



## **KC November 2025 Newsletter**

### **Council Events in November**

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on November 2 – All Souls. 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 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 9, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-eight volunteers for both shifts. We hosted approximately 130 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 100 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday December 14.
- The KC Family Movie Night was held on Saturday November 15 featuring the movie, Bedtime Stories. There were over twenty-five people in attendance including many young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday January 17, starting at 6:30 PM featuring "The Iron Giant".



### **Grey Cup Pool**

The St. Charles KC thank all parishioners for their support of the KC 2025 Grey Cup Pool and congratulate the following winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter \$75 winner – Lee Depatie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (half) \$100 winner – Connor Croken
- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter \$75 winner – Denyse Mommersteeg
- Final Score \$200 winner – Gerald Murnane.

The funds raised help support the various KC programs and activities including Coats for Kids, Free Throw Championship, Sleep In Heavenly Peace and others.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders defeated the Montreal Alouettes 25 – 17 in the 2025 Grey Cup game held in Winnipeg.

### **Alberta Northwest Territories State Scholarship**

Congratulations to Johnathan Strechniuk who was awarded a KC scholarship cheque in the amount of \$500 this fall from the Alberta-Northwest Territories State Council. Johnathan is the son of St. Charles KC member Peter Strechniuk. Brother Peter accepted the cheque from Grand Knight Pat Roth on behalf of Johnathan at the November KC meeting.





### **Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation**

Forty-four members, spouses and friends from St. Charles KC Council attended the beer booth volunteer appreciation night at the WEM Jubilations Dinner Theatre – Canadian Top Gunn – The 80's Take Flight! on Thursday November 27. The appreciation event recognizes the volunteers for their help in working beer booth 6 at Commonwealth Stadium in 2025 including thirteen different events.

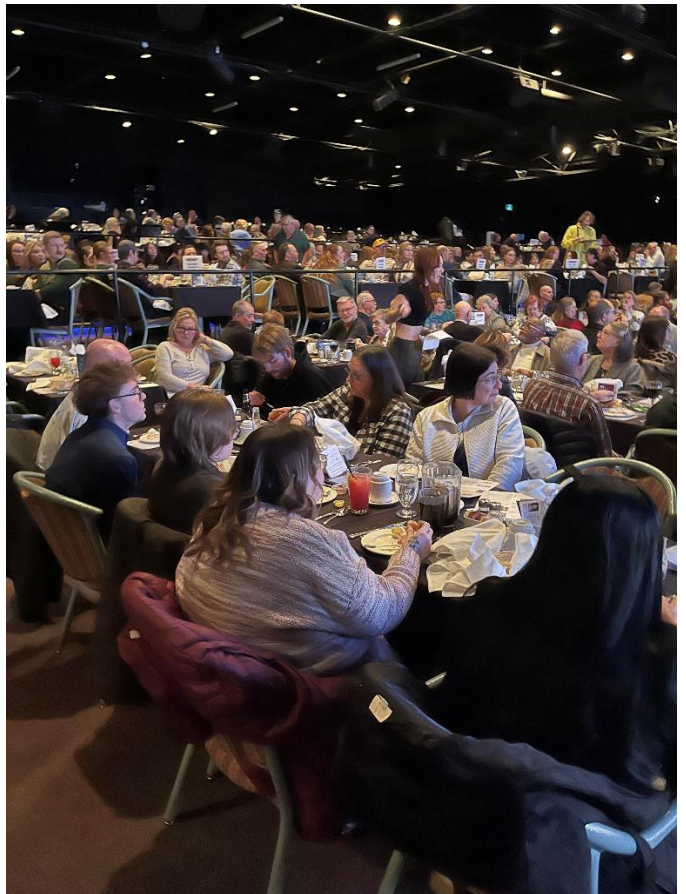
St. Charles KC Council has worked a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium since 1990. Funds from the beer booth are used to fulfill charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charitable groups in Edmonton. The main initiative this year is use beer booth funds to help complete maintenance work for the St. Charles Church, i.e. removal of the perimeter fence and planting trees and bushes around the church property.













### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

Earlier in November, George Pouliot and John Mommersteeg put up the Keep Christ In Christmas banner in front of the Church. The KCIC Faith in Action program promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Councils evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities. The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



### **Council Events for December 2025**

December 3	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting (Christmas Social)
December 7	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
December 14	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
December 15	Mon	18:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
		19:00	Christmas Party
December 20	Sat	09:00	Christmas Hampers
December 25	Thu		Christmas
December 26	Fri		Boxing Day
December 31	Wed		New Year's Eve

### **A Brief History of the Knights of Columbus**

Blessed Michael McGivney was a 19<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **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 16,799 councils.
- KC total membership exceeds 2.1 million Catholic families.
- Last year, KC members contributed over \$197 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 168 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](mailto:jmommer@shaw.ca) .