

# Knights of Columbus

Father Nouvel Council No. 4232  
4840 SHATTUCK ROAD  
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**Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Sharp --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month**

## Council 4232 Directory

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### Council Events

- **Family Burger/Hot Dog Night Every Monday**  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed Holidays
- **Bingo Fridays** – Doors Open 4:00 p.m.  
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – June 25, 2026**  
Social Hour 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
- **Euchre – Mondays** 4:00 p.m. Play starts at 5:00 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 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- VCBC – **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** - 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 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

**Knight of the Month – Fr. Bill Rutkowski**

**Family of the Month – Deacon Gary & Arlene Patelski**

It's that time of year again. We need to start thinking about election of officers for next year. May will be nominations for officers. We will vote on the nominations in June with the new officers taking over July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a social night on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be the induction ceremony of the new and returning officers. A signup sheet will be posted the first of May. The menu will be announced when it is finalized. If you are thinking or have been thinking about a position as an officer please have someone nominate you or nominate yourself. If you have any questions, please ask any officer or come to me directly.

Council 4232 needs new members! We are just **TWO members away** from reaching our goal by June 1. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to our next meeting and introduce them to what the Knights of Columbus is all about—faith, service, and brotherhood. Together, we can grow our council and continue the great work we do in our parishes and community!

**This is a copy of a note sent last year at this time reference membership. Please help with our membership needs.**

**As the Grand Knight and a fellow Knight, I'm reaching out to personally let you know that you've been missed. Your presence, your voice, and your fellowship have always brought something special to our council. While life gets busy and priorities shift, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to return and join us once again at our meetings.**

**Our gatherings are more than just business—they're an opportunity for us to support one another, serve our community, and grow in faith and fraternity. Your experiences and ideas are valuable to our council, and we'd be stronger with you back around the table.**

**Whether it's been months or years, you're always welcome. No explanations needed—just come as you are. We're looking forward to reconnecting, sharing some laughs, and continuing the good work we're called to do together.**

**Our next meeting is on Thursday May 9, 2026. We pray to Rosary at 7pm and our meeting starts at 7:30pm. With 586 current members our attendance averages between 12 to 15 Knights. Please make every attempt to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, need a ride, or just want to talk, feel free to reach out to me directly.**

The recipients for the 2026 college scholarship have been chosen. We will be handing out 7 scholarships this year. We have invited one recipient to our May 14<sup>th</sup> membership meeting with his family and will be presenting the scholarship that night right after to Rosary. The other 6 recipients will receive their scholarships at the Nouvel Catholic Central Baccalaureate dinner being held on May 19, 2026. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners.

**Yours In Christ,**

**Thomas R Ruth, Grand Knight**  
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### Upcoming Events

**Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:30pm**

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

**Officers Meeting – Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:30pm**

**Membership Meeting – Thursday, May 14, 2026, Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm**

**VCBC Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:00pm**

**Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm**

**Social Night – Next Social Night is June 25, 2026**



## **A Message from our Chaplain**

My Brother Knights,

Typically, each year the Easter Season extends into the month of May. As you know, the month of May is a special time of year dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. Many of us remember May Devotions, May Crownings of Mary, May praying of the Rosary, etc. We have cherished memories of these events honoring Mary. I hope that you still are able to experience these devotions in your parishes and observe your own personal May devotions in your homes.

These Marian devotions do not distract us from our Easter Season rejoicing and reflections. In all reality, Mary is a model for us of discipleship testifying to the Risen Lord. From the time that Jesus entrusted his mother Mary to the apostle John at the foot of the cross, Mary is always seen with the disciples. She would have had her own experience of her Risen Son as well as shared in some of the experiences of the disciples of the Risen Lord. Her constant presence with the early Church was a source of strength, hope, and faith to the disciples who were charged with the task of proclaiming the Gospel message of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Even though Mary is not mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, we know that she accompanied the early Church in its proclamation of the Gospel message.

Mary has constantly maintained her role as a source of strength, hope, and faith to Christians throughout the years. She is mother of the Church. She is help of Christians. She is our greatest champion in answering the call of Jesus to not only live out the life of her Son but to evangelize the Gospel message to others. This is our Christ-given mission. Through the various apparitions of Mary over the years we come to realize that Mary constantly proclaims the Gospel message to the world to repent of our sins, believe the Gospel, and live out the life of her son. She is a model of evangelization for us and a guiding presence as we live out our mission of evangelization.

As we strive to follow in the footsteps of the early Church in proclaiming the Easter message, the “Good News” of salvation and life in Jesus Christ, we cannot forget that our Blessed Mother is constantly with us, just as she was with the early Church. She is praying for us, encouraging us, and interceding for us before her Son, Jesus. Allow this month of May to be a time to be renewed in your knowledge of her loving concern and abiding presence with us as we testify to the death and resurrection of Christ. Let your May devotions reflect your appreciation and love for Mary, our Blessed Mother, who walks with us as we live out our mission to be faithful disciples who boldly, faithfully proclaim our Risen Lord!

..... Fr. Bill Rutkowski, Chaplain, Council #4232



**District Deputy  
Mitch Lenczewski  
Saginaw Diocese District 703**

Hello Brother Knights,

Spring is here which focuses on renewal, growth, and new life, often highlighting images of rain, blooming flowers, and warmer days. Sounds like a lead into Membership. Please continue planting the seeds of membership to prospective candidates. We have done so well this past year in our District pertaining to membership. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Thanks to all participants regarding the MI (tootsie roll) Drives held within the district. Such a great cause. A few councils have also participated in highway clean-ups this past month. A wonderful family civic project and nice exposure for the Knights of Columbus. Nominations for Officers of your council for the next fraternal year are coming up soon. Please consider running for a position. You will find it is a very rewarding experience.

Officers; please review forms that need to be completed by the end of the fraternal year. This quarter is quickly winding down. Most of our forms are now e-forms or electronic forms which improve ease and efficiency. Brothers; always a good idea to check out websites pertaining to the Diocese, Parishes, Knights of Columbus whether its Supreme, State or your council website. With that in mind; most newsletters are now sent to your email address. If your Financial Secretary does not have your most recent phone number or e-mail address; you are left out of the loop. Please, if you have a new phone number or e-mail address; advise your Financial Secretary.

Once again, thank you for all you do and enjoy the warmer weather.

Mitch Lenczewski  
District Deputy 703

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Dear Ladies,

May blessings to you all!

As we enter the month of May—traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary—let us look to Mary’s example of humble service and steadfast faith. In the spirit of our Ladies Auxiliary, may we bring that same “yes” to Christ through prayer (especially the Rosary) and through acts of charity and fellowship within our parish community and our auxiliary. This month we also keep in prayer all mothers and mother figures as we celebrate Mother’s Day, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives in service to our country as Memorial Day approaches.

**Upcoming Events**

**Mother’s Day** – Sunday, May 10

May God bless all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers.

**Memorial Day** – Monday, May 25

Please remember our fallen service members and their families in your prayers.

**May Meeting**

Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2026** (the third Monday of the month).

There will be no speaker this month as we will be holding our board elections.

- **Rosary:** 11:30 a.m.
- **Lunch and Meeting:** Immediately following

**Reminder:** There will be **no meetings in June, July, and August**. We will resume on **Monday, September 21, 2026**.

**Looking Ahead: Board Elections**

We will be holding our **board elections at the May meeting. All positions are open**, and we truly need members to step forward. If you have been thinking about getting more involved, this is a wonderful time to say “yes”—even a small role makes a big difference. Please prayerfully consider serving; you will have support from the outgoing board, and your participation can help keep our auxiliary strong and active.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please reach out to Chris Smigiel or any of the ladies on the board. Each of us has unique gifts to offer, and your willingness to serve helps our auxiliary thrive.

United in prayer and service,

**Celeste Ivon**  
*Publicity Chair*



**Accepting NOMINATIONS for:**

**Knight of the Month**  
**&**  
**Family of the Month**



**We need membership input for a wider view of our members good deeds and hard work done for our council, church or community.**

Do you know a Knight and or a Family who does or did something special for their church, community, charitable organization or someone in need. (Family does not need to be a Member of our Council) Please contact the Grand

Knight with your nominations.

(989) 297-1372 or [t.ruth@charter.net](mailto:t.ruth@charter.net)

## Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next:

Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home? Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings?

Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions.

Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years.

Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan.

Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Thank you!

*\*Life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance are offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent directly or the KofC office at 1-800-380-9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions are available to eligible KFC members in the US and Canada.*

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632



**Taco Dinner & Bake Sale**

**LAST WEDNESDAY  
OF MAY - OLÉ!**

**50/50  
AND  
DOOR  
PRIZE!**

**WHAT:**  
Taco Dinner & Bake Sale to Benefit  
Mustard Seed Shelter

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday, May 27 | 4-7 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
Knights of Columbus 4232 | 4840 Shattuck Rd

**COST:**  
\$15 - includes two ground beef tacos (hard or soft shell  
or one of each - made with love), rice and beans

*Dine-in and takeout available*

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
MUSTARD SEED SHELTER**

**MUSTARD SEED  
SHELTER** MISSION | We water the seed of inner strength in women  
experiencing homelessness so they can make  
a better life for themselves and their children.

# **Family (Burger) Night** **(Weekly on Mondays - No Holidays)**

**Family Night – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Sloppy Joe.**  
**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 - \$5.25	Hamburger & Chips - \$5.75	Hamburger & Fries - \$8.00
Cheese Burger Only - \$5.50	Cheese Burger & Chips - \$6.00	Cheese Burger & Fries - \$8.25
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.50	Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$5.00	Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$7.25
Hot Dog Only - \$3.25	Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.75	Hot Dog & Fries - \$6.00
Coney Dog Only - \$3.75	Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.25	Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.50
	Fries Only - \$3.50	

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## **Council Officers 2025-2026**

<b>Grand Knight</b> – Thomas R Ruth	<b>Financial Secretary</b> – Gerald L Schmidt	<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b> – Paul Mixer
<b>Chancellor</b> – Bertram E Murphy	<b>Recorder</b> – Michael Yacklin	<b>Treasurer</b> – Dennis Smigiel
<b>Advocate</b> – Ronald I Brasseur	<b>Warden</b> – James Czolgosz	<b>Inside Guard</b> – Charles D Morse
<b>Outside Guard</b> – Russell L. Herlache	<b>One Year Trustee</b> – Michael A Hughes	<b>Two Year Trustee</b> – Mark A Macek
<b>Three Year Trustee</b> – John J Wahl	<b>Chaplain</b> – Fr. William J Rutkowski	<b>Lecturer</b> – Unassigned

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

**Membership Meeting April 9, 2026**

**50/50 for \$23.00 Won by Paul Mixer**  
**Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Won by Jerry Grybowski & \$601.00 Lost by**

**No Social Night Meeting April**

**50/50 for \$TBD.00 Won by TBD**  
**Attendance Drawing for \$TBD.00 Lost/Won 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 May 14, 2026 is for \$618.00**  
**And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting June 25, 2026 Amount TBD on Membership Meeting 50/50 Sales**



## LOUNGE HOURS

**Open Family Night and K of C events (Fish Frys)**

Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
(Hamburger/Family Night) &

**Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to Close**  
(Close is determined by Patrons)



# Friday Night Bingo

## Helps Benefit Local Charities

### Sponsored by the



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

### Every Friday Night

### Doors Open at **3:00 p.m.** Bingo Starts at **6:30 p.m.**

**For schedual of games with cash prize for each and Progressive Jackpot info  
See our website [kofc4232.org](http://kofc4232.org) under the Bingo Tab**

## Highway Pickup Team Thank you!



The highway pickup team was blessed with a beautiful day for this challenge. Council #4232, Knights of Columbus has been picking up trash along a two-mile stretch of Midland Road. Shattuck road north to Michael David subdivision. We have been responsible for the trash pickup about 17 years. The team picked up 12 large bags of trash plus a number of car parts.

The Good people who spent about 2 hours to walk about 1/4 mile are pictured. Left to right.

Brian Reetz, Dan Porath, Brian Faubert, Kyle Charbeneau, Scott Dashner, Tom Slivinski, Steve Raymer and LuAnn Raymer.

Thank you for your time and effort for Michigan.

# May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	<b>BINGO 1</b> BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Assembly 2049 Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	<b>7</b> Officers Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>BINGO 8</b> BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	<b>14</b> VCBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>BINGO 15</b> BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 11:30 a.m. Family/Burger Night 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bar Open 4:00 p.m. to Close	<b>21</b>	<b>BINGO 22</b> BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Memorial DAY	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Mustard Seed Shelter Taco Dinner and Bake Sale 4 - 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>BINGO 29</b> BINGO - Doors Open 3:00 Starts 6:30	<b>30</b>
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## Please Support these Businesses As they Support Our Council

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