



## **KC February 2026 Newsletter**

### **Council Events in February**

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on February 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by ten members from 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 March 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 8 was a huge success. About 350 parishioners in total attended breakfast after each of the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. Twenty-six volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs. A larger than usual crowd was there to help celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year and the Year of the Horse. Joseph Yong, Steven Lai, Julian Harry, Augustine Au, Nicholas Ngui and the Chinese entourage from St. Charles Parish sang for the crowd for each shift. Several Chinese vocal groups also sang for the parishioners in attendance at the breakfast for both shifts. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday March 8.

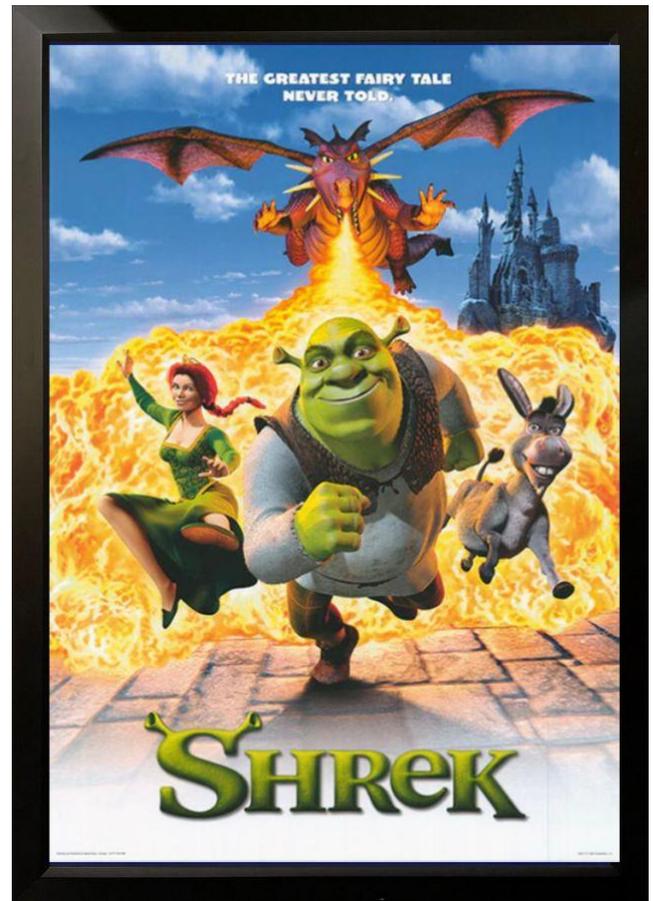
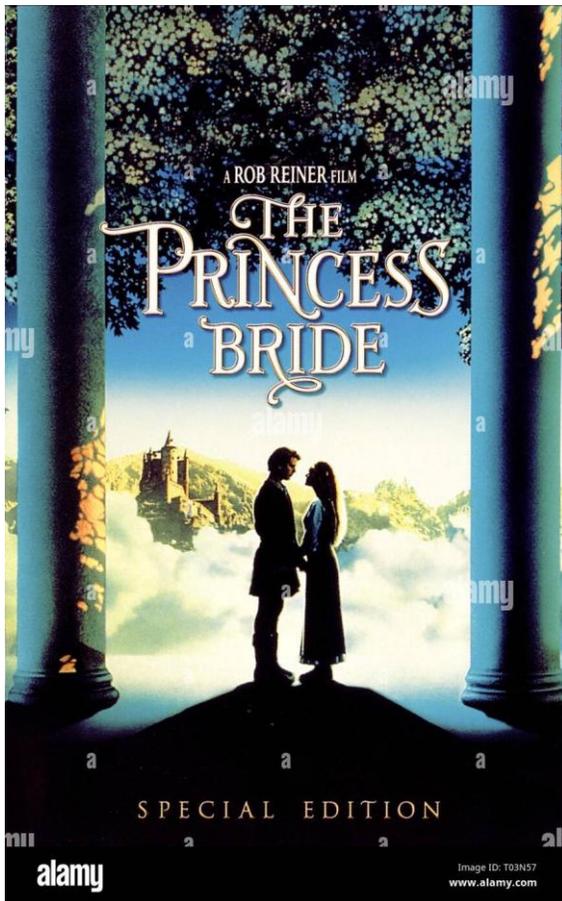








- The KC Family Movie Night was held again on Saturday February 14 featuring the movie, The Princess Bride. There were over thirty people in attendance, including about twenty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday March 14, 2026, starting at 6:30 PM featuring the movie Shrek.



- The St. Charles Knights of Columbus worked with the Catholic Women’s League to host the 2026 Family Day Celebration in the St. Charles Activity Centre on Monday February 16 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Over 120 parishioners attended the family friendly event. Games included a Tropical Bouncer with slide, Three Game Carnival – Ring Toss, Darts and Bank a Ball as well as basketball. There was a craft table for children to color pictures and create pictures with glitter. There was also a face painting table and a Plinko game with prizes. The CWL provided 170 hot dogs, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and ice cream. Free popcorn was also available.









- The KC council completed a membership Church drive on the February 14-15 weekend as part of each Mass. KC Insurance Agent Valence Joseph spoke after each Mass encouraging all catholic men 18 years and older to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Four men did sign up to join the KC. St. Charles Council 8325 has grown from 168 members to 175 members.
- KC Council 8325 hosted the St. Charles Church Stations of the Cross on Friday February 27. Several brother Knights and their spouses and friends participated in the spiritual event for the 2026 Easter season as readers, candle holders and cross holder. Deacon Joseph Leuwer led the event as MC. Well over fifty parishioners attended the spiritual activity.
- Brothers Pat Burant, John Grabow and other KC Council members continue to support the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program activities by building and delivering beds to needy families in Edmonton. Last year, 80 beds were delivered and installed. The goal for 2026 is to build and deliver 100 beds. More information is on the website [Home - Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

### Council Events for March 2026

March 1	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
March 8	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
March 13-14	Fri-Sat	17:00	KC State Hockey Tournament (Stettler)
March 14	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (Shrek)
March 16	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
March 24	Tue		St. Charles Charter Anniversary 43rd (1983)
March 29	Sun		Palm Sunday

### 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 \(kofc.org\)](#).

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission
Spiritual Reflection	Habitat for Humanity
Holy Hour	Disaster Preparedness
Pilgrim Icon Program	Free Throw Championship
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Rosary Program	Soccer/Hockey Challenge
Sacramental Gifts	Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	March for Life
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics
Family Fully Alive	Ultrasound Initiative
Family Prayer Night	Pregnancy Center Support
Keep Christ in Christmas	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs
Good Friday Family Promotion	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 8325 is now 43 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 175 members currently and is looking for more members.

### **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 \(kofc.org\)](http://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 \(kofc.org\)](http://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 [jmommer@shaw.ca](mailto:jmommer@shaw.ca).