



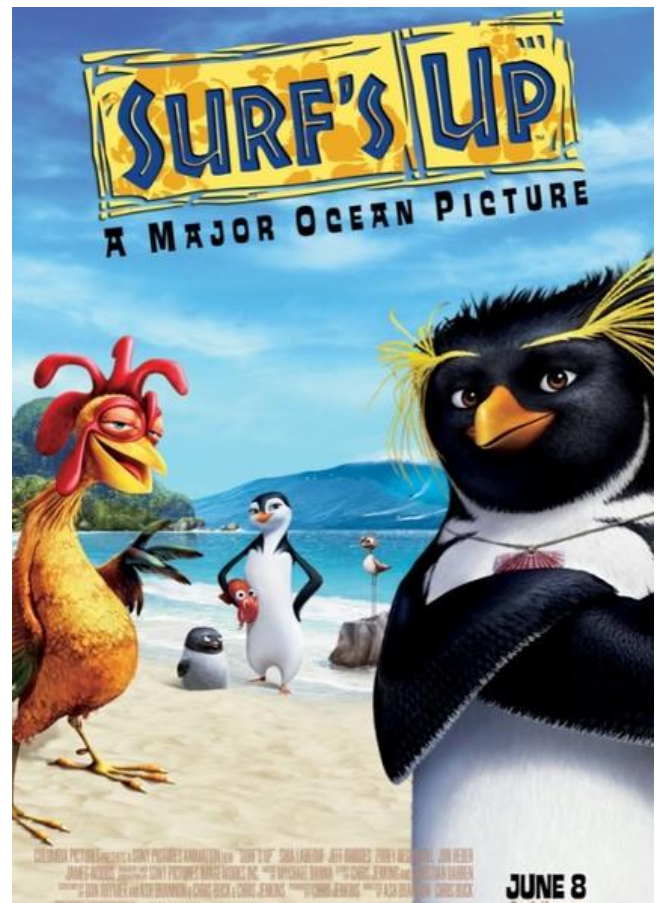
# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## KC March 2026 Newsletter

### Council Events in March

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on March 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. 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 April 5 – Easter Sunday.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 8 was very successful. Just over 170 parishioners attended breakfast – about 80 after the 9:00 Mass and about 90 after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Twenty-six volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday April 12.
- The KC Family Movie Night was held again on Saturday March 14 featuring the movie, Shrek. There were over fifty people in attendance including about thirty young people. Popcorn, chip snacks and drinks were provided free to all. The next movie night is on Saturday April 18, 2026, starting at 6:30 PM. The movie is Surf's Up.



- The KC State Hockey Tournament was held on March 13 and 14 in Stettler Alberta. Six KC teams from across Alberta participated in the tournament including the St. Charles Council 8325 hockey team. St. Charles won two of three games, winning over the Lethbridge and St. Albert teams but losing to the younger, stronger Wainwright team. The St. Charles hockey team included the following members: Connor McIntosh, John McIntosh, Eric Macko, Mark Craig, Kyle Craig, Marc Aubee, Sam Kitchen, Bret Klein, Mike Gomes, Tanner Gomes, Rob Pfriem, Beckett Aubee, Taylor Meraw and Patrick Meraw.



- St. Charles KC Council 8325 celebrated its 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on March 28, 2026. The council currently has 175 members.
- The Alberta Knights of Columbus - Alberta Charitable Foundation K of C 5050 Charities Appeal Raffle is now active. Sales end Saturday April 25, 2026. The 50/50 raffle supports educational institutions, community charities, churches, youth and seniors' activities across Alberta. Go to this website to participate [Home - ACF 50/50](#).
- The 2026 March for Life is scheduled for May 14. It starts with a 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Basilica. Our new Archbishop Stephen Hero will attend. At noon they march to the Alberta Legislature. This year's speaker is Melissa Ohden who is an abortion survivor and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network and co-founder of the Pro-life story telling initiative called Life Beyond Abortion. The rally will be followed by the Rose Dinner at the Polish Hall. Go to the Alberta March For Life website for more information [Alberta March for Life](#).

## Volunteering at the Marian Centre

By Keith St. Louis

What a wonderful feeling to be able to help less fortunate individuals downtown with a warm breakfast and good conversations. From our Council on Saturday March 28, there was me, Blair MacCormac, Dan McDonough, and Robert Cuthill working hand in hand with the staff there, many of religious order and some who are resident at the Marian center. There were also several seminarians from Calgary volunteering that morning and three ladies, regular volunteers who came in early to prep and cook the breakfast. We served “the best bread pudding” in Edmonton along with hot porridge containing cooked apple slices, and on the side, we had yogurt, sliced oranges, bananas and cheese pieces.

Hugo who is in charge for the Marian will be leaving soon for Ontario where the Madonna house main location is. He had big praises for our council especially when he recognized Dan McDonough. Hugo asked everyone to gather around as he wanted all to remember these men for all the hard work and effort our Council had put into repairs such as drywall and new windows at the Marian center (he also mentioned Pat Burant and George Pouliot along with Dan). You guys have made quite an impression there for our Council! And Blair has Hugo’s promise he will send pictures of his fantastic manger scene when he has it put together again down east.



A very nice aspect of the Marian center is the prayer and devotion offered up into the prep, cooking and serving of the food. After all were served and our clients left, there was a passage of scripture read and then open discussion in a big circle on our thoughts followed by the Lord’s prayer. As Pat Roth noted from Tuesday March 24 (Pat Roth, Robert Cuthill, and Waqas Aan helped at the Marian

Centre on March 24) and the people coming in look haggard, many living in tents outside and fingers of almost all were blackened. Nevertheless, they were joyful and oh so grateful for being served a hot breakfast meal and I am sure for many their only hot meal of the day. That is sad to see but rewarding to be able to do a small part to help them out - you really feel you are doing the work of the Lord there.

Thanks for all that have volunteered so far, and this will be something we will continue to do every month or so; if you did not get a chance as we were full up with volunteers for Saturday there will be plenty more opportunities coming – stay tuned to John’s emails!  
Thanks Brother Keith.



## Council Events for April 2026

April 2	Thu		Holy Thursday
April 3	Fri		Good Friday
April 4	Sat	21:00	Easter Vigil (Fire, RCIA, Celebration)
April 5	Sun		Easter Sunday
April 5	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
April 12	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
April 13	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
April 18	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (Surf's Up)
April 24-26	Fri-Sun		KC State Convention (Calgary)

### Faith in Action

The KC Faith in Action program 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 175 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 \(kofc.org\)](http://kcof.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://kcof.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](mailto:john.mommersteeg@gmail.com).