



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KC December 2025 Newsletter

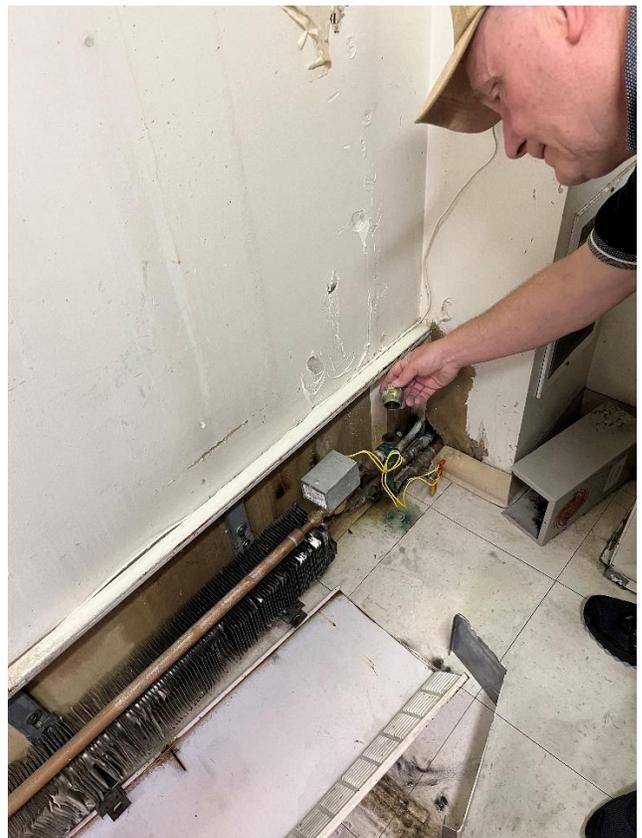
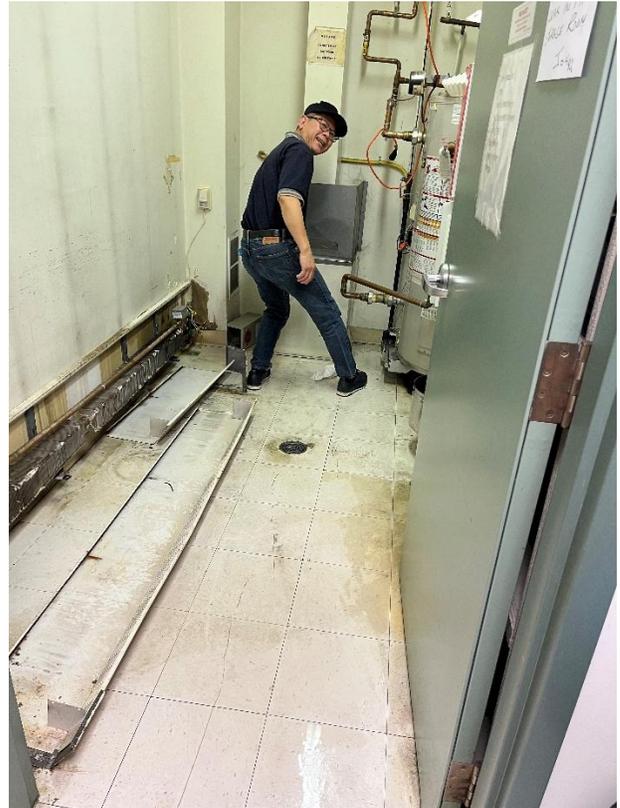
Council Events in December

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on December 7 – 2nd Sunday of Advent. 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 January 4 – Epiphany of the Lord.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 14, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-six volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 110 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 90 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday January 11, 2026.





- A water pipe burst in the kitchen storage room heater on December 14 just after the pancake breakfast. Fortunately, it occurred during the pancake breakfast, so the pipes were shut off quickly preventing considerable damage. The pipes have been repaired. New shelving will be installed in the storage room.



- The KC conducted the KC Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest and invited parish families to take part as well as youth from the parish schools: St. Lucy, St. Charles, Bishop Savaryn and Bishop Greschuk as well as Katherine Therrien. The contest is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. The children were invited to create a poster to reflect the true meaning of Christmas and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas. There are five categories for the competition with winners in each category: Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2, Grade 3 & 4, and Grade 5 & 6. Winners for each category will receive a monetary prize from the KC and their artwork will be submitted to the next level of judging for further awards and recognition.

We once again had a great turn out for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. We had 60 entries from three schools with winners from each school and plenty of great entries as presented at the KC Christmas party. Here are the winners. Prizes will be distributed in the New Year, and the winners will be forwarded to the KC State Council competition.



Grade 1-2 First Place - Gianna Paica – Katherine Therrien School



Grade 1-2 Second Place – Sophie Erhardt – St. Charles School



Grade 1-2 Third Place – Rossi Banfield – St. Charles School



1st - Grade 3-4

Grade 3-4 First Place - Banael Gevramaden – St. Charles School



2nd - Grade 3-4

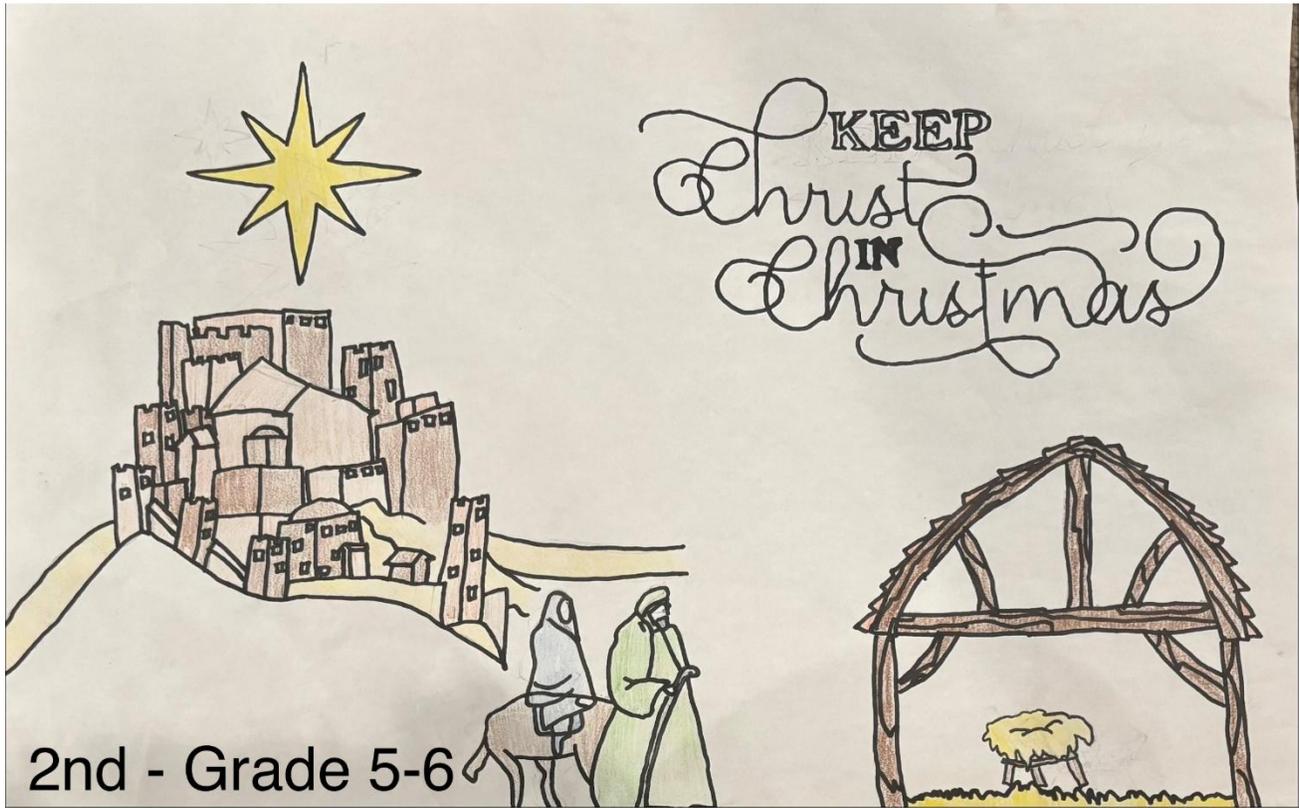
Grade 3-4 Second Place – Scarlett Handfield – Bishop Savaryn School



Grade 3-4 Third Place – Nardos Tekeste – Katherine Therrien School

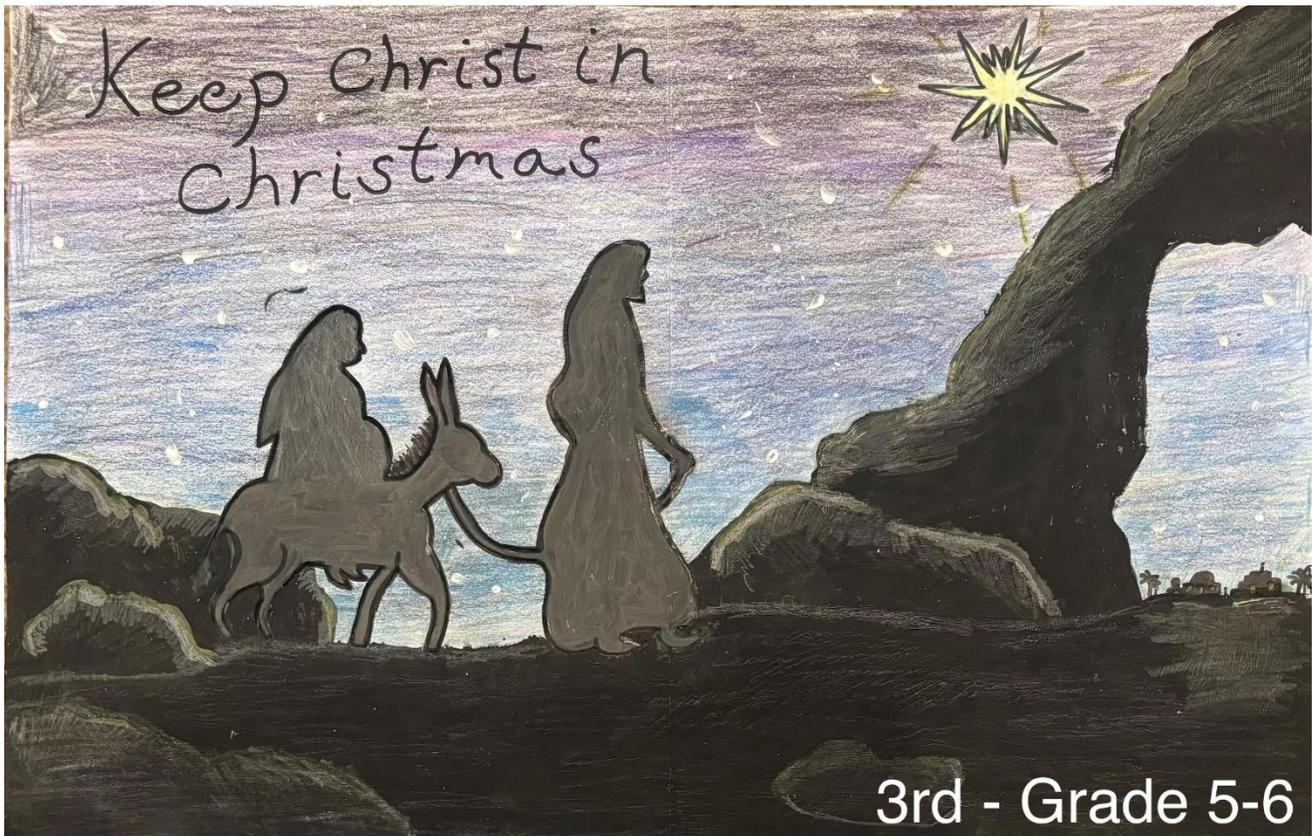


Grade 5-6 First Place – Milano Carrozza – Bishop Savaryn School



2nd - Grade 5-6

Grade 5-6 Second Place – Levi Geiger – Bishop Savaryn School



3rd - Grade 5-6

Grade 5-6 Third Place – Cecelia Hernandez – Bishop Savaryn School

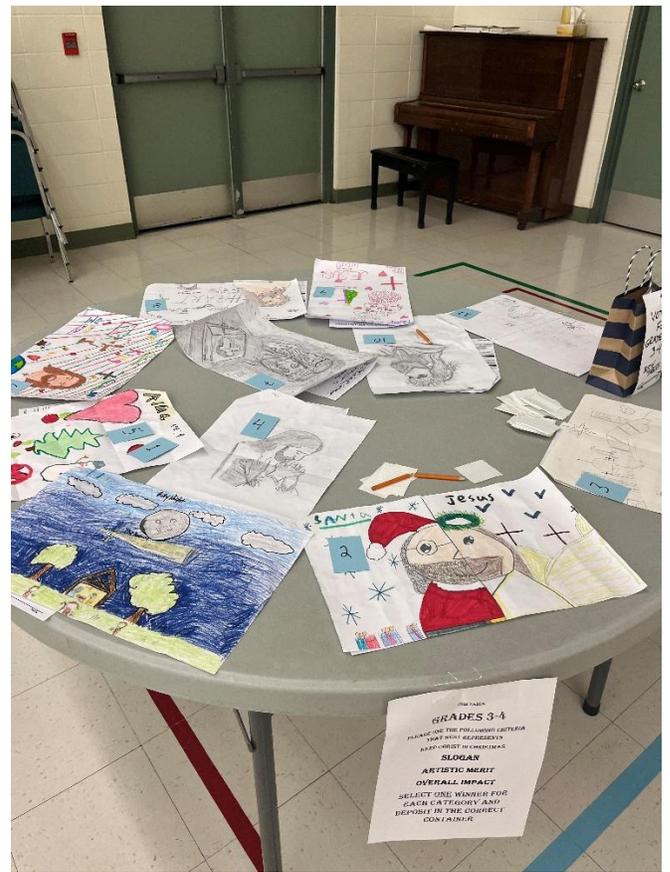
- Last year, KC Supreme Council awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the five categories [PowerPoint Presentation](#).

- The St. Charles KC Council held its KC Christmas Party on Monday December 15 in the St. Charles Activity Centre. HappyNess Catering provided a nice buffet dinner including roast beef, oven BBQ chicken, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, buns, Caesar salad, ABC salad (apples, broccoli, cranberries) and strawberry shortcake. Brother Pat Roth provided bar offerings including wine, beer and alcohol. Several brothers including John Mommersteeg, George Pouliot, and Pat Roth decorated the activity centre for the KC Christmas Party. There were one hundred knights, spouses and friends who attended the Christmas Party. The attendees also brought several pieces of winter clothing including gloves, toques, scarves and coats which Ken Dufresne delivered to the Bissell Centre.





- Brother Rob Fortier setup the sixty Keep Christ in Christmas posters from youth at the parish schools to be judged by the attendees.



- St. Charles KC Council welcomed five new council members this Columbian Year: Raul Caranto, Jude Galero, Bob Wollersheim, Waqas Aan and Emery Kayiranga.



- On Saturday December 20, several St. Charles KC Council members helped deliver Christmas Hampers for the Edmonton Christmas Bureau to families in Edmonton.

Council Events for January 2026

January 1	Thu		New Year's Day
January 4	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
January 7	Wed	19:30	Edmonton Chapter Meeting
January 11	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
January 17	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (The Iron Giant)
January 19	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
January 31	Sat		Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due

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 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 \(kofc.org\)](http://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 16,799 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 \(kofc.org\)](#).

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