



# St. Lawrence Council Knight Life



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## Grand Knights Report

WELCOME EVERYONE!

That's how we started the annual St. Pat's Party this year. I would like to thank Joe Lograsso for once again chairing our biggest FUN raiser event of the year. It was great to see everyone Rockin along to the band celebrating St. Patrick's Day. It also takes help from a large group of dedicated volunteers. Thanks to all who came out of Friday morning to unload the tables and chairs, and those who came Friday Night to make the gym look more festive for the party. A BIG thank you to all those who worked so hard in the kitchen. It's a BIG job preparing the food, serving the dinner and cleaning it up. Our bar crew did a fantastic job of keeping everyone well hydrated during the evening – thank you! Our 50/50 and Raffles were a huge success and we thank all our sponsors for helping to make it all happen.

### Moving on to MORE events...

Thanks to everyone who attended the Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 30 at 10am Mass. It's always great to have a good showing of Knights and their families from our council at Mass.

Finally, don't forget that April 4-6 is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Tootie Roll" / MI Drive. Please consider donating and/or working a corner for the Council to help collect donations from the public. As one of the top Councils in the state for the annual drive, it helps us to provide contributions to many worthy organizations in our local area and here at St. Lawrence who help the mentally impaired.

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon  
Grand Knight  
Council #2950



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**Council Meetings**

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

**Note: Location subject to change, members will be notified by email**

**General Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

Rosary Starting at 6:30pm

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm

**Officer's Meeting**

Last Thursday of the Month

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm.

(all members are invited)

**Knights Corporation Meetings**

Apr 7 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

May 5 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

Jun 2 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10:00PM

**Knight Life**

All articles that are requested to be in the May Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than April 28, 2025. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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# April Feast Days

## April 13 – Palm Sunday

### Prayer for Peace and Justice

"Lord of Peace, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Jesus's peaceful entry, we pray for peace in our hearts, homes, and world. Inspire us to carry forward the message of justice and peace that Jesus brought to Jerusalem. Empower us to be instruments of Your peace, advocating for the marginalized and working towards justice for all of Your creation. Hosanna in the Highest!



## April 17 – Holy Thursday

Jesus prepared for the cross and gave the apostles the Lord's Supper to remember Him. From that day on, whenever His people gathered to break bread, they would remember His body on the cross and His gift to them. Lord, I cannot fully comprehend the magnitude of Your sacrifice. Help me live my life in remembrance of You.

## April 18 – Good Friday

Jesus, I grieve that the torture and sorrow You endured on the cross were necessary to save humanity. You didn't want us enslaved to fear, anxiety, or sin—so You sacrificed Yourself so that Love could win. It's Love that hung upon the cross and gave up everything to rescue us.



## April 20 – Easter Sunday

May this Easter season fill your heart with joy and gratitude, and may the prayers you've prayed continue to guide and strengthen your faith throughout the year. As we celebrate the risen Lord, let us live in the light of His resurrection, walking in faith, hope, and love each day. Easter may be a season on the calendar, but its message is eternal. May the power of Christ's resurrection continue to inspire and uplift you, today and always. Amen.



# Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry



Brothers,

As many of you know the Knights instituted a prayer ministry around two years ago to pray for our fellow Knights and their family members. Since then, it has expanded and we now pray for the members of St. Lawrence who come to the church office for prayers. There are currently twelve members of our Council who are in the group and they pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at least once a week for those who are on the list. Since we have many members in our Council, I'd like to extend the invitation to join the group. Most of the current members pray the chaplet every day for various intentions and it takes about eight minutes to complete the chaplet. If any of you are interested in joining, please contact Dennis Murray by email. [dennismurray975@gmail.com](mailto:dennismurray975@gmail.com).

## How to Recite the Chaplet

### 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### 2. Optional Opening Prayer – Jesus said to Faustina

My Daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense. I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just of anger of my Father. (Diary, 1516).

### 3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### 4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death Amen.

### 5. The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and from thence He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### 6. The Eternal Father

I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### 7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

### 8. Repeat for the remaining decades

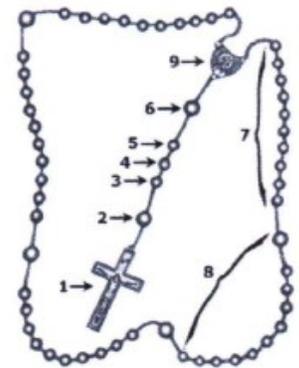
Saying the "External Father (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

### 9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world.

### 10. Optional Closing Prayers

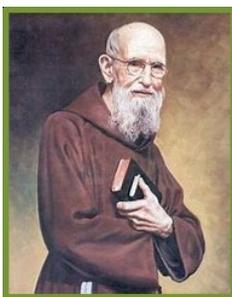
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion is inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.





Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering.

Tina Attard	Don Heydens Jr.	Rick Lumetta	Iris Singer
Peter Backus	Jerry Higgins	Ann Monroe	Stan Singer
Robert Broderdorf Jr.	Elmer Holz	Finley Monroe	Kelly Sobeck
Michelle Campbell	Mark Holz	Della Mulka	Robert Stone
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Fran Genovich	Susie Langeveld	Paulette Sawdon	Laura Wroza
Barb Heydens	Dan Lekki	Carol Sienkowski	Cindy Zapinski



The Father Solanus Casey prayer for healing is a powerful way to heal yourself and others by using his words as a guide. The best part? It's free! Here's how it works:

Ask Father Solanus Casey to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, or ask him to help you heal from an illness or injury. Then repeat the prayer below three times: "You alone can make me well; You alone can make me whole. My body and soul will be healed through Your divine grace."



## **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month For April is Thomas Reichenbach. Tom and his wife Cheryl reside on Burton Drive in Shelby Township.

Tom and Cheryl have been married for 37 years and belong to St. Kieran parish and formerly belonged to St. Lawrence Parish for 37 Years.

Tom has been employed by KJL Industries for 19 years.

Tom joined St. Lawrence Council in February 1986 and has been a member for 39 years. He volunteers his time working the Texas Holdem events, the "Tootsie Roll Drive" and worked on the Council house project.

In his spare time Tom enjoys spending time with the grandchildren, hunting, fishing and occasionally going to Las Vegas.

Congratulations Tom for being chosen the Knight of the Month for April by your Brother Knights.



## **Family of the Month**

The Family of the Month for April is Joe and Laura Logrosso. Joe and Laura have resided on Kathleen in Macomb Township for the last 27 years.

Joe and Laura Have been married for 35 years and have three children Maria (Andy), Tony and Vince. They also have one grandson Zedo, 5 years old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Laura is in the church choir and is also a cantor and a lector. Joe supports RCIA and organizing the Morning of Reflection Retreat.

Laura is a Chemistry Professor at Macomb Community College for the last 24 years and Joe has worked for General Dynamics Land Systems for the last 35 years.

Joe joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2003 and held the positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee, Membership Director and Building Corp. President.

Chairmanships that Joe held are co-chair of the MI Drive, St. Pat's Party, Trivia Night, Wine Tasting, Science Fun Day and Youth Activities.

In their spare time the family enjoys spending time with their grandson, cooking, new recipes, photography, traveling, visiting with family and friends and going to concerts.

Congratulations Joe and Laura for being chosen Family of the Month for the month of April by your Brother Knights.



The 2025 Council membership dues have been sent out by email and U.S. Mail. If you have not paid your dues, please send them in as soon as possible. If you did not receive a bill, or have any questions regarding your dues please contact the Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary: Paul Burmeister



## St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983 Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign for the Unborn

Join the St. Kieran Knights of Columbus Council 13983, the Right to Life North Macomb and the St. Kieran Respect Life Members to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the unborn every Thursday from 11 am to Noon.

Dates are: **March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10, 17**, in front of the Northland Planned Parenthood Abortion building in Sterling Heights. We will pray on the public sidewalk. Please park on SE corner of 17 Mile & Ryan. Do not park in the lot next to the clinic. Signs will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Questions call:

John Dziwanowski at 586-864-4111

## Emblem of the Order



The emblem of the order was designed by Past Supreme Knight James T. Mullen and adopted at the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883. Shields used by medieval knights served as the inspiration. The emblem consists of a shield mounted on a Cross, which is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ. This represents the Catholic identity of the order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: the fasces, an anchor, and a sword. In ancient Rome, the fasces were carried before Roman magistrates as an emblem of authority. The order uses it as "symbolic of authority" which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor represents Christopher Columbus, admiral under the orders of the kings of Spain and patron of this partnership, here a symbol of the Catholic contribution to America. The short sword, or dagger, was a weapon used by medieval knights. The shield as a whole, with the letters "K of C", represents "Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action."



## Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

**Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus**

Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes,  
biscuits & gravy, coffee and orange juice.

Adults: \$10:00 / Children 12 and under \$5.00

**Sunday April 27, 2025**

**8:30am – 12:00pm**



**St. Lawrence Council 2950**  
**Thank You for Your Support!**



## Next Poker Room Event

May 7 - May 10, 2025

11:00AM until 6:00PM Wednesday through Saturday

G's Kitchen & Cocktails

56129 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township, MI 48316

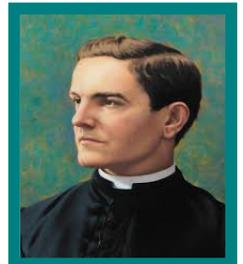
(Between 25 & 26 Mile Roads)

Contact Don Heydens at [dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com).

or call 586-419-3420 to help work these events.

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



# Please Help Support!!



## 51st Annual M.I. Drive / "Tootsie Roll Drive"

To Assist Michigan Citizens with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities

**April 4, 5 & 6, 2025**

We will be at the St. Lawrence School Cafeteria on these dates from 8:00am - 6:00pm if anyone wants to drop off a donation or volunteer for one of our street locations to sell "Tootsie Rolls".

Food and refreshments will be provided



## Kielbasa Making Party 2025! April 4, 2025 / 5:30 - 10:00PM



**\$35.00 Per Person Includes:**

- 5 Lbs. of Kielbasa
- One Can of Pabst Blue Ribbon
- The Art of Making Kielbasa
- Polka Music
- Dinner
- A Few Laughs

**Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317**

**If you have a sausage stuffer or food sealer please let me know.**

**Contact: Jim Ososkie**

586.530.4030

[jososkie@ewsmith.com](mailto:jososkie@ewsmith.com)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084BA9A92BA1FA7-55167700-kielbasa>



Capuchin Soup  
Kitchen

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## Volunteers Needed!!

(Minimum 10 People)

Inspired by St Francis of Assisi. In Detroit since 1883 we live and work with those who are in need of help ... the poor, the disenfranchised, the needy. We serve God through the work we do...in the communities we serve”

**Saturday May 31, 2025 10:30am – 1:15pm.**

4390 Conner, Detroit. We will arrange to carpool meeting at STL at 9:30am.

Please contact me with any questions or to reserve your spot.

Peace,

Jim DeMaestri  
Community Activities  
586-817-4181



**Congratulations Olivia Boyer who won the Knights of Columbus**

**Free Throw Championship State Finals on**

**March 16, 2025 in Mt. Pleasant, MI.**

**Olivia shot 20 for 25 in the 12 year old age group.**





## Please Help Stock the Food Pantry!!

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the Council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

St. Lawrence 2950 will be collecting nonperishable food items at all of our Council meetings to help support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located in the St. Lawrence Parish. If possible, please include the receipt for your donation so we can apply it to the refund from the Supreme Council.



Fraternally,  
St. Lawrence Council 2950



## March 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	239
Insurance Members:	121
Inactive Members:	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>377</b>

### Included In Total

Honorary Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	86

**Council Status: In Good Standing**



## St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel

The St. Lawrence Adoration Chapel is now open Monday through Friday 6am-7pm. Our Brother Knights donated much of their time, talent, and treasure in renovating this room as an adoration space to honor Christ's true presence in the Eucharist as the summit of our faith. Father Roman commissioned the beautiful sculpture and monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament.



## Knights Park & Pavilion

If you're planning an event and would like a beautiful outdoor facility, check out our 25 acre park located in Shelby Twp., MI

The park offers a 40' x 120' pavilion with clean his and her indoor bathrooms, kitchen facilities, which includes ample refrigeration and a freezer, a commercial 6 burner stove and large oven. 40 picnic tables offer seating of 240 people under the pavilion, which leaves plenty of room for even more people and to serve your food.

The park also features a large safe environment for the children to play in, with swings, slide, monkey bars and all the beach sand they can handle. With all the shade trees around the pavilion, it's not hard to feel the cool breeze even on the hottest days of summer.

No event is too big or too small from graduations, weddings, family reunions or corporate picnics. We have ample parking for 2,000 plus cars.

**For pricing info, please feel free to contact Dale or Karen [586-254-3495](tel:586-254-3495)**

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