



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KC May 2023 Newsletter

Council Events in May

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by members of St. Charles KC Council. The KC Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The Men's Choir sing again on Sunday June 4 – Pentecost Sunday.
- St. Charles Council provided funding and support for the Special Olympics Edmonton bowling event held April 22 at Bonnie Doon Bowl. By all accounts, the bowling fundraiser was successful, and our help was very much appreciated.
- The Alberta March for Life 2023 was held on Thursday May 11 in Edmonton. The attendance is estimated to be over 1,000 people. The event started with Mass at the St. Joseph's Basilica and went well but was complicated by the Edmonton Police Service withdrawing parade support services, so the march was held on the sidewalk. There were some protestors present, but the Provincial Sheriffs provided effective security.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, went very well. There was a lot of help including many youths. We hosted approximately 175 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 120 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. On Mother's Day the moms ate free.
- St. Charles Council Mother's Day Rose sale was very successful selling 50 dozen roses after the 9:00 Mass and 11:00 Mass on Sunday May 11. The funds raised were allocated towards our annual donation to the Gianna Centre for pregnancy support services.

Council Events for June 2023

- June 3 Sat 17:45 Luke Combs Concert
- June 4 Sun 09:00 Men's Choir
- June 7 Wed 19:30 Chapter Meeting
- June 11 Sun 08:00 Pancake Breakfast
- June 11 Sun 17:00 CFL – Saskatchewan vs Edmonton
- June 18 Sun Father's Day
- June 19 Mon 18:00 Installation of Officers
- June 19 Mon 18:30 Combined Executive/General Meeting
- June 19 Mon 19:00 Yearend BBQ/Party
- June 24 Sat 09:00 Council Retreat (Mount Carmel Centre)
- June 25 Sun 17:00 CFL – Toronto vs Edmonton
- June 30 Fri Columbian Award Application due

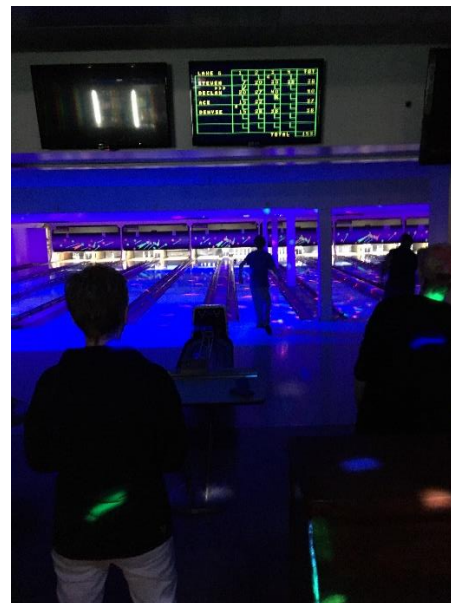
Beer Booth at Commonwealth Stadium

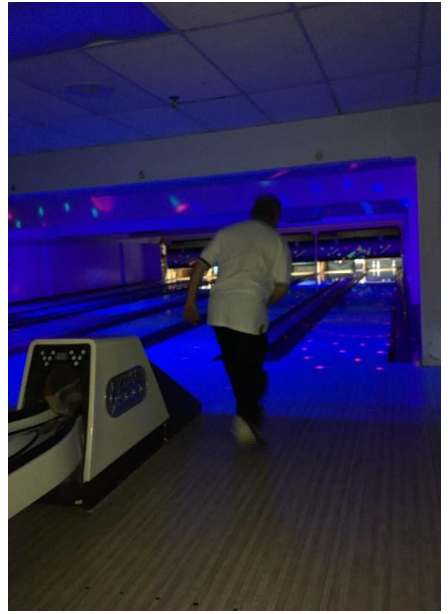
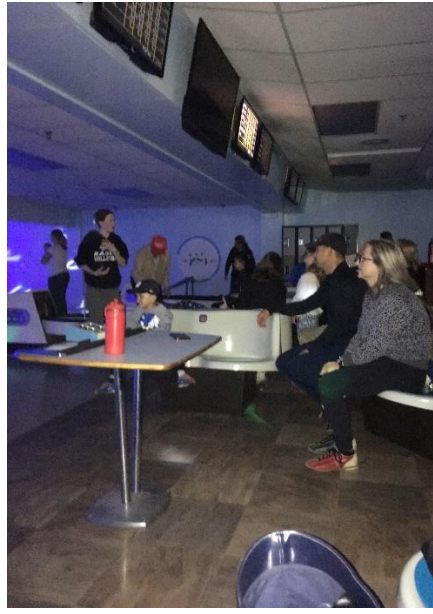
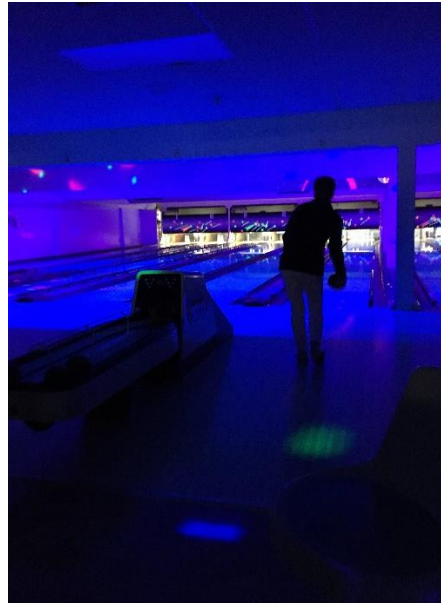
St. Charles Council 8325 completed the first 2023 beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday May 27 for the Edmonton Elks-Winnipeg Bluebombers pre-season football game. Unfortunately, Edmonton lost 25 – 23 to Winnipeg. The next Elks football game is the season home opener with the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Sunday June 11.



Family Bowling at Bronx Bowl

St. Charles Council 8325 hosted the 2023 KC Family Bowling event at Bronx Bowl on 127 Street on Sunday May 7 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Seventy-one KC family members participated in the family fun event this year.





St. Charles Rectory Kitchen and Church Maintenance

The IKEA kitchen cabinets for the parish rectory were ordered and delivered, and a new stove was purchased. Br. Pat Roth installed the new stove and disposed of the old stove. Cabinet installation will commence in the fall while Fr. Marc is away on vacation. Plans for the renovations to the Activity center storeroom are being drawn up.

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

Facts about the Knights of Columbus

- Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney at Saint Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut.
- The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.
- The four principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- The KC is 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.
- The St. Charles Council is now 40m years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 186 members currently.

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.

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 \(kofo.org\)](http://kofo.org).

For you to become a council KC member, please do so via the KC website. Here is the link: [You're Invited \(kofo.org\)](http://kofo.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 .