



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## KC April 2026 Newsletter

### Council Events in April

- Keith St. Louis, Steven Lai, Pat Roth and John Mommersteeg prepared the Easter Vigil fire on Saturday April 4 to kick off the Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 PM. The fire was used to consume the old palms from last year and to light the Paschal Candle.

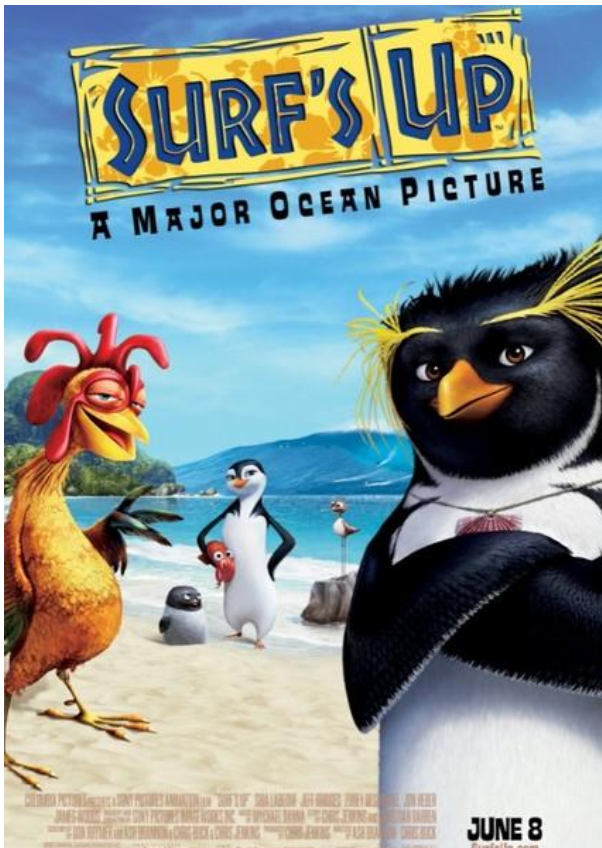




- The St. Charles KC also provided bibles for the twenty-two RCIA/RCIC candidates who were welcomed into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil mass on April 4.
- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday April 5 – Easter Sunday. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by members 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 May 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.
- The KC completed a Sleep in Heavenly Peace delivery in April, and there is one planned for next week. There was a bed building event last week with 38 students attending the event at Dr. Ann Anderson school. Twenty-two beds were built at the event. There was a mini build at St. Cecilia school on April 23. The SHIP volunteers will be staining beds later this spring. The 50/50 tickets sales are going now with the draw on May 14. More information can be found on the SHIP website [Sleep in Heavenly Peace | No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!](#).
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12 was very successful. Just over 220 parishioners attended breakfast – about 100 after the 9:00 Mass and about 120 after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Twenty-nine volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday May 10 – Mother's Day. The annual Rose Sale is also on Mother's Day weekend with proceeds going to the Gianna Centre for pregnancy support services.



- The KC Family Movie Night was held again on Saturday April 18 featuring the movie, Surf's Up. There were over twenty-five 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 May 9, 2026, starting at 6:30 PM. The movie is James and the Giant Peach.



- GK Pat Roth and DGK Gerald Murnane attended the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual State Council Meeting on April 24, 25, & 26 2026 at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre in Calgary. About 200 Knights and spouses from KC councils across Alberta attended the event.



- GK Pat Roth provided the following report about the state convention:

*This year's AGM was held in Calgary at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. Deputy Grand Knight Gerald Murnane and Grand Knight Pat Roth from our council were the delegates who attended the convention.*

*Overall, the convention was well attended, but because of the snowstorms and the closed highways in NE Alberta some delegates could not make it.*

*Some of the highlights include:*

*The opening mass on Friday, Saturday morning mass, and the Memorial Mass on Sunday were inspiring.*

*Father Slavco Dumec, State Chaplain, (Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is risen!) lead Friday's and Saturday's Mass in the Ukrainian Catholic format. Fr. Slavco talked about "we as servants". His analogy was of a drag race car driver. There are dozens of people preparing for weeks for only a 4 second drag race. The driver is who you see. Much like a priest, but there are many behind the driver looking after each of their parts, who play a vital role in its success. Fr, Slavco is a very gifted priest. We are very fortunate to have him as our State Chaplain.*

*The convention opened up with normal introductions and there was a presentation on the overall achievements of all of the KC members combined over the last year. It's quite amazing to see all the extraordinary good that is done, along with all the other councils. It really emphasized why we should be proud of being a KC member.*

*For the business part of the convention, the Resolutions and the Election of State Officers was very simple. The resolution 26-01 was basically "Felicitations to the Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Knight, Past Supreme Knight, Alberta -NWT Archbishops/Bishops." The resolution 26-02 was that councils be responsible for gifting of a rosary to grieving family of a departed brother knight.*

*There were no elections, as all the positions were by acclimation.*

*It appears that State and the Alberta Charitable Foundation are both in relatively good shape this year. It was also noted that minutes from State and Chapter can be accessed online. That way there is no need to continually email out this information.*

*State is very well organized with KC councils and member data. This is available for councils use if needs for planning events etc. It was suggested that each council should consider having an "Evangelistic Faith Formation" (EFF) director.*

*A deacon from Lethbridge spoke about vocations for new priests, but also for those considering the permanent diaconate vocation.*

*On the membership side, many councils are doing well. Overall, we are within needing only 6 more members to meet the quota for our state area. Presentations were made to councils who made 200 % of quota, and there were about 5 councils who made 300 % of quota. WOW.*

*The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest was a huge success. Supreme awarded 1st and 2nd place to two children from our Alberta-NWT area.*

*Family of the Year was won by Jimmy & Noralyn Tablan from Medicine Hat. Joe McKenna described a very worthy family where the parents and three children were so very involved in their parish life.*

*Knight of the Year was won by Robert Boisvert of Grand Prairie, Council 3241. This was a real eye opener at what one knight can achieve. During COVID, Bob just wanted to help out supporting the homeless in Grand Prairie. He started by making up meals. Then grew into the parishioners' making meals, then youth groups joining in, and then expanding to others in need in the area. Leaning on business connections who Bob dealt with, also wanted to join in on the giving. So now many of the expenses are well covered. This now has become a weekly year round ministry that many members from the KC and community groups are supporting. Well done!!*

*The Supreme representative that attended was Sean Halpain and his wife Brenda. He is a Supreme Director. He gave a keynote speech which was "What's your WHY you are a KC member "He described his journey as a knight, and his "WHY ". He ended his speech with "What's your WHY?". And once you can answer that, use it to tell others.*

*The Memorial mass was very moving. From the children's choir, all the clergy, the homily, and then the reading of all the departed members from all our state councils. We lost a lot of fellow KC members this year. Including our own Robert Despina and Hank Kozak from our council. Hearing all the names of these good brothers was something. During this, it was announced that the Past*

*State Chaplain, Father Henry Rosenbaum has just passed half an hour ago. I did not know him but probably some of our previous GK's did.*

*The overall convention was well executed, informative, comfortable, with great fraternal exchanges, great meals, and well worth attending. We met many other members and really enjoyed this experience, and it gave us a renewed pride and vigour in being a knight.*

*And a special thank you to all our members at St. Charles for all that you do.*





### Council Events for May 2026

May 3	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
May 3	Sun	14:00	Family Bowling (Bronx Bowl)
May 9	Sat	09:00	Volunteer at Marian Centre
May 9	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (James and the Giant Peach)
May 10	Sun		Mother's Day
May 10	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
May 10	Sun	09:00	Rose Sale
May 11	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting (Elections)
May 14	Thu	10:00	Alberta March for Life
		18:00	Rose Dinner
May 18	Mon		Victoria Day
May 29	Fri	19:00	CFL – Calgary vs Edmonton

### 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 \(kofc.org\)](https://www.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 176 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).

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