

KNIGHT ACTION



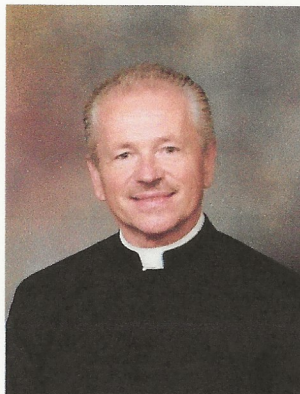
Prayers for the Cannonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

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





IS THE EASTER JOY STILL REMAINING OR STARTING TO FADE LIKE THE EASTER FLOWERS???

One of the most well-known verses in sacred Scripture: ***"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life."***
(John 3:16-21)

It is through the sacrifice of Jesus on the wood of the Cross that we truly have eternal life. However, that sacrifice is not just a historical event from 2,000+ years ago; it is ever present today! The light of Christ still shines in the darkness. In the middle of chapter 3 of John's gospel, we hear this; ***"this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil."***

If we survey the world in which we live, we see numerous examples of those who prefer the darkness to the light. Do we find ourselves shying away from something that we know is good, but do not want to pursue it because it means leaving behind what has been a comfort or pleasure to us? Jesus came into the world to show us the light, to show us the true goodness of God's love – the depth of his love for each and every one of us. It is a radical love that saves us in his mercy and sustains us in the Holy Eucharist.

We will be embarking upon a wonderful opportunity this year beginning in June to participate in a Eucharistic Revival within our diocese and parish. For every time we come before our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, his light transforms our hearts with God's eternal love. Through this transformation, we come to live in the light of Christ as a beacon of hope to all we encounter. Certainly, we need that light of Christ in our hearts to pray for those in our world who continually seek the darkness, to change their hearts, to have them become more focused on the God who loves them.

God so loved the world that he sent us Jesus to shine the light of love and mercy into our hearts, and into a world that is so desperately in need. Keep the Easter joy going and don't forget to water the Easter flowers!!! 😊

**Financial Secretary
Quarterly Report
As of 3/31/2023**

The highlights in the first quarter of 2023 included:

- We held our annual Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Stephen in January and, thanks to the generosity of the St. Stephen Parishioners, were able to raise \$4,680.50. This is down from the \$5,174.52 we raised last year but nevertheless a successful campaign that will help save lives. Per the Council's direction the funds will be distributed 50% (\$2,340.25) each to the Women's Care Center and Eyewitness for Life, Ltd. The checks will be delivered in person by the Grand Knight and me when we can arrange that with the organizations. Both of these organizations are also eligible to receive grants of \$400 each from the Knights of Columbus Supreme through the Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. Thank you to all who participated in this Campaign.
- The Semi-Annual Audit was held on February 7 to review our Council's financial activity from July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and was approved by the Trustees and Grand Knight. Form 1295 was submitted to the Supreme Council.
- The Knights passed out Marriage Prayer cards, a Knight recited the Marriage Prayer during the masses, and raffles were held after each mass the weekend of February 10-11 in honor of World Marriage Day which was February 11.
- Many Council members attended the Men of Christ Conference at participating parishes on March 11. Our Council voted to donate \$200 to Divine Mercy Parish in South Milwaukee to help offset expenses they had in hosting the Conference.
- Our longtime Treasurer Dennis Irwin decided to move on from this position and Brother Chris Schneider was elected as our new Treasurer. I met with Chris to go through the processes the Financial Secretary and Treasurer do together, and we both have been set up as account holders for our General and Charity accounts at Tri-City Bank. I look forward to working with the new Treasurer.

The 2nd quarter will have a Pancake Breakfast on April 16 and I will report on the results in the next quarterly newsletter. We also have fundraisers coming up at the Franklin Sendik's on June 17, July 22, and August 12 and have received more Tootsie Rolls to distribute at these events. Please consider signing up and joining us if you can make it on these dates. It is a fun time to spend with Brother Knights, meet people in the community, and raise funds for worthy causes.

Dave Egan
Financial Secretary



Getting to know our new Treasurer Chris Schneider



Chris grew up in Champaign Illinois and attended St. Matthews Catholic School through middle school. After graduating from Bradley University in finance, he moved to Chicago and worked at several trading firms and banks including Calamos Asset Management, ABN Amro, and Credit Agricole Indosuez. In 2003, he started his own firm with his expertise in derivatives trading and risk management. The firm he founded is Leading Edge Capital LLC and is a high frequency trading firm with membership on the Chicago Mercantile, Chicago Board of Trade and Eurex exchanges.

While living in Chicago he attended mass at both Holy Name Cathedral, where he was a parishioner, and St. Peter's downtown. After 20 plus years in Chicago he relocated to Oak Creek in 2018. Since joining St. Stephen's parish he has been very active in; St. Vincent de Paul meal program, Knights of Columbus, assists at mass and is a member of our parish council.

We welcome Chris as our new Treasurer and thank him for all his involvement in our parish.

Family of the Month and Archdiocese of Milwaukee Family of the Month

Rick Steiner was awarded "Family of the Month" by our council for all of his volunteer efforts in our parish. He was also awarded "Archdiocese of Milwaukee Family of the Month".

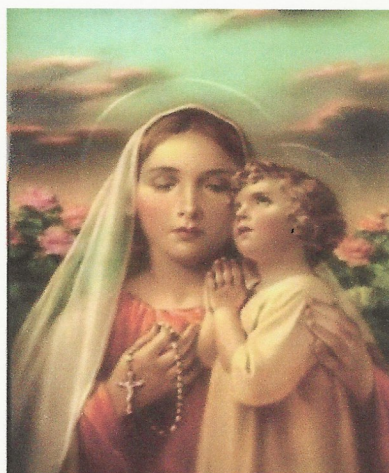
Rick has assisted at mass, at funerals and has been actively involved in floral decorations inside our worship space.

Thank You Rick for all you do for our parish!



May is the Month of our Blessed Mother Mary!

Her Message to us pray, pray, pray the rosary!



Knights of Columbus membership is Inter– generational

As many of you know I work in Advertising at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Newspaper. My work career at the newspaper has surpassed 30 years of great experiences. FYI, our council brother , Dennis Laskaskie, was one of those long term employees with nearly 25 years of experience in maintenance.

When I first started at the Milwaukee Journal, one of my favorite activities was to have conversations with 40 year veterans at the newspaper. They would recall similar conversations with their elders at the newspaper. The result of my conversations were stories of those who worked during the early 1900's. It sounds archaic now, but each page of the newspaper was made of thousands of tiny raised metal letters aligned on a lead plate to complete just one page of the newspaper. It was common to print two editions daily. The Milwaukee Sentinel in the morning and the Milwaukee Journal in the evening, each day. I learned a lot from working with experienced employees. They were always willing to pass on their knowledge and stories of hard work and challenging times.

Fast forward to today, it is common for our younger employees to ask me for advice or want to learn one of our processes. Today's workforce isn't as interested in the history of our industry, but they seek a similar pride when learning something new or accomplishing an assignment. For many of us who have raised children, the knowledge exchange is like us passing on some "Pearls of Wisdom" to our children during their childhood to young adult years.

Similar to the newspaper industry, the Knights of Columbus have a vibrant and influential history. As Dennis recently reminded us, the Knights of Columbus celebrated a 140th anniversary of Father McGivney's dream and mission for us. That rich K of C history consists of four to five generations of active members making a difference. The key to any organization's longevity is the passing on of knowledge and mission for the next generation to pass on.

Wisconsin Knights have a rich history of faith, service, fraternity, and patriotism. The oldest K of C council in Wisconsin is #499 in Superior which was started on June 17, 1900. The first K of C state convention was held in Milwaukee in 1902. God bless our state's oldest member in terms of years of service, Brother Thomas Schiefelbein. Just this year, Thomas was decorated for being a member of the Knights of Columbus for 80 years.

Back here in Oak Creek, we can be proud of many things we have accomplished during our 5 year history as a council. We all know and have discussed the importance of adding new members. More members result in more participation and services provided to those in need. It is critical that we connect with our next generation of Knights to stress the importance of recruiting new members and program goals. History reveals that every sustaining council has benefited from recruiting and working with the next generation of Father Michael McGivney's knights.

Mark Missurelli

Grand Knight



Get to know a Knight, Dylan McHugh

As I was getting ready to graduate from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelors degree in 2014, I realized I had an opportunity to give back. I did some research into the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program through the University of Notre Dame. The two year program sends college graduates to under-resourced Catholic schools around the United States, while they work on their Masters of Education. I applied and was accepted. Notre Dame sent me to Oklahoma City for two years. I lived with six other teachers, together we shared meals, prayer, and built friendships. Notre Dame did so much to develop my faith during those two years, centering my focus on Christ the teacher and seeing my profession as a vocation, putting service to others above all else.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 2016, I settled in Oak Creek and began teaching high school in Milwaukee. My wife Emily and I were married at St. Stanislaus Parish in Stevens Point in 2017. Emily and I are both teachers; we met back in 2011 at UW-Stevens Point. Emily has taught high school English her entire career. I've taught middle school and high school social studies (and one year of Spanish). I currently teach at Franklin High School; I especially enjoy working with students in the areas of government, politics, and American History.

While at St. Stephen's I was asked if I would like to join the Knights of Columbus and have loved making that decision. Being part of the Knights has connected me to many facets of our parish life including: serving, lecturing, and parish council.

After a long period of discernment, I was accepted in diaconate formation in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 2022. I am currently finishing my first year of aspirancy with the program. Classes are every Tuesday night and every other Saturday all day. Emily and the other wives in the program attend some classes as well. It's not just classes though. The program has been forming me in the pastoral, spiritual, and human dimension as well. The program lasts four years until ordination— God willing. The call to the diaconate is a call to service to all of God's people— especially the marginalized and vulnerable. I cannot do this without the love and support of my wife and two children Rory (2) and John (1). There are a lot of challenges associated with being a young family, but I am grateful for all of the blessings God has bestowed on us.

If I could come up with one word to describe how God has changed me in the last year, it would be "humbling". I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to serve inside and outside of the parish. I am so grateful for all of the support I have received from the parish, seen and unseen. Please pray for me and my family as we continue to discern the diaconate.



Membership



Please welcome our two new Knights Mike Casper on the right and Randy Hamilton at their exemplification ceremony. Both of these men are very active in our parish. Both work the Family Life Center distributing food to low income families. Mike also works in the Kitchen on the St. Vincent De Paul Meal program.

Each and everyone one of us can spread the word that our Catholic men's group welcomes new members. Our goal is to do charitable acts to benefit those in need. There are over 2000 references in the Bible that instruct us to care for the poor. Jesus said, **"Love Each other as I have Loved You"**.

Pancake Breakfast April 17th with profits going to Persecuted Christians and Ukrainian Solidarity!

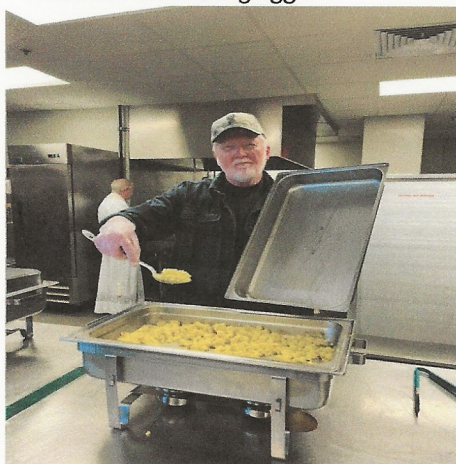


Gary Kitterman training Mark
Missurelli on making eggs!

We all worked hard to satisfy the hunger of our fellow parishioners. All our hard work paid off as we raised over \$1000 to donate to the Ukrainian Solidarity and Persecuted Christians. This was as we pledged a true example of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in action. We also had a lot of fun doing it!



360 Eggs cracked by Chris Schneider!



Serving eggs with a smile Randy
Hamilton!



Ron Schwen keeps everybody
Hydrated!



Pancake maker Bob Fischer and Mike
Casper pancake batter mixer!



Dishwasher Jim Lampe!



Dave counts the money, Jeff counts the
people and Don is the greeter



Dennis & Randy loading up plates!