



KC January 2026 Newsletter

Council Events in January

- Grand Knight Pat Roth visited past Grand Knight Joe Rosen at the Fort Saskatchewan Hospital. A nurse helped Pat get Joe out of bed and into a wheelchair so they could tour around the hospital. They stopped at the Knights of Columbus room for the picture shown below. Joe Rosen is currently living at the Hardisty Nursing home. Joe Rosen is a charter member of the St. Charles KC Council and was Grand Knight for two Columbian years from 1985 to 1987. Joe has been a Knight for 49 years and will turn 100 years young on July 27, 2026.



- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on January 4 – Epiphany of the Lord. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by several 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 February 1 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 11, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the thirty-three volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 100 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 70 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday February 8.

- At the December pancake breakfast, a water leak was detected in the dry storage room adjacent to the exterior door from the main kitchen. Although the leak was quickly isolated by several of the Knights, water had already flowed across the floor and underneath the wood shelving units.

The wood shelving unit located in front of the convection cabinet (commonly referred to as the “rad cabinet”) was moved to access and address the source of the leak. During removal, the shelving unit was found to be unstable and in need of replacement. Water had also run beneath the remaining wood shelving unit. As both shelving units were constructed of particle board, which is susceptible to water damage and related issues, it was decided that both units should be replaced.

After consideration, open mobile chrome shelving was identified as a better solution for the dry storage room. These shelves can be easily moved for cleaning, allow for improved air circulation, and permit the thermostat to be returned to its proper location. (The thermostat had previously been relocated from its original position near the room entrance to accommodate the wood shelving.)

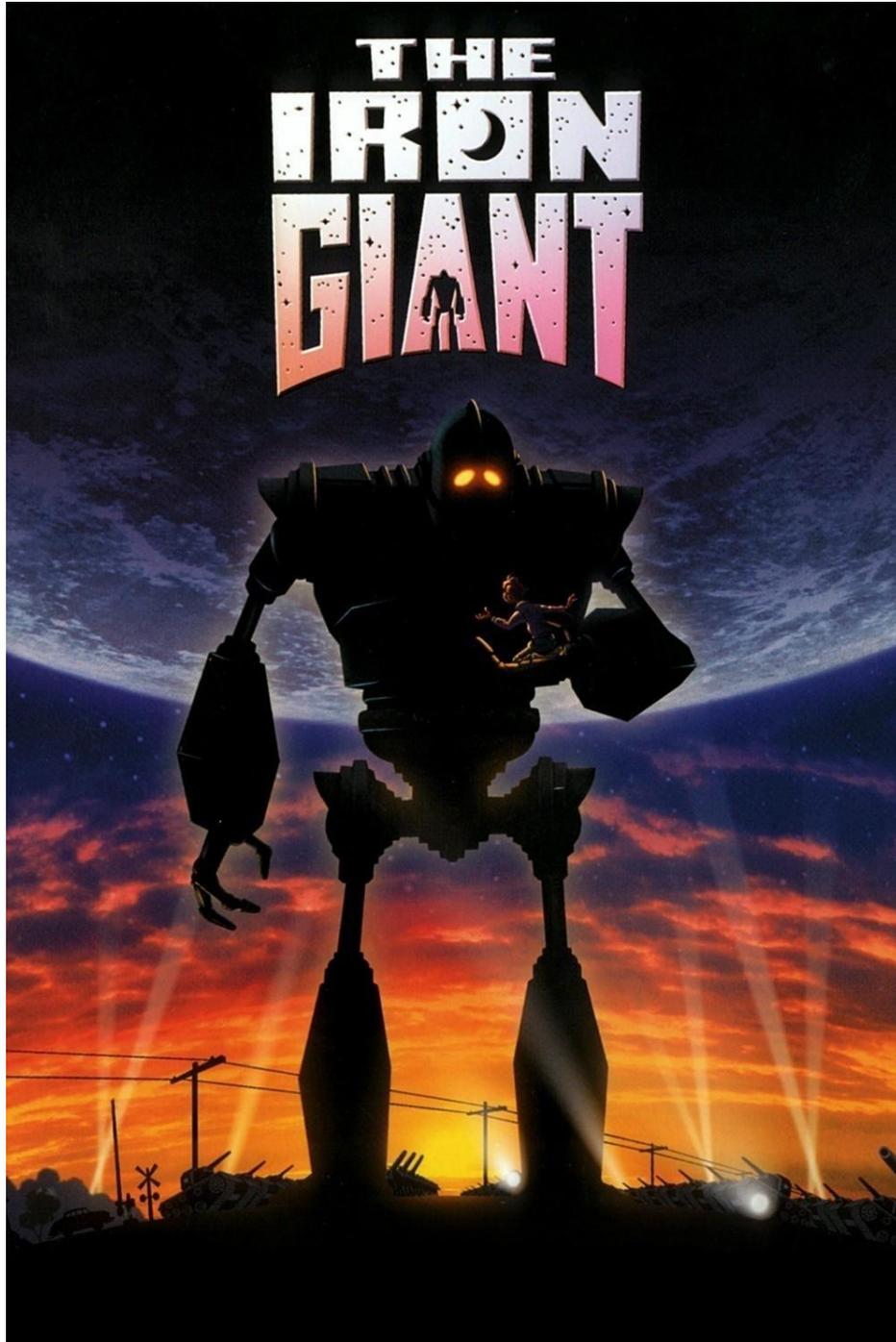
Since that time, the maintenance contractor has repaired the leak and relocated the thermostat back to its original location. Mobile shelving units were purchased and installed in the room at a total cost of \$1,681.62.

Thank you to John Mommersteeg, Luc Nguyen, Raul Caranto, and Pat Roth for their prompt response in isolating the leak.

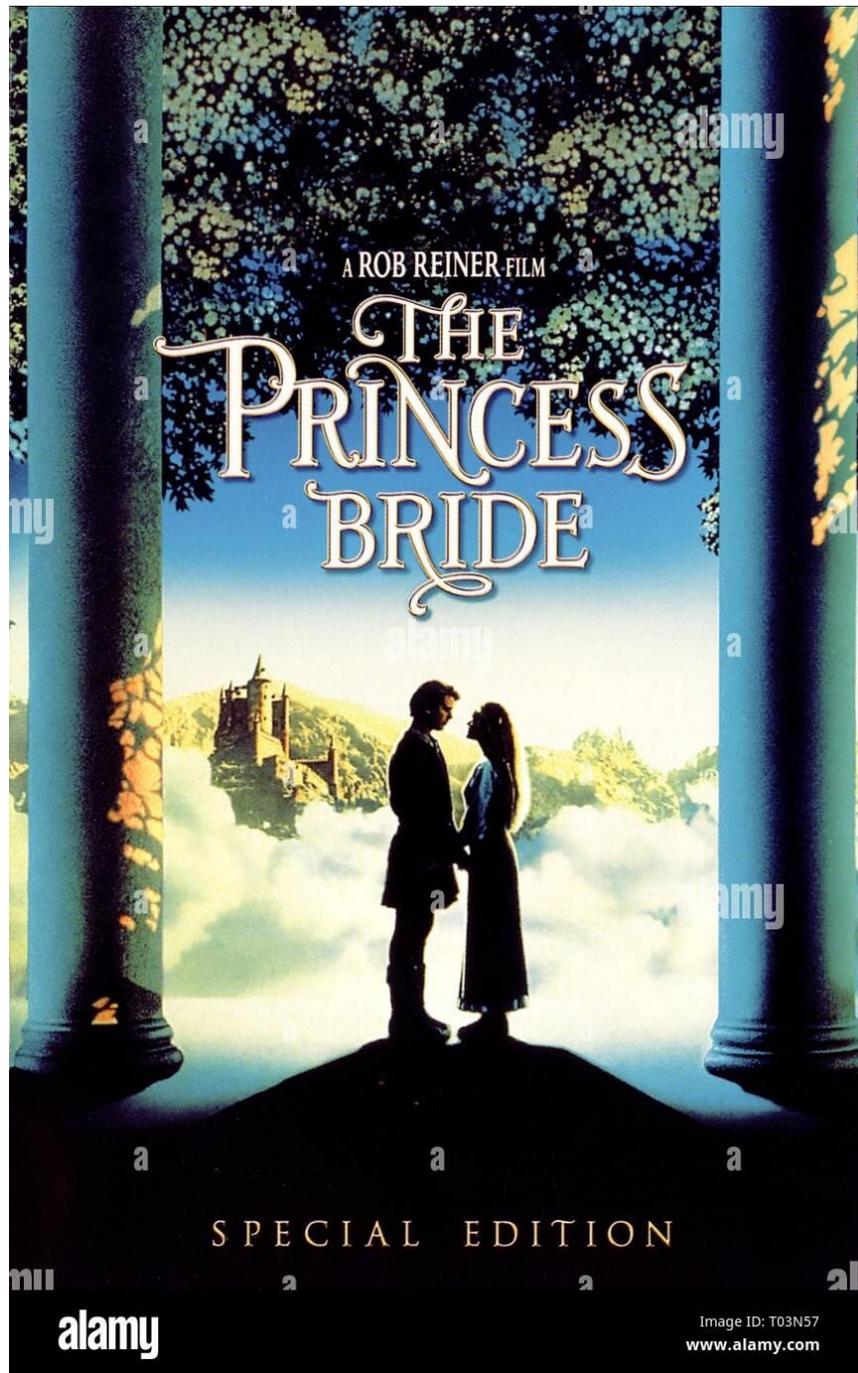
Thank you also to Pat Burant, John Mommersteeg, Pat Roth, and George Pouliot for their assistance in demolishing the existing shelving and constructing and installing the new mobile shelving.



- Financial Secretary John Grabow completed and submitted the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for 2025. The report provides statistics for the four Faith in Action activities as well as meetings, visits to the sick, visits to the bereaved, blood donations and Masses held for members. In 2025, the KC spent \$23,295 on various Faith, Family, Community and Life activities as well as provided 4,191 hours of service. The activities included Beer Booth Volunteers, Pancake Breakfasts, Men's Choir, Food For Families, Keep Christ in Christmas, Christmas Hamper delivery, Coats for Kids, Free Throw Championship, Alberta March for Life and Pregnancy Support.
- The KC Family Movie Night was held again on Saturday January 17 featuring the movie, The Iron Giant. There were about forty people in attendance including about twenty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all.



- The next movie night is on Saturday February 14, 2026, starting at 6:30 PM featuring the movie The Princess Bride.



Council Events for February 2026

February 1	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
February 8	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
February 9	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
February 14	Sat		St. Valentine's Day
February 14	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (Princess Bride)
February 16	Mon		Family Day

February 16	Mon	11:00	Family Day Celebration
February 18	Wed		Ash Wednesday
February 22	Sun		First Sunday of Lent



2026 Family Day Celebration

Monday February 16, 2026

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Charles Activity Centre

Free Admission!

***Tropical Bouncer with Slide, Three Game Carnival –
Ring Toss, Darts, Bank a Ball, Basketball, Crafts Table,
Face Painting
Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Hot Chocolate and Popcorn***

Hosted by the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus

Donations will be accepted



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 43 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 john.mommersteeg@gmail.com.