

# Knights of Columbus

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# EMBLEM

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**Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Sharp --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month**

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## Council Events

- **Family Burger/Hot Dog Night Every Monday** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Breakfast – April 21, 2024** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Social Night – Thursday April 25, 2024.**  
**Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm**
- **Euchre – Mondays** 4:30 p.m. Play starts at 5:30 p.m.

## Monthly Meetings unless otherwise noted:

- **Assembly 2049** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** -  
Rosary 7:00p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7:00 p.m.**
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **April 15, 2024**  
**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. (New Time)**

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

## GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

### **Brother Knights:**

I would like to take this time to wish each of you and all your family members a very happy and blessed Easter season.

Now that spring is here and summer is coming soon it is time to think about nominating fellow brothers to fill positions as officers for our council. We will take nominations for all officer position at this month's meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in becoming and officer or staying in the position you are currently in, please attend the meeting. During the meetings in April and May we will open nominations and have our two required votes for positions. At our Social Night in June, we will have our swearing in ceremony. All officers either new or returning will assume their positions July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have placed a separate letter in this month's emblem reference to the condition of the cooler behind the bar. Please read this letter and consider helping the council out with a monetary donation. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

**Knight of the month: Bill Zapolski**

**Family of the month: Dennie and Chris Smigel**

**Faithfully in Christ**  
**Respectfully**  
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### **Upcoming Events**

Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45 pm  
Every Monday – Family Night 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
Officers Meeting – Thursday April 10, 2024, 5:30pm  
Business Meeting – Thursday, April 10, 2024,  
Rosary, 7:00pm, meeting 7:30pm  
VCBC Meeting – Thursday April 17, 2024 7:00pm  
Breakfast – Sunday, April 21, 2024, 9:00am to 12:00pm,  
Social Night – Thursday, April 24, 2024,  
Social Hour 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30pm



## LADIES AUXILIARY

There were 39 members in attendance at our March meeting. During the attendance drawing Kim Kinde's name was drawn but she wasn't in attendance. At the April meeting the drawing will be \$60. Our next auxiliary meeting will be April 15.

Ladies please consider running for a position for the auxiliary board. We need new leadership! What position could you bring fresh ideas.

A big thank you to Kristin Smith, from Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan, for being the guest speaker at the March 18 auxiliary meeting. She was very informative about annulments.

Chris Smigiel asked if we could please bring items to donate to the Blessing Box's at the St. Dominic site and also the ESSK site. Such items are paper towel, Kleenex, toilet paper, canned goods, any non-perishables. Please no beans due to it being a very popular donation. If anyone has any questions, please contact Chris Smigiel @ (989)213-3453.

Thank you ladies for your participation in the Good Friday Bake Sale.

Love for Lukulu Mission would like to thank the Knights of Columbus's Ladies Auxiliary for all the knitted and crocheted items, rosaries, books, bibles, and sewing items for the upcoming mission trip. Thank you also for the constant support for the Lukulu Mission. Very much appreciated!! The mission trip will be July 7th through July 26th.

We hope you had a very Happy and Blessed Easter!.

**LuAnn Ramer, Publicity**



## Council Officers 2023-2024

**Grand Knight** – Thomas R Ruth  
**Chancellor** – Bertram E Murphy  
**Advocate** – Ronald I Brasseur  
**Outside Guard** – James G Czolgosz  
**Three Year Trustee** – Michael Hughes

**Financial Secretary** – Gerald L Schmidt  
**Recorder** – James J Tillman  
**Warden** – Thomas R McLean  
**One Year Trustee** – Martin J Gagnon  
**Chaplain** – Rev Richard E Jozwiak

**Deputy Grand Knight** – Paul Mixer  
**Treasurer** – Dennis Smigiel  
**Inside Guard** – Frederick Clous  
**Two Year Trustee** – Michael A Ross  
**Lecturer** – Russell L. Herlache



## 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)



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## **Parish Benefit Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 9:00am - 12:00 p.m.**

**To Benefit K of C Council 4232 Charities**

**SCRAMBLED EGGS – SAUSAGE – HASH BROWNS – PANCAKES  
(Gluten Free Available) – COFFEE – JUICE – MILK**

**ADULTS \$9.00 – 6 to 12 Years Old \$5.00 - 5 Years & Under are FREE**

Next Breakfast on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to St Dominic

**Please come for Breakfast and Support us and all our Churches at the same time!**

## **50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing**

**Membership Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**50/50 for \$24.00 Won by Jerry Schmidt & Attendance Drawing for \$790.00 Lost by Michael Witkovsky**

**Social Night Meeting No March Meeting 2024**

**50/50 for \$TBD.00 Won by TBD & Attendance Drawing for \$TBD.00 Lost by TBD**

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 April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is for \$808.00**

**And drawing at the Social Night Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales**

# Please Help with Your Donations!

## **Brother Knights**

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are united in our commitment to charity and service to our community. Today, I write to you with a pressing need that requires our immediate attention and support. Our council's cooler compressor, essential for preserving perishable goods for our charitable events and community outreach programs, has recently malfunctioned. Without a functioning cooler, we face the risk of not being able to adequately store food items, impacting our ability to serve those in need effectively. To ensure the continuity of our charitable efforts and uphold our duty to serve the less fortunate, we are launching a fundraising campaign to replace the cooler compressor. The estimated cost for the replacement is \$7,700, a sum that exceeds our current budget allocation.

The cooler is used each and every time we have an event at the council hall. This includes anytime the bar is open, hamburger night, social night, ladies' auxiliary meetings, and anytime we rent the hall for parties. If the cooler compressor does not get replaced, we will no longer be able to keep food and drinks cold. Which would mean no more gatherings or rentals. I do not want to see that happen. We have many members and good friends in the public that look forward to the good times they have and the council events.

As proud members of the Knights of Columbus, I implore you to contribute generously to this cause. Your donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in our ability to continue serving our community with compassion and dignity. Here are the ways you can contribute.

**Check Donation:** Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus #4232" and indicate "Cooler Compressor Replacement Fund" in the memo line. You can mail your donation to Knights of Columbus – Saginaw 4840 Shattuck Rd Saginaw, MI 48603.

**In-Person Donation:** We will also be collecting donations at our upcoming council meetings and events (Family burger night every Monday, upcoming Social Nights and anytime the bar is open for drinks). Look out for donation baskets placed at the venue.

If each member would give just \$10.00 the amount needed could be achieved quickly. Your generosity will not only help us replace the cooler compressor but also reaffirm our shared commitment to charity, unity, and fraternity. Together, as brothers in faith and service, we can overcome this challenge and continue making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our noble cause.

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# 2024 Lenten Fish Frys 'Thank you'

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who pitched in during this year's Fish Frys. Food was great! People were happy & satisfied. A job well done for everybody.

There are so many aspects to making a successful Fish Fry Season. Thank you to everybody who lent a hand either before during or after to make this year a success.

Also, Thank You to the individuals who helped organize, carry out and make sure things ran smoothly.

No matter what you did to help, you were not unnoticed...

## Thank you!!!



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## Good Friday Fish Fry 'Thank you'



Thank you to Mustard Seed volunteers at our Good Friday fish fry. Amy Roe & her gals were an awesome crew for us. Thank you so much Debi Slivinski for arranging all the group volunteers that came this season to bus tables. They all were wonderful helpers.



Emersyn was an adorable bunny at our Good Friday fish fry!

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

**Family (Burger) Night**

**Every Monday – No Holidays**

**5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**



Family Night – Hamburg’s, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs  
All proceeds go to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
so they can continue all the good work they do.  
Come support them and have a great meal.  
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and the hot dogs are the best, koegel.

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**MENU**

**Hamburg Only - \$3.75**

**Cheese Burger Only - \$4.00**

**Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.00 (New)**

**Hot Dog Only - \$2.50**

**Coney Dog Only - \$3.00**

**Hamburg & Chips - \$4.25**

**Cheese Burger & Chips - \$4.50**

**Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$4.50 (New)**

**Hot Dog & Chips – \$3.00**

**Coney Dog & Chips - \$3.50**

**Fries Only - \$2.50**

**Hamburg & Fries - \$5.75**

**Cheese Burger & Fries - \$6.00**

**Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$6.50 (New)**

**Hot Dog & Fries - \$4.50**

**Coney Dog & Fries - \$5.00**

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

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying, and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus’ 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very Blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.

As spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down ... perhaps without the joy of the children!

Spring seems to elicit looking forward.

As I look forward this, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family.

I’ll call on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian Barlow, Court of the Table

989-213-2032



# Thank You!

ESSK (East Side Soup Kitchen) was our volunteer group busing tables at the 3/1/24 fish fry. A wonderful group of people to offer their time to help us.

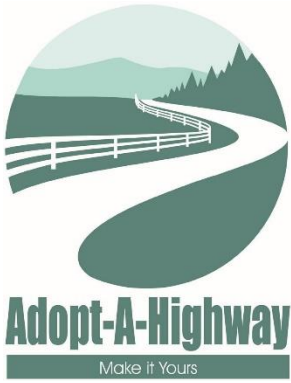


SPRED (Special Religious Education for Developmentally Disabled) was our amazing group of volunteers helping out busing the tables at our 3/8/24 fish fry. Their hard work is very much appreciated. We love SPRED!

We had a hard-working crew from Life Clinic volunteer for the 3/15/24 fish fry. Awesome crew & thank you again for the great job done!!!



A wonderful group from Special Olympics Area 22 people were our volunteers for the 3/22/24 fish fry, a great job to all. We thank you so much!



## Next Highway Pickup April 20<sup>th</sup>

Thankfully the snow will go away soon which means we have a two-mile section of road that needs a little TLC. Our Spring pickup will occur April 20th. This is a labor-intensive process so please consider spending about 2 hours for a walk along M -47. We will meet at 10am at the Council for supplies and directions. Then afterwards back to the hall. Fresh coffee and donuts will be available.

**If you can provide a couple hours on Saturday April 20th, please call Bert Murphy (989)401-1457.**

## March Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Ladies Auxiliary meeting from 3/18/24. Our guest speaker Kristin Smith from Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan spoke about annulments. A group of 39 ladies for the auxiliary meeting listening to our guest speaker Kristin. Thank you, Kristin, for your expertise on this subject.



## Help Wanted

**Hall Watchers** when hall is rented with no alcohol  
**Bartenders** when hall is rented with alcohol  
Looking for persons for each position or  
Persons to do either position depending on the hall rental

*Even if you can do it occasionally with notice*

**They will earn \$80.00 per event**

**Interested or Questions**

Please contact Mike Ross at (989) 295-2002

or

**Carol or Judy at Bar during Hamburg Night**





# April 2024



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