God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Our Father  Hail Mary  Glory be to the Father
Our Knights of Columbus council congratulates Brother Deacon Stan Lowe on receiving the 2022 Vatican II award for administration. Stan was awarded this honor as he exemplifies the Catholic church’s vision set forth in the second Vatican council.

For most of the past year, Deacon Stan Lowe has been a temporary parish director at St. Matthias Parish. He had been the parish director at two-parish cluster (St. Alphonsus in New Munster and St. John the Evangelist in Twin Lakes) for three years. He had also been a parish director for a few months when the pastor at St. Charles Borromeo became ill.

Deacon Lowe also attended grade school at St. Matthias, was confirmed there and was a parishioner for 12 years. “I was very comfortable when FR. Jerry Herda and Rick Tank called me in and asked me to do a One year assignment there”.

We are happy to have Deacon Stan back at St. Stephens again!

**Purgatory Presentation**
**Sunday October 16, 2022**

Brother Steve Schulner did a 45 minute presentation to the parish on the effects of our lives actions as it relates to purgatory. God gave us all a free will and a responsibility to do what is right and a guardian angel to help guide us. Steve explained to us how we can help those in purgatory through prayer. Everyone in attendance received numerous prayer booklets and prayer cards for our use. It was very well done and interesting. Thanks Steve, job well done!
NO ONE CAN STAND BEFORE THE FACE OF GOD WITHOUT BEING PURIFIED

Soon we will be commemorating All Saints & All Souls Days in the beginning of November. Often, the subject matter of “Purgatory” comes up as the faithful seek whether or not the Church still teaches about it. The short answer is “Yes!”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ” (1021; 2 Tm 1; 9-10). Because of the free will God’s grants us, we have the ability to accept or deny Christ, even after death. The Holy Souls are those “who die in God’s grace and friendship” but who are “still imperfectly purified. After death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (Catechism of the Catholic Church ‘CCC’ 1030). Part of the responsibility and joy of belonging to the Church is the privilege of helping the Holy Souls to enter heaven. This is aided by the faithful who have Masses said on behalf of the deceased. The Church “commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC 1032).

St. Catherine of Genoa states in her writings on purgatory that “if a soul were brought to see God, when it has any sort of sin or failure of which to purge itself, a great injury would be done it.” Which ultimately means no one can stand before the face of God without being purified. Conversely, “a great happiness is granted to the Holy Souls that grows as they draw nearer God. For every glimpse which can be had of God exceeds any pain or joy a man can feel. The Holy Souls clearly see God to be on fire with extreme love for them. Strongly and unceasingly this love draws the soul with that uniting look, as though it had nothing else to do than this.” We offer our penances with the hope of giving the Holy Souls such a glimpse of God. St. Augustine also assures us: “It cannot be doubted that the prayers of the Church relieve the Holy Souls, and move God to treat them with more clemency that their sins deserve.”
This month we have the opportunity to learn a little about our brother knight and seminarian Timothy Sanchez. For this interview, I emailed some questions and Tim responded. Tim was born in St. Louis and his family moved a few times before settling in Wisconsin in 2007. The Sanchez family joined St. John the Evangelist parish in Greenfield where Tim attended grade school. In eighth grade he played basketball on that team. In high school Tim played basketball for two years with the Southeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschool Athletics (SWCHA) Saints. And he still enjoys playing basketball at the seminary once a week. When Tim was in college, he joined St. Robert of Newminster parish in Shorewood. Earlier this year, Tim attended one of our monthly meetings, and was kind enough to share what the work and study schedule of a seminarian looked like. All I remember is that there isn’t much free time.

I asked Tim what surprised him the most about the seminary, and he said it was how friendly most of the guys in the seminary are. He added that they hit it off right from week one and still get together every week of two. In 2019 Tim, his brother and father were invited on stage at the Men of Christ Conference in Milwaukee. Tim’s father spoke of his pride having two sons pursuing religious orders. I asked Tim if he thought most seminarians had a father that instilled a strong Catholic identity in them. He said he could only imagine that it is common.

My next question was: what do you enjoy doing in those rare moments when you are not studying but just recharging the batteries? He said he really enjoys playing the piano, and that it is the most efficient way for him to recharge. Otherwise, he sees if any of the seminarians are around and want to play sports or a board game.

I was curious as to what area of service interested Tim the most at this point in his studies. He responded that last year he worked with the deaf community of the Archdiocese and this summer he had the opportunity to serve as a hospital chaplain. He said he really enjoyed both experiences and would be very interested in exploring either one in the future. I have great confidence that he will do well as he follows his calling. We knights need to pray for more seminarians just like Tim and his classmates.

As an addendum, as part of the Parish Council’s Faith Development Days, Tim has agreed to give a talk on The Eucharist between Masses on Sunday November 27th from 9:45 to 10:15. I recall Tim saying that partaking in the sacrifice of the Mass, and thinking that some day he would be acting In Persona Christi is indescribable.

Respectfully submitted by;

Robert Fischer
Recording Secretary
Commemorative Brick Program

During our March 1, 2022 K of C monthly meeting, it was decided to move forward with our Knights to take on the Commemorative Brick program and operation to help fund the building of the Bell Tower at St. Stephens. Our GK, Mark Missurelli appointed a committee consisting of Dennis Laskaskie, Gary Kitterman, Robert Fischer, & Ray Bailey to start brainstorming and check into the process.

We met with Father Robert on March 8th to discuss the criteria for the project. The committee decided that we find several brick engraving company possibilities in Wisconsin. Ray was asked to do the research on each. Among the companies researched, it came down to two. Gary and Robert visited completed projects in the local area from both companies. With the research completed, the committee narrowed the options down to “That’s My Brick” (TMB) out of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. This was due to the abundance of several key factors. TMB created an online website/tools, the advertisement flyer. And most importantly, the customized personal engraved bricks for our sales presentation.

On May 18th we were registered with TMB and our online donor website and tools were established/activated. On June 2nd our Bell Tower Commemorative Brick flyer was completed.

The flyer was handed out after masses the following weekend. It was also included with the mass bulletin a couple weeks later. In the weeks to follow several orders were placed via the online website and many were mailed in, handed to the greeters when entering St. Stephens at mass, or given to Nick.

The committee assisted many individuals with questions on fulfilling their orders. Dennis helped many with understanding the order process to get their wishes conveyed on their desired brick. Gary and Ray entered orders and updated the system over several weeks. The first order went in on July 26th consisting of 73 bricks. The profits raised was $8,957. Currently the second upcoming order consists of 60 bricks with a profit of $7,524. This gives a grand total of $16,481. We are off to a Grand start!

Vivat Jesus!

![Image of the commemorative brick team]

The commemorative brick team left to right.

Gary Kitterman, Robert Fischer, Ray Bailey and Dennis Laskaskie
Below picture, Knights and Carol Kitterman working the cookout at St. James rummage sale and St. Stephens pancake breakfast Carol has worked so many events with us she is now a honorary member of the "Ladies auxillary of the Knights".
October Month of the Rosary

All through the month of October we as Catholics dedicate the month to praying the rosary. We as members of the Knights of Columbus remember our promise to always have our rosary with us and pray it devoutly.

In the 15th century a Dominican friar, Alanus de Rupe received the following 15 promises to those who pray the rosary devoutly from the Blessed Virgin Mary herself through a private revelation.

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary shall receive signal graces.

2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the rosary.

3. The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4. The recitation of the rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.

6. Those who recite my rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chaste them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Those who have a true devotion to the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.

12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.
Financial Secretary  
Quarterly Report  
As of 9/30/2022

The highlights in the third quarter of 2022 included:

- We had two more Sendik’s cookouts on July 16 and August 6. These were the third and fourth cookouts for the year and we had profits of nearly $2,000 at the four cookouts.
- Our Council had a cookout with Sendik’s food at the St. James Rummage Sale on September 8th and 9th. We were blessed with good weather for both days and had a profit of $1,041.17. It was also a good way to get our name out there in the community.
- The Pancake Breakfast was held at St. Stephen on September 18 and was a great success. Many Parishioners commented about how happy they were to be attending and in-person event at the Parish. Brother Knights made contributions to cover the costs of the food so the entire proceeds of $1,660.00 was available to contribute to charity. Our Council had previously voted to donate 50% of the profits to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund and 50% to the Persecuted Christian fund. Checks in the amount of $830.00 each were sent to support these worthy causes.
- The Knights of Columbus Charities Ukraine Solidarity Fund was set up to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies, and other goods to Ukrainian’s who have been displaced from their homes because of the Russian invasion. As of 10/28/22, this fund has raised over $19.4M.
- The Persecuted Christian Fund donations are directed to our sister church Our Mother of Mercy Chaldean Catholic Church in Simele, Dohuk, Iraq. These donations help ensure that our Christian brothers and sisters have the resources necessary to worship as they continue to rebuild their homes and communities. Prior to the current donation our Council’s donations ranked # 13 among all US Councils participating in the Adopt a Parish program.
- We completed our Semi-annual audit and submitted the form to the Supreme Office. Thanks to our Trustees for doing this important work that ensures all of our receipts and disbursements are accounted for.

Dave Egan  
Financial Secretary
Supreme Chaplains Monthly Challenge

November 2022

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

(Gospel for Nov. 13, Lk21:19)

In this Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about the trials and persecution believers will face. We may suffer for our belief in Christ, but we will be saved if we persevere. Suffering is an inevitable part of the human condition. We see it in the faces of the poor, the afflicted and those in need all around us. May we seek to remain faithful to Christ, whatever suffering we encounter in life, and may we seek to alleviate the suffering of others.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

This month, I challenge you to fast (defined as eating no more than one full meal and two smaller meals that don’t equal a full meal) one day a week and offer up this sacrifice to grow in perseverance. Second, I challenge you to help with the Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action Program.

Questions for Reflection

Do you suffer well? How do you act and treat others when you are suffering? Have you ever met someone who had suffered greatly and been inspired by how they handled it?
Open Council Positions

Please consider volunteering to fill one of the following positions:

Membership Director: Works to grow membership through new and transfer members

Family Director: Responsible for family based council programs

Lecturer: Provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the “Good of the Order”

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Eucharistic Revival

This is a three-year initiative aimed at renewing the Church by Enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist!

This campaign starts now and will run until Pentecost Sunday in 2025

There are four main pillars of this revival.

1. Personal encounters: Bring our people to Jesus

2. Reinvigorating Devotion: Receive Jesus, Worship Jesus

3. Deepening Formation: Learn and preach the truth about Jesus

4. Missionary Sending: Go out and bring Jesus to the world

All parishes throughout the United States will be participating in this Revival. As Knights and leaders in our faith we will be asked to participate. More information will be made available as we kick off this very important initiative in our faith.
Hello Brother Knights,

According to the dictionary, Faith is defined as; an allegiance to duty or a person. It is also defined as a belief in something based on someone else’s testimony. For example, we believe in our doctor’s diagnoses based on his knowledge and expertise in the field of medicine.

My Catholic upbringing and education have given me the meaning of Faith as; a belief, trust and loyalty to one God. Also, a belief in something that might not include physical proof. As a Catholic I believe in the Supernatural powers of God because it is based on himself and all that is good.

Under both definitions, I believe that Faith is a gift given to everyone, and when used, it brings us closer to God. Hundreds of times a day the “rubber meets the faith-road” in regards to our interactions with people and daily decisions. We are “the doctor” recommending what direction our faith journey will take us in.

Earlier this month I was blessed to attend the movie premier on St. Mother Teresa’s life and her Mission of Charity work. Mother Teresa’s miraculous Faith called her to care for the poor people of India and the world. No matter how crazy her mission sounded and appeared, she was fully convinced that she was carrying out God’s will. Mother Teresa’s unconditional Faith guided her down the right path to accomplish God’s mission. During any period of time, not one of the world’s largest or best run businesses could have taken on Mother Teresa’s mission of caring for the poor and dying. With no funds or resources to start with, Mother Teresa’s Faith changed the world for the better.

Recently in a business situation, I was reminded that Faith can also play an important role in our daily work life. When a leader projects Faith it leads to faithfulness from all those involved. What we get internally from faithfulness often projects outward in the form of gratitude and happiness. In my profession, there are constant changes and challenges in the fast-paced media profession that I work in. My job gives me the opportunity to interact with many internal employees and also a large number of people who work at other organizations.

After watching the documentary on the missionary workers under the direction of Mother Teresa, everyone is working towards a common cause and for a leader who is driven by Faith. Each member of the team receives satisfaction from their daily efforts and contribution to the end goal. The employees who are the happiest are those who work for a leader or organization that builds Faith into their daily decision making.

I am under the believe (thanks to the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi) that it is in giving that we receive. The gratitude that is often shared when giving a gift or service, brings a greater of joy than when something of a material nature is received.

All of us, (Knights of Columbus Council #16821) made a Faith decision at one point to join the Knights of Columbus. We could have decided to do something else with our spare time. When I reflect on our pancake breakfast, baby bottle fund-raising, family of the month program, food pantry support and other events, I feel a great gratitude in my decision to join the Knights. In a small humble way, like many of the great saints, our Faith in the mission of Fr. Michael McGivney and each other has made a difference in people’s lives.

Three short years ago, I never thought that I would be in the Grand Knight’s leadership role. I have much more to learn on running a strong and active council, but I have Faith that our members, Fr. Robert and parish leaders will keep me on a good path. I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to listen and interact with each member of the council regardless of your role or level of participation.

Good health and continued good Faith to all my Brother Knights, Mark Missurelli - GN