



JUNE 2026

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES,
COUNCIL 7053

NEWSLETTER

Join Us as We Honor Our 2026-2027 Council No. 7053 Officers

Please join us on **Thursday, July 16**, as we celebrate the installation of our Council Officers for 2026-2027. The Installation Ceremony will begin at **5:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church**, followed by dinner at **7:00 p.m. at Caruso's Restaurant**. All Brother Knights and their guests are warmly invited to attend this special evening as we recognize those who have accepted the responsibility of leading our council during the coming fraternal year.

As a token of appreciation for their service, the council will provide dinner for all elected officers. All other attendees are welcome to join us and are responsible for the cost of their meals. Please join us in congratulating our 2026-2027 Council Officers:

Chaplain - Fr. Jorge Sis
Grand Knight - Kelly Raugh
Deputy Grand Knight - Jim Shiffler
Chancellor - Mike Wyss
Recorder - Jim Scott
Treasurer - Mark Stoops
Financial Secretary - Mark Harris
Lecturer - Steve Schneider

Advocate - George Knotek
Warden - Glenn Fischer
Inside Guard - Brian Cline
Outside Guard - Maurice Hartman
1st-Year Trustee - Mike Ash
2nd-Year Trustee - Tom Wiegand
3rd-Year Trustee - John Stadtmiller

Summer Solstice Church Raffle Winners

Now that summer has arrived, we're kicking off the season with an explosive salute to our June and early July Weekly Church Raffle winners! Congratulations to each of our lucky winners, who are now \$150 richer thanks to their winning tickets.

🎉 Catherine Short
🎉 John Frei
🎉 Stan Pomeios
🎉 Mark and Sue Foos
and
🎉 Theresa Wiemer

Eight more opportunities remain to be a 2026 winner!

Calling All Knights with Carpentry Skills!

The stable in Bethlehem could use a little attention this year, and Jesus' outdoor manger is in need of some refurbishment. Since Joseph was unavailable for the project, Tom Wiegand has graciously agreed to serve as chairman of the restoration effort.

Tom has already assembled a talented crew of John Stadtmiller, Mike Wyss, Mark Harris, Kevin McHugh, Stan Fisher, Mike Howe, Ted Pulver, and Maurie Hartman, but additional helping hands are always welcome.

If you would like to put your carpentry skills to work in the service of this special Christmas tradition, please contact Tom Wiegand at (260) 243-0330 to join the team. Your time and talents will help ensure that the manger is ready to welcome the Christ Child once again this Christmas season.





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Knight Power Needed for the Altar & Rosary Society Rummage Sale

The Altar & Rosary Society's Annual Rummage Sale is just around the corner, and they are once again counting on the strength and generosity of our Brother Knights.

Wednesday, July 15 – Beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Help is needed to set up tables, tents, display racks, and merchandise before the sale opens.

Wednesday, July 15 through Saturday, July 18 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Throughout the sale, Knights are needed to assist customers by loading purchases into vehicles and, when necessary, delivering larger items.

Monday, July 20 – Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Many volunteers are needed to pack remaining items, dismantle tables and display racks, and store everything for next year's sale.

Whether you can spare an hour or several, your time and muscle will make a tremendous difference. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and willingness to serve our parish community.

Thank you's

- To the many Brother Knights who generously contributed their time, assisting our Altar and Rosary Society sisters with setting up tables, racks, and displays for the Rummage Sale.
- From Gibault for our memorial donation in honor of Jack Kobak and Barb Caruso, beloved mother of Brother Knight Dan Caruso.
- From Fr. Ozman Ramos for our birthday donation.
- From Leo Yagodinski for his generous \$500 scholarship donation.
- From the Newman Fellowship for our support in helping send members to the national SEEK Conference.
- From Promise Land People for our charitable donation.
- Those who participated in the Knights of Columbus online financial seminar, helping our council qualify for the prestigious Star Council Award.
- To Ted Pulver for accepting the important role of Gibault Children's Services Envoy for our council.

Upcoming Events Calendar

July 9

🕒 9:30 AM

Bi-weekly Council Golf Group

📍 Coldwater County Club, Coldwater, MI

July 15-18

🕒 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Annual A&R Rummage Sale

📍 St. Francis Social Hall & Old Church

July 16

🕒 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Council Office Installation/Dinner

📍 St. Anthony of Padua Church and Caruso's Restaurant

July 18

🕒 7:00 AM

Promise Land Pancake Fundraiser

📍 Fremont, IN - Rocket Park

July 20

🕒 8:30 AM

Teardown: A & R Rummage Sale

📍 St. Francis Social Hall & Old Church

July 21

🕒 6:00 PM

Monthly Officer Meeting

📍 Conference Room, St. Francis Hall

July 21

🕒 6:45 PM

Monthly Council Business Meeting

📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

July 23

🕒 9:30 AM

Bi-weekly Council Golf Group

📍 Location TBD

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention - June

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.





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Prayer Requests

- Rich Holman
- George Knotek
- Janet Rauch
- Alan Wiegand
- Devan Terrell
- Don Wise, Sr.
- Kedric & Laurie Beard
- Ken Drew, Jr.
- John Kesson
- Elizabeth McHugh
- The VanGessel Family
- Lorrie Haines
- Roy Harpenau
- Stan Fisher
- Kevin McHugh
- Lucy Michel
- Aiden Lingo
- June Patterson
- Frank O'Konski
- Cindy Weslowski
- Mary Ann Wiegand
- Harvey Lechleider
- Marilyn Karpinski
- Larry Steinbacher
- Keith Geise
- Lois McHugh
- Sue Foos
- Ed Wise
- Tom Karpinski
- Ben Helmsing
- Dan & Annette Stobierski
- Fr. Fred Pasche
- Fr. Bernie Zajdel
- J.P. Souilliere
- Barbara Kruk
- Maria Garcia (Fr. Jorge's grandmother)
- Betty Langshield
- Carl Praski
- *Rest in Peace - Iris Thomas, Barb Caruso*

St. Anthony of Padua...pray for us! St. Paul...pray for us!

Blessed Michael McGivney...pray for us! Our Lady of Guadalupe...pray for us!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Brotherhood
Charity
Unity*

Chairman

BILL SAN GIACOMO Welcomes

★ ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ★

JOIN US!

 BI-MONTHLY
ON THURSDAY
MORNINGS

 COURSES
WILL VARY

 9 HOLES
WILL BE THE
DURATION

 TO SIGN UP,
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*We hope to see
you on the links!*

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June 16, 2026

Council No. 7053, Meeting Minutes

- The meeting began with the formal business meeting, which opened with prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a roll call.
- The officer slate for the upcoming term was presented and unanimously approved. The installation is scheduled for July 16, followed by a dinner.
- A detailed financial report was presented, showing healthy balances across all accounts. The transition to a new treasurer is underway, with a focus on moving to automated, laptop-based processes.
- The District Deputy, Brad, encouraged the council to pursue Star Council status, emphasizing that it demonstrates vitality and helps attract new members. This requires 14 members to attend a benefits presentation on June 22.
- Multiple upcoming events were discussed, including a rummage sale setup, a pancake breakfast, a golf outing, raffle ticket sales, and Tootsie Roll drives. Volunteers are needed for all events.
- Good of the Order updates included sending cards to Father Bernie Kelly and Ed Wise, a critical call for food pantry donations due to increased summer demand, and supporting members facing health challenges.
- A health update was shared by Stan, who requested prayers for his MDS diagnosis and encouraged blood drive donations. Support for homebound member Roy Harper was also organized.
- A decision was made to realign beneficiaries, moving the Autism Center from raffle fund support to Tootsie Roll fund support.
- The meeting was closed with a Rosary prayer, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries, led by Steve Schneider.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for July 21.

Key Council Action Items -

- Consider attending the benefits presentation on June 22 at 7:00 PM (onsite or online) to help the council achieve the 14-participant goal for Star Council qualification.
- Volunteer for rummage sale setup on 2026-06-22 after morning Mass.
- Assist with the cinnamon rolls (baked goods) sale across the Masses you attend; help with baking or selling as available.
- Sign up for raffle ticket sales, which begin the weekend of June 27.
- Volunteer for Tootsie Roll collections after Masses on July 4th and 5th by covering doors at church entrances.
- Help recruit a Spanish-speaking volunteer for Spanish Mass raffle collections, if able.
- Sign the cards for Father Bernie Kelly and Ed Wise when they are circulated.
- Donate food items to the local food pantry to address the critical summer shortage.
- Consider donating blood at a local drive to support general community needs.
- Consider visiting homebound member Roy Harper to offer companionship.



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These minutes will be referenced for approval at our July 21 council business meeting. We intend to share the minutes with all brothers in advance so that you have time to review and offer any edits or corrections.

