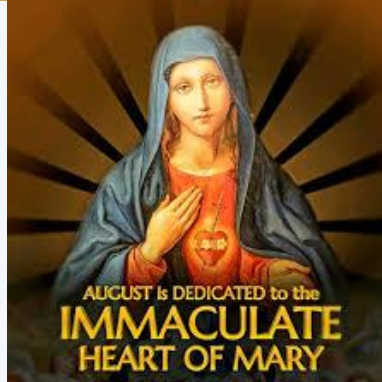
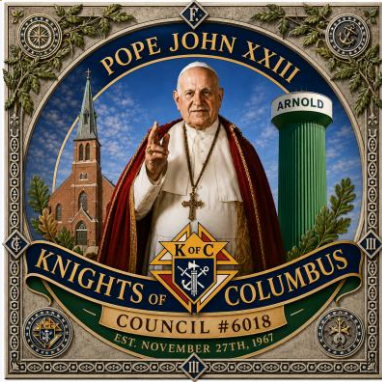


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Monthly News from Pope John XXIII Knights of Columbus Council #6018

District #41 | August 2026

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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Thanks to everyone for patience while I worked through my first meeting as your Grand Knight! I promise you I do not take this position lightly and will strive to make our council better than ever, but I can only do this with your help. Many of you gave me some Atta boys which greatly appreciated.

We will need to discuss the upcoming tootsie roll campaign, Who-What-Where & When

Since I didn't give anyone time to sign up for the meeting meals I will be providing some dinner. We



Mark Howell, Grand Knight

will get the sign-up sheet committed to this upcoming meeting.

We will revisit the blood drive coordinator position as well as the social committee.

Preston brought to my attention what another council does for social time and that is a council mass followed by breakfast for the brothers and their families. Personally, I think this is a great idea and would like to discuss how often we would do this. Thanks, Preston, for always looking out for us!

I have been asked by several members for minutes to be mailed. Let me be clear about this, we will not be doing a mass mailing to anyone. If any of you want to give me a name and address, I will make sure it gets mailed to you or them. No name and address no mailing.

Please think about our brother's knights that may be in need and bring them up to me personally to discuss how we can help.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting!

Vivat Jesus,
Mark Howell

Council Highlights

Our Membership goal is 9 and we already have 4 new members.

Church Drive on August 22-23

District Deputy Organizational Meeting

Safe Haven Baby Box

September 19th, 2026 the council and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a music bingo to raise money for this project.

District Deputy Report

Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Members,

Pope John XXIII Council #6018 has much to be proud of as we begin the new fraternal year. The council continues to demonstrate what can be accomplished when members work together with a shared commitment to faith, family, fraternity, and service.

During the past fraternal year, Council #6018 achieved Star Council recognition and experienced tremendous membership growth. These accomplishments reflect the hard work of our officers, membership team, program directors, volunteers, and families. Every new member, parish activity, charitable project, and fraternal event contributed to the council's success.

As we move forward, membership must remain a priority. We are simply not trying to increase numbers. We are inviting Catholic men and their families to become part of an organization where they can grow in their faith, form lasting friendships, protect their families, and serve their parish and community.

Council members are encouraged to personally invite eligible Catholic men to join. A simple conversation and sincere invitation can make a tremendous difference. Members should also help welcome online members and encourage them to complete their exemplification and become active within the council.

District #41 now has an Exemplification Team that is willing to travel to councils and parishes to welcome new members into the Knights of Columbus. The next district exemplification is planned for September. Council #6018 should begin identifying prospective members now so they can participate.

We are also pleased to recognize the renewed energy and dedication of the Pope John XXIII Council #6018 Ladies Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has quickly become an important part of the council family by supporting charitable projects, social activities, and parish programs. Their enthusiasm and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated.

One of the most important upcoming projects is the **Music Bingo fundraiser on September 19**. This event is being sponsored by Council #6018 and Ladies Auxiliary #6018 to raise funds for the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at Rock Community Fire Protection District Fire Station #1 in Arnold.

The Safe Haven Baby Box will provide a secure, anonymous, and life-saving option for a mother who believes she is unable to care for her newborn. Supporting this project is a direct reflection of our Catholic faith and our commitment to protecting human life.

Every member can help make this event successful by purchasing tickets, sponsoring a table, donating raffle or silent auction items, asking local businesses for support, volunteering, and sharing information about the event. Most importantly, please pray for the success of this project and for all mothers and children who may need the Safe Haven Baby Box.

Faith must remain at the center of everything we do. Council members are encouraged to attend Mass, pray the Rosary, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, support vocations, and become more involved at Holy Family Parish. Our council will be strongest when we remain grounded in prayer and focused on serving Christ through our actions.

Members should also remember that council meetings are an important opportunity to stay informed and involved. Officers meet at 6:00 p.m., the Rosary begins at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend, share their ideas, and take an active role in the future of the council.

Council #6018 has a proud history and a promising future. Our continued success will depend on members who are willing to attend meetings, recruit new Knights, volunteer at events, support the Ladies Auxiliary, and become active within our parish and community.

Thank you to every member and family who gives their time, talents, and prayers to Pope John XXIII Council #6018. Together, we can continue building a council where Catholic men and their families can grow in faith, enjoy fellowship, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

May Blessed Michael McGivney continue to guide and intercede for us, and may God bless Pope John XXIII Council #6018 and all of our families.

Faternally,

Charles Huey
District Deputy #41
Missouri State Council
Knights of Columbus

Council News & Meeting Minutes

New Meeting Schedule

- Officers Meeting – 6:00 PM
- Rosary – 6:30 PM
- General Business Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Meetings continue on the second Tuesday of the month

Business Meeting Minutes July 14th, 2026

18 members were present, including officers. Also present was Ryan Lister, General Agent and Sam Hardy, Our Council's new field agent.

Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Mark Howell, at 7:00pm. Mark led the council in our opening prayer and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes for the June meeting were approved as written in the July newsletter.

We had two new members present, one transfer member and one new member.

Deputy Grand Knight, David Whitlock spoke on the upcoming Zechariah Saturday, July 18th at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. The featured speaker will be Zip Rzeppa

The Grand Knight appointed a new social committee to look at different event to allow members to something to do with the Knights, Charles Huey has been appointed chairman of the committee. It was also mentioned that there will be a sign-up for people to bring the food we have after our meetings.

We need a new blood drive coordinator. We had 20 donors for the last blood drive which included 1 gentleman who was recognized for donation his 25th gallon of blood. The Red Cross has stated that they are going to research how many donors and gallons have been donated via the council's blood drives and will be recognizing the council efforts.

The Grand Knight announced that Preston has requested that we start looking for a new Hall Manager due to him retiring and wanting to spend time with family and travel.

The "Safe Haven" baby box has been approved for the station by Holy Family Parish. The fundraising events are already on the schedule with more be planned. The Grand Knight mentioned that, as we move forward, the newsletter will start including additional information such as other events that make use of the hall's kitchen, use of the parking lot for events such as a Christmas tree lot and other events. The Grand Knight his intent is to increase a focus on the members of the council and the widows that are unable to do things around the house or for themselves and are afraid or to proud to ask. There is a possibility of going to the nursing homes in the area to visit people that do not have any family.

Breadon gave the treasurer's report. As of the end of June the bank statement said we have \$39,805.32.

Membership Report: Director Huey reported that the quota for this fraternal year is 9 and we have already got 5, which is 51% of our goal. Supreme has changed the Fraternal Benefits related to the founder's award criteria so that it is no longer about the members attending a Fraternal Benefit Night event. The new requirement is tied to 10% of the council associate membership meeting with the field agent in person which our council number is 9.

Bills: Three vouchers were presented and was in budget, so checks were written for the items.

District Deputy Report: District Deputy Charles Huey reported that the district is one of only 4 to receive ALL-STAR DISTRICT in the state and that the state of Missouri has for the very first time ever hit panicle status because the state goal for 2025-2026 was 1,435 and we as 1,630 which is 123.58% above the goal. It was also reported that Supreme has gone 100% paperless including new members' sign-ups as well as all council reports including the Audit. The newsletter was brought into question about mailing it out. Charles let the membership know that the cost of postage and supplies would be over \$3,000 a year and that our council is only one in the St. Louis area to do a newsletter. Supreme and the state both are moving away from the mail service it is even recommended that the council start doing online banking with Debit cards to state and supreme. The mail is not reliable any longer and things are getting lost, therefore, unless the membership makes a motion to spend that money or we raise the dues to cover then email is the cheapest option.

Poker Players donated \$303.00 to the council.

Upcoming events mentioned during the meeting were as follows.

Knight of the Month was Rich Lifka

Family of the Month None

50/50 winner was Dave Berry

The meeting was closed with Mark Howell leading the council to pray three Hail Mary's for an end to abortion.

Recognition		
Knight of the Month Rich Lifka	Family of the Month None awarded	Years of Service David Johnson – 30 Years Mike Ham – 15 Years Paul Wheelhouse – 5 Years Brendan Dierkes –5 Years Steve Kannady – 1 Year
Financial Secretary Corner		

Our Council is more than names on a membership list. We are brothers, friends, families, and fellow Catholics working together to serve our parish and community. Every member brings something valuable to our Council, whether it is volunteering at an event, attending a meeting, helping behind the scenes, offering a prayer, or simply encouraging another brother Knight.

As Financial Secretary, one of my responsibilities is to make sure our membership records are accurate. Please let me know if you have recently changed your address, telephone number, or email address. Most communication from the Supreme Council and the Missouri State Council is now sent electronically, so having your current email address is especially important.

I also ask members who still have outstanding dues to please take care of them when possible. Your dues help support the work of our Council and allow us to continue our charitable, faith-based, family, and fraternal activities. If you are experiencing financial hardship or have concerns about your membership, please reach out to me privately. These conversations will always be handled respectfully and confidentially. We do not want to lose a brother because he is going through a difficult time.

I encourage each of you to remain involved. You do not have to attend every event or volunteer for every activity. Even giving an hour of your time, attending a meeting, bringing your family to an event, or checking on another member can make a difference.

Thank you for continuing to believe in the mission of the Knights of Columbus and in the future of Pope John XXIII Council #6018. I am grateful for each of you, and I look forward to another year of faith, service, friendship, and fellowship.

Pope John XXIII Council #6018 Statistics

Current Active Members	181
Annual Beginning Membership (Starting 7/1/26)	172
Initiated, Reinstated and Affiliated	6
Transferred Out and Deceased	1
Candidates in Process	0
Average Age	57.8

Arnold Club News

There will be no Arnold Club meetings until September.

4th Degree News

The meeting is held in the cafeteria at Seven Holy Founders located at 6737 S. Rock Hill Rd. Affton, MO. Dinner will be held at 7:00pm and the meeting of the assembly will be held at 7:30pm.

Take the Next Step—Join Fourth Degree Assembly #565

Brother Knights, are you ready to take the next step in your journey with the Knights of Columbus?

The Fourth Degree is founded upon the principle of **patriotism** and gives members additional opportunities to serve our Church, our community, our veterans, and our country. Membership in St. Louis Assembly #565 also offers greater fellowship with Brother Knights who are committed to putting their Catholic faith into action.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on:

Saturday, October 24, 2026
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
15642 Clayton Road
Ellisville, Missouri 63011

Registration will be held from **8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**, with the exemplification beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Lunch will follow at noon.

The exemplification fee is **\$90 per candidate**, and the candidate's lunch is included. Additional meals for spouses, family members, or guests may be purchased for **\$20 each**. Wives and families are invited to attend the ceremony and share this important occasion.

Registration materials must be completed and submitted by **October 16, 2026**.

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Do not miss this opportunity to become a **Sir Knight** and strengthen your commitment to faith, family, fraternity, and patriotic service.

Members interested in joining Fourth Degree Assembly #565 should see their Fourth Degree Representative, **Charles Huey**, for a Form 4, registration information, and assistance completing the process.

Take the next step. Become a Sir Knight. Join Assembly #565!

Event Spotlight

Featured Events

- Blood Drive Sunday, August 23rd from 9:00am-1:30pm.
- August 22nd and 23rd we will be our Church Drive at the parish for membership. Also, we will need members to stand at the back of church and get members we will also be offering the Exemplification degree on Sunday, after 11am mass.
- Queen of Hearts Raffle – every Tuesday at 7:30 PM to support council charities and facility improvements.
- Weekly Poker – every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 AM at the hall.
- September 19th Music Bingo for the Safe Haven Baby Box. Door open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7pm.
- October 10-11 and 17-18 will be the Tootie's Roll Drive sign-up sheet will be at the meetings.

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FOR TABLE OF 8 AND MORE INFORMATION
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District 41 Organization meeting



Presentation of the Online membership program

Ladies Auxiliary

Brother Knights,

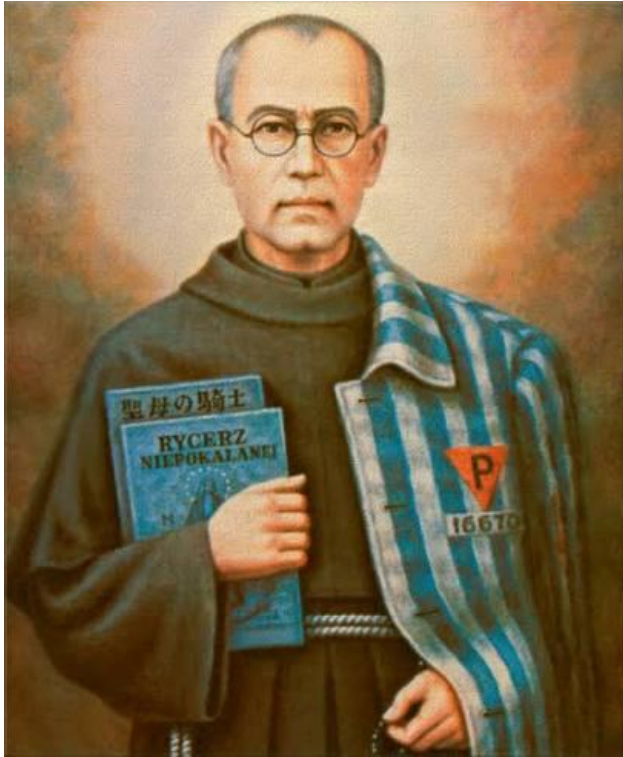
Our Ladies Auxiliary continues to support our Council, parish, families, and community through faith, charity, fellowship, and service. They are currently working hard to help make the **Music Bingo fundraiser on September 19** a success, benefiting the Safe Haven Baby Box project.

Please encourage your wife to consider joining the Ladies Auxiliary. It is a wonderful opportunity for her to grow in faith, build friendships, support charitable causes, and become more involved in the Knights of Columbus family.

A strong Council is even stronger when our wives and families are involved. Please invite your wife to attend an upcoming meeting and learn more about the Auxiliary.

ONLY 13 TABLES ARE LEFT FOR THE MUSIC BINGO.

Saint Spotlight



St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest known for his deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his courageous love for others. During World War II, he was arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz.

When another prisoner was chosen to die, Father Kolbe volunteered to take the man's place because the prisoner had a wife and children. St. Maximilian Kolbe gave his life on August 14, 1941, showing the world the true meaning of Christ's words: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

His feast day is August 14, and he is the patron saint of prisoners, families, journalists, and those struggling with addiction.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Prayer List & Birthdays

Prayer Intentions

- Jim and Linda Bartlett
- Ted & Rita Brandt
- Gerry and Lorraine Glaser
- PGK Bobby & Doris Hayes
- Isidor Sempfle
- Mary Lister (Daughter of Ryan Lister)
- Loraine Becker (Wife of Howard Becker)
- Judith Burk
- Christina Parson
- PGK Ron & Barb Bechheit
- Mark & Donna Thierjung
- Elizabeth Maledy-Mother of Randy Maledy
- Remember those serving in the military and all who are ill or grieving.
- Please contact: Bruce Hughes, Recorder with any request and if you call leave a voicemail and if you would like to email your request, please send it to bphughes64@gmail.com

August Birthdays

- Frank Ross – 8/03
- Jim Bartlett Jr. – 8/06
- Tom Deddens – 8/07
- Ronald Adkinson – 7/10
- Jon Hardy – 8/13
- Mike Rutherford – 8/13
- Jim Schmidt – 8/13
- Ron Moellman – 8/16
- Tony Moorman – 8/16
- Charles Clark – 8/17
- Brendan Dierkes – 8/18
- Kyle Brewer – 8/20
- Ron McGuire – 8/24
- Robert Pisciotta – 8/24
- Howard Becker – 8/27
- Bob Edwards – 8/27
- Deacon Bob Eichelberger – 8/27
- Walter Ruessler – 8/27
- David Pallme – 8/31

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 AM	3	4 Poker 11:30 AM	5	6 Poker 11:30 AM	7	8
9	10	11 Council Meeting 6:00 Officers 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Meeting Poker 11:30 AM	12 4th Degree Meeting	13 Poker 11:30 AM	14	15
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- Rosary – 6:30 PM
- Meeting – 7:00 PM

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