatt & Logan Bransford James Plocinik James LeLond Kathy Sterbling	The Koralewski Family Families forced from their homes Those suffering from addiction Lauren Preninger and Tyler Kohl Baby Phillips	Souls in purgatory Our nation & veterans
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Maybe a small act of kindness is in fact the Holy Spirit telling you, “do this small deed for this stranger. Do this small act of kindness because this person needs to see that there is more to the world than just hate.” So here’s my Christmas challenge to all my Brother Knights: one small act for a total stranger this December. No, you don’t need to buy presents for the entire children’s hospital. But be on the lookout for that one small thing the Holy Spirit calls on you to do. The one little thing that might show someone who believes they live in a world of hate that there is kindness... and without saying one word you may convince them otherwise.

Last week marked the first day of opening arguments in the Supreme Court case of Dobbs vs Jackson, the largest and most impactful abortion related case the United States has seen in decades. This case, originating in Mississippi, will decide the fate of Roe vs Wade for at least the next few decades and is expected to be argued for the next few months. There are a lot of excuses that the other side comes up with when trying to justify abortion. A few of them can be sensitive or uncomfortable to debate but probably the worst among them is that no life is better than a poor life. That it’s somehow humane to spare a child from dysfunction or from being an inconvenience. That somehow having an abortion is merciful, like putting down a dog when he’s become too old to go on. Wherever this case in the Supreme Court lands - our fight on the side of life will not be over. Overturning Roe v Wade sounds like a monumental victory... but the truth is that’s when the fight will get its ugliest. When states will have to have their own abortion debates and pass their own new legislation. That’s when the worst arguments will be at the forefront and when the worst attitudes about abortion will be on display.

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2021 MICHAEL KANDAH



ALSO SEE PAGE 11 REGARDING COATS FOR KIDS AND
MIKE'S CONNECTION WITH THIS ENDEAVOR

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2021
AARON, MELISSA, MEHGAN
DICK**



Aaron is pictured centered above with Dan Wolocko left and Jim Filbert right. Aaron and Family has coordinated the Christmas lights installed outside the OLS church campus the last few years with the help of parishioners.

GREAT JOB & THANK YOU!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING



December's Guest Lecture was by Ray Maffezzoli on art and imagery in the Catholic Church. Make it a point to hear one of SK Ray's presentations in the near future at a Knights meeting soon again.

To all brothers;
if you have questions, concerns, comments, editorials, pictures,
other additions or corrections regarding
The Counselor
please submit them to the editor or any Knight
in the directory at the end of this publication
Thank you all and Merry Christmas!
the editorial staff

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

C.A.R.E.S.

CARES stands for Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services. CARES is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. Their mission is to offer comprehensive support services for individuals and their families in and around the Farmington /Southfield/Redford area that are in need or have limited access to everyday necessities due to insufficient financial resources or family instability. Currently, CARES operates a food pantry and a Busch's sponsored mini-market open to the public, where proceeds go to the pantry. CARES also provides clothing, job education and training. Website: <http://caresfh.org> During St Francis of Assisi Council 4401 November 3rd business meeting, a special collection between all of the Knights attending occurred and a total of \$1100 dollars was generously donated to help CARES purchase food for the needy families of the area they serve.

Pictured below is from l. to r. Tom Rancour, Todd Lipa, Sharon Brandel, Henry Testa, Tom Pegler, Kitty Ostach, an unnamed CARES staff member and Tim Cobb.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION ARE COATS FOR KIDS

Sir Knight Tom Rancour, Community Director of St. Francis of Assisi Council 4401—Our Lady of Sorrows worked with **Grand Knight Jim Filbert** to solicit contributions from our membership to double last years output for the “Coats for Kids” program. The Knights of St. Francis of Assisi Council stepped up to take personal responsible to make sure every child has a winter coat. A total of \$1920.00 was raised.

The acting-Principal of Fisher Elementary School in the South Redford Detroit School District is **Sir Knight Michael Kandah**. Michael is also the Chancellor of our Council. He shared with the council the needs of this elementary school where parents are struggling to make ends meet.

A total of 96 coats were delivered to Fisher Elementary School by St. Francis of Assisi Council on Friday November 19, 2021. Brian Galdes, Superintendent of the South Redford School District, Michael Kandah Acting Principal and SK Jim Filbert—Grand Knight were shown in this picture. Thank you to Tom Rancour, Community Director, and all the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi Council for your continued generosity.





KNIGHTS CHARITY

St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 4401 made a \$1000 monetary contribution to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary located in Celaya, Mexico, as they are building a new monastery in order to host more cloistered Nuns in their congregation.

The Order of the Visitation was founded in 1610 by St. Francis de Sales and Saint Jane Frances de Chantal in France. The Order was given the name of The Visitation of Holy Mary with the intention that the sisters would follow the example of Virgin mary and her joyful visit to her kinswoman Elizabeth, and event celebrated as “The Visitation”. Members are also known as the Visitandines or Visitation Sisters.

As of this year, there are 150 autonomous Visitation monasteries throughout the world, in Asia, Africa, North—Central & South America, Korea and the Philippines. Above is a picture of the construction in progress.

Grand Knight Report (continued from page 6)

I am pleased to announce that at our last officer meeting we have decided to move forward with our annual Epiphany Party planned for January 8th at the American Legion. Because of recent developments with COVID-19 I want to be exceptionally clear that this gathering is optional and while it's always been a nice evening in previous years it's not one of those events that you will feel a deep sense of regret if you choose to miss it. If you are concerned or hesitant due to public health I encourage you to do what you believe is best and not feel a sense of obligation to attend.

I'm also very pleased to announce that a few weeks ago our council successfully delivered 96 winter coats to children in need at Fisher Elementary School. We were grateful to meet with the Superintendent of South Redford Schools and of course the Acting School Principal our very own Worthy Chancellor Mike Kandah for the delivery. This was a monumental achievement of charity for our council and one that we should all be very proud of.

On December 15th we will be having another new member exemplification before this month's officer meeting. I encourage you all to invite men who you think would make a fine addition to our council to become members of the Knights of Columbus to aid in the work we do.

I wanted to take a moment to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and to thank you for all of your support in time and energy that you've given to our council this year to make us such a positive force for good. Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus!

ANNIVERSARIES

LAWRENCE	LAETHEM	12-01-1970 51
GARY	BERLIN	12-01-1989 32
GEORGE	KENDALL	12-01-1989 32
JOHN	KRUSE	12-17-2002 19
PATRICK	DWYER	12-13-2005 16
GARY	MALLIA	12-03-2006 15
RANDAL	D AMORE	12-06-2006 15
JOSEPH	GROMALA	12-06-2006 15
PAUL	BEDARD	12-02-2007 14
JOSEPH	LESNEK	12-02-2007 14
ROBERT	SAYERS	12-02-2009 12
JOSEPH	SMITH	12-02-2009 12
DAVID	DEREYNA	12-05-2012 9
STEVEN	MURPHY	12-04-2013 8
ANDREW	WILKINS	12-04-2013 8
NATHAN	MC NULTY	12-03-2014 7
CHRISTOPHER	O DONNELL	12-03-2014 7
BRIAN	PASEK	12-03-2014 7
ALAN	REDMOND	12-03-2014 7
ANTONIO	STEPHEN	12-03-2014 7
THEODORE	DEVINE	12-19-2018 2
DOMINIC	NIETO	12-19-2018 3
MARK	RYCHLINSKI	12-19-2018 3

December Birthdays

RICHARD	WALKER	12-01
BRUCE	SUPPELSA	12-04
RICHARD	MELDRUM	12-04
STEVEN	BAKER	12-04
MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	12-07
DONALD	RUSAS	12-08
WILLIAM	KOSS	12-10
WILLIAM	SWORDS	12-17
THOMAS	HERRMANN	12-18
RONALD	ACHO	12-18
JOHN	TOMEI	12-18
MARIO	FERRINI	12-23
TOMASZ	BOLEY	12-23
CHRISTOPHER	CULLEN	12-26
MICHAEL	KENNEY	12-27
W	SCHMID	12-28



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Warden	SK Bob Plocinik	734-812-2738
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Treasurer	Mark Rychlinski	248-302-8016
Vocations Director	TBD	
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	248-924-0511
Building Corp	SK Joe Hejka	248-789-2557
Building Corp	SK Joe Gromala	248-474-9775
Nursing Visitation	Bill Martz	248-442-9783
Lecturer	TBD	
Insurance Field Agent	SK Greg Bennett	248-884-4095

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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