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Council Events

- **Family Burger/Hot Dog Night Every Monday**
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays** during Lent through Good Friday
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- **Next Social Night – Temporarily Suspended**
- **Euchre – Mondays** 4:00 p.m. Play starts at 5:00 p.m.

Monthly Meetings unless otherwise noted:

- **Assembly 2049 – 1st Monday** at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2nd Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2nd Thursday** - Rosary 7:00p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday April 16th**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **April 21st, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.**

Knights of Columbus 4232

Join us for Family Night!!!

Every Monday from 5:00-7:00 PM.
 Serving the best Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Slopy Joe's,
 Hotdogs, and Coney Dogs with those delicious fries or chips.
 Take outs are also available.
 All condiments are provided by a sanitized kitchen person.

Also, Every Monday!

Euchre Night!

Join us for a friendly evening of euchre. Show up at 4:00 p.m. and register then enjoy our Family Night Menu for dinner.

Play starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.

\$1.00 to register for 8 games and all money used for prize money and awarded appropriately.

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Brother Knights

Connie and I wish all brother Knights and their families a joyous and blessed Easter season. May the hope and renewal of Christ's resurrection fill your hearts with peace and love.

Fish Fry's are going very well. Lots of people are attending and enjoying the meal. If you have not had a chance to come to our Friday night Lenten fish fry, please stop by on Fridays during Lent from 4:30 until 7:00. We are always looking for volunteers to help, if interested please contact Jerry Schmidt or Jay Tillman. This is a terrific way for any of our students to earn service hours for school if they need them. Remember the Love for Lukulu raffle and bake sale. Tickets for drawing will be sold at all Fish Fry's until Good Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Tillman 989-280-9693 or at jpancakeman21@gmail.com

Everybody keep September 27, 2025, available for some fun. We will be having another concert. I talked with Sheriff Bill Federspiel, and he has agreed to come back for another fabulous show. He will be singing songs by Tom Jones, Kenny Rodgers, Elvis, and Bob Seger. The people that came to the show this past December had a wonderful time and a number of them have asked for a repeat performance. It takes a lot of time and effort to put on a show like this, so I am asking for some help. If you are interested, please contact me so we can set up a meeting and discuss the details. The only thing that will be different from the last show is there will be no sit-down dinner. Instead, we will be asking for everyone to donate one or two hor d'oeuvres or appetizers. These will be out for people to enjoy. Also, we are going to host this on a Saturday night instead of Friday. There will be a couple of 50/50 drawings, I will be asking for some donations for raffle prizes again. If you would like to donate something I will be more than happy to accept it. This will be fun.

I want to thank everyone that attended our social night on March 27th. It was the first of our 2 required social nights. We had 26 people attend, the food was great, and Brian was informative about some of the changes to our benefits available to us as members of the Knights of Columbus.

I want to thank everyone who has participated in all our Social Nights. Unfortunately, due to consistently low attendance, I have made the difficult decision to discontinue them moving forward. We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to stay engaged with our other council events and initiatives. If you have any suggestions for future gatherings or activities, please feel free to share them. I am still planning an officer's initiation dinner in June and a special get-together in August to welcome Father Michael Mubita Kaiko who will be visiting from Africa. Fr. Michael will join us for dinner in the hall and give a talk on his story. I want everyone to understand that the cancellation of the social nights will be re-visited after the first of the year. At that time, we can discuss starting them again.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4232 has submitted a license request with the State of Michigan for a Bingo License. We are planning to start the bingos up again for the council. This WILL NOT HAPPEN until after Lent is over. We do not have a start date. We will need volunteers to help with this event. Done right we can make some money for our council that will help with our charities. If you are interested in help please contact Bert Murphy, Jerry Schmidt, or me. There will be much more on this later. It will take a lot of work from several people so let us do what we can to help.

UPDATE: At this time, we are planning to start our K of C Council 4232 BINGO on Friday May 2, 2025 as long as everything goes as planned. If there is a change, we will let everyone know. We will need some help with this. If you are interested, PLEASE contact me or Jerry Schmidt.

Each month there is a lot of thought put into the Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month awards. We need your help. None of us knows all the people that help at your church or with the council. If you have an idea who deserves either one of these awards, please send me a note with a short paragraph as to why you think the person or family is deserving. This will help to make sure all are rewarded for their help. Starting this month and from now on, each Knight of the month and Family of the month will receive a card that entitles them to a free meal, once a week for

the month. Please think about a well-deserving Knight and/or Family and let me know.

Knight of the Month – Scott Dashner

Family of the Month – Mark & Estelle Przybylski

Faithfully in Christ

Respectfully

Thomas R Ruth, Grand Knight

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Upcoming Events

Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45 pm

Every Monday – Family Night 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays during Lent 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Officers Meeting – Thursday April 10, 2025, 5:30 pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday April 10, 2025

Rosary 7:00 pm - Meeting 7:30 pm

VCBC Meeting – Wednesday April 16, 2025 7:00 pm

Social Night – Temporarily Suspended



LADIES AUXILIARY

Greetings my friends:

At our last Ladies Auxiliary meeting on 3/17/25 we had 49 ladies turn out & 1 guest speaker, Adam Hayward-Lupo from the Aleda Lutz VA Hospital. Luann Ramer & Judy Napierala made an excellent lunch for us all. Thank you, ladies it was very yummy & enjoyed by all.

Our guest speaker spoke about where our donated monies are put to use throughout the facility. The Auxiliary board voted last July to donate \$1000 to the VA hospital knowing it would be put to good use for our veterans.

I want to thank all who have volunteered their Friday evenings to help out on the fish fries. They have been very busy & your hard work is greatly appreciated. We have 4 more to go. As a reminder to all of you about the Good Friday Bake Sale. The club will be open to drop off your baked goods Good Friday morning from 8:30a-10:00a. Or your other option is that afternoon at 3p-4p. If you could please mark your items of what they are & possibly price them also is a big help. Our bake sales have been very successful, so let's keep that up with all of your help. Thank you all for your participation. Monetary support is welcome also.

I would like to thank Debi Slivinski for setting up all the groups that have or will bussing tables at the fish fries. They all have been amazing groups & we couldn't get by without their help. We support all of them with monetary donations yearly & this is how they give back to the K of C. Thank you to East Side Soup Kitchen, Emmaus House, Partnership Center, Mustard Seed that have helped on our 4 so far. Our remaining 4 are Life Clinic, Mustard Seed, 2nd time, SPRED, ESSK for their 2nd time. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!!

Our April meeting is 4/21/25. We do have a guest speaker from Heart of Saginaw, Mona Thiel. Hope to see a big turnout again.

May is election time. Please consider running for any open positions. President, Vice President, treasurer, Secretary. These 4 positions have been held by the same ladies for many years now & we need you to step up to help keep our auxiliary vibrant & exciting with new/fresh ideas. Call if you have any questions about these positions.

Chris Smigiel
President of Ladies Auxiliary



A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

We are well into the Season of Lent, almost halfway through this Season of Grace. Despite Lent being a time to incorporate into our lives the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Sacrifices, and Penance, **it is a Season of Grace**. Each of these disciplines have one purpose – to draw us into an ever-closer relationship with God through a closer unity with His beloved Son, Jesus. All of this happens by the working of the Holy Spirit. If these are means of grace, each of us must strive to pursue the gift of grace by making the Lenten disciplines a part of our Lenten Season. We may be halfway through Lent. We may have done or we may have not done any of these Lenten works. But we can still embrace these means of grace and be drawn into a deeper relationship with our Heavenly Father. Pursue this gift of Grace!

Secondly, as we move closer and closer to the primary focus of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, we must make it a point to make plans to enter fully into Holy Week and Easter. It starts by firmly putting in your calendar your attendance at each of the Holy Week Liturgies. It may be easy to start by attending Palm Sunday Mass, which you were planning to attend anyway. But that is not enough. No, your personal commemoration of all that Jesus did for your salvation, forgiveness, and restoration to eternal life must incorporate participation in the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Mass. Each of these Liturgies is an important part of the Easter Triduum – an important part of the Paschal Mystery by which Jesus Christ has redeemed your immortal soul. None of us can take this lightly. We must attend and participate, value and cherish in our hearts the Easter Triduum Liturgies. Attend each of these Liturgies!

My brother Knights, our noble Order is a blessing to our fellow Knights, to our Country, and to the Church. It must also be a personal blessing to our lives in that it always supports and encourages us to grow in holiness. May we stand together in loving service as a Council and as an Assembly. May we stand together in our worship of God and in our celebration of the most important events of our Faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Bill Rutkowski
Chaplain, Council 4232

Council Officers 2024-2025

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50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting March 13, 2025

50/50 for \$25.00 Won by Jerry Schmidt

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Valerian Kwapis & **\$193.00** Lost by Wayne Bamberg

Social Night Meeting March 27, 2025

50/50 for \$35 Won by Bernie Wolny

Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Christopher Bailey & **\$211.00** Lost by Dennis Newman

50/50 and Attendance Drawings are held at every Membership Meeting and Social Night. 50/50 are for everybody in attendance and purchases tickets and Attendance Drawing is for all members. Members just need to be present to win. Prize grows until someone wins. Plan on attending the next Membership Meeting!

* **Attendance Drawing** will be capped @ \$1000.00. At that point two names will be drawn, first for \$1000.00 and the second for the balance remaining. That will continue until the \$1000.00 is claimed.

Next Drawing at Membership Meeting March 13th, 2025 is for \$1000 .00 / 2nd Drawing \$238.00
And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting March 27th, 2025 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales



LOUNGE HOURS

Open Family Night and K of C events

Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Hamburger Night) &

Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to Close

(Close is determined by Patrons)



Ladies Auxiliary March Speaker

Our guest speaker was Adam Hayward-Lupo from the Aleda Lutz VA Hospital. He spoke about where our donated monies are put to use throughout the facility.



Guest speaker Adam Hayward-Lupo



Marie Shields presented Adam a beautifully handmade quilt she made for a veteran at the VA Hospital.



March attendees

Friday Fish Fry Volunteers

These are a few of our volunteers pictured. Thank you to all who has helped make our Fish Frys a success.



The gang from ESK



EMMAUS HOUSE volunteers



Amy Bartels director of Mustard Seed & Diane Keenan director of ESK.



Staff from ESK



Partnership Center volunteers



Mustard Seed volunteers



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2025 FISH FRY'S

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**4840 Shattuck Rd**

**TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

**4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Fryday's

Fryday's



April 4, 2025  
April 11, 2025  
and Good Friday  
April 18, 2025



|                                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Perch Dinner *                                       | \$17.00 |
| White Fish Dinner *                                  | \$16.00 |
| Shrimp Dinner *                                      | \$16.00 |
| Fish/Shrimp Dinner Combo *                           | \$16.00 |
| (Choice of Perch or White Fish... with Shrimp)       |         |
| Fish Sandwich with Fries and Cole Slaw.....          | \$8.00  |
| Children (1/2 Orders of White Fish or Perch) *#..... | \$9.00  |
| Extra Fish (White Fish or Perch) .....               | \$3.00  |
| Extra Order of Fries or Baked Potato .....           | \$3.00  |

\* Choice of Fries or Baked Potato with Dinners  
# No Half Orders on Combos

## The Love for Lukulu Mission Raffle Fundraiser

Raffle contains many **\$2.00** and **\$5.00** Items

The **\$2.00** and **\$5.00** Raffle Tickets are Available:  
Wednesday, March 05, 2025  
through  
Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Tickets sold 4:00 to 7:00pm on Fish Fry Nights during  
this time:  
March 05, March 07, March 14, March 21, March 28,  
April 04, April 11, and April 18, 2025

**Drawings to take place Good Friday,  
April 18th at 7:15pm**

**Pickup Date Monday, April 21st from 4:30-7pm**

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards:

Mother's Milk Program  
Leprosarium Program  
Trade School Program  
School Lunch Program  
Scholarship Program  
Mission Projects

If any questions, please contact Debi @ 989-295-3765



## Family (Burger) Night (Weekly on Mondays – No Holidays)



**Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs.**

**All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary, Council 4232 & the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Assembly 2049 so they can continue all the good work they do. Come support them and have a great meal.**



**All burgers are **fresh ground beef**  
and the hot dogs are the best, **koegel**.**



**And you can't beat the price.**



### MENU

Hamburger Only - \$4.50  
Cheese Burger Only - \$4.75  
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.00  
Hot Dog Only - \$3.00  
Coney Dog Only - \$3.50

Hamburger & Chips - \$5.00  
Cheese Burger & Chips - \$5.25  
Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$4.50  
Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.50  
Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.00  
Fries Only - \$3.00

Hamburger & Fries - \$7.00  
Cheese Burger & Fries - \$7.25  
Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$5.50  
Hot Dog & Fries - \$5.50  
Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.00

**Thank You for your Support!**

# **Knights of Columbus Friday Bingo** **Please Help**

**This Bingo will 100% benefit our Council**  
This will start after Lent – **Target Date May 2, 2025**

**We are looking for people to work during Bingo.** Whether you can do multiple Fridays per month, once per month or occasionally. Please consider helping make our Bingo a success. This will bring a steady income to our Council making us stronger with the ability to do more.

**Bingo will close down every year during Lent so we will continue having Fish Frys.**



**Please contact the Grand Knight Tom Ruth @**  
**(989) 297-1372 or [t.ruth@charter.net](mailto:t.ruth@charter.net)**

**Or contact the Financial Secretary Jerry Schmidt @**  
**(989) 992-2167 or [fs4232@mikofc.org](mailto:fs4232@mikofc.org)**



## **Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent**

Brothers,

Tax Day, April 15<sup>th</sup>, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can assess tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass.

Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations.

In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our order 143 years ago this month.

I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank You!

Tax benefits assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the tax benefits by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values. Proceeds from life insurance policies may be subject to certain taxes based on individual circumstances. Tax laws vary by jurisdiction and may change over time. Knights of Columbus and its agents do not provide tax or legal advice and are not financial planners. Please consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors about your own particular circumstances.

For cost and complete details of coverage, please contact your agent or the Knights of Columbus.

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Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632





## Next Highway Pick up April 12, 2025

A good sign of Spring being so close. Not as nice as the Masters Golf tournament. But good for us.

### Highway pickup!



This Spring event will be April 12th, arrive about 8:30 for supplies, Day-Glo vest and a pickup stick. Details, safety issues and directions will be shared at that time. Bring sturdy gloves if you have any.

If we are blessed with heavy rain we will postpone to following Saturday.

**Any questions please call Bert Murphy, (989)401-1457.**

## VCBC Board Member Needed

VCBC is looking for a member Knight to join the VCBC Board of Directors

Please contact Mike Ross at (989) 295-2002 or email [mikerdeb@gmail.com](mailto:mikerdeb@gmail.com)

## April 2025



| Sunday                           | Monday                                                                                    | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                        | Thursday                                                                                   | Friday                                                   | Saturday                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 30                               | 31                                                                                        | 1       | 2<br>Bar Open<br>4:00 p.m. to Close                              | 3                                                                                          | 4<br>Fish Fry<br>4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.<br>Bar Open       | 5                        |
| 6                                | 7<br>Family/Burger Night<br>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.<br>Assembly 2049<br>Meeting 7:45 pm     | 8       | 9<br>Bar Open<br>4:00 p.m. to Close                              | 10<br>Officers Meeting 5:30<br>Membership Meeting<br>Rosary 7:00 p.m.<br>Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 11<br>Fish Fry<br>4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.<br>Bar Open      | 12                       |
| 13                               | 14<br>Family/Burger Night<br>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                                        | 15      | 16<br>Bar Open<br>4:00 p.m. to Close<br>VCBC Meeting - 7:00 p.m. | 17<br>Holy Thursday<br>✠                                                                   | 18<br>Fish Fry<br>4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.<br>Bar Open<br>✠ | 19<br>Holy Saturday<br>✠ |
| 20<br>Easter<br>✠<br>HE IS RISEN | 21<br>Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 a.m.<br>Family/Burger Night<br>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | 22      | 23<br>Bar Open<br>4:00 p.m. to Close                             | 24                                                                                         | 25                                                       | 26                       |
| 27                               | 28<br>Family/Burger Night<br>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                                        | 29      | 30<br>Bar Open<br>4:00 p.m. to Close                             | 1                                                                                          | 2                                                        | 3                        |
| 4                                | 5<br>Family/Burger Night<br>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                                         | Notes   |                                                                  |                                                                                            |                                                          |                          |

### Looking for input on what you would like to see or put in The Emblem

News from your church, upcoming or a past event, anything you are involved in or a personal story you would like to share with the Membership and the Ladies Auxiliary and their families.

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