



KC October 2025 Newsletter

Council Events in October

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on October 5 – 27th 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 2 – All Souls' Day.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, was very successful. There was ample help from the twenty-five volunteers, including several youths working both shifts. We hosted approximately 150 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 100 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday November 9.

Pennies For Heaven

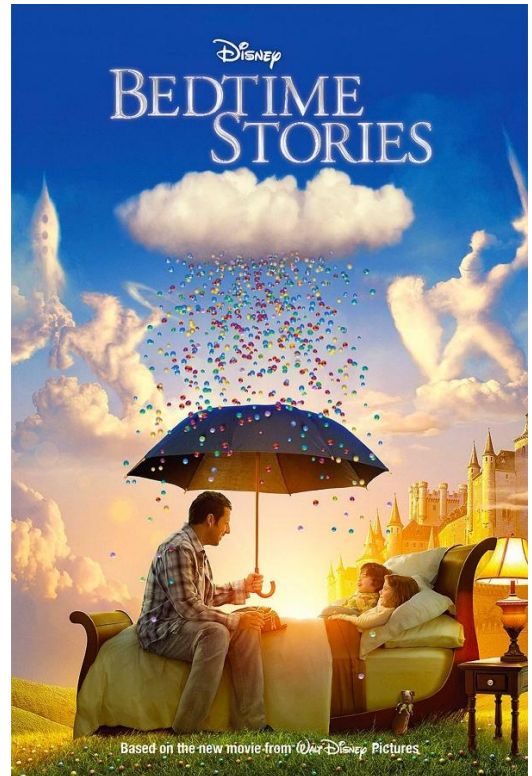
St. Charles Knights of Columbus council thank the St. Charles parishioners who attended the pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 12. Contributions of \$1,029 were made to the KC Pennies for Heaven program. This program helps to provide financial assistance to the men in St. Joseph Seminary. The average cost of room, board, and seminary formation is \$24,000 per year.

- The council operated two different beer booths at Commonwealth Stadium in October.
 - On Saturday October 11, the Edmonton Elks hosted the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Edmonton won the game 25 - 20. There were eleven beer booth volunteers at the event from St. Charles KC. Total sales were \$3,028.
 - On Friday October 24, the Calgary Stampeders came to town to play the Edmonton Elks at Commonwealth Stadium. The Elks lost the last game of this year 10 – 20 to the Stampeders. There were thirteen beer booth volunteers at the event from St. Charles KC. Total sales were \$3,609.
- Stadium 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 1992. Funds from the beer booth are used to provide charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charity groups in Edmonton.

Annual Awards

St. Charles Knights of Columbus council received two awards from the KC Supreme Council for the 2024-2025 Columbian Year. The council was awarded the Columbian Award for completing at least twenty Faith In Action activities. The council was also awarded the Father McGivney Award for recruiting twelve new KC members, above the membership quota of eleven new members for the year.

- The KC Family Movie Night was held on Saturday October 18 featuring the movie, Bedtime Stories. There were over twenty-five people in attendance, including almost twenty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday November 15 starting at 6:30 PM.



Coats for Kids

St. Charles KC Council delivered four boxes of 72 Coats for Kids to the four parish schools of St. Lucy, St. Charles, Bishop Savaryn and Bishop Greschuck in October. The boxes included boys' youth and child coats and girls' youth and child coats. School staff will provide coats to the kids that do not have winter coats. The council paid \$1,524 this year for the 48 coats, so \$31.75 per coat. The coats are very good quality and good for Edmonton winters.



Council Events for November 2025

November 1	Sat		Feast of All Saints
November 2	Sun		Feast of All Souls
November 2	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
November 5	Wed	19:30	Edmonton Chapter Meeting
November 9	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
November 11	Tue		Remembrance Day
November 15	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (TBD)
November 16	Sun	16:00	CFL Grey Cup (Winnipeg)
November 17	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
November 27	Thu	18:30	Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation @ Jubilations
November 30	Sun		First Sunday of Advent

A Brief History of the Knights of Columbus

Blessed Michael McGivney was a 19th century priest who brought Catholic lay men together to grow in faith, protect their families and serve the Church.

United by this mission, Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882.

Today, we remain committed to forming men in faith, helping protect Catholic families financially, building a culture of life and helping those in need.

We have more than 2.1 million brother Knights fulfilling this mission around the world. *Will you join us?*

Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.

Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to each new member

Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday — Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order

Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

Family Fraternal Benefit* — Benefits for children of insured members that include guaranteed-issue insurability under age 18 and automatic death benefits for children dying before age 61 days

Orphan Fraternal Benefit* — Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members

Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit — Accidental death benefit for member in good standing and spouse at no additional cost

Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships

Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

**Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.*

2024-2025 Columbian Year in Review Activities for St. Charles Council

Jul: KC Men's Choir, two Beer Booths (Elks football)

Aug: KC Men's Choir, four Beer Booths (Elks football, two Metallica concerts, Pink concert)

Sep: Pancake Breakfast, two Beer Booths (Elks football), Grey Cup Raffle

Oct: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, two Beer Booths (Elk's football), KC Movie Night, Padre Night, Coats for Kids for Parish Schools

Nov: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation at Jubilations, KC Movie Night

Dec: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Hampers, Christmas Party, KCIC Poster Contest

Jan: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night

Feb: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night, Family Day Celebration

Mar: KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Free Throw (Council, District, Regional, Provincial), KC Movie Night, Stations of the Cross, Easter Vigil (Easter Fire, RCIA, Celebration after Easter Vigil Mass)

Apr: KC Men's Choir, KC Movie Night, KC State Convention

May: KC Men's Choir, Family Bowling, Pancake Breakfast, Rose Sale, March for Life/Rose Dinner, Beer Booth (Elk's Football), KC Scholarships

Jun: KC Men's Choir, Pentecost Potluck, Beer Booth (Elks football), Yearend Party

Charities Supported in 2024-2025

- KC Pennies For Heaven
- Christmas Bureau
- Coats for Kids – Four Parish Schools
- Father Troy Basketball Tournament
- Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples
- CWL
- RCIA
- St. Charles Parish (Washrooms)
- The Society of St. Vincent De Paul
- Edmonton Food Bank
- Marian Centre
- Gianna Centre
- Alberta March For Life
- St. Joseph Seminary
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Jasper
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace

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 \(kofo.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization (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 2.1 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 42 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 167 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.