

# KNIGHT ACTION



## Prayers for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

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





# Supreme Chaplains Monthly Challenge

## November 2023

**“ Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs? He will answer them, “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me”**

**This Month , I challenge you to raise your awareness of those in need by learning more about efforts to help the poor in your community. Second, I challenge you to support the Food for Families or coats for Kids Faith in Action program.**

## Questions for Reflection:

**Do you sometimes turn a blind eye to the poor? Do you try to recognize Christ in every human person you meet? Are you hesitant to share your blessings with others who have less?**

## Our Councils Way to Meet the Challenge

**On Friday November 17th at 1 pm we can work together as we have in the past to assemble turkey boxes for low income families. This is a project we have worked on before as a team! This involves placing numerous Thanksgiving food items into boxes. If we have a good turnout we can accomplish this in about an hour. Hope to see you at church to meet our monthly challenge!**

**Also on the following Monday the low income families will be at church to pick up their Thanksgiving meals. We could use your help with this distribution please meet at 8am for instructions and distribution will start at 9am and conclude at 12 noon.**



Last years team of volunteers, Jim, Bob, Chris, Dennis and Gary



## Silver Rose Ceremony August 8th 2023



We hosted the Silver Rose ceremony at our parish, Special Thank You to the 17 knights who helped organize this event for over 100 parishioners to take part in.



Silver Rose



Floral arraignment donated by  
Mardell Kaluzny



The Hernandez Family had the hon-  
or of brining the Silver Rose into  
the church.



**Financial Secretary  
Quarterly Report  
As of 9/30/2023**

The highlights in the third quarter of 2023 included:

- We had two more Sendik's cookouts on July 22 and August 12. These were the second and third cookouts for the year and we had profits of \$2,175.28 at the three cookouts. In 2022 we had four Sendik's cookouts and the profits totaled \$1,911.32 so we had a successful year. Our June 18 cookout was an all-time record that brought in over \$1,000 in profits.
- On August 8, our Council proudly hosted the Silver Rose prayer service at St. Stephen. This beautiful ceremony shared the message and honored Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoted the respect for life. Special thanks to Father Robert for presiding at the service and our Brother Knight Enrique Hernandez and his family for bringing the Silver Rose to the altar and participating in the service.
- Our Council had a cookout with Sendik's food at the St. James Rummage Sale on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed with good weather for both days and had a profit of \$1,261.55 which beat our 2022 St. James profit of \$1,041.17. We donated \$200.00 to St. James for allowing us to host this fundraiser at their Rummage Sale.
- The Pancake Breakfast was held at St. Stephen on October 8 and was a great success. Brother Knights made contributions to cover the costs of the food so the entire proceeds of \$1,173.68 were 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 \$586.84 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 10/20/22, this fund has raised over \$21.9M.
- From the founding of the Knights of Columbus, the Knights have stood for the protection of Christians around the world. Since 2014, the Knights have provided over \$25 million to stop Christian genocide and to serve persecuted Christian minorities in the Middle East and beyond. Our donation will help this worthy cause.
- 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 our receipts and disbursements are accounted for.

Dave Egan  
Financial Secretary





# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday October 8th, we served 175 people!



Dennis with Granddaughter Chloe on serving line



Bob the pancake Master



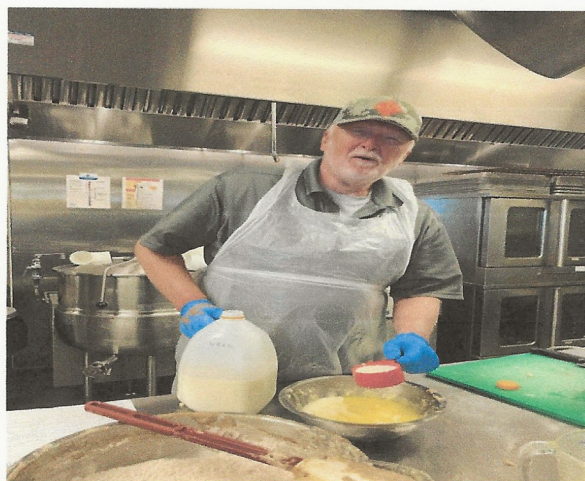
Chris cracking a hundreds of eggs



Gary on the serving line



Dell taking on dishwasher duties



Randy pancake batter mixer



# Mark Missurelli's Grand Knight Nov. Newsletter article

## Hello Brothers Knights and Veterans on our Council,

The month of November is most widely known for celebrating the nation's holiday of Thanksgiving.

In school I was taught the Thanksgiving Holiday observance is a result of the Pilgrims celebrating their first harvest in the new world back in 1621. This popular holiday celebrates our annual harvest while giving thanks and blessings for the gifts we received from the past year.

Like many I enjoy the "big feast" day, but the November holiday I would like our Knights Council to equally honor is the holiday that falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day. Back in 1777, America declared Thanksgiving a National Day of Thanksgiving to celebrate a war victory over the British in the Battle of Saratoga. In a way, Thanksgiving Day could also be considered a salute to veterans for giving us a taste of freedom.

In current times, you cannot watch a newscast or pick up a daily newspaper without learning about war or terrorist situations occurring across the globe. Without the bravery and sacrifice of all those who fought and currently protect our country, Americans would not have the freedom we all enjoy today.

The holiday was originally called Armistice Day (back in 1938) to commemorate the end of World War I. It was later changed to Veterans Day to honor Americans who provided service in all wars and battles.

For a short time, the holiday observance was moved to the fourth Monday in October. A large number of state governments and citizens complained about the October observance date that it was moved back to its original Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> date by President Ford in 1978.

Watching current wars in Ukrainian and Gaza reminds me how quickly the loss of a precious life can occur. It's easy for us in America to tune-out the conflicts and killings since they are not occurring on US land.

According to the department of Veterans Affairs, there are over 20 million living veterans in the US. Most of us have a veteran or current military member within our families. My father, Frank Missurelli, served in the US Army during the Korean War back in the early 1950's. My two sisters and I are blessed that he returned home safely to my mother and have children together.

Fortunately for many of us there hasn't been a mandatory military draft since 1973. Kathy and I have three beautiful children that are currently at the age that would have been draft eligible.

I worry about them finding their way across a college campus without incident. Just think of all the military parents who have to worry daily about their loved ones finding their way across a deadly minefield.

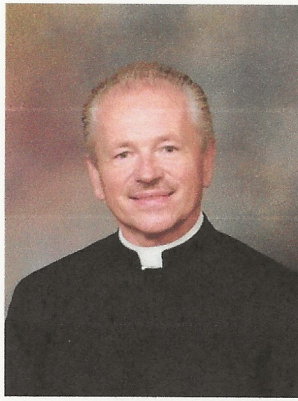
I was fortunately to support the marketing efforts of a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight here in Milwaukee. Working that event gave me a stronger appreciation of what Veterans Day really stands for. The Stars and Stripes group has a slogan that reads, "Every Day is Bonus". It reflects on their quest to stay alive in battle.

Let's join together during the month of November to accomplish one of the follow activities to show our appreciation to local Veterans. It would be our way of saying thank you for making our homeland an easier place to live.

- Pray a Patriotic Rosary for Veterans and active service men and women.
- Donate items or fund-raise to support one of the local Veteran Organizations in Wisconsin.
- Attend an Honor Flight Event at Mitchell International Airport in in our community.

I would like to dedicate this column to all our KOFC council veterans and St. Stephen Parish veterans that served and actively serving our country. To me, every "Veterans Day is a Bonus" because it means another year of freedom thanks to your sacrifice and bravery.





### WHAT DO THE ARCHANGELS SHOW US???

Many of the faithful believe that the archangels must be some of the most powerful forces in the heavens. Yet, in the traditional nine ranks of angels, the archangels are second from the bottom. Fortunately for all the angels, they are not subject to human pride and ambition, and all the ranks of angels are close to God and close to us. That is why they are God's messengers. Their powers come from God, belong to God, and give God glory, honor, and praise, while at the same time presenting some benefit to humanity as well.

The Archangel Michael means "*who is like God.*" In the Book of Daniel and in Revelation, it is Michael who fights against Satan and protects the people of God from his evil influence.

The Archangel Gabriel means "*God's power.*" He is the angel of Christmas and prominent in the story of our salvation as he is sent from God to Nazareth, bringing glad tidings and announcing the promised arrival of the Messiah. To everyone Gabriel meets, he says, "*Do not be afraid.*"

The Archangel Raphael, the least known of these archangels, appears only in Tobit, and his name means, "*God's remedy.*" Raphael heals Tobit from blindness and his daughter-in-law from a deadly curse.

These Archangels are messengers of God's love to humanity – a love that is protective, powerful, and personal. Jesus, our Messiah, even assures his newest disciple Nathanael that he will one day see *the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man*. The angels exist only to give praise to God, and we would do well to follow their example in how we live and how we pray! That is what the Archangels show us!