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Grand Knights Report

Merry Christmas!

I would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas. This is a great time of year to attend Mass and spend time with family and friends. This year we shopped for 3 families in need. Please remember them and pray for them this holiday season.

Even though it's the end of the calendar year, we are only half way through our K of C fraternal year. I would like to share some preliminary organizational funding numbers. The numbers are estimates of what the Council expects for incoming donations, expenses to run the programs we put on, and the charitable donations the Council plans to make this fraternal year (July 2025 - June 2026).

Totals	Income	Expenses	Net
Membership Dues (255 paying dues)	\$12,000.00	\$7,600.00	\$4,400.00
Fundraising	\$94,975.00	\$25,200	\$69,775.00
Program Expenses		\$10,925.00	
Faith In Action		\$47,525.00	
Grand Total	\$106,975.00	\$91,250.00	\$15,725.00

As you can see we expect to collect over \$100,000 in Income to the Council. Our 3 major fund raisers are the MI/ Tootsie Roll Drive, Texas Hold 'em and the St. Pat's Party. The expense column includes taxes we pay to the state and national K of C, expenses to actually put on the fund raisers and events we run, and charitable donations that the Council makes. At the December general meeting we will review the final numbers and I will look to get approval from the Council. Normally we would do this at the beginning of the fraternal year, but I am late in putting this together since this is my first year as Grand Knight.
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December / January Schedule of Events

December Events

- Dec 6 Poinsettia Flower Delivery 10am Social Hall
Dec 6 Poinsettia Distribution After 4:30 Mass
- Dec 7 Poinsettia Distribution After all Masses (Until 1:00PM)
Dec 7 K of C Family Christmas Party 2:00pm Social Hall
- Dec 11 General Meeting 6:30 Rosary / 7:00 Meeting Cafeteria

January Events

On January 11, 2026, we have our first Breakfast of the year, same day as the Winter Sports Mass for St. Lawrence and we have our K of C Free Throw contest in the gym. So, mark your calendars for that day and consider helping us with our events.

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight

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Eyes for the Needy	Frank Singer
Pro-Life	Open

Council Meetings

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

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

General Meeting

2nd 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

Feb 2 St. Matthias 7:00 – 10:00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the January Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than December 22, 2025.

There is available space for any businesses that would like to advertise in the Knight Life, please contact the editor.

Editor: Paul Burmeister

Email: pburmeister16@gmail.com

November 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 232

Insurance Members:119 - Inactive Members:16

Total Members 367

Included In Total:

14 Honorary Members

89 Honorary Life Members

Council Status: In Good Standing

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History of Christmas Traditions



Christmas Tree

The evergreen tree, with its year-round color, reminds us of eternal life—the promise we have in Christ. Tradition says that Martin Luther, a leader of the Reformation, introduced the first Christmas tree in his home. He decorated it with candles to represent Jesus as the Light of the World. Isn't it amazing how something as simple as a tree can remind us of God's never-ending love?



Holly

Have you ever noticed the sharp, pointed leaves of holly? They're like the crown of thorns Jesus wore as He bore the weight of our sins on the cross. It's a humbling reminder of the incredible sacrifice He made for us.



The Color Red

The bright red we see in so many Christmas decorations is more than just festive—it speaks of Jesus' blood, shed for us. It's a quiet yet powerful reminder of His gift of salvation and the love that covers us.



Giving Gifts

Our tradition of exchanging gifts goes all the way back to the Magi, who brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Their offerings symbolized His kingship, the sorrow of His sacrifice, and His role as God's perfect gift to the world. Every time we give or receive a gift, we can think of the greatest gift of all—Jesus.



The Yule Log

The yule log, once carried into homes to burn for twelve days, symbolizes Christ's sacrifice and the warmth, joy, and unity we find in Him. It's a picture of how Jesus' love lights up our lives and brings us together.



Mistletoe

Mistletoe might seem like just a fun Christmas tradition, but it has long been a symbol of peace. Through Christ, we have the ultimate peace—reconciliation with God. It's through Him that we find rest for our souls.



Bells

Bells, with their bright and cheerful sound, remind us of their original purpose—to announce news. For us, they point to the Good News of Christ's birth, the ultimate message of hope and salvation.

happy
holidays!

December Feast Days

DEC 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Our Father,
We humbly beseech Thee to honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us her purity and grace, guiding our hearts to emulate her virtue. May her intercession lead us closer to Thy love and mercy, as we strive to reflect the light of Christ in our lives. Amen.

Dec 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Beautiful Virgin of Guadalupe, I ask you on behalf of all my brothers and sisters of the world that you bless us and protect us. Give us proof of your love and kindness. Oh pure Virgin of Guadalupe, give me through your Son, forgiveness for my sins, blessings for my job, cure for my diseases and needs, and all that you deem necessary I ask for my family. Oh Mother of God, do not disdain the pleas we present to you in our needs. Amen.



Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



Holy Father, Thank you so much for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, my Savior. Lord, it is easy to be stressed during the Christmas season, and I need help remaining focused on You. While this earth promises temporary happiness and distractions, true joy comes from You. Lord, help me to remember what the Bible says, "I will take joy in the God of my salvation" ([Habakkuk 3:18](#)). Fill me up with the true joy of knowing You, and having a relationship with Your Son, and the purpose of His birth, which was my redemption. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

DEC 28 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

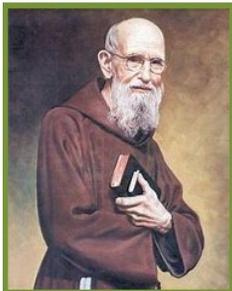
Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.





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

Tina Attard	Barb Heydens	Judy Mocerri	Christy Swartz
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Cindy Duda	Stephanie Langeveld	Frank Singer	
Carole Fontana	Susie Langeveld	Iris Singer	
Julie Gasowski	John Lysakowski	Arthur Swartz	
Fran Genovich	Rick Lumetta	Brian Swartz	



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."



The Knight of the Month for December is Jim DeMaestri. Jim and his wife Sandy reside on Ben Franklin Drive in Shelby Township for the past 26 Years.

Jim belongs to St. Lawrence Parish and joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus In 2018. He is currently our Deputy Grand Knight and Community Activities Director and held the position of outside guard.

Jim has chaired our CPR training program and coordinates the programs in which the Knights volunteer at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteer Day.

Jim is currently employed at Fluke Electronics for the last 25 years.

In his spare time he spare time enjoys deer hunting, fishing, working out and spending time with his family.

Jim is a veteran and served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1984 to 1990.

Congratulations on being chosen Knight of the Month for December by your Brother Knights.



The Family of the Month for December is Scott and Laurie Morgan, Scott and his wife Lori currently reside on Old Orchard in Macomb Township, MI for 21 years.

Scott and Lori have been married for 23 years and have two children, Julia 19 and Nathan 14. The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Scott is an usher, Nathan is a junior usher and Lori cooks for funeral luncheons.

Scott joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 2014 and is also a Fourth-Degree member. Scott has held the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee, Warden and Building Corp. President. During his two years as Grand Knight the Council was awarded Star Council by the Supreme and Michigan State Councils. Scott is very active in our Council donating his time as co-chairman for Coats for Kids, electronic recycling events, and car shows.

Scott is currently employed with MacLean-Fogg as a Key Account Executive for 11 years.

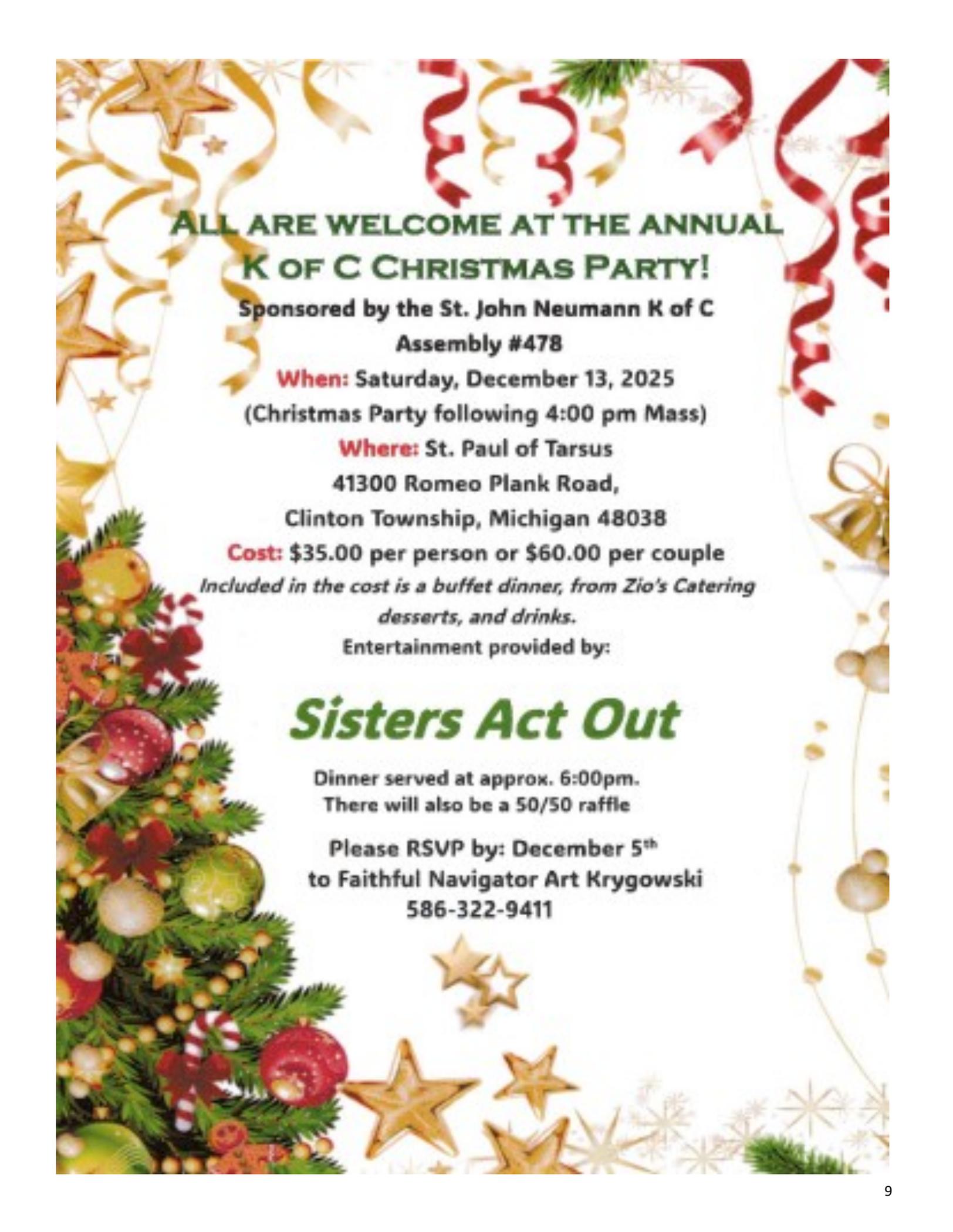
In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their family playing board games, bike rides and traveling up north.

Congratulations Scott and Laurie on being chosen Family of the Month for December.

Reminder Poinsettia Pick Up



STL Social Hall
Sat. Dec 6 & Sun Dec 7
After All Masses



**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE ANNUAL
K OF C CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**Sponsored by the St. John Neumann K of C
Assembly #478**

When: Saturday, December 13, 2025
(Christmas Party following 4:00 pm Mass)

Where: St. Paul of Tarsus
41300 Romeo Plank Road,
Clinton Township, Michigan 48038

Cost: \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple

*Included in the cost is a buffet dinner, from Zio's Catering
desserts, and drinks.*

Entertainment provided by:

Sisters Act Out

Dinner served at approx. 6:00pm.
There will also be a 50/50 raffle

Please RSVP by: December 5th
to Faithful Navigator Art Krygowski
586-322-9411

Next Poker Room Event

December 4 - December 7, 2025

6:00PM - 2:00AM Thursday through Sunday

G's Kitchen & Cocktails

56129 Van Dyke Ave.

Shelby Township, MI 48316

(Between 25 & 26 Mile Roads)

Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com
or call 586-419-3420 to help work these events.



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sunday January 11, 2026

8:30am - 12:00pm

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

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

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus



The 2026 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



Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

To promote the true spirit of Christmas in our Children



There will be one winner from each grade who will receive a special prize! The overall winners from each of the three Age Divisions (Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8) will be entered at the State Level and will NOT receive their poster back.

Posters need to be a minimum of 11 x 17 inches. They need to be original and display the true spirit of Christmas: Christ!

The posters must include the phrase: "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Please submit posters no later than Noon on Friday December 9, 2025 to the Parish Office with the child's name, grade & phone number on the back.

The posters will be scored based on meeting the theme, artistic quality, and overall impact.

All children and grandchildren in the Council and at the parish and school are invited to participate.

Please bring out your artistic skills and colorful Christmas Spirit!

Contact Joe Lograsso for any questions (lograsso@comcast.net)



St. Lawrence Council 2950
Children's Christmas Party
Sunday December 7, 2025

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Location: St. Lawrence Social Hall



Fun & Games



Food / Refreshments



Kids Gifts



Santa Claus



Face Painting





Attention Council Members!!

At our Council meetings during the month of November and December we will be collecting the following items for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our meetings will be held in the school cafeteria, please enter through the De Keyser doors. You do not have to stay for the meeting if you just want to drop off your donation. Doors will be open from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.



Kleenex



Paper Towel



Toilet Paper



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,
Lawrence Knights of Columbus

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 Township, 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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