



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KC February 2024 Newsletter

Council Events in February

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on February 4 – 5TH Sunday in Ordinary Time. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by a dozen 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 March 3 – 3RD Sunday of Lent.

The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11 was a huge success.

Well over 400 parishioners attended breakfast after each of the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday. Twenty-four volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs.

A larger than usual crowd was there to help celebrate the Year of the Dragon. Joseph Yong, Steven Lai, Julian Harry and the Chinese entourage from St. Charles Parish sang for the crowd for each shift.

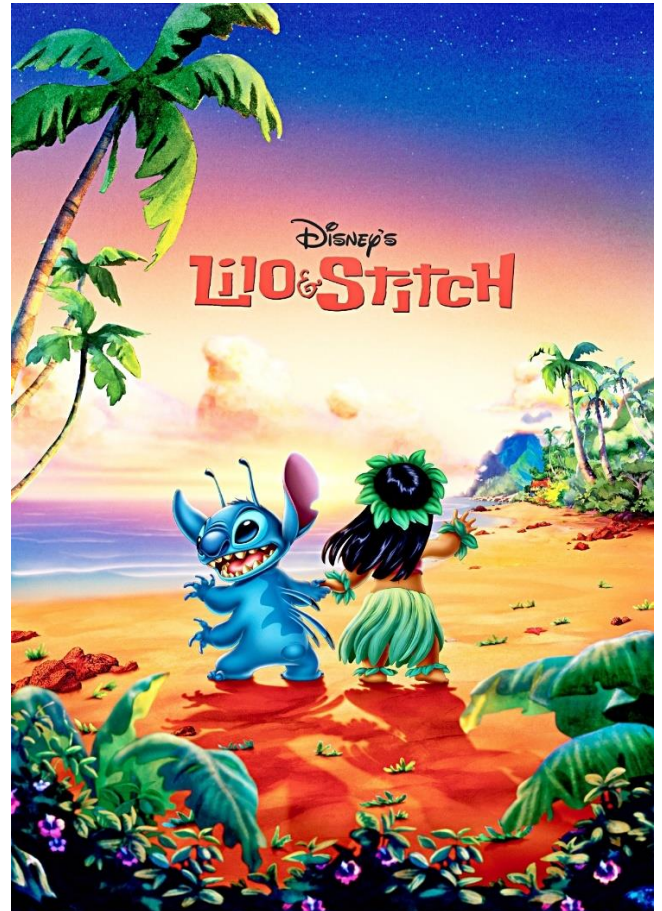
There were also four Baptism families in attendance. Baptism families are invited to have a free breakfast on their big day at St. Charles.

The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday March 10.



- Several KC members helped the St. Charles CWL with the funeral lunches on Thursday February 8 and on Saturday February 17 at St. Charles Church. The KC members completed the cleanup after the lunch was prepared and served by the CWL.
- Financial Secretary John Grabow completed and submitted the council's semiannual audit report for the July 1 to December 31, 2023, period. The audit report summarizes the KC membership and financial results for the six-month period.

- Keith St. Louis, Deacon Joe Leuwer and several KC Council members led the Stations of the Cross celebration on Friday February 16, 7:00 PM at St. Charles Church. Over fifty parishioners attended the event during the 2024 Lent season.
- The KC Family Movie Night was held again on Saturday February 17 featuring the movie, Spies in Disguise. There were over thirty people in attendance including about twenty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday March 16, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM featuring the movie Lilo and Stitch.



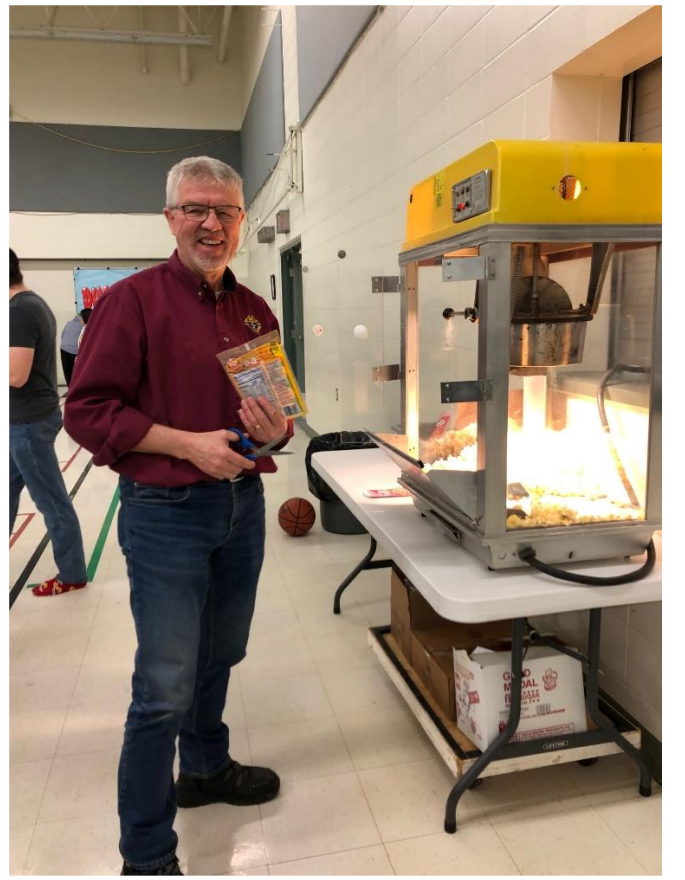
- The St. Charles Knights of Columbus worked with the Catholic Women's League to host the 2024 Family Day Celebration in the St. Charles Activity Centre on Monday February 19 from

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Over 150 parishioners attended the family friendly event. Games included a bouncy castle with slide, Duck Pond, Tin Can Alley and Topsy Survivor Challenge. There was a craft table for children to paint rocks and create pictures with glitter. The CWL provided hot dogs, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and ice cream. Free popcorn was also available.













Council Events for March 2024

March 3	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
March 3	Sun	13:00	Council/District Free Throw Championship
March 6	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
March 10	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
March 16	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (?)
March 17	Sun	13:00	Regional/Provincial Free Throw Championship
March 18	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
March 24	Sun		Palm Sunday
March 24	Sun		St. Charles Charter Anniversary 41st (1983)
March 28	Thu		Holy Thursday
March 29	Fri		Good Friday
March 30	Sat	21:00	Easter Vigil (Fire, RCIA, Celebration)
March 31	Sun		Easter Sunday

- The Alberta Knights of Columbus 50/50! Draw #9 is now active. Sales end Saturday April 27, 2024. The 50/50 raffle supports educational institutions, community charities, churches, youth and seniors activities across Alberta. Go this website to participate [Alberta Knights of Columbus 50/50! Draw #9 | Rafflebox](#).

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 \(kofc.org\)](#).

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

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