



# St. Lawrence Council 2950 Knight Life

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## Grand Knights Report

Happy New Year 2023 Brother Knights and Families! As we open the year with the last week of the 2022 Christmas season, a fundamental prayer for us all is God's blessings on our health so we may carry out the charitable works of our Council in the St. Lawrence and surrounding communities.

This past month was a great time for our council with many activities of fellowship and charity. We started the month out with the Kielbasa making event on 12/2. Thanks to Jim Ososkie for pulling this together and for the brothers and guests that came out for it. All the poinsettias were delivered a week later and thanks once again to Paul Burmeister and Scott Morgan. Thanks to Warren and Paulette Sawdon for coordinating the annual Children's Christmas party in the St. Lawrence Social Hall, to all the families that were able to come out and participate and thanks to the St. Lawrence parish for the use of the hall. We had plenty of kids in attendance to enjoy the show, dinner, Santa, toys and candy. Our first ever Christmas Raffle netted \$2000 for the St. Lawrence Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to the St. Lawrence School Tuition Assistance fund. Winners were Carlos Petrusi, Nancy McGuire and Jenny Artymovich for the KitchenAid Mixer, the DeWalt cordless tools and the Xbox gaming console, respectively. Thanks to Dennis Murray for coordinating the Free-throw Contest and to Kasia Lucas for helping with an outstanding turnout of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Lastly, thanks to Julie and Paul Tsatsos for coordinating the annual Essay Contest with St. Lawrence School.

Moving on to this year, we have an exciting set of events coming up:

- Jan 14 – service at the volunteer day at St. Vincent de Paul store in Utica (see article)
- Feb 10 – Wine Tasting for the Seminarian's Scholarship Fund (see article)
- Mar 11 – St. Pat's Day Party and Fundraiser
- Mar 18 – Morning of Reflection Lenten Retreat,
- Mar 18 – Mass for People with Special Needs (4:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence followed by a social in the Social Hall)
- Mar 19 – Annual Pheasant Hunt in Ubly, MI
- Mar 24-26 – Annual MI Drive

Our Michigan Lotto 3 Raffle for April continues and funds go towards the Ultra Sound Initiative. WE NEED HELP in selling tickets, so if you could manage to take 10 or 20 tickets and sell them it would make a big difference. Contact Don Heydens to get the tickets.

We are purposely creating events for our council and the community that covers Faith enrichment, charity, and fundraising, all while having a great time! We need your help through volunteering, attending, and supporting any number of the activities above. All your work for the first six months of this fraternal year (July 1 to December 2022) has allowed our Council to contribute nearly \$21,000 to our Parish, St. Lawrence school and many community groups, including: St. Lawrence organ fund, St. Lawrence School, Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, Malta Dental and Medical Clinic, Families in Need at Christmas, Right to Life of Michigan, Coats for Kids, Michigan Outdoors Wishmakers, St. Lawrence Applefest, and Holy Cross Services. Everyone should be proud! In order to accomplish all of this, we've been fortunate that Brothers are stepping up to lead service events and be part of service committees and fundraising. Please consider to tell your friends and relatives of all the wonderful work we do, the fun we have and friendships that last a life time and invite them to join our Council.

Laura and I wish you all a great start to 2023 and best wishes to you for health and prosperity!

Joe Lograsso  
Grand Knight

# *January Feast Days*



## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Jan 1**

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

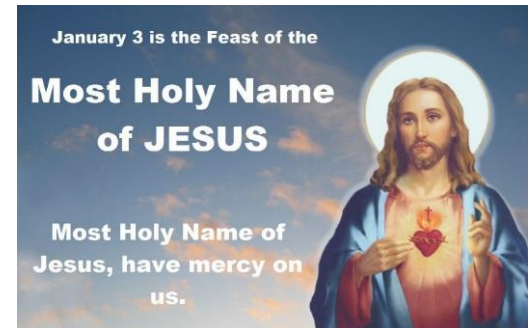
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## **Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus – Jan 3**

O Divine Jesus, Thou hast promised that anything we ask of the Eternal Father in Thy name shall be granted.

O Eternal Father, In the name of Jesus, for the love of Jesus, in fulfillment of this promise, and because Jesus has said it, grant us our petitions for the sake of Jesus, Thy Divine Son.

Amen.



## **Epiphany of the Lord – Jan 8**

O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

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## **Baptism of the Lord – Jan 9**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose. Amen.



## **Conversion of St. Paul – January 25**

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught.

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL 2950**  
**Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursday of Each Month**



## Prayer List

**Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick, recovering and serving our country:**  
**(S) = Serving in the Military**

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### January Knight Life

- All articles that are requested to be in the February Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than January 26, 2022.
- There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month for January is Jim Ososkie. Jim and his wife Ricci have resided on Sparrow Drive in Shelby Township for 23 years.

Jim and his wife belong to St. Lawrence Parish where Jim is a Chairman for the Apple Fest. and coach's 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball.

Jim joined the Knights of Columbus in 1985 and is involved with chairing the St. Pat's party, Kielbasa making event, recruitment of new members and works with the retention committee.

In his spare time Jim enjoys spending time at their cottage at Houghton Lake, vacationing with close friends, visiting their family in Wyandotte and Lapeer and attending MSU basketball and football games.

Congratulations Jim on being voted Knight of the Month by your Brother Knights.

### **Knights Corporation Meetings**

Jan 2	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Jan 16	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Feb 6	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM
Mar 6	St. Matthias Church	7:00 – 9:30PM



### **Children's Christmas Party**

Once again, our children's Christmas party was well attended by kids, parents and grandparents. We want to thank Ray Campbell for running the kitchen and Scott Morgan and son for making all the popcorn and the Lograsso family for the great sing along. Also, a big thanks to all the members and their wives who helped set up, cook and served hotdogs and stayed to clean up afterwards, but most of all a special thanks to Santa, who put a big smile on all the kids faces.

Fraternally,  
Paulette and Warren Sawdon  
Children's Christmas Party Chair Persons

### **Family of the Month**

The family of the month for January is the family of Jesse and Rachel Zapczynski. Jesse and Rachel live in Almont, MI.

Jesse and Rachel have been married for 12 years four children Jack (10) Nicki (9) William (7) and Lillian (5) all who attend St. Lawrence School.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Rachel is the head of Catholic Culture Committee, Christian Services for the school, helps Mary Krause in the school, kindergarten library mom and hall decorator.

The children are involved in the following: Jack (football) Lillian (Heritage Girls) Nicki (football and basketball) and William (Boy Scouts)

Jesse is an attorney and Rachel is a part time attorney.

In their spare time the family enjoys movie and game night.

Congratulations Jesse and Rachel on being chosen the Family of the Month by St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus.

### **Dec 2022 Council Membership Summary**

Associate Members	231
Insurance Members	137
Inactive Members	17
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>385</b>

#### **Included In Totals**

Honorary Members	16
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 65	
Honorary Life Members	86
25 Continuous Years of Service / Age 70	

**Status: Council in Good Standing**





## Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

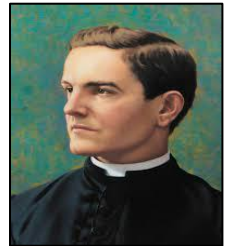
O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies,

if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

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## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called on 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, his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



## A Prayer for Our Country



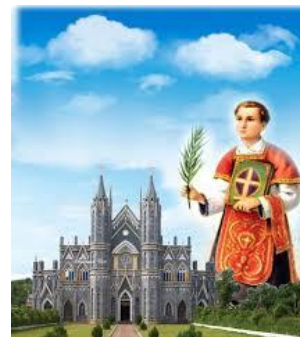
A Prayer for Our Country O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our

cherished rights to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

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## St. Lawrence Parish Prayer

Eternal and loving Father,  
We praise you and thank you for the many blessings You have bestowed upon the St. Lawrence Community.  
We are grateful to the parishioners who have gone before us; those who built our church and our school.  
We remember the sacrifices and generosity of the men and women who have enriched our faith and community in so many ways.  
Rooted in your Spirit, may we face the future with joy and hope.  
May we be Your hands and feet to love and serve others, as Jesus has asked us to do.  
Help us to always walk in your ways.  
We pray this in Your name. Amen





## \$\$ NEW 3 Digit Lottery Raffle \$\$

We are excited to announce a new Council raffle to support our Ultrasound Initiative. This raffle is based on the Michigan Lottery Daily 3 Digit number held each night at 7:29 PM. The raffle will be held during the month of April 2023 excluding the Sunday drawing. There are 75 chances to win over \$5000 in prizes. If your number is drawn on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday you win \$200 all other days win \$100. As a bonus we will also pay one number up or down. For example: if 436 is the winning number and you have 435 or 437 you will win \$25. Tickets are now available and cost \$10 each. Contact Don Heydens at [dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com) or call 586-419-3420. Tickets will be available at all Council meeting and events until sold out.

**St. Lawrence Council 2950**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**COST: \$10.00**  
**IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN ON**  
APRIL 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29  
**YOU WIN \$200**  
**IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN**  
**ANY OTHER DAY**  
**YOU WIN \$100**  
**ONE NUMBER UP or DOWN**  
Example: 436 is the winning number & you have 435 or 437  
**YOU WIN \$25**

Based on Michigan Lottery Daily 3-digit Number  
Evening drawing at 7:29 PM  
STRAIGHT - NO BOXING - NO SUNDAY DRAWING  
BONUS DRAWING EXCLUDED

**Tickets sponsored: RK Hoppe Corp., Wiegand Heating and Cooling, and St. Lawrence Mens Fellowship**

If the ticket for the daily number, based on the evening 3-digit drawing at 7:29 p.m., has not been sold, a drawing from the pool of raffle ticket stubs of the tickets sold will take place at St. Lawrence Council 2950, 44633 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48315 between 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm the same day.

**APRIL 2023**

	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
	10	11	12	13	14	15
9	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
	17	18	19	20	21	22
16	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
	24	25	26	27	28	29
23	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$200
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### Help Needed!!



Our next event is scheduled for February 16-19, 2023 (Thursday through Sunday.) The times have also changed, we now are open from 6:30 PM till 2 AM. One Eyed Jacks is located in the shopping center on the Southeast corner of 22 Mile and VanDyke.

Contact Don Heydens at [dheydens@gmail.com](mailto:dheydens@gmail.com) or call 586-419-3420 to help work this event.

**One Eyed Jacks**  
**Charity Poker Room**  
**48922 Van Dyke**  
**Shelby Township, MI 48317**



## Divine Mercy Chaplet Knights of Columbus

**Jesus said to Saint Faustina;**

My daughter, tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense.  
I Myself am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of My Father (Diary, 1516).

For those requesting prayers for themselves, friends, relatives, or the dying the Knights of Columbus are prepared to come to your home (local) or put you on a prayer list and we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for interested people. Please go to the Parish Office and fill out a request form and a representative from the Knights of Columbus will call you during the following week.

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## St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Day

Saturday, January 14, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm


Help with sorting items, cleaning etc.

Spouses are welcome!

Meet at new Shelby Corners location  
13455 Hall Road

Contact: Jim DeMaestri  
Community Activities Director  
586.817.4181 / [jim.demaestri@fluke.com](mailto:jim.demaestri@fluke.com)

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## St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting Night benefitting the Sacred Heart Seminarians

Featuring 20 different wines from the  
Kendall-Jackson collection  
Charcuterie & hors d'oeuvres  
(Wine generously provided by Jackson Family Wines)

Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>  
\$40.00 per person  
6:30PM St. Lawrence Social Hall  
Contact Jim Adams for tickets  
586-337-7704 [jojim6@aol.com](mailto:jojim6@aol.com)





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