

KNIGHTHOOD

Council 15659 - St. Lucy of Racine



Faith

Men's Bible Study and Rosary,
Holy Hour, Adoration, That
Man is You! (TMIY)



Community

Habitat for Humanity, Food for
Families.



Family

Family of the Month, Family
Prayer Night/Open House.



Life

Respect life from conception
until natural death.

Membership

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Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! As we begin, let us recall the many blessings we had in 2022. Our council had a significant impact on our parishes and communities. We have provided opportunities for spiritual growth and enrichment with our support and leadership of the Saturday Morning Men's Group, monthly Holy Hours, Sunday Night Bible Study, Evangelization at the County Fair, and Wednesday morning study. We have supported Life Programs, in particular support of Alliance Family Services and ProLife Wisconsin with our financial contributions, and participating in the blessing of the ultrasound machine. We have supported our parishes by volunteering for the parish festival, supporting the Lenten Fish Frys, ushering and other ministering at Masses, and catechists for religious education. There are also Coats for Kids and Habitat for Humanity. The list is not all-inclusive, so please excuse me if I missed an event or program.

Our church begins the calendar year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. This is the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, and we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

Dearest Mother Mary, you were graced with a grace beyond any other. You were preserved from all sin and remained perfectly obedient to the will of God throughout your life. As a result, you became the perfect instrument of the Savior of the World by becoming His mother, the Mother of God. Pray for me that I may ponder this great mystery of our faith this day and ever more deeply rejoice in the incomprehensible beauty of your motherly soul. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Coming Up

- Helping Hands Food Pantry
– Food Donations accepted
- 1st Saturday Men's Rosary
– 6:30 a.m., St. Lucy
- Sunday Readings Bible Study
– Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., St. Lucy
- That Man is You! (TMIY)
– Fridays, 6:45 a.m., The Dish
- Most Chaste Heart - St. Joseph
– 1st Wednesday (fast for bride)
- Adoration
– Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9-3:00
- Men's Formation Group
– Wed., 7:00 a.m., St. Lucy
- Holy Hour
– 2nd, 6:00 p.m., St. Lucy
- Officer's Meeting
– 3rd, 6:30 p.m., St. Lucy
- Member's Meeting
– 10th, 6:30 p.m., St. Lucy
- Men of Christ Leadership Mtg
– 14th, 7:30 a.m., Muskego
- Habitat for Humanity
– 14th, see Clem Bauer
- Assembly 1207 (4th Degree)
– 23rd, 7:30 p.m., McGivney

Officers

GK-Philip Diehn, DGK-Erwin Lim, FS-Ryan Anderson, Chaplain-Dcn Eric Sewell, Chancellor-Don Klemt, Recorder-Greg Schneider, Treasurer-Earl Wirtz, Advocate-Greg Holding, Warden-Joe Weitach, IG-Al Roszkowski, OG-Pat Metzker, Lecturer-Paul Thomas, Trustees-Bill Carlisle, Jim Johnson, Rick Legois.

A great opportunity to learn more about your faith is to participate in "The Catechism in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension. In 365 days, Fr. Mike Schmitz will read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. The first episode will be launched on January 1st, 2023!

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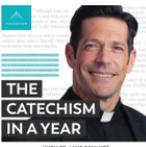
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Please mark on your calendar the date for the **Men of Christ Conference, Saturday, March 11, 2023**. This year there will be a collaboration with the parishes of Kenosha and Racine to hold a larger gathering of men locally and will be held at Carthage College. This is a great opportunity to invite other men to join us and also an opportunity for spiritual growth for members of our council.

Vivat Jesus!

Philip Diehn, Grand Knight Council 15659

St. Joseph and Fr. McGivney, please pray for us!

Our Vision:

This *band of brothers* stands united and dedicated to doing good works in the service of God and our neighbor.



COUNCIL 15659



Faith-Based, Parish-Focused, & Star Council
Serving St. Lucy & St. Sebastian Parishes

Instituted March 10, 2013

Articles are due one week before the first of the month

As we celebrate the Christmas season and look back at the past year, Knights around the world remain steadfast in the mission of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, to care for the widow and the orphan. Protecting life, strengthening families, supporting the Church and serving in charity wherever there is a need, they continue to demonstrate that “where there is a need, there is a Knight.”



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addresses attendees at an event at First Choice Women's Resource Center in New Brunswick, N.J. Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen and other K of C leaders were present to celebrate the 1500th ultrasound machine the Knights of Columbus donated to pregnancy care centers through its Ultrasound Initiative.

2022 Year in Review

Amid war, natural disasters and political change in 2022, Knights around the globe stood for freedom, defended life, shared the faith and offered help to families in need. This end-of-the-year video highlights some of the Order's many accomplishments over a year marked by various milestones, challenges and new initiatives. [WATCH NOW](#)



A Ukrainian woman carries away a Knights of Columbus care package that she received during her visit to the Albertine Brothers.

Packages for Ukraine

Knights in Poland, with assistance from volunteers, have assembled and sent more than 100,000 care packages to Ukraine since the Russian invasion last February. These packages are received by Knights in Lviv, Ukraine, and distributed throughout the country to those in need. During a five-day visit at the beginning of Advent, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly joined brother Knights in both countries preparing and delivering care packages to help Ukrainian families celebrate Christmas.

“The message I delivered today to the refugees that I met was that you are not alone in this crisis,” the supreme knight said. “The Knights of Columbus are here with you, and it is our job to serve others.” [WATCH NOW](#) | [LEARN MORE](#)

December 2022 Newsletter

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Bishops, Priest and State and membership,

Tempus fugit memento Mori, times fly, remember death,

During the month of November, a family with the Knights of Columbus gave me a book and challenged me to a month with our friends, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church sets a whole month aside for us to pray and remember, starting with All Souls' Day and going through to the last day of November. As I journeyed through the month and reflected on the relatives I have lost and the friends and benefactors of my life, I realized that I had forgotten my fathers and my great-grandparents in my everyday life. I had also relegated praying for these people to the prayers at mass, mostly the prayers for the faithful. The tiny book handed me has turned my daily routine into a blessing of unimaginable gifts of witness and hope.

The Knights of Columbus has so many genuine and unique things to offer to our generation and the next. It is hard for me to get a grasp on the response, "Yeah I like what the Knights do, but I don't really have time for them or to be one right now." To me, that is like saying, "Don't worry. I am never going to die; I know everyone else has but not me!!!"

We must be charitable and show, with our actions and works, the Truth to these people. They need to belong to the Knights. The lives they live will be better for it. We can prove it by our own stories of mercies, because of the well-founded organization. The beauty of the Saints and the path they chose lead to Charity, we can be Charitable to the souls in Purgatory with our actions that will inspire a future generation to look forward to a short but fruitful life.

My hope for you reading this would be for you to look for ways to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and offer Masses for your loved ones. Do small sacrifices to gain indulgences for those who suffer the purifying fires mercy, so that their sins will be remitted, and their rest will be a rest of refreshment and light. We can do much and I know for one--I need to do better.

Blessing of Thanksgiving to you all and Merry Christmas as well!!

Vivat Jesus,
Tim Nowak, General Agent

