



KC June 2026 Newsletter

Council Events in June

- On Monday June 1, seventeen beer booth volunteers worked in beer booth six at Commonwealth Stadium for the men's soccer match between Team Canada and Uzbekistan as a preliminary FIFA World Cup friendly before the official FIFA World Cup tournament. Team Canada won the soccer match 2 – 0 in front of 46,000 fans on a very rainy night. Beer sales were \$11,073 and tips were \$802.



- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday June 7 – Body and Blood of Christ. 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 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The Men's Choir sing again on Sunday July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time at the 9:00 Mass as well as all masses on the July 18-19 weekend - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Trees at St. Charles Parish

This year the Knights of Columbus Council agreed to remove the fence at the north and west side of the church as the fence was too rusted to repair. We agreed to replace the fence with some landscaping, both trees and berms. The fence removal happened last autumn. This part of the project was the tree and berms placement.



A big thank you goes out to the volunteers that helped planting the trees at the church. Before the work began Pat Roth arranged for service locations and Gerald Murnane purchased the trees. On planting day June 10, we started work at 10:00 am with a crew of seven and we set to work. In order to make the work a little easier we hired a bobcat and operator to dig the holes for the trees. He finished his part in a half an hour.

Gerald Murnane picked up the trees earlier in the day and placed them in the rough locations. Lawrence Bacque was on hose duty filling each hole before we placed the trees, John Mommersteeg, George Pouliot, Steve Bourque and Ken Dufresne were on planting duty, while Gerald Murnane got very wet trying to get the hose bibs to work. By 11:49am all fourteen trees were planted and hoses put away. Pat Roth stayed and completed the berms with his skid steer. Pat was finished at 2:19pm

Great work by all. We planted one Showy Mountain Ash, three Spruce trees, two maples and eight Trembling Aspens. The berms were seeded and raked the next day. Thanks to all who helped. A special thanks to Pat Roth for getting the topsoil for free, and the Andy Kadatz for the use of his trailer to haul the trees from the tree farm.

With a budget of \$10,000 to do the work including the fence removal previously done our costs were:

- Fence removal and disposal \$995.84
- Tree planting and berms \$3,726.42
- Total cost \$4,722.26

Therefore, we are under budget by \$5,277.74.

Thanks, and God bless
Gerald



- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 14 was very successful again. Just over 230 parishioners attended breakfast – about 140 after the 9:00 Mass and about 90 after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. Over twenty-six volunteers over the two shifts cooked and served pancakes, ham and eggs. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday September 13.
- On Monday June 15, District Deputy Gerald Bernakevitch installed the new executive officers of St. Charles Council 8325 for the 2026-2027 Columbian Year:

▪ Grand Knight	Gerald Murnane
▪ Deputy Grand Knight	Vacant
▪ Chancellor	Pat Roth
▪ Recorder	Fred Churchill
▪ Treasurer	Gary Byrtus
▪ Advocate	George Pouliot
▪ Warden	Keith St. Louis
▪ Inside Guard	Lawrence Bacque
▪ Outside Guard	Doug Dixon
▪ Trustee Three Years	John McIntosh
▪ Trustee Two Years	Ken Dufresne
▪ Trustee One Year	Dan McDonough
▪ Chaplain	Rev Marc Cramer
▪ Financial Secretary	John Grabow
▪ Lecturer	Pat Roth
▪ Program Director	Robert Bouvier
▪ Membership Director	John Mommersteeg
▪ Faith Director	Steven Lai
▪ Family Director	Moe Roy
▪ Community Director	Keith St. Louis
▪ Life Director	Joseph Yong
▪ Social Media Director	Rob Fortier



- On Monday June 15, St. Charles Council held its Yearend BBQ and Party for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year in the Activity Centre. Ninety members, spouses and friends enjoyed a lovely meal of BBQ steak, chicken, potatoes, corn on the cob and salads prepared and cooked by Brothers Pat Burant, Len Storoschuk, Richard Cochrane, George Pouliot, Steve Bourque, Gerald Murnane, John Mommersteeg, Steven Lai, Joseph Yong, Charles Beaulieu and Pat Roth.



- The attendees at the KC Yearend BBQ also donated many baby items that were delivered to the Gianna Centre ([Gianna Centre - Pregnancy Support Services](#)) by Brothers Joseph Yong and Pat Roth. Pat provided the following visit update:

Joseph and I had a very informative tour. Our donations of 20+ boxes of diapers, wipes, cash and buns were gratefully received. Gianna offers so many services beyond counselling. Life skills training, cooking classes, homemade items that are sold, summer Thursday meals they sell, clothing, ongoing pop-ups in the city, ways to make income with them, outside service connections. A meeting place to make friends, prayer room, washing facility and on and on. Impressive!





Yearend Awards

- On Monday June 15 after the yearend BBQ and celebration, Grand Knight Pat Roth presented the Knight of the Year Award to Brother Gerald Murnane.
- Gerald Murane is a very active KC member, as well as the Deputy Grand Knight and elected Grand Knight and has done so much for the council and the parish including the following list of programs/activities:
 - KC Men's Choir
 - Pancake Breakfasts
 - Beer Booth Volunteer
 - Church Fencing/Landscaping
 - Church/Rectory Maintenance
 - Tree Planting.



- Grand Knight Pat Roth presented the Council Builder Award to Brother Joseph Yong. Brother Joseph is the Council Life Director and is a very active member in many council activities including the Alberta March for Life, Rose Dinner, Pancake Breakfasts, KC Men's Choir, Beer Booth Volunteer, Lecturer, and Eucharistic Minister. Joseph is also a very active member of the St. Charles Charismatic Group.



- Grand Knight Pat Roth presented a council gift to Brother John Mommersteeg. Brother John is the Council Membership Director and is a very active member in council activities including Pancake Breakfasts, KC Men's Choir, Beer Booth Volunteer, Coats for Kids and KC Movie Night.



- Grand Knight Pat Roth presented a gift to seminarian and brother knight Marc Berube on behalf of Father Marc Cramer in recognition of Fr. Marc's 20th Anniversary of Ordination on June 19, 2026.



- On Saturday June 20, thirteen beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium on a very rainy night. The Edmonton Elks played the Montreal Alouettes in the Elks' home opener game and defeated the Alouettes in overtime 32 – 29. There were about five thousand fans in attendance, so beer sales were low at \$1,993 and tips were \$217.

Scholarship Awards

- On Sunday June 28 at the 9:00 Mass, Pat Burant presented the annual KC scholarship to each of Mikayla Yung, Mikko Fernandez, Isabella Wigelsworth and Clare Adebola.



- Since 2004, Saint Charles Knights of Columbus council awards a \$500 scholarship annually to a student attending one of the Edmonton Catholic High Schools in north Edmonton. While academic results play a role, the criterion for this award is heavily focused on the student's positive involvement within their school and parish, evidence of this is exhibited by letters of recommendation. As well the students must write a personal essay explaining their Christian calling and the role of Christ in their life.
- This year our committee made an extremely difficult decision, we had many outstanding applicants, therefore we decided to award four scholarships instead of one. The students chosen attended Archbishop O'Leary, St. Joseph, and Archbishop MacDonald high schools so all are represented.

***Mikayla Yung** attended Archbishop MacDonald, as with the others she has a strong academic standing. Her recommending teacher identified her exceptional work ethic, dedication and passion being evident in all her school activities. She was very involved in the school's Peer Support group and organized peer-mentoring, an initiative that pairs students to help support them with issues, which could be mental health, student interaction or academic related. She is an editor of the school's monthly newsletter and yearbook. She has led the school's open house, which is a very big commitment. Mikayla and her family attend Annunciation Catholic Church and actively participate in parish life. In her faith belief she states that Jesus calls us to love others not when it is convenient, but always, fully, unconditionally and with grace. Therefore, as Christians our calling is to serve others with compassion, to lead with kindness, doing this will reflect His love in everyday ways.*

***Mikko Fernandez** attended Archbishop O'Leary, Mikko is an able musician and has contributed to many music events in the school community. These included open house, awards night, football games and concerts. He is a member of St. John Bosco Church, and has attended all his life, he became an altar server when he was seven and is a member of Youth for Christ Ministry and often uses his musical talents for worship. In the community he is a member, and now leader with the Abbotsfield Youth Project. He has volunteered at Hope Mission distributing food. In his faith statement he identified that a turning point in his Christian belief occurred when he attended a Youth for Christ camp. He was shy and apprehensive but through talks, lessons and activities came to understand that the life and death of Jesus in the absolute form of love, knowing that we need to spread this love to others by acting with love and kindness.*

***Isabella Wigelsworth** attended Archbishop O'Leary and the teacher made special mention of her kindness and empathy, this was exhibited by her extensive effort to help special needs students in many types of school activities. As well she has been actively involved with the Unified Sports Program where students with disabilities compete. Within St. Charles parish she volunteered at family day and other activities. As well, her exceptional work effort and diligence were highlighted in her recommendation letters. Her faith gives her strength, comfort and direction and she strives to treat others with dignity and respect. Her goal is to become a nurse.*

***Clare Adebola** attends St. Joseph High School, she is from Nigeria and new to Canada, it is amazing how quickly she has become active in the school activities. The school Chaplain states that she consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to Christian service and Gospel values. She played an important role in organizing and facilitating the school's stations of the cross, and did an outstanding job helping her peers obtain a deeper faith understanding. She fulfills all her responsibilities with diligence and is a valued member of the school. She attends Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples and is an altar server at St. Joseph's Basilica. In her faith statement she shared that she has developed a deep understanding of what is required to truly be a Christian, she has found true faith not the borrowed faith of family or community.*

- On Sunday June 28, the council also awarded and presented the Nguyen Family with the 2026 Family of the Year Award. Luc and Minh Nguyen are a very active couple with the St. Charles Council especially the pancake breakfasts, beer booth and KC Men's Choir. Brother Luc joined the council on June 13, 2023.



Council Events for July, August and September 2026

July 1	Wed		Canada Day
July 1	Wed		Report of Officers due
July 5	Sun	9:00	Men's Choir
July 9	Thu	19:00	CFL – Ottawa vs Edmonton
July 17	Fri	19:00	CFL – B.C. vs Edmonton
July 18-19	Sat-Sun		Men's Choir (Three Masses)
July 24	Fri	17:00	Concert – Post Malone & Jelly Roll
July 25	Sat	17:00	Concert – Post Malone & Jelly Roll
August 1	Sat		Service Program Personnel Report due
August 1	Sat	17:00	CFL – Saskatchewan vs Edmonton
August 2	Sun	9:00	Men's Choir
August 4-6	Tue-Thu		144th Supreme Convention (Denver, Col)
August 9	Wed	17:00	Concert – AC/DC
August 15	Sat	13:00	CFL – Toronto vs Edmonton
August 15	Sat		Semi-annual Audit Report due
August 21	Fri	19:30	CFL – Winnipeg vs Edmonton
August 26	Wed	17:00	Concert – Guns & Roses

September 6	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
September 7	Tue		Labor Day
September 12	Sat	17:00	CFL – Calgary vs Edmonton
September 13	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
September 17	Thu	17:00	Concert – Foo Fighters
September 21	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
September 26	Sat	17:00	CFL – Saskatchewan vs Edmonton
September 30	Wed		National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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 16,800 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 179 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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