



St. Lawrence Council

Knight Life



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Grand Knights Report

The rehab house has been completed and has had some interest in the property, but has not had any offers. Perhaps with the upcoming election, people are waiting to see the results of the election and the reduction of the interest rates before buying. Let us pray to St. Joseph for his intercession with the sale of the home.

The Applefest is over for another year. We had many knights working the Applefest to make the program a success and I'd like to thank all of you that helped out. I have heard that the committee was very happy with the results, but so far there is no data being released.

I attended the rosary at St. Kieran Church for those who have overdosed and the statistics are appalling. One person in Michigan dies every day from drugs and there were 274 crosses in the ground at St. Kieran's. One family had five children who died from drug overdose; remember all of the people with drug problems in your prayers. Six of our brother knights went to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to serve food to the people that live in the area. Their normal amount of people who come each day is two hundred to two hundred and fifty people. They are grateful for the food and there were families that attended the lunch. Thanks to Jim DeMaestri for organizing this event. The volunteers were Jim DeMaestri, Elmer Holz, Tom Dixon, Phil Kupser, Ed Frank, and Dennis Murray.

We had another Texas Hold-Em the weekend of the September 20th. This is one of our most beneficial fund raisers and I want to thank Don Heydens who has run this event from its inception. We fund many charities and charitable events with this money so thank Don when you see him. Volunteering is satisfying and Don can always use the help.

We had a March for Life event on September 22nd which is held yearly to show our support for those who don't abort their children. The St. Kieran and St. Therese Councils had some knights march with us and it was nice to see their enthusiasm during the march. Jason Meyers led rosary in the church for those who couldn't march. A special thanks to Joe Lograsso for his help with the event. Ray Lope, from Sullivan's Funeral Home, bought the food and it was delivered by Leo Niedzwiecki. Bob Quaine, Julie Duda and Edie Piccinni helped with the setup, serving and clean up after the event. Thanks to all that participated.

Saint Vincent de Paul is stocking their food pantry on a continuing basis, and is currently working on paper products which can be brought to the church or to one of our meetings. The items most needed are Kleenex, toilet tissue, napkins, and paper towels. Please participate by bringing something if you can for this worthy event.

We will be having a membership drive the weekend of October 26th and 27th. This drive is critical to our council as our quota from the state of Michigan Knights is fifteen new members. This is every knight's calling as our council needs new members to carry on Jesus' work in our area. I'm asking every member to ask at least one person to become a knight. We have pamphlets and business cards that can be given to any new prospect. Ask friends, relatives, and even those you don't know to become a Knight.

Have a Blessed Month

Grand Knight, Dennis Murray



Schedule of Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Day	Time
General Meeting	10/10/2024	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm
Knights Breakfast	10/13/2024	School Cafeteria	Sunday	6:45am
Knights Meeting - 4th Degree	10/16/2024	Cafeteria	Wednesday	6:00pm
Appreciation Dinner	10/18/2024	Social Hall	Friday	6:00pm
Men's Mass and Fraternity	10/23/2024	Picnic Grounds	Wednesday	6:30pm
Membership Drive	10/26/2024 10/27/2024	Church at all Masses	Saturday Sunday	All Masses
Business Meeting	10/31/2024	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm
General Meeting	11/14//2024	School Cafeteria	Thursday	7:00pm
Knights Meeting - 4th Degree	11/20/2024	Social Hall	Wednesday	6:00pm
Morning of Reflection	11/23/2024	Social Hall	Saturday	8:00am
Poinsettia Sale	11/23/2024	Church Gathering Space	Saturday	4:30pm
Poinsettia Sale	11/24/2024	Church Gathering Space	Sunday	8:00am
Business Meeting	11/25/2024	School Cafeteria	Monday	7:00pm
Poinsettia Sale	11/30/2024	Church Gathering Space	Saturday	4:30pm



Come and Enjoy an All You Can Eat Breakfast!!

Sponsored By: St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

**Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes,
biscuits & gravy, coffee and orange juice.**

Adults: \$8:00 / Children 12 and under \$4.00

Sunday October 13, 2024

8:30am – 12:00pm

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Eyes for the Needy	Frank Singer
Pro-Life	Open

Council Meetings

Location: St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

Note: Location subject to change, members will be notified by email

General Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month

Rosary Starting at 6:30pm

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm

Officer's Meeting

Last Thursday of the Month

Meeting Starting at 7:00pm.

(all members are invited)

Knights Corporation Meetings

Oct 3 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

Nov 4 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

Dec 2 St. Matthias 7:00 -10.00PM

Knight Life

All articles that are requested to be in the November Knight Life need to be turned in to the editor no later than October 24, 2024. There is available space for any businesses that want to advertise in the Knight Life please contact the editor.

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October Feast Days

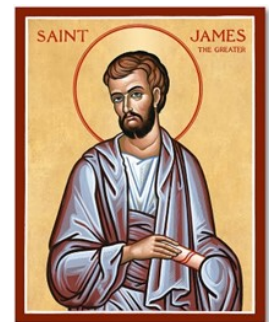
October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist



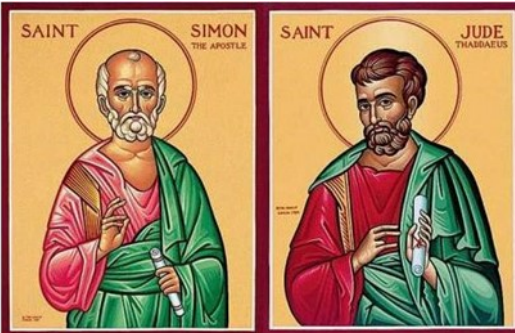
Most wonderful St. Luke you are animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, you also showed His Divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings. May the Holy Spirit, instructor of the faithful, help me to understand Christ's words and faithfully Happily, them in my life.

October 23 - St. James of Jerusalem

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



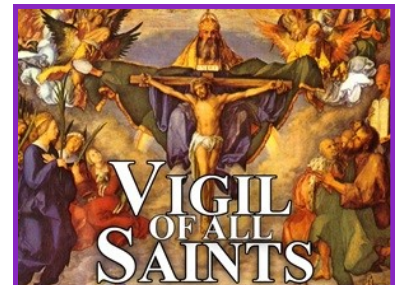
October 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles



O God, we thank Thee for the glorious company of the Apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

October 31 - Vigil of All Saints

The Vigil of All Saints, also known as All Hollow's Eve or Halloween, is observed on October 31st. It is a time when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to Enter our heavenly home and pray for the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory. The following day, November 1st, is All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church.





Michiganders Who May Achieve Sainthood

Blessed Solanus Casey - Fr. Gabriel Richard - Servant of God Fr. Walter Cizek, SJ
Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ - Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga

(Last of a five part series)

Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga

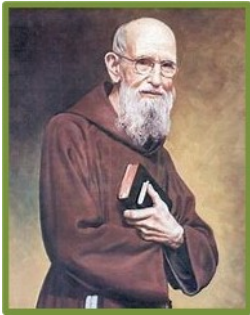
Bishop Frederic Baraga, the founding bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie (later Marquette), is revered across Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the "snowshoe priest." Born June 29, 1797, in the Austrian Empire, Bishop Baraga sought to evangelize the Native American communities in the New World. Arriving in America in 1830, he spent the next 37 years traveling through the Great Lakes region.

Fluent in Slovenian, German and French before arriving in North America, Bishop Baraga authored 20 books in Native American languages, including the "Grammar and Dictionary of the Chippewa Language." Ministering to the people of the Upper Peninsula, he was consecrated the first bishop of Sault Ste. Marie in 1853 (the episcopal see was later transferred to Marquette in 1866).

Bishop Baraga died in 1868, but it wasn't until 1930 that the Bishop Baraga Association and Archives was established, and in 1952, Bishop Thomas Noa of Marquette appointed a historical commission to collect information for Bishop Baraga's beatification, opening his cause for sainthood.

On May 10, 2012, at the recommendation of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Pope Benedict XVI declared Bishop Baraga to have lived a life of "heroic virtue," and he was named "venerable." The Bishop Baraga Association sent a potential miracle for review to the Vatican on July 17, 2011, and according to Lenora McKeen, executive director of the Bishop Baraga Association, another potential case is under review.

"We have a new case that has come to life, and we're preparing to open an inquiry," McKeen told The Michigan Catholic. "Once the tribunal reviews the case, they will send the information to Rome." Since Bishop Baraga was declared venerable in 2012, private devotions to the "snowshoe priest" have increased in the Diocese of Marquette, with scores of visitors leaving prayer intentions at the bishop's tomb in a chapel connected to St. Peter Cathedral.



The Father Solanus Casey prayer for healing is a powerful way to heal yourself and others by using his words as a guide. The best part? It's free! Here's how it works:

Ask Father Solanus Casey to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, or ask him to help you heal from an illness or injury. Then repeat the prayer below three times: "You alone can make me well; You alone can make me whole. My body and soul will be healed through Your divine grace."

Our prayers are required for the Brother Knights and family members who are sick and recovering.

Shari Bargloh	Donna Ignagni	Chuck Pollum
Chris Borgess	Ray Keller	Noelle Pruse
Debra Campbell	Diane Kopicki	Mary Quain
Ed Campbell	Larry Kierzek	Carol Rogers
Nikki Davies	Ken Kraniak	Paul Rybicki
Jim DeMaestri	Jim Langeveld	Paulette Sawdon
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Mark Holz	Dave Parker	Richard Wisniewski
Mike Hoste	Sharon Pizz	Cindy Zapinski



Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month for October is Harry Kuk. Harry resides on Waldo Ave. in Sterling Heights for the past 52 Years.

Harry belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where he is currently an usher.

Harry joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2004 and is our current Chancellor and leads the rosary for our deceased members. He has also held the position of Guard and is active in our monthly breakfast and volunteers for the annual Science Fair. You can always count on Harry to help the church and Council whenever needed.

Harry retired from nursing after 18 years.

In his spare time Harry enjoys bowling, ushering and helping out at the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations on being chosen the Knight of the Month for October by your Brother Knights.



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for October is Joe and Laura Lograsso. Joe and Laura have resided on Kathleen in Macomb Township for the last 26 years.

Joe and Laura Have been married for 34 years and have three children Maria (Andy), Tony and Vince. They also have one grandson Zedo 4 years old.

The family belongs to St. Lawrence Parish where Laura is in the choir and a lector. Joe has been involved in the past with the Adoration chapel and the evangelization committee.

Laura is a Chemistry Professor at Macomb Community College for 24 years and Joe has worked for General Dynamics Land Systems for 35 years.

Joe joined St. Lawrence Council 2950 in 2003 and held the positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Membership Director and Building Corp. President.

Chairmanships that Joe held are co-chair of the MI Drive, St. Pat's Party, Trivia Night, Wine Tasting, Halloween Party, Science Fun Day and Youth Activities.

In their spare time the family enjoys cooking, new recipes, photography, travel, visiting with their kids and friends and going to concerts.

Congratulations for being chosen Family of the Month for the October by your Brother Knights.

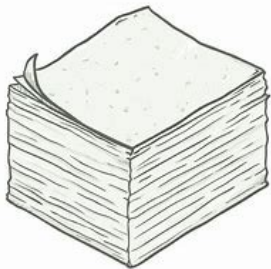


Attention Council Members!!

At our Council meetings during the month of October and November we will be collecting the following items for:
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Thursday October 10, 2024
Thursday November 14, 2024
Kleenex and Toilet Paper



Thursday October 24, 2024
Monday November 25, 2024
Napkins and Paper Towels



Our meetings will be held in the school cafeteria, please enter through the De Keyser doors. You do not have to stay for the meeting if you just want to drop off your donation. Doors will be open from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.



**St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950
Appreciation Dinner
October 18, 2024 – St. Lawrence Social Hall**

Brother Knights, it is time to celebrate our Council, our focus on helping the community and the many works of charity that occur throughout the year.

Please join us on Friday October 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, refreshments, desserts and a great time with your Brother Knights and friends.

Please sign-up below no later than Tuesday October 15, 2024 so we can have a good head count. The cost of the evening is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BABA72BAAF58-51037904-council>

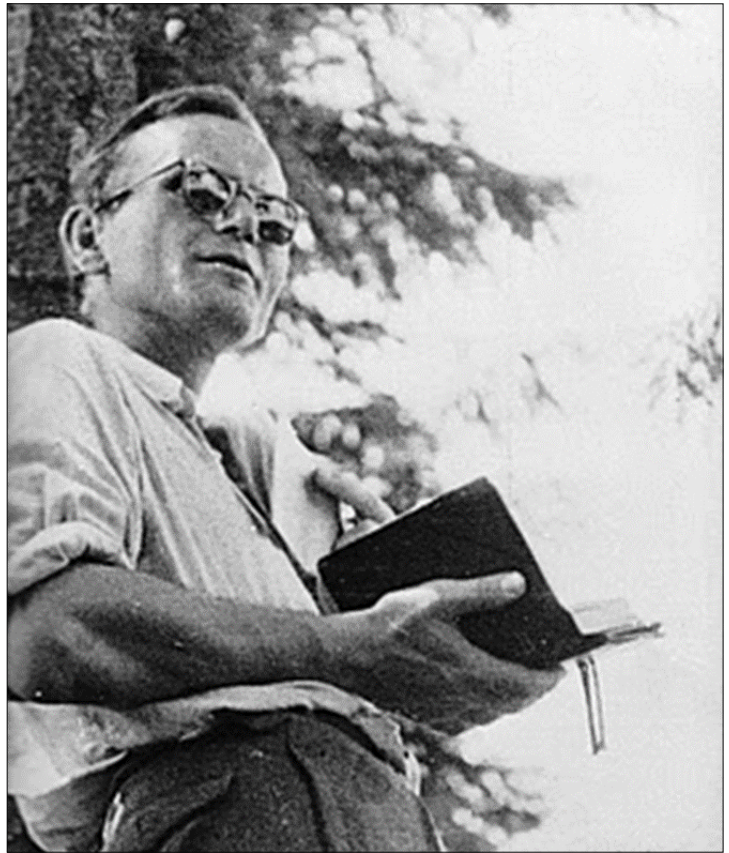


**2024 St. Lawrence Men's
Mass**

**Wednesday October 23rd
6:30pm Mass with Father
Roman & Father Alex
St. Lawrence
Picnic Grounds
Followed by Pizza and
Refreshments**

**For Questions
Contact:**

**Jim Adams at 586-337-7704
or jojim6@aol.com**



Young St. John Paul II

**Register
Using Sign Up Genius:**

<https://bit.ly/3MW7oKQ>



Morning of Reflection – Embracing the Kingship of Christ in our Lives

Saturday November 23, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Church and Social Hall

Registration is now open!!

Jesus instituted the Kingdom of God as a spiritual reality in which we are all called to voluntarily participate. Those who do participate are called to work to establish Christ's Kingdom on earth, here and now. For Christ to truly reign as King, He must first govern each soul - Jesus is not only the Savior of mankind, He is also the model of Christian living. Only in Christ do we find peace, unity, harmony, and true purpose.

You are welcome to join fellow parishioners and hear how Christ is part of our daily lives. Our St. Lawrence community will come together for a morning of Mass, breakfast, short testimonies, and fellowship.

We start with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and will be finished around 11:30 a.m. We look forward to a wide variety of the parish to attend, focusing on high school aged teens to our wisdom-filled seniors.

Please sign up below so we will have a good idea of food for a continental breakfast and materials.

<https://bit.ly/STLReflection112324>



Next Poker Room Events

October 17-20, 2024

6:30PM until 2:00AM Thursday through Sunday



One Eyed Jacks

Charity Poker Room

48922 Van Dyke

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Contact Don Heydens at dheydens@gmail.com.

or call 586-419-3420 to help work these events.

Please Help Stock the Food Pantry!!

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the Council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

St. Lawrence 2950 will be collecting nonperishable food items at all of our Council meetings to help support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry located in the St. Lawrence Parish. If possible, please include the receipt for your donation so we can apply it to the refund from the Supreme Council.



Fraternally,

St. Lawrence Council 2950



October 1, 2024 Council Membership Summary

Associate Members :	233
Insurance Members:	124
Inactive Members:	17
Honorary Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	84
Total Members:	374

Council Status: In Good Standing

St. Lawrence Council 2950

5th Annual Coats for Kids Poinsettia Sale



Red



Pink



White

Small	\$15.00
Medium	\$20.00
Large	\$30.00

**Pre-Sales After Masses November 23-24, November 30-December 1
Order on Line @www.uticakofc.org**

Pick-up at school cafeteria on Sunday December 8 after all Masses

Contact:

**Scott Morgan 586.201.5738
Paul Burmeister 586.713.7953**

Proceeds Benefit





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Notification of Prospective Job at the Picnic Grounds

After almost 35 years of service as the picnic grounds manager, Dale Niedzwiecki is stepping down from that position effective October 1, 2024. We were informed of his decision on August 5th and are now looking for a new manager to take his position.

This is a paid position working for the Knight's Corporation. Salary will be discussed at the interview. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, please contact Al Mulka at 313-580-3985.

- Promoting/showing the picnic grounds to prospective renters, and capturing rentals.
- Issuing and enforcing contracts to various renters.
- Reporting out monthly at the Knights Corporation meetings on status of rentals, rental inquiries, proposed updates to the picnic grounds and associated maintenance.
- Required banking, collection of monies for the rental, monitoring the phone, going to appointments, communications with renters, and issuing checks.
- Maintenance of the picnic grounds including coordination of grass cutting, cleaning, various maintenance projects, purchasing needed materials for upkeep of the venue and checking the picnic grounds after the rental is complete to ensure no damage occurred.
- Ensuring all renters adhere to Catholic values when renting the premises.
- The manager will be on call for all emergencies during events held at the picnic grounds

All prospective applicants must contact Al Mulka to express interest in becoming the picnic grounds manager by October 25, 2024 to be considered.

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