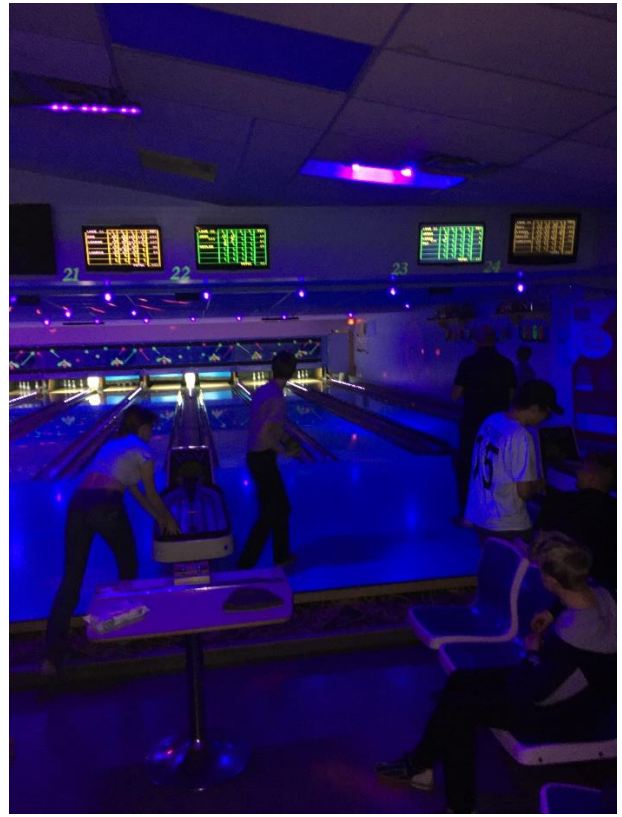


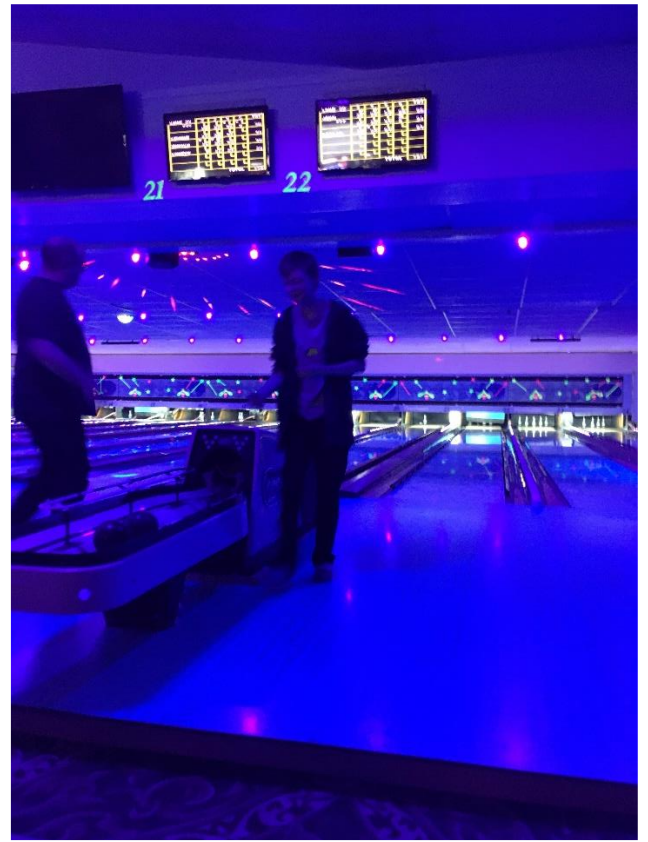
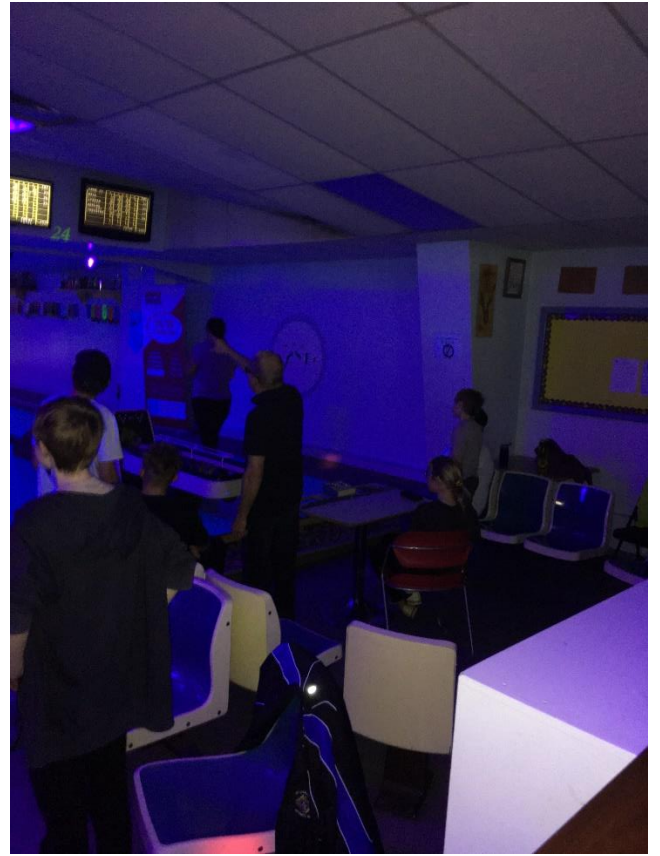


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Council Events in May

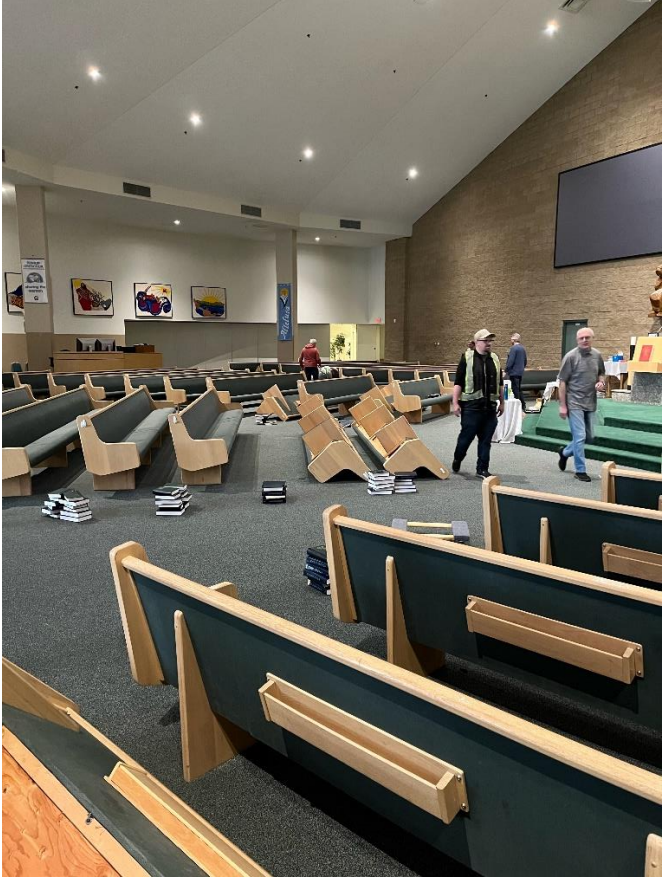
- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by members of St. Charles KC Council. The KC Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. But we are changing that for June - the KC Men's Choir sing again on Sunday June 2 – Body and Blood of Christ at the 11:00 Mass.
- On Sunday May 5, about twenty KC family members enjoyed a couple hours of family bowling at Bronx Bowl on 127 Street organized by Brother Pat Burant. A good time was had by all participants.





- On Thursday May 7, ten brother knights worked over five hours at St. Charles Church to realign the pews in the church to allow increased and improved seating in the church to accommodate increased attendance at Sunday Masses, especially at the 11:00 Mass. The

pew improvement thus allows the use of the activity centre for pancake breakfasts on the second Sunday of each month.



- As noted in the recent newsletter from the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, over 1000 people gathered in front of the Alberta Legislature for the annual Alberta March For Life on Thursday May 9, for the purpose of defending and celebrating the sanctity of human life. Archbishop Smith was one of the featured speakers and Fr. Dean Dowle from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church was the MC for the event. More than ever before, the event brought together not just Catholics and Protestant Christians, but also members of many other religions, all bound together by a passion for defending life and love for both mothers and the unborn. Amongst the religious speakers at the March for Life were leaders from the Lutheran church, the Calgary Muslim Community, the Edmonton Sikh Community, the New Life Living Hope First Baptist Church of Calgary and most notably Christian Evangelist and Pro-Life advocate, Dr. Alveda King, niece to Martin Luther King Jr. John Onyskiw, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus and Mary Hunt, Provincial President of the Catholic Women's League, were also featured speakers, along with Honorable Dan Williams MLA for Peace River and Minister for Mental Health and Addictions and Maria Jordan MacKeigan - Down Syndrome Advocate. Please pray for Canada, that we would become a nation that defends the sanctity of life and is filled with people who live their lives with self-sacrificial love!



- The KC Tree of Life continues to shine over the memorial monument in front of St, Charles Church. The Japanese Lilac tree should show its flowers soon this spring and summer. The memorial rock is a dedication to God's gift of life from conception to death. The monument includes text from Psalm 139.15.16 "...when I was growing there in secret, you know that I was there, you saw me before I was born".



- Another KC Family Movie Night was held on Saturday May 11 featuring the movie, Storks. There were over thirty people in attendance including about twenty children. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is in the fall of 2024.



- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day was very successful. Just over 330 parishioners attended breakfast – about 180 after the 9:00 Mass and about 150 after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Over twenty-five volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs. Strawberries and whipped cream were also provided for this special day honoring mothers. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday June 9.







- The KC council also conducted the Mother’s Day Rose Sale on May 11 and 12. The KC sold 625 roses after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and the two Masses on Sunday morning. We collected \$1,050 from the rose sale and provided the profit funds to the Gianna Centre, a pregnancy support centre in Edmonton.
- The list of the 2023-2024 Alberta Free Throw Champions were posted on the KC State Council website: [2024 Alberta Free Throw Champions.pdf - Google Drive](#). The free throw champions included ten winners from Edmonton and four winners from St. Charles Council 8325. The list of the international free throw winners are also posted on the KC Supreme Council website: [2023-2024-free-throw-championship-winners.pdf \(kofc.org\)](#). Since 1972, KC councils have sponsored the KC Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14.

First Place Winners

Age	Name	Baskets	Council	Location
9	Victor L	19	8325	Edmonton
9	Craig B	16	3241	Grande Prairie
9	Aria G	14	6994	Calgary
10	Nixon Y	20	3241	Grande Prairie
10	Heart M	21	7070	Edmonton
10	Abigail P	14	7599	Edmonton
11	Xian L	22	10547	Lethbridge
11	Ava G	20	8325	Edmonton
12	Dominic W	19	6994	Calgary
12	Alexa A	18	6692	Spirit River
13	Daniel P	15	7599	Edmonton
13	Amelia W	17	6692	Spirit River
14	Joshua H	18	6692	Spirit River

14	Erica V	13	3241	Grande Prairie
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Second Place Winners

Age	Name	Baskets	Council	Location
9	James C	15	6994	Calgary
9	Sandra S	8	6692	Spirit River
10	Dominic B	16	12446	Calgary
10	Leilani P	12	3241	Grande Prairie
11	Zachary S	21	8325	Edmonton
11	Neil M	16	3241	Grande Prairie
11	Emma L	15	9502	Medicine Hat
12	Bentley S	17	6692	Spirit River
12	Rayelle C	16	9502	Medicine Hat
13	Prince S	17	6692	Spirit River
13	Madelyn R	17	6994	Calgary
14	Treshawn G	16	6994	Calgary
14	Hope S	12	6994	Calgary

Third Place Winners

Age	Name	Baskets	Council	Location
9	Arren F	14	7599	Edmonton
9	Radmila J	9	8325	Edmonton
10	Brayden E	16	4748	Olds
10	Daria B	12	8470	Calgary
11	Seth W	17	9502	Medicine Hat
11	Laurel G	15	3241	Grande Prairie
12	Xander C	12	4748	Olds
12	Zoe M	10	8045	Airdrie
13	Sawyer W	16	4748	Olds
13	Khallum R	14	9502	Medicine Hat
14	Hunter C	12	7599	Edmonton
14	Keish Q	10	12658	Edmonton

Congratulations to all the 2023-2024 Alberta Free Throw Championship winners. Thank you to all the participating councils in Alberta.

- At the KC meeting on May13, District Deputy Gerald Bernakevitch presented the council with several awards from KC State Council including:
 - Second Runner-up for the St. Charles Church and Rectory Maintenance project;
 - Certificate of Appreciation for the Pennies for Heaven program;
 - Certificate of Appreciation for the Coats for Kids program.
- At the KC meeting on May 13, the following executive were elected and selected for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year:

Elected Officers

Grand Knight	John Mommersteeg (will carry on pending a new GK)
Deputy Grand Knight	vacant
Chancellor	Rob Fortier

Recorder	John McIntosh
Treasurer	Laurent Laforce
Advocate	George Pouliot
Warden	Ron Despins
Inside Guard	Lawrence Bacque
Outside Guard	Doug Dixon
Trustee Three Years	Dan McDonough
Trustee Two Years	Pat Burant
Trustee One Year	Ken Dufresne

Appointed Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Marc Cramer
Financial Secretary	John Grabow
Lecturer	Pat Roth
Membership Director	vacant
Program Director	vacant
Faith Director	Keith St. Louis
Family Director	Moe Roy
Community Director	Blair MacCormac
Life Director	Joseph Yong
Social Media Director	vacant

- On Saturday May 25, nine beer booth volunteers worked the beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium. The Edmonton Elks played the Saskatchewan Roughriders in a pre-season game and came up a little short losing 28-27. There were only a few thousand fans in attendance so beer sales was very low at \$1130 and tips were \$72. The beer booth team was however challenged by using new tills and using tubs to hold over twenty different products for sale. The three coolers in the beer booth are broken and are to be replaced with new coolers hopefully by the next football game on June 8. Our next beer booth is on June 8 – the season opener for the Elks. Saskatchewan is coming back to town to play the Elks.



Council Events for June 2024

June 2	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
June 5	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
June 8	Sat	17:00	CFL – Saskatchewan vs Edmonton
June 9	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
June 14	Fri	19:00	CFL – Montreal vs Edmonton
June 16	Sun		Father's Day
June 17	Mon	18:00	Installation of Officers
		18:30	Combined Executive/General Meeting
		19:00	Yearend BBQ/Party
June 30	Sun		Columbian Award Application due

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 \(kofo.org\)](https://www.kofo.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 \(kofc.org\)](http://kcof.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://kcof.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 .