

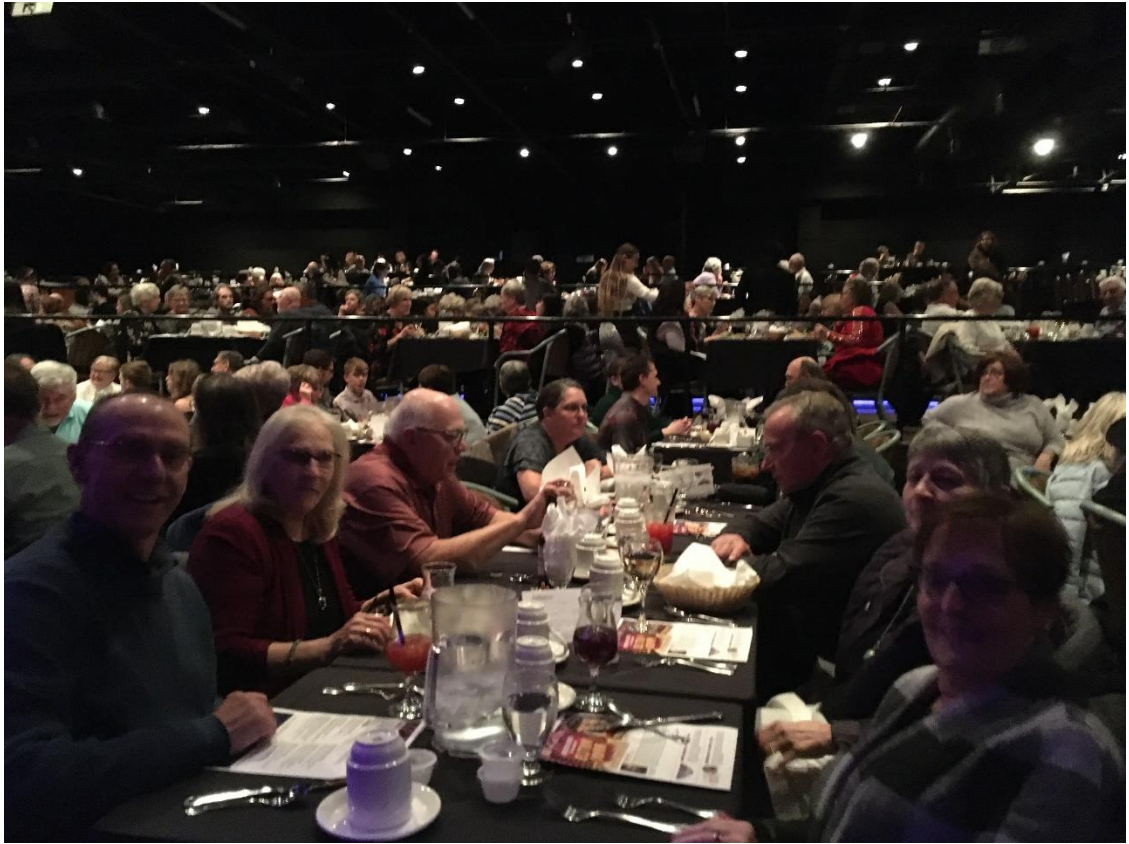


## **KC November 2023 Newsletter**

### **Council Events in November**

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on November 5 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 12, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-two volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 100 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 100 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday December 10.
- Forty members, spouses and friends from St. Charles KC Council attended the beer booth volunteer appreciation night at the WEM Jubilations Dinner Theatre on Thursday November 23. The appreciation event recognizes the volunteers for their help in working beer booth 6 at Commonwealth Stadium in 2023 including thirteen different events. 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 again on Saturday November 18 featuring the movie, Elemental. There were over fifty people in attendance including thirty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday January 20, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM.



### Council Events for December 2023

December 3	Sun		First Sunday of Advent
December 3	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
December 6	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting (Christmas Social)
December 9	Sat	14:00	FIS Snowboard Big Air World Cup
December 10	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
December 16	Sat	09:00	Christmas Hampers
December 16	Sat	16:30	Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi)
December 18	Mon	18:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
		19:00	Christmas Party
December 25	Mon		Christmas
December 26	Tue		Boxing Day
December 31	Sun		New Year's Eve

### Marriages

The statistics quoted here come from an article produced by the Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia. This is a shocker: A vast number of re-marriages end in divorce. Approximately 76 percent of second marriages, 87 percent of third marriages, and 93 percent of fourth marriages are doomed! It becomes obvious that remarriage is not a solution. It merely establishes a pattern of failure. Then what is the solution? Monogamy. Don't divorce.

But many of us are in relationships that are volatile, sometimes lethal. What can we do? The first thing is reconcile. Apologize. Defuse the situation. Try to re-establish a relationship. Court your partner again. Your best chance of a happy marriage is with your original partner.

The institution of marriage is under attack by society. We are force-fed the idea that we don't have to stay married, and even while married we can cheat with impunity. But we must recognize that we are here on earth for a very short time (at most a hundred years) and this is a "proving ground" for our eternity. When we die, we will face Jesus and perhaps have to explain to Him why we didn't do our best to bring others to heaven - in particular our wife (or husband). Try to put this time on earth in a proper perspective. What we experience here on earth is very temporary. What we will experience after we die is very permanent.

### Men Need Cor

"Answering the needs of Catholic men through prayer, formation and fraternity."

To live his faith and engage in mission, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Catholic men need to proactively invest in their ongoing faith formation, to be part of a dynamic brotherhood that supports, sharpens, and strengthens them to be holy men, husbands, and fathers and to engage in the mission of the Church.

Cor exists to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

### 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	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs

### **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 \(kofc.org\)](http://www.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://www.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](mailto:jmommer@shaw.ca).