



## **KC September 2025 Newsletter**

### **Council Events in July, August, and September**

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of July, August and September: July 6 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and September 7 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir each time 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 October 5 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The council operated nine different beer booths at Commonwealth Stadium in July, August and September this year.
  - On Sunday July 6, fourteen beer booth volunteers worked at the football game between the Ottawa Redblacks and the Edmonton Elks. The Elks won 39 – 33 over the Redblacks. The revenue for the beer booth was \$4,836. The crowd was estimated to be around 12,000.
  - On Sunday July 13, the BC Lions came to town to play the Edmonton Elks. BC won the football game 32 - 14. Thirteen beer booth volunteers worked that day and sold about \$4,753 in beer, coolers, wine, water, and popcorn to the estimated crowd of 12,000 fans.
  - On Saturday July 19, twenty-one beer booth volunteers worked over four and half hours for the "The Weeknd" concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$32,366. Over 54,000 fans attended the concert at stadium.
  - On Saturday August 2, twelve beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth. The Elks lost a close game to the Hamilton Tiger Cats 28 - 24. The beer booth revenue was \$7,123. About 12,000 fans were in attendance.
  - On Friday August 15, fourteen beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth when the Toronto Argonauts played the Edmonton Elks – the Elks won 28 – 20. Beer booth sales were \$3,103.
  - On Saturday September 6, the battle of Alberta was on as Calgary Stampeders visited Edmonton to play the Elks. The Elks were able to secure a win and defeated the Stampeders 31 - 19. Sales at beer booth 6 were \$11,806. We had help from seventeen beer booth volunteers that day - steady and busy! There were about 28,000 fans in the stadium stands.
  - On Friday September 12, twenty-three beer booth volunteers worked over five and half hours for the first of two Morgan Wallen concerts at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$65,432 on the Friday night. Almost 57,000 fans were at stadium for the concert.
  - On Saturday September 13, twenty-four beer booth volunteers worked over four hours for the second of two Morgan Wallen concerts at Commonwealth Stadium. The beer booth shut down one hour early as all the products were sold and the shelves at the beer booth were bare. Beer booth sales were \$55,206 on Saturday night. There were about 57,000 fans in attendance.
  - On Saturday September 27 the Edmonton Elks hosted the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Saskatchewan has a good team this year, but the Elks won 27 - 25. There were fifteen

beer booth volunteers at this event. Total sales were \$12,961 and there was a large crowd of 30,000 fans in attendance.





- Stadium Foods Services manages all the food and 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 to use beer booth funds to help complete the removal of the deteriorating fence around the church property. Our next beer booth is on Saturday October 11 when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers come to play the Edmonton Elks.

- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 14, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-four volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 130 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and another 60 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday October 12.

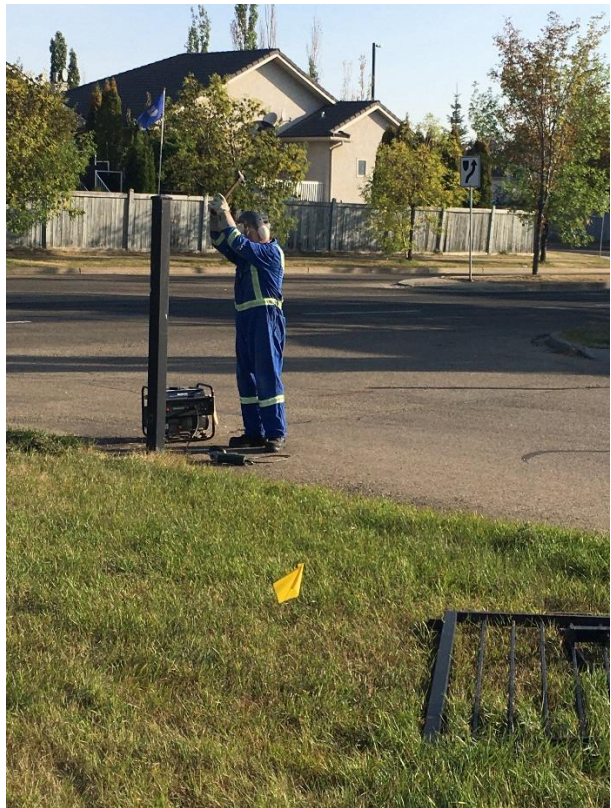
### **St Charles Church Renovations**

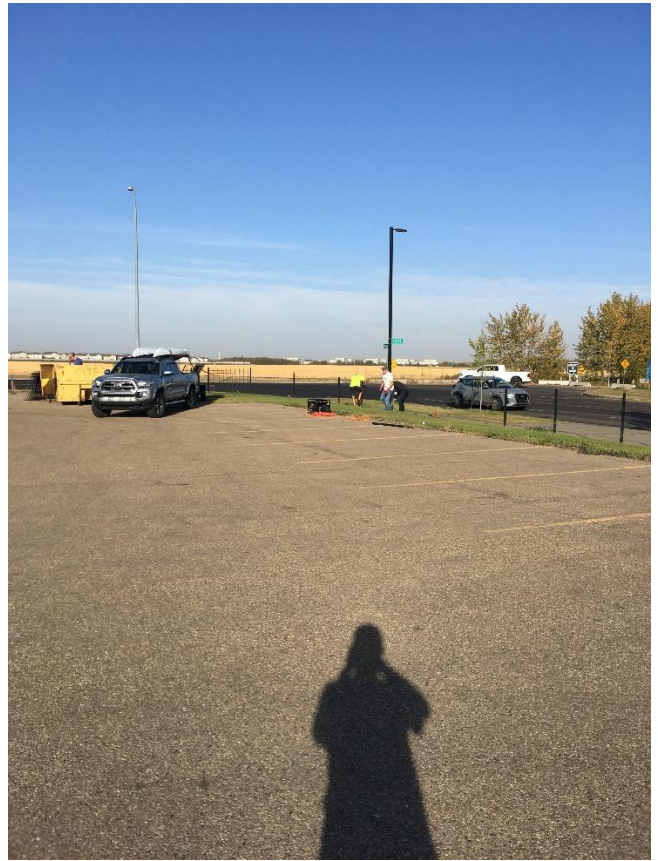
As part of the KC commitment for church and rectory maintenance projects, a team of workers from the Knights completed the removal of the fence facing the street and avenue at St. Charles Church on September 20. Many thanks go to the Knights from St. Charles who worked about four hours on the Saturday to remove the fence. The wrecking crew included Gerald Murnane, Andy (Gerald's son in law), Pat Roth, John Grabow, Pat Burant, Dan McDonough, Joe Leuwer, Peter Punzalan, Lawrence Bacque, John Mommersteeg, Rob Fortier and Colin Wigelsworth.

The fence facing 112 Street to the west and 176 Avenue to the north was over 30 years old and at end of life. There were approximately 551 feet of fence to be addressed. The fences to the south and east of the church are not in scope. The existing fence and gates were removed and will be replaced by trees and landscaping over the next few years.

Dan McDonough removed the gates and installed new plastic chains in their place. John Grabow arranged for the garbage bin for the metal fencing material. Pat Roth worked on the compact tractor to remove the fence posts and helped deliver the topsoil to fill the post holes. Gerald Murnane provided overall supervision and task assignments for the project.









### **The Domestic Church Kiosk**

We replenished the Domestic Church Kiosk with engaging, faith-based literature (225 booklets) from Catholic Information Services available to members, parishioners, and the public.

Since 1948, CIS has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and continually provides tools for catechesis and faith formation.

The booklets are the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.



### **Council Events for October 2025**

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| October 1     | Wed     | 19:30 | Edmonton Chapter Meeting           |
| October 5     | Sun     | 09:00 | Men's Choir                        |
| October 11    | Sat     | 17:00 | CFL – Winnipeg vs Edmonton         |
| October 12    | Sun     | 08:00 | Pancake Breakfast                  |
| October 13    | Mon     |       | Thanksgiving Day                   |
| October 18    | Sat     | 18:30 | KC Family Movie Night ()           |
| October 18-19 | Sat-Sun |       | Membership Drive (All Masses)      |
| October 20    | Mon     | 18:30 | Fraternal Benefits Event           |
| October 20    | Mon     | 19:00 | Combined Executive/General Meeting |
| October 24    | Fri     | 19:30 | CFL – Calgary vs Edmonton          |
| October 31    | Fri     |       | Halloween                          |

### **KC Movie Night**

The next KC Movie Night is on Saturday October 18 when we show the movie "Bedtime Stories" in the activity centre at the church. Showtime is at 6:30 PM. Popcorn, chips and drinks are provided. Admission is free.



## Faith in Action

St. Charles KC Council programs are aligned with the Faith in Action model provided by the KC Supreme Council. The council received the Columbian Award for its various programs completed in the 2024-2025 Columbian Year.

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 \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org).

| FAITH                                                                                                                                                                                                    | COMMUNITY                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| RSVP<br>Into the Breach<br>Spiritual Reflection<br>Holy Hour<br>Pilgrim Icon Program<br>Building the Domestic Church Kiosk<br>Rosary Program<br>Sacramental Gifts                                        | Coats for Kids<br>Global Wheelchair Mission<br>Habitat for Humanity<br>Disaster Preparedness<br>Free Throw Championship<br>Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest<br>Soccer/Hockey Challenge<br>Helping Hands |
| FAMILY                                                                                                                                                                                                   | LIFE                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Food for Families<br>Family of the Month/Year<br>Family Fully Alive<br>Family Prayer Night<br>Keep Christ in Christmas<br>Family Week<br>Consecration to the Holy Family<br>Good Friday Family Promotion | March for Life<br>Special Olympics<br>Ultrasound Initiative<br>Pregnancy Center Support<br>Christian Refugee Relief<br>Silver Rose<br>Mass for People with Special Needs<br>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 41 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 189 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**

St. Charles KC Council also received the Father McGivney Award in the 2024-2025 Columbian Year by recruiting twelve new members to join the local council and achieve the membership quota for the year.

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 \(kofc.org\)](https://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 \(kofc.org\)](https://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 [John.mommersteeg@gmail.com](mailto:John.mommersteeg@gmail.com).