



## **KC September 2026 Newsletter**

### **Council Events in July, August, and September**

#### **KC Men's Choir**

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of July, August and September: July 5 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and September 6 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The KC Men's Choir also sang at each of the Masses on the July 18-19 weekend – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir each time 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 October 4 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.



#### **Beer Booth 6 at Commonwealth Stadium**

- The council operated twelve different beer booths at Commonwealth Stadium in July, August and September this year.
  - On Thursday July 9, twelve beer booth volunteers worked at the football game between the Ottawa Redblacks and the Edmonton Elks. The Elks won 40 – 17 over the Redblacks. The revenue for the beer booth was \$4,774. The crowd was estimated to be around 16,000.
  - On Friday July 17, the BC Lions came to town to play the Edmonton Elks. Edmonton won the football game 19 - 17. Thirteen beer booth volunteers worked that day and sold about \$6,399 in beer, coolers, wine, water, and popcorn to the estimated crowd of 17,000 fans.



- Musicians Post Malone and Jelly Roll played two concerts at Commonwealth Stadium in July. On Friday July 24, twenty-six beer booth volunteers worked over four and half hours for the concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$42,298. Over 45,000 fans attended the concert at stadium. On Saturday July 25, twenty-one beer booth volunteers worked for over four and half hours for the concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$20,436. Over 30,000 fans attended the concert at stadium, but they were sent home early due to the severe thunderstorm that night which included lots of rain and high velocity winds.



- On Saturday August 1, eleven beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth. The Elks lost a close game to the Saskatchewan Roughriders 28 - 26. The beer booth revenue was \$15,174. A large crowd of about 32,000 fans were in attendance.
- On Sunday August 9, twenty-three beer booth volunteers worked over four hours for the AC/DC concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$44,175. There were about 50,000 fans in attendance.



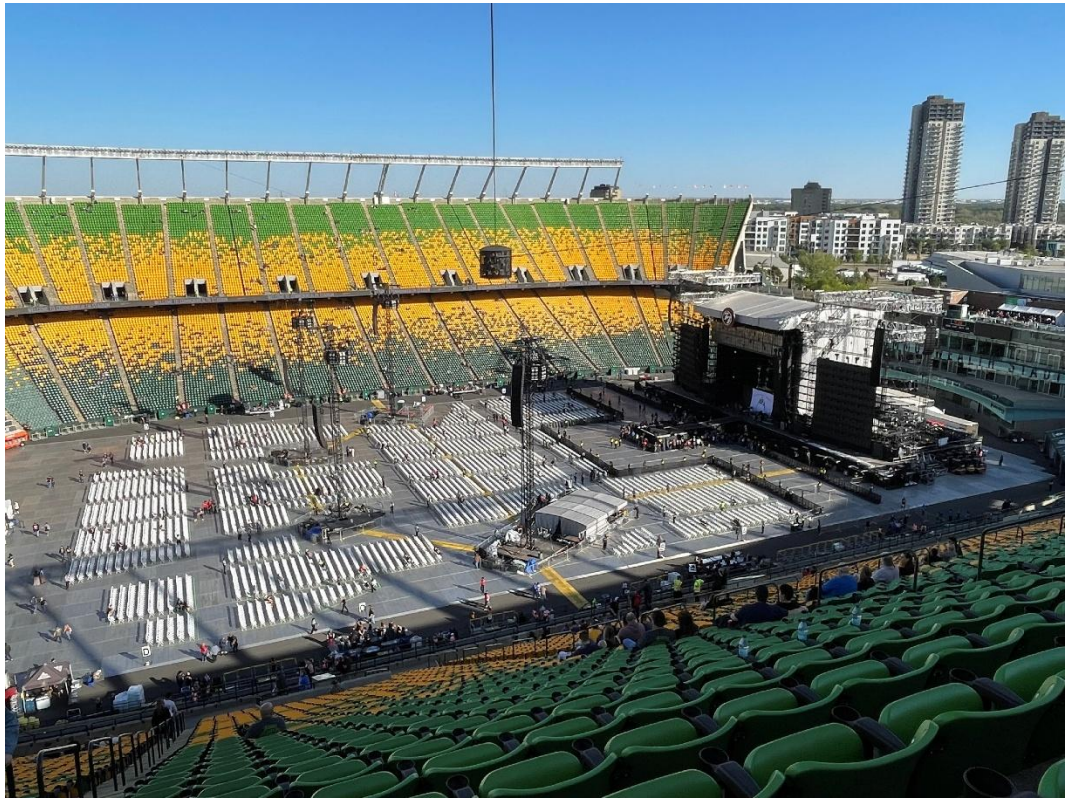


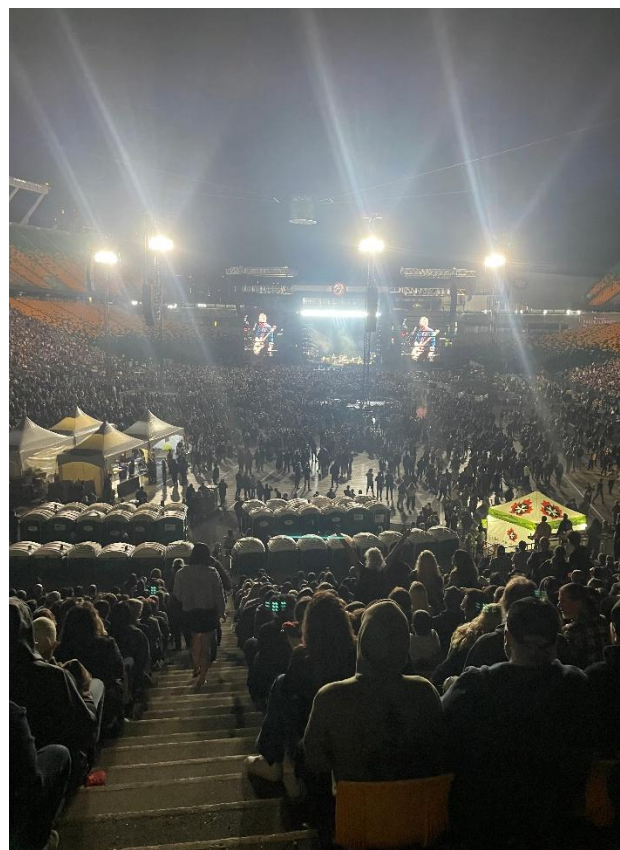
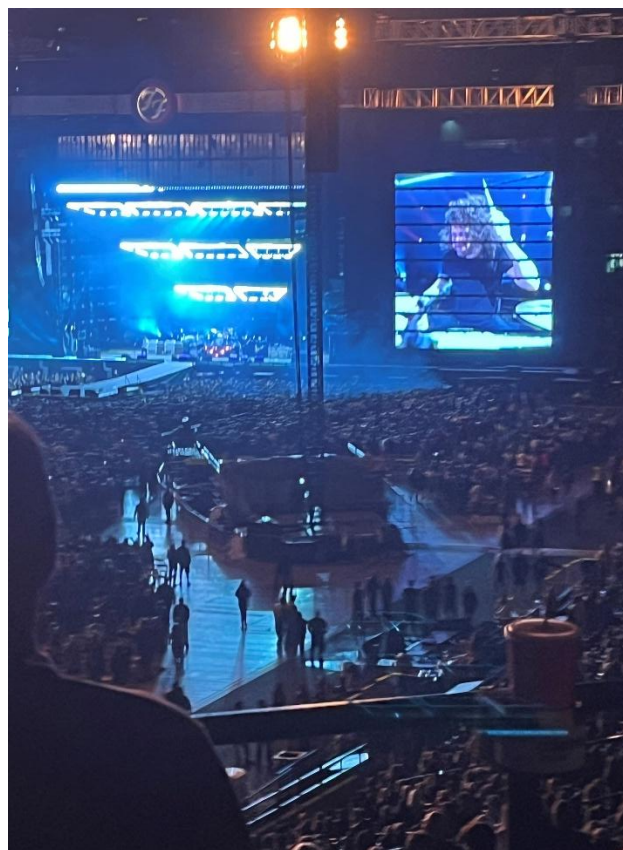
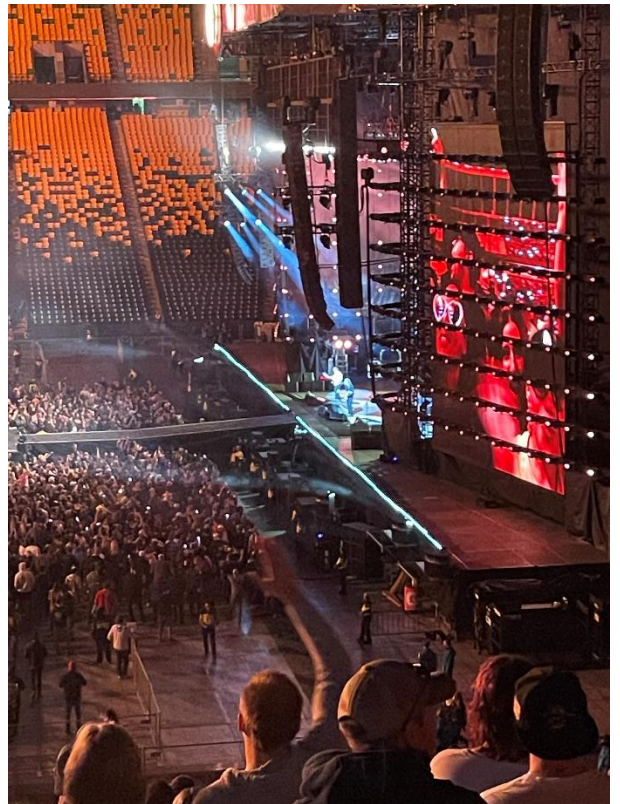
- On Saturday August 15, ten beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth when the Toronto Argonauts played the Edmonton Elks – the Elks won 42 – 12. Beer booth sales were \$7,570. There were about 12,000 fans in attendance at Commonwealth Stadium.
- On Friday August 21, fourteen beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth when the Winnipeg Bluebombers played the Edmonton Elks – the Elks won 22 – 19. Beer booth sales were \$8,603. There were about 20,000 fans in attendance at Commonwealth Stadium.
- On Wednesday August 26, twenty-three beer booth volunteers worked over four hours for the Guns & Roses concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$28,131. There were about 30,000 fans in attendance.



- On Saturday September 12 the battle of Alberta was on as Calgary Stampeders visited Edmonton to play the Elks. The Elks were able to secure a big win and defeated the Stampeders 53 - 16. Sales at beer booth 6 were \$9,772. We had help from fourteen beer booth volunteers that day - steady and busy! There were about 32,000 fans in the stadium stands.
- On Thursday September 17, twenty-one beer booth volunteers worked over five hours for the Foo Fighters concert at Commonwealth Stadium. Beer booth sales were \$42,480. There were about 45,000 fans in attendance.







- On Saturday September 26 the Edmonton Elks hosted the Hamilton Tiger Cats. The Elks won 37 – 35 in an exciting overtime match with the Tiger Cats. There were eleven volunteers at this event. Total sales were \$4,877 and there was a smaller crowd of 15,000 fans in attendance.
- Stadium Foods Services manages all the food and alcohol booths at Commonwealth Stadium. Most of the concessions at Commonwealth Stadium are operated by volunteer groups. St. Charles KC Council has worked a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium since 1990. Funds from the beer booth are used to fulfill charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charitable groups in Edmonton. Our next beer booth is on Saturday October 16 when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers come to play the Edmonton Elks.

### **St Charles Church Renovations Carpet Replacement August 2026**

As you enter the church, you may not notice anything new about the carpet at the baptismal font. This is because the unsightly and tattered carpet has been removed and replaced by new carpet tile. The carpet has been showing signs of its age for some time and worst part has been at the entrance.

The project to replace this carpet was done along with the carpet replacement in the parish offices.

The parish office replacement was a little more complicated because the offices had to be empty of furniture during the carpet tear up and carpet tile installation. The parish certainly helped with this as it took about 14 volunteers to move the furniture out (August 21) and back into the offices (August 28). A special thanks goes out the Knights as most volunteers came from that group.

OMS, the parish maintenance contractor also contributed as the data and security network wiring had to be relocated from the tables it was sitting on to new data racks, and the wiring tidied up and labeled. A big job - thanks to them for their work.

The old carpet was in very bad shape and looked even worse once the offices were empty. The carpet tile is now installed and looking better.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 13, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-three volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 135 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and another 65 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday October 11.

### **Grey Cup Raffle**

- The St. Charles KC Council is running the 2026 Grey Cup Raffle again this year in advance of the Grey Cup game on Sunday November 15 in Calgary. Brother Pat Burant has pull score booklets available for anyone to purchase. Each ticket is a loonie (\$1). Email Pat at [patrickburant@gmail.com](mailto:patrickburant@gmail.com) or call him at 780-686-5057 to purchase tickets. Funds from this raffle are used to support KC council activities and charities. You can also purchase grey cup raffle tickets at the parish office (Tuesday- Friday 9AM-4PM).

### **Brother Mervin Swityk**

Brother Merv Swityk passed away on September 18, 2026, in the Sturgeon Hospital emergency. Merv contracted sepsis pneumonia back in May this year and was in and out of the Sturgeon and Misericordia hospitals for the past four months. Merv was home for a couple of weeks but fell a few times so was readmitted to hospital with new injuries.

Merv was very sick and had considerable fluid in his lungs over that time, so out of breath constantly. Merv also lost a lot of weight as he could not eat full foods - had to be liquified for him to swallow. Merv was down to 110 pounds - mostly skin and bones.

On a happier note, Merv and Therese Swityk celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 3, 2026, but in the hospital. Merv was born in 1932 and was 94 years old at his passing.

### **Brother Hank Kozak**

In memory of brother Hank Kozak who passed away in 2025.



**Dear Dad,**

**It has been a full year since you passed away**, and as we gather today, the space you left behind feels just as wide as it did 365 days ago. They say the first year is the hardest, and while the calendar has moved forward, we all still find ourselves missing your voice, your high spirits, and your presence in our everyday lives.

This past year has taught us just how deeply your spirit was woven into our world. We miss seeing you in your element - especially finding peace and community at weekly mass or socializing and sharing stories with your friends. You knew how to connect with people, and you knew how to nurture the things—and the people—that mattered most.

We especially miss your wonderful garden and outdoor patio. We so deeply miss the beautiful tomatoes, dill, and cucumbers from your garden, and right now, as the autumn air sets in, we miss the fall apple harvest and the wonderful pies we all used to share. Those simple, joyful moments defined who you were. We have such great memories of the joyful Canada Day Parties – filled with so much laughter and great food shared with many – including your legendary steaks and Caesar salad. We especially miss the annual trip to Penticton with hours spent on the beach, afternoon happy-hours at the hotel, and the fun outings to wineries and restaurants. Though we tried to make this trip happen this year in honour of your memory, mother nature had other plans – we'll try again next year!

We miss the warmth of your routine, like the Sunday evening dinners and movies that we shared for many years and your weekly cribbage games with Judy—counting up the points, contributing to the kitty each week, and looking forward to that nice dinner out at the end of the year. Your weekly outings and trips with Carol Anne and Gordon and friends were something you enjoyed so much. You also loved your participation in church activities at St. Charles parish and involvement in Knights of Columbus as a fourth-degree knight. These were the occasions where you displayed your love and generosity and your great appreciation for your family and friends and community. I can still hear you say “friends are the most precious thing in life and must be cherished”

Even though you aren't physically with us today, we know you haven't truly left us. We see pieces of you in each other. We hear your wisdom in the decisions we make, and we feel your strength when we need to be brave. The faith you held, the love you poured into all your relationships, and the traditions you cherished remain our foundation.

Today is heavy, but it is also filled with immense gratitude. We are so thankful for the lifetime of memories we shared with you. Thank you for being our anchor, for teaching us how to make every day count, and for showing us what it means to live with a generous heart.

We miss you more than words can say, Dad. We love you always, and as family and friends, we promise to keep living in a way that honors your memory and makes you proud.

**With all our love,**

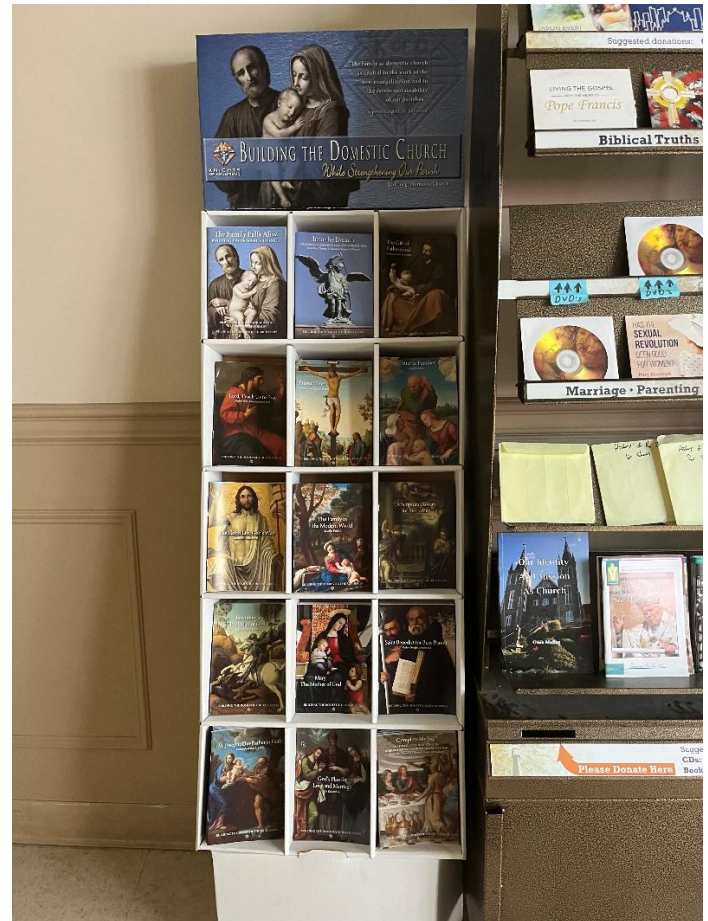
*Peter, family and friends*

## Building The Domestic Church Kiosk

We replenished the Domestic Church Kiosk with engaging, faith-based literature (225 booklets) from Catholic Information Services available to members, parishioners, and the public.

Since 1948, CIS has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and continually provides tools for catechesis and faith formation.

The booklets are the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.

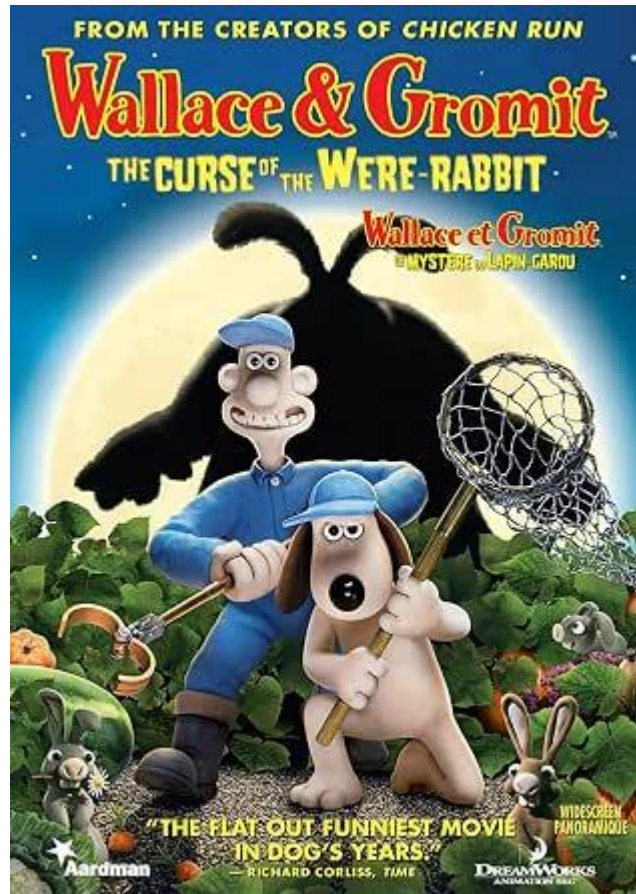


## Council Events for October 2026

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| October 2  | Fri | 09:00 | Deliver Coats for Kids                                                    |
| October 4  | Sun | 09:00 | Men's Choir                                                               |
| October 8  | Thu | 17:30 | Padre Night                                                               |
| October 10 | Sat | 19:00 | COR Meeting                                                               |
| October 11 | Sun | 08:00 | Pancake Breakfast                                                         |
| October 12 | Mon |       | Thanksgiving Day                                                          |
| October 16 | Fri | 17:30 | CFL – Winnipeg vs Edmonton                                                |
| October 17 | Sat | 18:30 | KC Family Movie Night (Wallace & Gromit:<br>The Curse of the Were-Rabbit) |
| October 19 | Mon | 19:00 | Combined Executive/General Meeting                                        |
| October 31 | Sat |       | Halloween                                                                 |
| October 31 | Sat | 16:30 | Possible Elks Home Playoff                                                |

### KC Movie Night

The next KC Movie Night is on Saturday October 17 when we show the movie "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" in the activity centre at the church. Showtime is at 6:30 PM. Popcorn, chips and drinks are provided. Admission is free.



### Faith in Action

St. Charles KC Council programs are aligned with the Faith in Action model provided by the KC Supreme Council. The council received the Columbian Award for its various programs completed in the 2024-2025 Columbian Year.

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 \(kofo.org\)](https://www.knights.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                     |

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| 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 16,800 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 178 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**

St. Charles KC Council also received the Father McGivney Award in the 2024-2025 Columbian Year by recruiting twelve new members to join the local council and achieve the membership quota for the year.

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