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Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and took time to enjoy the day with their family. As most of you know in April, we held our 53rd Annual Mi Drive. I would like to thank everyone for making this year's drive a success. Whether you made a donation, came out to help collect money after Mass, on the street, or counted the money – Thank you! Here are the results of our council's efforts for this year's drive:

Raffle:	\$22,208
Mass/Streets	\$14,308
Total	\$36,516

Some statistics about this year's drive:

- 140 People participated in the raffle
- 27 People worked the streets
- 12 People worked after Mass
- We manned 12 different locations (out of a possible 24)
- We had 7 money counters

Special thanks to our Chairmen for this year's drive; Paul Burmeister, Joe Lograsso, Dan Weingartz, Joe Manuszak and Don Heydens. AND to Ed Brate for cooking during the MI drive weekend to keep everyone powered up! This is one the council's larger fund raisers, if you were not able to participate this year, please consider it for next year.

As we head into Spring and Summer months, we will start to transition our meetings to the Picnic grounds.

Fraternally,

Mike Dixon
Grand Knight
#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

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

May 5 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

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

Jul 7 St. Matthias 7:00 - 10.00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the June Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than May 29, 2025. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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Origin and Tradition of May Crowning in the Catholic Church



May Crowning is a cherished tradition in the Catholic Church that honors the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. It is a special ceremony where a crown of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary as a symbol of love and devotion. This tradition typically takes place during the month of May, which is known as the month of Mary.

Originating in medieval Europe, May Crowning has deep roots in Marian devotion. The practice of crowning Mary can be traced back to the 13th century, when it became popular to adorn statues of the Virgin with flowers as a sign of reverence.

Throughout the centuries, May Crowning has continued to be a meaningful tradition for Catholics around the world. It serves as a way to honor Mary's role as the Mother of God and to seek her intercession in prayers for peace, protection, and guidance.

In crowning or adorning an image of Mary, we thank Jesus for giving us his Mother to be our own. We pray that God will fill us with grace as he did Mary, so that we might imitate her in saying "yes" to God's plan for our own lives, and one day join her in heaven to sing God's praises forever.

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.

May Feast Days

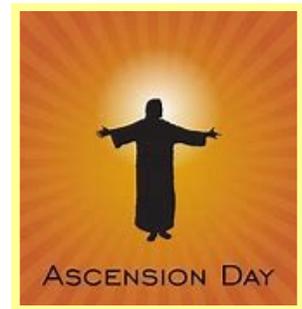


May 1 - St. Philip and James Apostles

O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold you for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

May 29 - Ascension Day

The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven. This feast day is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost. Ascension Day is generally observed on a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter.



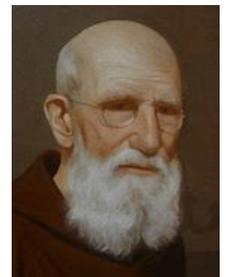
May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Bestow on Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift of Thy heavenly grace, that we, for whom the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin was the beginning of salvation, may be blessed with an increase of peace on the solemn festival of her Visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessed Solanus Casey

Blessed Solanus Casey is known for his humility and deep faith, and many people turn to him for intercession in their prayers. Here's a prayer inspired by his life:

O God, I adore You. I give myself to You. May I be the person You want me to be, and may Your will be done in my life today. I thank You for the gifts You gave Father Solanus. If it is Your Will, bless us with the Canonization of Father Solanus so that others may imitate and carry on his love for all the poor and suffering of our world. As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans, I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear my prayer for [our intention] through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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

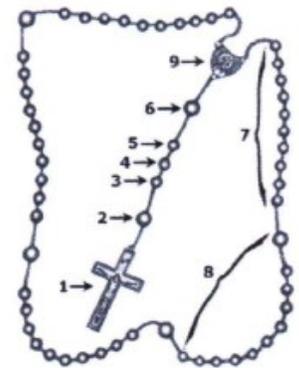
Saying the "External Father (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

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

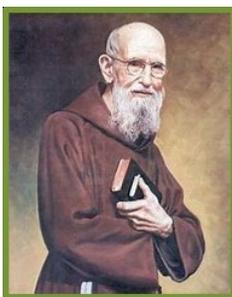
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion is inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.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





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

Tina Attard	Elmer Holz	Ann Monroe	Stan Singer
Peter Backus	Mark Holz	Finley Monroe	Kelly Sobeck
Robert Broderdorf Jr.	Mike Hoste	Della Mulka	Robert Stone
Michelle Campbell	Mike Johnson	Jerome Mulka	Arthur Swartz
Theresa Carter	Jacklyn Karpinski	Dennis Murray	Brian Swartz
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Nikki Davies	Gerald Klee	Mary Quain	Harlan Wagner
Marg DeMaestri	Larry Kierzek	Nicholas Quni	Beverly Welch
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Julie Gasowski	Jim Langeveld	Allan Rooks	Kim Wiegand
Fran Genovich	Stephanie Langeveld	Paul Rybicki	Kyle Wiegand
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Jerry Higgins	Rick Lumetta	Iris Singer	



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 May is Jonathan Hartline. Jonathan and his wife Tricia reside on Shadydale Dr. in Shelby Township for the past 13 years.

Jon and Tricia have been married for 18 years and belong to St. Lawrence Parish where their two sons attend school and Jon coaches football.

Jon is employed by Slalom Inc. for 4 years.

In March 2019 Jon joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 and has been heading up the kitchen for our annual St. Patrick's Day party.

In his spare time he enjoys chauffeuring the kids to sporting activities, outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing camping and cooking.

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



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for May is Joe and Lynn Manuszak. Joe and Lynn have resided on Via Antonio Dr. in Sterling Heights for the past 29 years.

Joe and Lynn have been married for almost 44 years and have five children Stephen, Lauren, Mary, Joey and Paul. They also have eleven grandchildren Jaycee, Noah, Elijah, Gabriel, Dominic, Louis, Peter, Madeleine, Isiah, Theodore and Louise.

Joe and Lynn belong to St. Louise De Marillac church where Joe does counseling and marriage prep. Joe and Lynn were involved in many different committees and responsibilities in the past at the parish.

Joe works at Colombiere Center for the past 29 years and does counseling and marriage prep part time for the past 40 years. Lynn is retired.

In January 2010 Joe joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 and has held the office of outside guard and is a co-chairman of the M/I "Tootsie Roll" drive.

In their spare time Joe and Lynn do many activities with their children and travel often.

Congratulations for being chosen Family of the Month for May by your Brother Knights.

Mothers Day Breakfast



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 May 11, 2025

8:30am - 12:00pm

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)

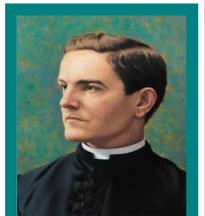
Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com.

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.



Kielbasa Making Party 2025!

Thanks to everyone that participated in our Kielbasa Making Party on April 4th. A total of two-hundred fifty pound of Kielbasa was made and packaged. A Special thanks to Jim Ososkie and Scott Morgan for chairing this event. All proceeds were donated to help support Vocations at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



53rd Annual M.I. "Tootsie Roll Drive"

We would like to thank everyone that donated to this year's M.I. Drive and to all those that came out and helped set up, collected on the streets, collected money after the weekend Masses, those who counted money and a special thanks to Ed Braet who made sure there was plenty of food for everyone.

The total amount collected this year is \$36,516.00.

Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize DEWALT 20V MAX* Brushless 4-Tool Combo Kit - **Tom Orlando**
- 2nd Prize Women's Michael Kors Marilyn Medium Satchel - **Dave Howey**
- 3rd Prize \$200.00 Gift Card to Duluth Trading Company - **Chris Weingartz**
- 4th Prize \$150.00 Visa Gift Card - **Larry Nardecchia**
- 5th Prize Nutribullet Flip Portable Blender - **Dan Lekki**

Fraternally,

The M.I Drive Chairmen

P. Burmeister, J. Lograsso, Joe Manuszak, D. Weingartz



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
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Council Elections

Our Council elections will be held on May 8, 2025 during our general meeting. All members with a Third Degree status are eligible for all positions. We will have nominations followed by the election at our June 12, 2025 meeting, if you are interested in a position, you can self-nominate yourself.

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.



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



April 1, 2025 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	238
Insurance Members:	121
Inactive Members:	17
Total Members	376

Included In Total

Honorary Members:	14
Honorary Life Members:	88

Council Status: In Good Standing



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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