

Knights of Columbus Council 8669



G O O D S H E P H E R D P A R I S H

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Message from Grand Knight Patrick Bisson, Jr. 'Becoming A Knight of the Eucharist'
- Programming
- Membership
- K of C Sponsored Blood Drive
- Blessing of the Bilkes Presentation-Catholic Charities

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BECOME A KNIGHT OF THE EUCHARIST

Our Readings in the past and upcoming weeks center around the Gospel of John. Jesus fed the mass of five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. The people continued to come to Him for more bread. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:34-35). Jesus further displayed His teaching by sharing with his disciples the body and blood before he knowingly was to be crucified.



The Eucharist: The greatest gift God has given us.

The sacrament of the Eucharist is a direct gift from Jesus Christ himself when He said, "This is my Body, which will be given up for you, do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19:20). Jesus did not say 'this is *like* my body.' Thus, the Eucharist is the greatest gift God has given us. Jesus not only sacrificed

His body for us in death but He feeds us daily through the Eucharist to sustain us spiritually. The Eucharist contains the whole spiritual good of the Church which is Christ Himself. The Eucharist is the fundamental basis and the very center of our Catholic faith. The life of the Church and the parishioners

revolves around the Eucharist. Our reliance on the Eucharist allows for an encounter with Jesus in a very personal and unique way.

The bishops of the US have invited all Catholics to participate in a National Eucharistic Revival. Each Catholic should renew the understanding of and the devotion to the Eucharist. As Knights, our Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly has encouraged us to be at the forefront of responding to this call. Our Supreme Knight has challenged us to participate in this revival individually and in community with our Council. For those with families, lead them in our journey to a renewal of our Eucharist and the source and summit of Christian life. Prayerfully consider what you can undertake.

WELCOME FATHER GINU ABRAHAM

Father Ginu, the Worthy Knights of Columbus Council 8669 welcome you and we pledge our support to your faithful endeavor. We

are here to serve you, our Parish and our community. We welcome you and we are pleased you are here! Vivat Jesus!



**B L E S S I N G O F T H E B I K E S C H E C K
P R E S E N T A T I O N**

Blessing of the Bikes, chaired by Matt DeHate, was a resounding success as funds were collected in the amount of \$3,149.31 and donated to the Sacred Heart Veteran Village. The Knights of Columbus visited Catholic Charities and presented the charitable donation to Thomas Haeussler, Development Director of Catholic Charities. Thomas, a brand new Knight

of Columbus, took our entourage on a tour of the tiny homes being provided for our Veterans in need. The Beacon of Hope Veterans Village are fully functional homes, ADA accessible for our homeless Veterans. 26 homes with 800 sq ft of living space are being built at 719 E. Moore St, Flint. Extra t-shirts from the event were donated to the Saginaw VA hospital.



L-R: Patrick Bisson, Jr, Jerry Mead, Chad Hopkins, Kevin Briggs, Thomas Haeussler-Development Director, Catholic Charities, Mike Dean, Matt DeHate, Event Chairman, Warren Edwards-PGK



C O R P R O G R A M

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country.

The mission of Cor is to re-focus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each COR gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen

their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.

Our next COR Program is August 14, 6:30pm in the Knights Hall and will be every two weeks. All men of the parish are welcome to come and enjoy growing in their spiritual walk with others.

Blood Drive Wednesday August 21
12 pm - 5:45 pm
At Good Shepherd, K of C Hall
400 N. Saginaw St., Montrose

PLEASE GIVE

Knights of Columbus co-sponsored

**M E S S A G E F R O M M E M B E R S H I P
D I R E C T O R**

Worthy Brothers, It's called "Ask Yourself First!" Before approaching a candidate, we should be able to relate "Why We Became A Knight" and "Why We Remain a Knight." In this way, we can recruit with our initial motivations but also continuing our desire to serve.

Why did Father McGivney create the Knight of Columbus? To care for people in need and charity is our first precept; and by extension our Church and our community. This fulfillment doesn't bring piety, but thanks for the opportunity to serve the Lord Also fellowship and camaraderie associating

with men of like mind and families. Please consider reflection on these questions over the coming weeks. This will help Knights to realize the benefits to themselves, family, Church and community!

Vivat Jesus! Doug Powell

We would like to announce a new member Mike Benedict to our Council! Please give a warm welcome when you meet him. Scheduled Exemplification on Sunday 10/6, 12:30 after Mass.

M E S S A G E F R O M D E P U T Y G R A N D K N I G H T

Brother Knights,

Firstly, I want to welcome our newest Pastor, Father Ginu Abraham, to Good Shepherd Church. Secondly, this past month, I have really been thinking about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for the example you have set for not only me but for all young men of the church. Your works and actions not only strengthen the bastion that is the Catholic Church but

but also breathes faith in Jesus into the hearts and minds of the young. The service and charity that you men provide is nothing short of exemplary.

Finally, I will leave you with this: There is not a single word said by the foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph, in the Bible. All we know of St. Joseph is his actions and the works he did for Our Lady and Lord

Jesus. So I implore you, men of God, outstretch your hand where you are able and lend service when you can to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God Bless,
Paul Sharpe
Deputy Grand Knight



M E S S A G E F R O M F A I T H D I R E C T O R

Have you ever gone to a store looking for a particular treasure and had no idea where to find it? It used to be that an employee would ask if you needed help finding that treasure. The employee would say follow me and guide you right to it because they knew exactly how to get to that treasure without wandering aimlessly. Today, using a smartphone app with a store locator map is another

helpful tool to lead you to that treasure. If you are seeking the path to the greatest treasure, then Christ is the one who will guide you. In fact, Christ provided the perfect map, or plan, of how to get to the item that is the treasures of Heaven. Mathew 4:19-22 is the employee, and the app rolled into one. All we have to do is drop our nets and follow Christ through faith that He has the quickest route to the aisle that

contains this most valuable treasure.

Reflect on your journey in the past month. How has your faith in Jesus guided you through life's challenges, led you closer to the treasure or inspired others to follow His lead?

Vivat Jesus, and God bless you, my fellow brothers in Christ. In His service. Todd Ostrowski

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19*



Father Brian and Father Ginu at Annual Knights of Columbus Lansing Lugnuts baseball game.

Tempus Fugit. Memento
Mori


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**P R A Y E R F O R T H E C A N O N I Z A T I O N O F
B L E S S E D F A T H E R M C G I V N E Y**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Father 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 Father 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.

Please report all favors received:

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**Blessed Father
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