



KC October 2023 Newsletter

Council Events in October

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on October 1 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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 November 5 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 8, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-four volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 80 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 80 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday November 12.
- Five members and two spouses from St. Charles KC Council attended the 2023 Padre Night at St. Basil's Cultural Centre on Thursday October 26. Father Marc, Deacon Joe, John and Janice Grabow, George and Rachelle Pouliot and John Mommersteeg attended the event on behalf of St. Charles Council. The celebration recognizes priests and religious persons in Edmonton.



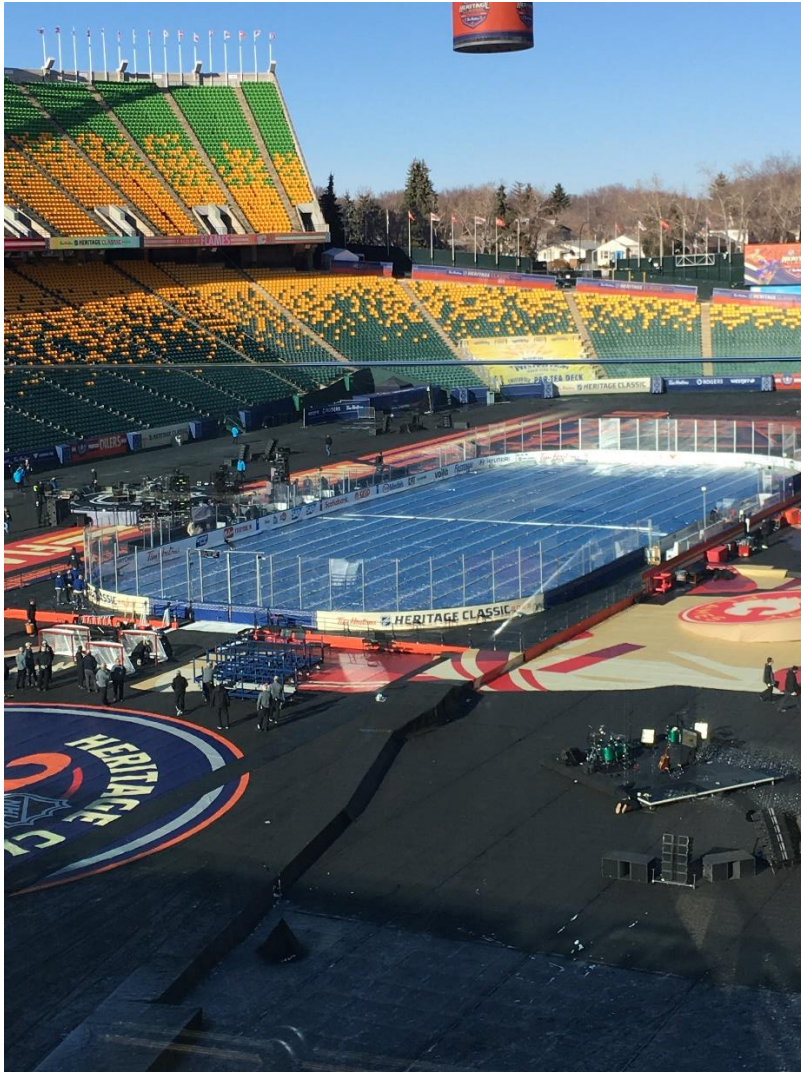
The celebration included a Ukrainian Dinner (Pork loin roast with apple sauce, cabbage rolls, perogies and corn meal with mushroom sauce – very yummie!). Padre Night entertainment included the St. Basil's New Life Choir and the Kupalo Dancers from the St. Basil's Ukrainian School of Dance.



The Padre Night program included speeches from the most Reverend Bishop David Motiuk who is also the KC State Chaplain and from Reverend Father Jim Corrigan, Vicar, Edmonton Archdiocese.



- The council operated two different beer booths at Commonwealth Stadium in October.
 - On Saturday October 14, the Edmonton Elks hosted the Montreal Alouettes. Montreal won the game 35 – 21. There were thirteen beer booth volunteers at the event. Total sales were \$4,629.
 - On Sunday October 29, the NHL Heritage Classic took over Commonwealth Stadium. The Calgary Flames played the Edmonton Oilers in the rink built at Stadium. Over 55,000 fans attended the Battle of Alberta hockey game. St. Charles had thirty beer booth volunteers working the game and we sold over \$67,308 worth of beer, coolers, popcorn, water, wine, coffee, hot chocolate and baileys. And the Oilers won the game 5 – 2.
 - Western Foods manages all the food and beer/alcohol booths at Commonwealth Stadium. Most of the concessions at Commonwealth Stadium are operated by volunteer groups. St. Charles KC Council has worked a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium since 1990. Funds from the beer booth are used to fulfill charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charitable groups in Edmonton. The main initiative this year is use beer booth funds to help complete maintenance work for the St. Charles Church and Rectory. Our next beer booth is on Saturday December 9 for the FIS World Snowboard Jump competition.



- The KC Family Movie Night was held on Saturday October 21 featuring the movie, Haunted Mansion. There were over thirty people in attendance including twenty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday November 18 starting at 6:30 PM.



Coats for Kids

St. Charles KC Council delivered two boxes of Coats for Kids to the parish school of St. Lucy School on October 3. The boxes included twelve boys youth coats and twelve girls youth coats. St. Lucy School staff will provide coats to the kids that do not have winter coats. The other three parish schools, St. Charles, Bishop Savaryn and Bishop Greschuck still have coats from previous council donations. The council paid \$690 this year for the 24 coats, so \$28.75 per coat. The coats are very good quality and good for Edmonton winters.



Council Events for November 2023

November 1	Wed		Feast of All Saints
November 1	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
November 2	Thu		Feast of All Souls
November 5	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
November 11	Sat		Remembrance Day
November 12	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
November 18	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (?)
November 19	Sun	16:00	CFL Grey Cup (Hamilton)
November 20	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
November 23	Thu	18:00	Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation @ Jubilations

Building the Domestic Church

The phrase “domestic church” has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his *Letter to Families*, Pope St. John Paul II explained, “The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a ‘domestic church,’ a ‘little church.’”

The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering prayer.

It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, “In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith.”



It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.

It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it.

The Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Initiative

The Knights of Columbus seeks to strengthen family life through its Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative. Through this initiative, the Order endeavors to support Christian family life and encourages councils and families to more fully integrate with the sacramental

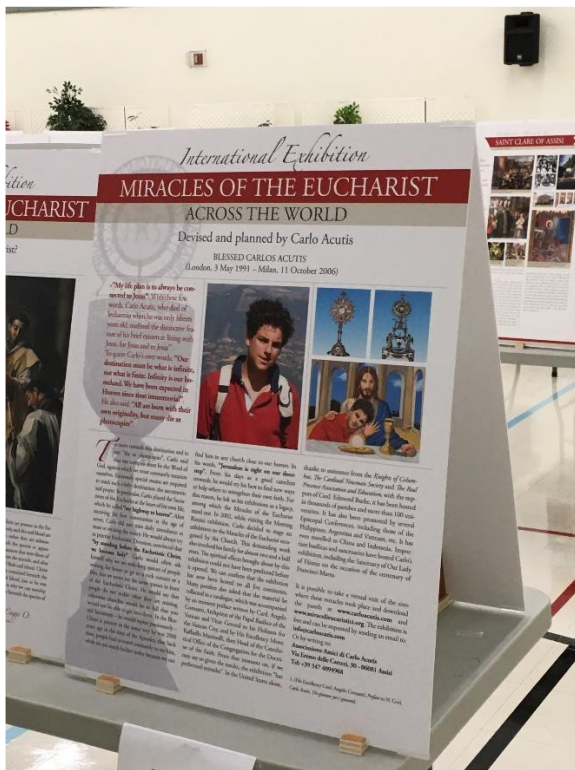
and social life of their parish. We thereby hope to not only help each family participate in the Church's mission of evangelization, but to also strengthen our members and revitalize our parishes.

The Building the Domestic Church initiative is the inspiration and foundation of the new Faith in Action program model, which greatly emphasizes faith and spirituality. Those councils that thoroughly implement Faith in Action will be living and exemplifying the domestic church.

St. Charles Parishioners are encouraged to take and read booklets from the Domestic Church Kiosk located in the church lobby.

Carlo Acutis Exhibit

The St. Charles KC helped setup the Blessed Carlo Acutis exhibition in the activity centre. The exhibition presents a selection of the main Eucharistic Miracles (about 136, collected in 166 panels) which occurred over the centuries in various countries and are recognized by the Church. More information about Blessed Carlo Acutis is at this website [Carlo Acutis \(carloacutis-en.org\)](http://carloacutis-en.org).





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 40 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 187 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 \(kofc.org\)](#).

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