



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Charity, Unity
Fraternity, Patriotism

Grand Knight Perry Picou
Deputy GK Richard Coffey
Fin. Sec. Brian Johnson
Treasurer Tim Beattie
Recorder David J. LeBlanc
Chancellor Robert Schultz
Advocate David Cooper
Warden Wayne Duffy
Chaplain Fr. Luke Nguyen
Lecturer Richard Coffey
Trustee 1 Kenn Boroughs
Trustee 2 Ed Sicard
Trustee 3 Lenny Glynn
Inside Guard Daniel Brady
Outside Guard Thomas Vallee
Program Director Robert Lee
Membership Ken Tassin
Faith Mark Bergeron
COR Cham Mehaffey
Life Jim Urrutia
Community Tim Norra
Family Charles Wartelle
Outreach Ed Carlin
4th Degree Liaison Jim Fanguy
Tech. Support Jason Miller
Youth Charles Wartelle

The following activities are on our calendar. We can always use help for those that we're sponsoring. Please call the member who is coordinating, or Perry Picou, to offer your services. Your help will be appreciated.

Feb 7/8 Masses	Pope St. JP II Chalice	Mar 13, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #4
Feb 7/8 Masses	Membership Drive	Mar 15, 8:30 –3:00	N.O. Men's Conference
Feb 12, 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Mar 20, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #5
Feb 20, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #1	Mar 22	St. Joseph Altar
Feb 21	KC Cornhole, Metairie	Mar 27, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #6
Feb 27, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #2	Apr 3	Good Friday
Mar 6, 4:00 p.m.	Fish Fry #3	Apr 9, 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
Mar 12, 7:00 p.m.	Monthly Meeting	May 1 – 3	State Convention, Bat. Rouge

Please also remember: Adoration every Wednesday, from just after the 8 a.m. Mass until 6 p.m. in church; Men's COR Group every Thursday (except when we have a KC meeting), 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall; and Dominoes Chickenfoot every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT Perry Picou, GK

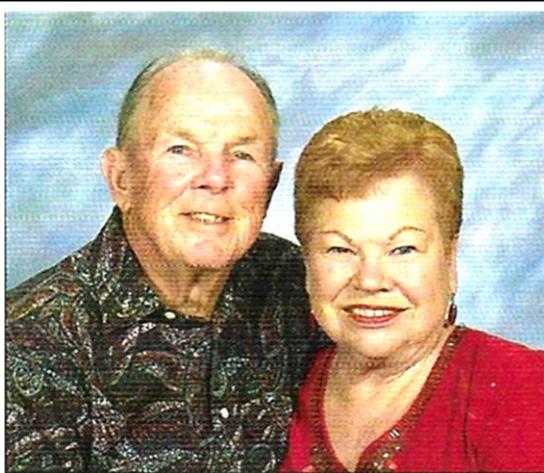
Happy New Year to all the Brothers from Council 10176. Wow, half of the fraternal year has passed - with a lot of excitement. As we enter the rest of our year, we are starting strong with our Annual Fish Fry which begins on February 20, 2026. If you haven't come out to our Fish Fry then you're missing a lot of fun amongst the Brothers. Yes, we work, but we have fun doing this event. What better way to start the 2nd half of the year than by enjoying a delicious meal and enjoying the

atmosphere with fellow brothers. And please don't forget the delicious desserts supplied by the ladies!

More than anything, if you know of any men, ages 17 1/2 and above who might like to join our Council, please let Ken Tassin, our Membership Director, or any officer know so that we can invite them to our meeting.

The Knights of our council still play a significant role in Wednesday Adoration from just after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Come out and bring your wife to pray and spend time with Jesus. You can always stay as long as you wish.

I would like to thank all of the Officers and Council members for a wonderful and blessed past 6 months. Everyone makes my position easier to run.



On November 28th Brother Richard Comment, at age 94, passed away. Shown here with his wife, Jocelyn, Richard, better known as "Black," was a super character. He was always ready with a joke or great story, and had a terrific singing voice, which he often used to lead us in patriotic songs. He was a Knight since 1984. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Vivat Jesus!
Perry Picou, GK

A Message From Your District Deputy

Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

The State Leadership of K of C wants all brothers to consider attending the 121st Louisiana State Knights of Columbus Convention May 1,2,3, in Baton Rouge this year at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center. Go to Louisianakc.org for all information and the event schedule.



Louisiana State KC
Deputy, District 13,
Robert Schultz



At all Masses on the weekend of November 15/16, these wonderful ladies conducted a Bake Sale to raise funds for an orchestra to play Christmas carols before the Christmas Vigil Mass. Shown here are Martha Casselberry, Ellen Bergeron and Wilma Ferran.



On November 9th, this team representing our council won the St. Anselm Council's John Walsdorf Memorial Bowling Classic at Paradise Alley in Mandeville. The tournament was a charity fund-raising event. Team members are Rob Schultz, Lenny Glynn, Fr. Robert Cavalier (former Pastor at St. John's), and Chad Schultz. Congrats, guys!!



Join Us!

Want to join our council? Simply scan this QR code and fill out the form – use our council I.D.: St. John's Council #10176



Cor

The Heart of Our Mission

Knights of Columbus

"COR, Latin for 'heart,' is about centering men's hearts on Jesus - so they can be transformed by Him and by each other. If you get the heart right – you get the man right. And when hearts are set on Christ, everything else flows from there." - Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly.

KC Supreme's prayer and intention in creating the COR Initiative was to provide a much-needed, effective avenue for each of its member Knights to develop, over time, a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to live out his faith faithfully, and actively engage in our Church's Mission as an active Disciple of Christ. As stated by our Supreme Chaplain: "Every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in Prayer and the Sacraments."

Every man of our Parish is invited to participate in our COR: "St John's Faith Formation for Men," held every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of each month) in Odilo Hall. Our typical schedule:

6:00 - 6:30pm -- Social

6:30 - 6:45pm -- WRAP Sunday Gospel

6:45 - 7:30pm -- Video and Discussion

7:30 - Close

The Catholic program we are currently studying is "How You Pray" by Dr Edward Sri....
"Iron sharpens Iron, and one man sharpens another." Prov 27:17
"Come and See!"

Questions? Call Cham Mehaffey, 985-264-5660 or Rich Coffey, 504-884-1801.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

- In November, we approved donations as follows:
 - ACCESS Crisis Pregnancy Center.
 - Up to \$250 to help pay for the Christmas carol orchestra.
 - Up to \$200 to buy turkeys to be baked for the Outreach Committee to distribute to the needy.
 - Half the cost of a Keep Christ in Christmas billboard (cost shared with another council).
- On November 9, we participated in St. Anselm Council's bowling tournament. See page 2.
- On November 16th, we had a Patriotic Mass at St. John's. See Page 3 for pictures and details
- On November 30th, Perry Picou & Rob Schultz led us in 5th Sunday Rosaries after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses.
- In October, we handed out baby bottles to parishioners as a fundraiser to support the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center. The final tally is \$4,953. Thanks so much to the very generous and obviously pro-life parishioners of St. John's!
- Our terrific Christmas party was held on Saturday, Dec. 6th. See Pages 6 – 8 for more.
- Breakfast with Santa was on Sunday, December 14th. See Page 10 for pictures and details.
- Our Keep-Christ-In-Christmas Poster Contest winners were announced on December 14th. See Page 9
- The Consecration to the Holy Family was prayed after all Masses on the December 27/28 weekend. See Page 8
- On January 10th, we participated in the KC District Basketball Free Throw Contest in Abita Springs. See Page 8.
- On January 14th we held our annual 9-hour Novena For Life before the Blessed Sacrament at St. John's. See Page 11.
- Brian Johnson represented our council in the Baton Rouge Life March on January 24th. See Page 11.
- For spiritual development prior to our November & January meetings, we prayed the rosary.

THINGS IN THE WORKS

- During this time of year as we approach Lent, our calendar is dominated by the Fish Fry Dinners. Each Friday during Lent we will be offering those dinners for sale from 4 – 7 p.m. at our unchanged price of \$12. Please consider volunteering to help out if you possibly can.
- The chalice pictured here was used by Pope St. John Paul II in the celebration of Mass in 2000 in St. Peter's Basilica. It was provided then by the Louisiana Knights of Columbus, who are now its caretakers. The chalice will be at St. John's where it will be used in the celebration of all weekend Masses on February 7th & 8th. It will also be available after each of those Masses for you to visit up close and to touch with your rosary or other sacramental – and thus make those items third class relics.
- Coincident with the Pope St. John Paul II Chalice exhibit, our council will, at all Masses that weekend, be conducting a State KC-sponsored "Proof of Concept" Membership Drive, inviting all men of our parish to consider becoming Knights and join our council.
- On February 21st, there will be a State KC Cornhole Tournament at St. Ann's in Metairie. All councils are invited to send teams. If you are interested, please contact an officer.
- The St. Joseph Altar celebration at St. John's will be Sunday, March 22nd, with much work to be done on the 21st and earlier. While this is not strictly a KC event, we usually do help out quite a bit with cooking and other roles. Please keep this on your calendar and consider volunteering.
- On May 1 -3 the KC State Convention will be held in Baton Rouge. State officers are encouraging councils to have more regular members attend. We will be giving you more information in our upcoming meetings.



CYLA

The deadline for high school seniors to submit their applications for the KC Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) has just passed. Our winning senior girl is Karla Galan. We will make a presentation to her soon and her application is now at the State level for possible additional recognition. Congratulations Karla! We had no entries in the male category.

Honored Knights



Our Knight of the Month for November is Trustee 1, Kenn Boroughs. He is involved in so much: The Thursday Work Crew, Breakfast with Santa, The Northshore KC Choir, The Fourth Degree Honor Guard, and of course the upcoming Fish Fry Dinners. He also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. John's.



Our Family of the Month for November is Mark and Ellen Bergeron. Mark is our Faith Director and Ellen is involved with Parish School of Religion. Both were instrumental in organizing the Christmas Carol Program that preceded St. John's 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass. Also, Mark was the drummer in the group and Ellen headed up the fund raising to pay for the musicians.

The Thursday Work Crew Strikes Again

On January 15th, the Thursday Work Crew (TWC) built a handicap ramp for the newly renovated PSR Building. This crew of volunteers, made up almost exclusively of Knights, does a remarkable job of handling small to medium projects related to maintaining and improving the facilities of St. John's. Headed up by our Advocate, David Cooper, the TWC on an ongoing basis, saves the parish very significant funds in the operational and building budgets. David deserves special credit for his excellent team leadership abilities and overall project management skills. And the team members also display a volunteer spirit that makes it a fun and rewarding experience for those serving St. John's via the TWC!



Patriotic Mass

On November 16th our council coordinated a patriotic theme for the 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. John's. It included a 4th Degree Honor Guard accompanying Fr. Luke's procession. GK Perry Picou was commentator for the Mass, and he led a Patriotic Rosary immediately after the Mass, where on each Hail Mary we "plead the Blood of Jesus over (name a state) and every soul in that state". In closing we sung "God Bless America." One of the prayer intentions was for all the deceased members of our council.



Honor Guard: John Tennyson, Lenny Glynn, Perry Picou & Kenn Boroughs



Fr. Luke processes into Mass with the Honor Guard standing at attention.



Perry Picou leading the Patriotic Rosary.



On November 30th, we prayed two Fifth Sunday Rosaries. Perry Picou led one after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and Rob Schultz did so after the 9:15 Mass.



For Thanksgiving, St. John's Outreach Ministry makes a special effort to help those in need. To the left is a picture of the Outreach Team on the day after Thanksgiving putting meals together for the needy, using food brought in by parishioners. Our council helps that effort by paying for and cooking six turkeys. Randy Roth, shown above, plays a major role by providing the equipment and the expertise to handle the turkeys. Rob Schultz and David Cooper were there also to help.

KC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need help regarding any of the financial products that the Knights of Columbus offers, don't hesitate to contact your KC General Agent, David Barnes, until a new Field Agent is assigned.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

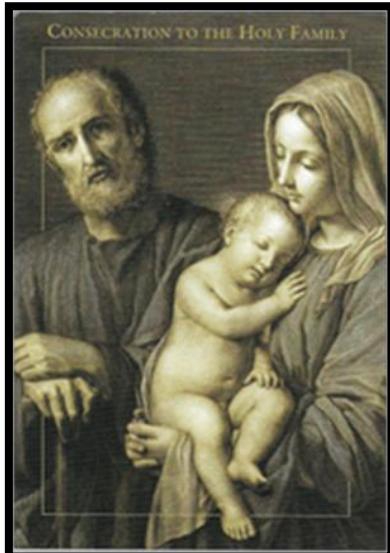
On December 6th we held our annual Christmas Party. It was an outstanding gathering that everyone enjoyed. It opened right after St. John's Vigil Mass with 30 minutes of appetizers and socializing. We were then entertained superbly by the KC Northshore Choir performing Christmas carols. Fr. Luke led us in prayer, then we had a delicious meal of turkey, ham and all the trimmings. One of the highlights was Paul Roberts leading us in a fun rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" – with each of 12 tables assigned one of the stanzas. It was a superb evening, and we send thanks to many: to Perry Picou, Don Bourgeois, David Cooper, Jim Fanguy & Cham Mehaffey for cooking the turkeys and hams; to Tony & Wilma Ferran for organizing the food (and to all attendees who brought sides, appetizers and desserts); to Robin Glynn for her usual amazing decoration of the tables; to the KC Northshore Choir; to Paul Roberts; to Fr. Luke for blessing the food and his reminding us to keep Christ in our hearts during this special season; and to everyone who helped with the cleanup afterwards. Here are some pictures from the event.



CHRISTMAS PARTY (CONT.)



IT WAS A TERRIFIC CHRISTMAS PARTY



Consecration to the Holy Family

On the weekend of December 27/28, the Feast of the Holy Family, at all St. John's Masses, Fr. Luke led parishioners in a prayer consecrating our individual families to the protection of the Holy Family. This is a KC sponsored program that we conduct every year. Charles Wartelle, our Family Director, coordinates this effort at St. John's.



Basketball Free Throw Contest

On Saturday, January 10th, The Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest was sponsored by the Abita Springs Council. Representing our council were Aidan Lee (left) and Beck Magee (right). Our Program Manager, Robert Lee, coordinated St. John's participation in the event. Also showing up to help out were Rob Schultz and Tim Norra.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Our Council sponsored a Keep-Christ-in-Christmas Poster Contest in December, coordinated by our Program Director, Robert Lee. The posters submitted are shown below. The winners were announced at our Breakfast With Santa event on December 14th.



Kindergarten Winner,
Christopher LeSieur



Honorable Mention,
Anna LeSieur



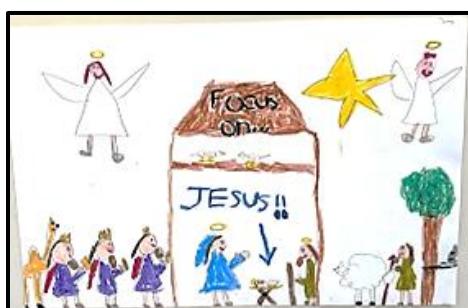
First/Second Grade Winner,
Andrew Zeringue



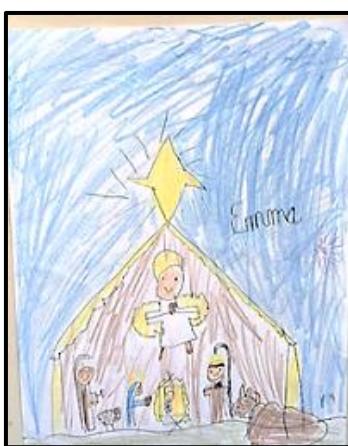
Fifth/Sixth Grade Winner &
Overall Grand Prize Winner,
Aidan Lee



Display Only (Pre-School)
Elizabeth Zeringue



Third/Fourth Grade Winner,
Anne Zeringue



Honorable Mention
Emma LeSieur



Handing out the awards – here to Aidan Lee, our Overall Grand Prize winner – are Robert Lee, (Program Director), Perry Picou (GK), and Rich Coffey (Deputy GK).

Breakfast With Santa

On December 14th we held our annual and very popular Breakfast With Santa, serving free breakfast to parishioners with an opportunity for kids of all ages to spend time with Santa. Thanks so much to all of you volunteers, especially Kenn Boroughs for his leadership role and Robert Fabacher for coordinating the kitchen! Here are some pictures from that great event.



Meditation Moment

Since prayer places our mind in the brilliant radiance of the divine light and warms our will with the heat of heavenly love, there is nothing that so effectively purifies our mind from its ignorance or our will from its depraved attachments as does prayer. It is the water of heavenly blessing making our good desires grow green and strong, washing our souls from their imperfections, and quenching our passions' thirst. However, above all else, I recommend mental prayer, in particular, that which has our Lord's life and Passion as its object. By frequently meditating on Christ, your whole soul will be filled with him, teaching you his ways and framing all your actions upon his divine model. He is the Light of the world.

St. Francis De Sales

Novena For Life

On January 14th, we held our annual 9-Hour Novena For Life. This is a KC sponsored event for St. John's Parish, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for a greater respect for life in all of its stages. It coincided with the normal 9-hour adoration on Wednesdays at St. John. At the top of each hour, we led a rosary or other prayer for some specific aspect of life. To the right is a picture of Rob and Jean Schultz singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. Thanks to our Life Director, Jim Urrutia for coordinating the overall program and for each of the leaders of rosaries/prayers: Wayne Duffy, Jim Urrutia, Perry Picou, Jim Fanguy, Charlie Wartelle, David J. LeBlanc, The Schultz's, Rich Coffey, and Cham Mehaffey. Special thanks to Fr. Luke for supporting the novena, for hearing confessions in the 4 o'clock hour and for closing with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.



In our January meeting we accepted two new members to our council: Barney Bellard (left) and Dominick Carter (right). Welcome, gentlemen; it's great to have you aboard!

Our Trustee 2, Ed Sicard, and his wife, Amy, have been married 64 years! They are shown here at a monthly neighborhood rosary on their actual anniversary, January 20th. Congratulations Sicards!!



On the weekend of January 17/18, our council took third place in the State KC Bowling Tournament in Houma. Team members were Rob, Jean and Chad Schultz and Jared Doyle from Mary Queen of Peace. Rob & Jean placed fifth in the mixed doubles husband/wife event.



On January 24th, a March for Life was held in Baton Rouge. Representing our council (in less than perfect weather) was Financial Secretary, Brian Johnson.

Oyster Night

As is our January custom each year, our monthly meeting was preceded by an oyster feast. We celebrated with raw, grilled and fried oysters, as well as a number of other tasty dishes. Rob Schultz coordinated the overall feast, but was ably assisted by David Cooper, Fr. Luke, Tim Norra, Mark Ferran, Robert Fabacher, Kenn Boroughs, Kim Ducote, and Troy from the Frnklinton council. It was also an opportunity to distribute a few awards. Here are some pictures.



To the left, Perry Picou presents the Star District Award to District 13 Deputy, Robert Schultz. Four of the 5 councils in his district achieved Star Council status in 2024-25. In the middle, Rob Schultz presents the 2024-45 Star Council Award to PGK Lenny Glynn and GK Perry Picou. To the right, Rob presents the 2024-45 Star Council Award to our visiting guests from the Franklinton Council.

