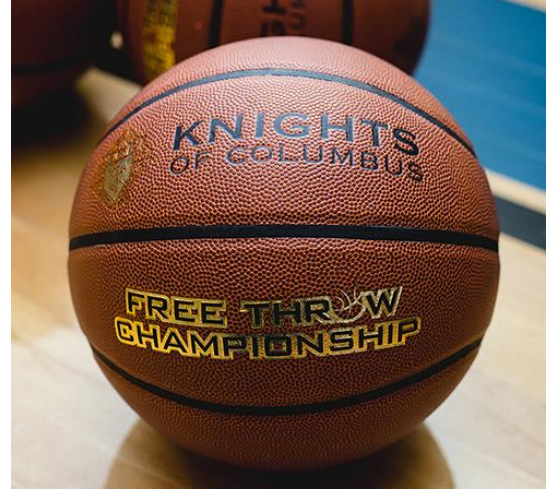
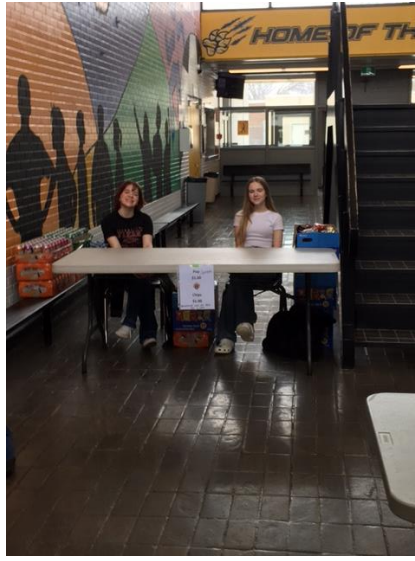


Free Throw Championship

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, St. Charles Council completed the KC Free Throw Championship program this year. The Council 8325 and District 12 competitions were held on Sunday March 5 at St. Cecilia Junior High School. There were thirty-seven youth from eight different schools participating including Bishop Savaryn, Katherine Therrien, St. Charles, St. Lucy, St. Timothy, Bishop Greschuk, St. John Bosco and Father Leo Green.

The Edmonton Regional Free Throw competition and Alberta Provincial qualifying free throw event was completed on Sunday March 19 at St. Joseph Catholic High School.





Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from council to district, regional and provincial competitions.

The Knights of Columbus Regional/Provincial #2 Free Throw Championship was held at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Edmonton on Sunday March 19, 2023. A big thank-you goes to the Knights from the various councils in Edmonton and surrounding area for making the event a success.

The event attracted seventy-three boys and girls, 9 to 14 years old from the Edmonton and surrounding area. The results of the Region #2 Free Throw Championship was sent to the Alberta Free Throw Championship chairman. The first, second and third place finishers in each category competed after the Regional event as part of the Provincial Free Throw event. Once all of the results of the Alberta Regional Free Throw competitions are in and the Provincial results are established, the Provincial champions will be notified.



Church and Rectory Maintenance

The St. Charles Council has offered to fund some of the maintenance work planned for the St. Charles Church building and the parish rectory. The maintenance work is organized into several projects over the year.

The first project is for rectory maintenance and the replacement of the kitchen cabinets and backsplash, replacement of the kitchen flooring, main hallway and stairs to the back door. The back door will be replaced as well.

Volunteers including a plumber and an electrician will be needed to help complete the rectory maintenance work. Contact Gerald Murnane if you can help with the maintenance work.



Faith in Action

The KC Faith in Action model recognizes the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all their key priorities for Faith, Family, Community and Life. The simplicity of Faith in Action is that it limits the number of required programs to earn the Columbian Award and, most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing quality faith-filled family programs. Our goal is for men to lead their family in service — not leave their family for service. More information is on the Knights of Columbus website at [Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization \(kofc.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization (kofc.org)).

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

Council Events for April 2023

April 1-2	Fri-Sun	17:00	KC State Hockey Tournament (Wainwright)
April 2	Sun		Palm Sunday
April 2	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
April 5	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
April 6	Thu		Holy Thursday
April 7	Fri		Good Friday
April 9	Sun		Easter Sunday
April 15	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (Meet the Robinsons)
April 15	Sat	17:30	AB March for Life Pasta Supper Fundraiser
April 17	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
April 21-23	Fri-Sun		KC State Convention (Edmonton)
April 22	Sat	08:00	Bill Marshall Memorial Hockey Tournament

Facts about the Knights of Columbus

- Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.
- The four principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- Chartered to serve and provide financial aid and assistance to members and their families.
- The Order has grown to more than 16,242 councils.
- KC total membership exceeds 2 million Catholic families.
- Last year, KC members contributed over \$187 million to countless charitable efforts.
- Last year, KC members devoted over 77 million volunteer hours to their communities.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called 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, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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CHARITIES APPEAL ONLINE 50/50 FUNDRAISER

St. Charles KC Council is supporting St. Charles Parish as the charity the Council intends to put the proceeds toward that result from the KC Charities Appeal online 50/50 fundraiser (Draw #7). You can visit www.koc5050.com to purchase tickets. The jackpot continues to grow until April 22nd, with a guaranteed **minimum** prize of \$25,000. The Draw will be held on April 22, 2023 after the close of ticket sales.

Knights of Columbus Online Membership

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting St. Charles Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Knights follow the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, initiating and operating numerous programs and services directed towards the benefit of parishioners and the community at large.

For you to join the KC and obtain a membership number, please do so via this KC website: [Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)).

For you to become a council KC member, please do so via the KC website. Here is the link: [You're Invited \(kofc.org\)](http://You're Invited (kofc.org)). Our KC council number is 8325. When you complete the noted online exemplification, we will get an online certificate via email. Please forward the email and certificate to jmommer@shaw.ca .