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From the Grand Knight

Happy New Year!

A New Year is upon us once again, and we have plenty of events in the first few months to keep us busy. Please think about attending or volunteering any these

Date	Event	Location
January 11	Breakfast	STL Cafeteria
January 11	Free Throw Contest	STL Gym
February 28	Morning of Reflection	STL Social Hall
March 1	Breakfast	STL Cafeteria
March 8	Corporate Communion	STL Church
March 14	St. Pat's Party	STL Gym
April 10-12	MI "Tootsie Roll Drive"	STL Cafeteria

I found a prayer for family and other that I would like to share:

"Lord, bless our families and communities in this new year. Protect us, strengthen our bonds, and unite us in love. Inspire us to serve others with kindness, comfort the hurting, and be instruments of Your peace in the world. May our lives bring glory to Your name, Amen."

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on January 8th!

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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 February Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than January 27, 2026.

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

Editor: Paul Burmeister

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December 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members: 224

Insurance Members:117 - Inactive Members:16

Total Members 357

Included In Total:

14 Honorary Members

88 Honorary Life Members

Council Status: In Good Standing

January Feast Days

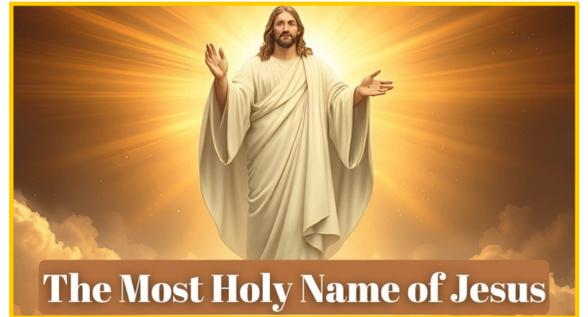
Jan 1 - Mary the Holy Mother of God.



Father, source of light in every age, the virgin conceived and bore Your Son Who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace. May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be Your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw Your Spirit to rest on Your people. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jan 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

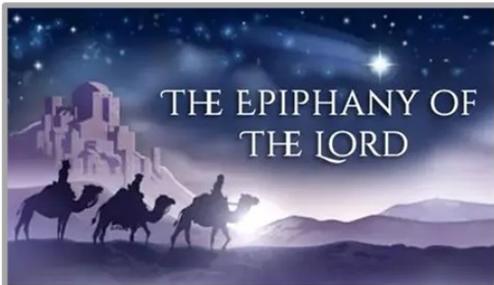
Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.



Jan 6 - The Epiphany of The Lord

The Epiphany, celebrated on January 6th, marks one of the most important events in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, made known to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi. This day also highlights the manifestation of Christ to the world, emphasizing His divine nature and the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament.

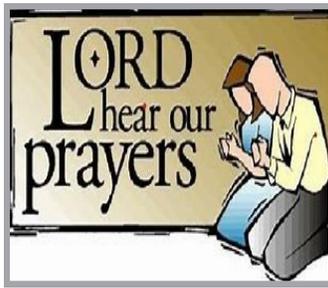
For Catholics, the Epiphany is a time to reflect on the profound mystery of God's love, revealed through the humble birth of Jesus and the arrival of the wise men bearing gifts.



Jan 11 - The Baptism of The Lord

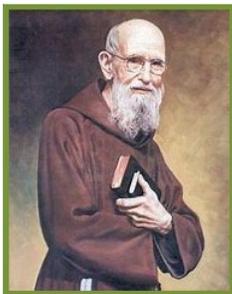
Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Amen





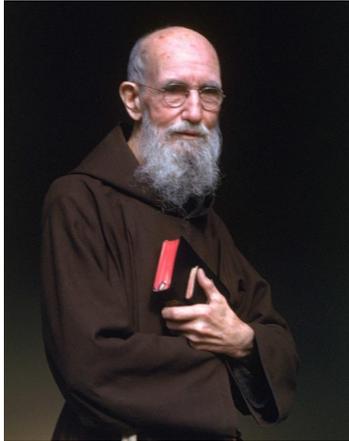
Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering.

Tina Attard	Mark Holz	Mary Quain
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Shawna Brenner	Ray Keller	Paulette Sawdon
Kathleen Brevick	Larry Kierzek	Frank Singer
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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."



Fr. Solanus Casey–Inspired Prayer for the New Year

Lord, thank You for Your goodness,
for every blessing You've given and every trial that has shaped me.

As I enter this new year, help me to walk with the same trust Fr. Solanus showed
in Your loving Providence.

Teach me to “thank God ahead of time,”
believing that You are already working for my good.
Give me a heart of patience,
a spirit of humility,
and hands ready to serve those in need.

May this year be filled with quiet courage,
simple joys,
and deeper faith.
Guide my steps, calm my worries,
and help me recognize Your presence in every moment.

Bless my family, my home, my work, and all whom I meet.



For the month of January we have two Knights of the Month, Scott Morgan and Paul Burmeister. Scott and Paul have just completed the 6th Annual Poinsettia Sale at St. Lawrence Parish that benefits Coats for Kids.

Since 2020 they have sold over 1,064 poinsettia plants and have purchased over 432 coats, hats and gloves for the kids in our community.

Scott and Paul have held many officer positions and chairmanships at the Council and continue to be supportive in all of the Council events and programs.

Congratulations Scott and Paul for being chosen Knights of the Month for January by your Brother Knights.



The Family of the Month for January is Don and Barb Heydens. Don and Barb reside on Sassafras Drive in Shelby Township for the past 26 years.

Don and Barb have been married for 56 years and have three children Donald Jr., Scott and Melissa and four grandchildren Khloe 14, Samantha 14, Brady 12 and Luke 11.

Don and Barb belong to St. John Vianney Parish where Don is an usher, alter server for funeral masses, Helps count the Sunday collection, and volunteers for the family picnic.

Don retired from the auto industry after forty years and Barb retired after twenty years from Utica Schools.

Don joined St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus in 1974 where he has held the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden and is our current Treasurer. Don is currently the chairman of the Degree Team, Charity Poker, Ultrasound Program and the Needy Family Christmas Program. Don joined St. John Neuman 4th Degree Assembly in 1984 and has held the position of Faithful Navigator, Comptroller and Trustee.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their grandkids sporting events, spending summers at the lake house, watching college and professional sports. Barb enjoys golf, doing crafts especially making greeting cards and scrap books.

Congratulations Don and Barb for being chosen Family of the Month for January by your Brother Knights.



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

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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

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 Knights of Columbus



We would like to thank all of you who helped support our Coats for Kids program again this year by donating your time to help set up, purchasing a poinsettia plant or donating to this program.

Scott Morgan / Paul Burmeister
Chairmen

Poker Room

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered for the poker room event on Dec 4-7, because of your efforts we had another successful event.

Don Heydens
Chairman



Children's Christmas Party



Paulette and I want to thank all the members and children for attending this year's party. Special thanks to Joe Lograsso for setting up and running all the games. All the kids and parents really had a lot of fun. Thanks to Lisa Burmeister for face painting and Debby Wiegand for the tattoos, my grandson Hayden for serving the drinks, Ed Brate and Al Mulka for cooking and serving the food and my nephew Mark Sawdon for being Santa.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warren and Paulette Sawdon

Needy Families Christmas

We would like to thank the following members wives for shopping for our Needy Families this year. Lisa Burmeister, Joann Dixon, Barb Heydens, Laura Lograsso and Debby Wiegand.



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.

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