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Meetings: 7:30 p.m. Sharp --- 2nd 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. Closed Holidays
- **Bingo Saturdays Through Lent** – Doors Open 4:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Social Night – No March Social Night**
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 – 1st Monday** at 7:45 p.m.
- Council Officers – **2nd Thursday** 5:30 p.m.
- Council Membership – **2nd Thursday**
- Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. (No Meeting. - Memorial)
- VCBC – **3rd Thursday** - 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **March 16th, 2026 - 11:30 a.m.**

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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 – Kyle Charbeneau

Family of the Month – Jerry & Jan Grybowski

On the evening of February 26, Knights of Columbus Council 4232 had the distinct honor of hosting eleven priests, one deacon, and one religious sister for dinner as part of our annual Clergy Appreciation Night.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, gratitude, and faith as we gathered to recognize and thank our clergy for their faithful service to our parishes and our community. Their spiritual leadership, guidance, and tireless dedication inspire us daily and strengthen the Church we are proud to serve.

We are truly blessed by their presence and their commitment to their vocations. May God continue to bless each of them abundantly for the sacrifices they make and the love they show in shepherding His people.

A big thank you to Bert & Mitzi Murphy, Dennie & Chris Smigel, for all your hard work in making this event happen.

With faith in the promise of the Resurrection and in the spirit of true fraternity, we invite you to join us in honoring our departed Brother, Don Bell.

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On Thursday, March 12, 2026, we will gather at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4840 Shattuck Road, Saginaw. A Rosary will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. The service will be officiated by Father Bill Rutkowski.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are called to stand together in prayer and support, especially during times of loss. Your presence will be a meaningful sign of brotherhood and a tribute to Don's life, faith, and dedication to our Council.

Please make every effort to attend as we commend our brother to God's loving mercy and pray for comfort for his family.

Don't forget now that we in the Lenten season we are having our fish fries every Friday night from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Perch, white fish, shrimp, baked potato or fries will be available to eat in or take out. Please stop by and enjoy a wonderful meal.

At our last meeting a motion was made, supported and passed to send Mission 22 a donation in the amount \$500.00. This has been mailed and we are proud to help an organization like this that helps our veterans in many ways. If anybody would like to help, please visit their web site at www.mission22servicedogs.org.

At our last meeting we hosted an exemplification ceremony and welcomed 8 new members to the Knights of Columbus. Three of these new members joined our council. According to my count I believe we still need 5 new knights to reach our quota for the year. We have until June 30, 2026. We are having membership drives at all our churches for the rest of the fiscal year. Please contact Mike Hughes if you are interested in helping with these membership drives.

Yours In Christ,

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Upcoming Events

Assembly First Monday of each month at 7:45pm

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

Officers Meeting – Thursday, March 12, 2026, 5:30pm

Membership Meeting – Thursday, March 12, 2026, Rosary 7:00pm, Followed by Memorial Service for Don Bell (No Membership Meeting)

VCBC Meeting – Thursday, March 19, 2026, 7:00pm

Bingo Friday – Doors open 4:00 pm Bingo Start 6:30 pm (Every Saturday Through Lent)

Social Night – No Social Night in March

A Message from our Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

We are well into the Season of Lent. Lenten programs by which to grow in our faith, as well as Lenten prayer and almsgiving opportunities are well underway. I hope that each of you have set in place your own personal plan of spiritual renewal this Lent and not just go with the flow of the Season. A sincere spiritual renewal is planned, embraced, and followed through. This is the ultimate goal of not only the Lenten Season, but also necessary in order to truly live out one's discipleship in Christ.

To aid us in this transformation the Lenten Sunday Scripture readings are chosen to support and challenge us on this journey. Each year the Gospel of the 1st Sunday of Lent reminds us that the devil is real, he interacts in our lives with temptations, and we must be united with Jesus in recognizing him and doing battle with him. Each year the Gospel of the 2nd Sunday of Lent renews within us a vision of the glory of Jesus, the glory of the saints, and the glory of heaven which await us if we remain true to our unity with Christ. But then each of the three Sunday cycles of Scripture readings take a slightly different Lenten path to be renewed in our commitment to Jesus.

This year, the Cycle A readings, will challenge us as disciples to make some profound and life challenging proclamations about Jesus. The 3rd Sunday of Lent, through the Gospel account of the woman at the well, we are called to know and proclaim that Jesus alone quenches our deepest thirsts in life. We commit to steadily quench our souls on the life and words of Jesus. The 4th Sunday of Lent, through the Gospel account of the healing of the man born blind, we are called to know and proclaim that Jesus alone is the light of the world. We commit to steadily walk in the light of Christ and allow his light to shine through us. The 5th Sunday of Lent, through the Gospel account of the raising of Lazarus, we are called to know and proclaim Jesus as resurrection and life. We commit to steadily believe and live as people who proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, uniting ourselves to his cross so that we may be united to his resurrection.

If we commit ourselves to walk this Lent fully conscious of the journey which the Lenten Sunday Gospels are taking us, we will arrive at Palm Sunday ready to commemorate all that Jesus has done for us for our salvation through the Holy Week Liturgies. I strongly encourage you, my brother Knights, to not only enter into the Sunday Scripture journey this Lent, but make it a priority to attend each of the Holy Week Liturgies. If we enter into the fullness of Lent and Holy Week, we will be blessed with the fullness of Easter joy, not only Easter Sunday, but with eternal joy sharing in the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

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



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

Hello Brother Knights,

Lent is here and Easter fast approaches. I'm quoting from our 2026 The Little Black Book, prepared by our Diocese; "Remember, whatever amount of time you give the Lord each day, he will never be outdone in generosity. Find a time that works for you and stick to it." Words to reflect on during our 40 days of Lent.

Many Councils will be involved in our MI Drive during Palm Sunday Weekend. I encourage you to participate in this charitable event which assists the needs of people with Intellectual Disabilities. We mourn the loss of Father Richard Jozwiak, the longtime Chaplain of Council 4232. Thanks to all the Knights who participated in funeral activities at the Cathedral for Father Richard. An Exemplification was held at Council 4232 on February 12th. Attendance from various councils throughout the Diocese was impressive. Congratulations to our new Knights and we look forward to working with you.

Our order is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity fraternity and patriotism. Thanks Brother Knights and families for your dedication to those principles. Enjoy the remainder of our Winter Season.

God Bless you all,

Mitch Lenczewski
District Deputy 703

Message from Brian Barlow our Insurance Field Agent

Brothers,

Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

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 access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations.

Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.

This might also be a good time to review your investment portfolio with a financial advisor from Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Investments have tax implications, especially with dividends, capital gains or losses, and required minimum distributions. By carefully understanding how your investments are taxed, you can work to reduce your overall tax burden while pursuing your long-term financial goals.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. His mission of protecting Catholic families is as important today as it was for the first members who gathered all those years ago.

I'd love to talk more if you have any questions. Please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

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Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Brian M. Barlow

Financial Advisor - 989-792-5632





2026 FISH FRY'S



Fryday's 4840 Shattuck Rd Fryday's
☞ **TAKE OUT AVAILABLE** ☞

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



March 6, 2026
March 13, 2026
March 20, 2026
March 27, 2026
and Good Friday
April 3, 2026



☞ **BAR OPEN TO PUBLIC** ☞

Perch Dinner *	\$18.00
White Fish Dinner *	\$17.00
Shrimp Dinner *	\$17.00
Fish/Shrimp Dinner Combo *	\$17.00
(Choice of Perch or White Fish... with Shrimp)	
Fish Sandwich with Fries and Cole Slaw.....	\$9.00
Children (1/2 Orders of White Fish or Perch) *#...	\$10.00
Extra Fish (White Fish or Perch)	\$4.00
Extra Order of Fries or Baked Potato	\$3.00

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



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



Family Night - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs.

All proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary, Council 4232 & the 4th 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
Cheese Burger Only - \$5.50
Sloppy Joe Only - \$4.50
Hot Dog Only - \$3.25
Coney Dog Only - \$3.75

Hamburger & Chips - \$5.75
Cheese Burger & Chips - \$6.00
Sloppy Joe & Chips - \$5.00
Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.75
Coney Dog & Chips - \$4.25
Fries Only - \$3.50

Hamburger & Fries - \$8.00
Cheese Burger & Fries - \$8.25
Sloppy Joe & Fries - \$7.25
Hot Dog & Fries - \$6.00
Coney Dog & Fries - \$6.50

Council Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight - Thomas R Ruth
Chancellor - Bertram E Murphy
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Outside Guard - Russell L. Herlache
Three Year Trustee - John J Wahl

Financial Secretary - Gerald L Schmidt
Recorder - Michael Yacklin
Warden - James Czolgosz
One Year Trustee - Michael A Hughes
Chaplain - Fr. William J Rutkowski

Deputy Grand Knight - Paul Mixter
Treasurer - Dennis Smigiel
Inside Guard - Charles D Morse
Two Year Trustee - Mark A Macek
Lecturer - Unassigned

50/50 Drawing & Attendance Drawing

Membership Meeting February 12, 2026

50/50 for \$23.00 Won by David Kontur
Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Willard Reading & \$526.00 Lost by Gary Hubbard

Social Night Meeting February 26, 2026

50/50 for \$78.00 Won by Fr. Bill Rutkowski
Attendance Drawing for \$1000.00 Lost by Jerome Pietrzak & \$543.00 Lost by John Kraemer

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 February 12, 2026 is for \$1000.00 / 2nd Drawing \$601.00
And drawing at the next Social Night Meeting February 26, 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)



Fish Fry Volunteer's

East Side Soup Kitchen staff helping out at our Ash Wednesday Fish Fry



Life Clinic staff assisting our February 20th Fish Fry



Friday Night Bingo

Helps Benefit Local Charities

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Every Friday Night

Doors Open at 4:00 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 under the Bingo Tab

March 2026



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