OUR LADY OF THE LAKES, COUNCIL 7053

NEWSLETTER

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Are You Ready For Some Football?



3rd Thursdays Card Social

Starting **Thursday, January 21, 2027**, all Knights and their male guests are invited to join us for a new monthly Card Social, held on the **third Thursday** of each month.

Come and enjoy an evening of Euchre, fun, and fellowship with your fellow Knights! We'll gather in the parish hall from **7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** for a relaxed evening of camaraderie and friendly competition.

Mark your calendars, bring a friend, and join the fun!

October Raffle Winners – Fall into Some Good Fortune!

As the leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, there's another reason to celebrate this October—four lucky raffle ticket holders have struck a little autumn good fortune!

Congratulations go out to:

- 👏 Sandy Woods
- 👏 Rob Letendre
- 👏 Hugh Hiner

and

- 👏 Dana Simcox

Enjoy the beautiful fall season, congratulations again to our October winners, and best of luck to everyone in the upcoming drawings!



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Our council has long supported the sanctity of life. With proceeds from the Church Raffle, we have generously supported two neighboring pro-life organizations: Compassionate Pregnancy Centers in Angola and LaGrange and the Women's Care Center in Auburn.

Our commitment goes beyond financial support. We are also helping Compassionate Pregnancy Center secure a new 2-D ultrasound machine. Through our council's efforts to complete the required application and supporting documentation, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has grants that cover 50% of the cost. An anonymous donor has generously committed to covering the remaining 50%. What a wonderful example of Knights and community members working together to make a difference!

Ultrasound technology can be a powerful life-affirming tool. Statistics frequently cited by pregnancy resource organizations indicate that more than 80% of women considering an abortion choose life after seeing an ultrasound image and heartbeat of their unborn child.

Thank you for continuing to support and defend the sanctity of life at every stage—from conception to natural death. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of mothers, children, and families in our community.

October Thank you's

A heartfelt thank-you to:

- Our 30 raffle winners over the past three years who generously donated their winnings back to our council, helping us continue our charitable work in the community.
- Brother Knight Stan Fisher, for all he does for our council, as we celebrate his milestone 90th birthday and recognize his continued dedication and service.
- The 30 Knights who attended our October council meeting, setting a record for attendance for at least the past decade! Thank you for your engagement, fellowship, and commitment to our council.
- The four Knights and their spouses who have adopted Trine University students, serving as their "College Grandparents." Thank you for sharing your time, encouragement, and fellowship with these students and helping make them feel at home away from home.

Upcoming Events Calendar

November 3
🕐 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Mid-Term Election Polls - VOTE
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

November 6
🕐 9:00 AM
Set-up for Parish 100th Anniversary Agape Dinner
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

November 17
🕐 6:00 PM
Monthly Officer Meeting
📍 Classroom 2, St. Francis Hall

November 17
🕐 6:45 PM
Monthly Council Business Meeting
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

November 21
🕐 6:45 - 10:00 PM
Men's Knight Out Football Tailgate
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

November 21 & 22
🕐 Following all Masses
Cinnamon Roll Sale
📍 Gathering Space, St. Anthony Church

November 29
🕐 After 10:00 AM Mass
Breakfast with St. Nicholas
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

December 1
🕐 6:00 PM
Annual Knights of Columbus -Altar & Rosary Christmas Party
📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention - November

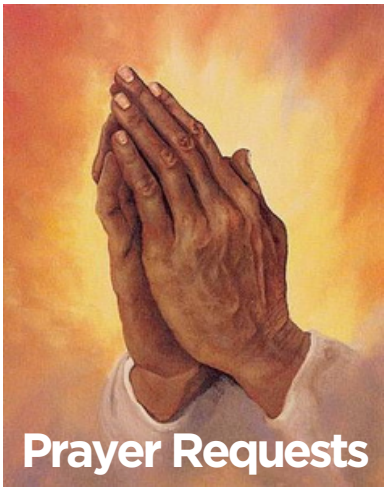
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service for the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



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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
- Stan Fisher
- Justin Hyde
- David Gaietto
- Kevin McHugh
- Lucy Michel
- Aiden Lingo
- June Patterson
- Frank O'Konski
- Cindy Weslowski
- Mary Ann Wiegand
- Harvey Lechleider
- Marilyn Karpinski
- Larry Steinbacher
- Dan Vitek
- Lois McHugh
- Mark Foos
- Sue Foos
- Ed Wise
- Robert Craighead
- Tom Karpinski
- Ben Helmsing
- Dan & Annette Stobierski
- Fr. Fred Pasche
- Fr. Bernie Zajdel
- J.P. Souilliere
- Barbara Kruk
- Betty Langshield
- Carl Praski
- Teresa Stewart
- Phil Wilson
- Chris Scott
- Stephanie Souliere
- Ben Burd
- Katherine Miller (10/19/26)

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

Charity Projects and Donations
Tootsie Roll Drive Presentations



Stan Fisher w/ Promise Land



Maurice Hartman
with Easter Seals/RISE



Jim Scott w/ Steuben County Special Olympics

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October 20, 2026
Council No. 7053, Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Highlights
- Grand Knight Kelly Raugh led the meeting, beginning with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 30 members attended, reflecting strong participation and record attendance for recent council meetings.

Charitable Giving and Community Outreach

- Raffle Proceeds: The council approved distributing $20,000 in raffle proceeds, with $10,000 going to St. Anthony Parish and $10,000 shared among 17 local charitable organizations.
- Tootsie Roll Campaign: Four organizations—Promised Land Community, Children's Autism, Easterseals RISE of Northeast Indiana, and Special Olympics of Steuben County—will each receive $1,400.
- Gibault Children's Services: Members organized a gift drive for approximately 14–15 children. Gifts will be delivered unwrapped and must meet the facility's safety guidelines.
- Pro-Life Support: The council discussed applying for a new ultrasound machine for a local pregnancy center. Supreme Council is expected to fund 50% of the cost, with a private donor providing the matching contribution.
- Wood Toy Car Project: Members unanimously approved continuing the project next year at an estimated cost of $300, pending an evaluation of the CNC machine capabilities.

Financial Report

- The council reported a checking account balance of $5,272.76 as of October 30. Gaming savings totaled $34,288.45, with funds designated for charitable contributions, raffle prizes, operating expenses, and the general fund. A matured legacy CD was distributed between checking and savings, and a new five-month CD was opened earning 3.54%.
- The council's financial position remains solid. Members also discussed moving funds held in a low-interest money market account into a higher-yielding account.

Membership and Council Growth

- The council needs four additional members to meet its state membership quota. Recruitment opportunities through parish events and the Newman Group were discussed. The council approved paying college membership dues for students recruited through the Newman Group for the duration of their college enrollment. Plans are also underway for a weekday exemplification ceremony for prospective members.

Parish and Council Activities

- Members discussed plans for the November 21 Men's Knight Out, featuring the Notre Dame–SMU football game, food, cards, and fellowship. Other parish and council activities included the Christmas breakfast, the December 1 Christmas party with the Altar and Rosary Society, and the launch of a monthly Euchre card social in January.
- Knights will also assist with preparations for St. Anthony Parish's centennial Agape dinner.

Fellowship and Recognition

- The council celebrated Brother Stan Fisher's 90th birthday and recognized his continued contributions. Members also shared reflections from a recent pilgrimage to Italy, including visits to significant Catholic sites in Venice, Padua, Assisi, Rome, and Florence.

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We will reference these minutes for approval at our November 17 council business meeting. We plan to share the minutes with all brothers in advance, so you have time to review and suggest any edits or corrections.

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Prayer and Spiritual Reflection

- Members shared prayer intentions for those experiencing bereavement, serious illness, family tragedies, and other personal challenges. The group also welcomed news of a new baby in the parish community.
- Father encouraged the Knights to deepen their relationship with Jesus through regular prayer and time before the Blessed Sacrament. He emphasized balancing service to others with quiet reflection and trusting in God's presence during difficult times.
- The meeting concluded with the beginning of the Rosary.

Key Council Action Items & Volunteer Assignments

- *Kelly Raugh - Conduct photo op with priest and present a large "Price Is Right" style check for $10,000 - 2026-10-22.*
- *Katie Waltke - Publish in the bulletin next week a note about the $10,000 church donation and a snapshot/list of other charities - 2026-10-30.*
- *Glen Fischer - Transfer roughly $4,500 (donations accumulated over multiple years) into the general fund to support ongoing work.*
- *Glen Fischer - Write checks prior to the January meeting for distribution to charity representatives - Due by 2027-01.*
- *All designated representatives - Deliver checks, take photos, and ensure inclusion in the newsletter and church bulletin - 2027-01.*
- *Maurice Hartman and Jim Scott - Coordinate and deliver designated Tootsie Roll Drive checks, with photos for the newsletter.*
- *Stan Fisher - Evaluate CNC machine capabilities over the next 3–4 weeks and report back*
- *Mike and interested members - Convene after tonight's meeting to form a quick committee for men's night planning and provide info to Katie for bulletin advertising - 2026-10-20.*
- *Katie Waltke - Publish men's night details in the bulletin as soon as possible - 2026-10-30.*
- *Tom Wiegand - Confirm with Marilyn whether round or rectangular tables are required for the family-style dinner service - 2026-10-21.*
- *Tom Wiegand and Jim Shiffler - Complete the ultrasound grant application and submit it to Supreme - 2026-11-30.*
- *Group - Keep Ben Burd, Tim & Stephanie Souilliere, Dick Miller and family, David Shyman, and David Gaiedo in prayers.*

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GIBAULT CHILDREN'S SERVICES

2026 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

THIS LIST IS FOR CHILDREN ON BOTH OF OUR CAMPUSES.
MOST OF OUR YOUTH ARE AGED 12 - 17.
THERE ARE NO MORE THAN 32 GIRLS ON OUR CAMPUSES.

1

- Handheld electronic games
- Play-Doh kits
- Bracelet making kits
- Magic the Gathering cards
- Boy and girl Jeans (youth large - adult XL)
- Face masks, hand masks, foot masks
- Basketballs
- Footballs
- Books for ages 10-17 (diverse reading levels)

2

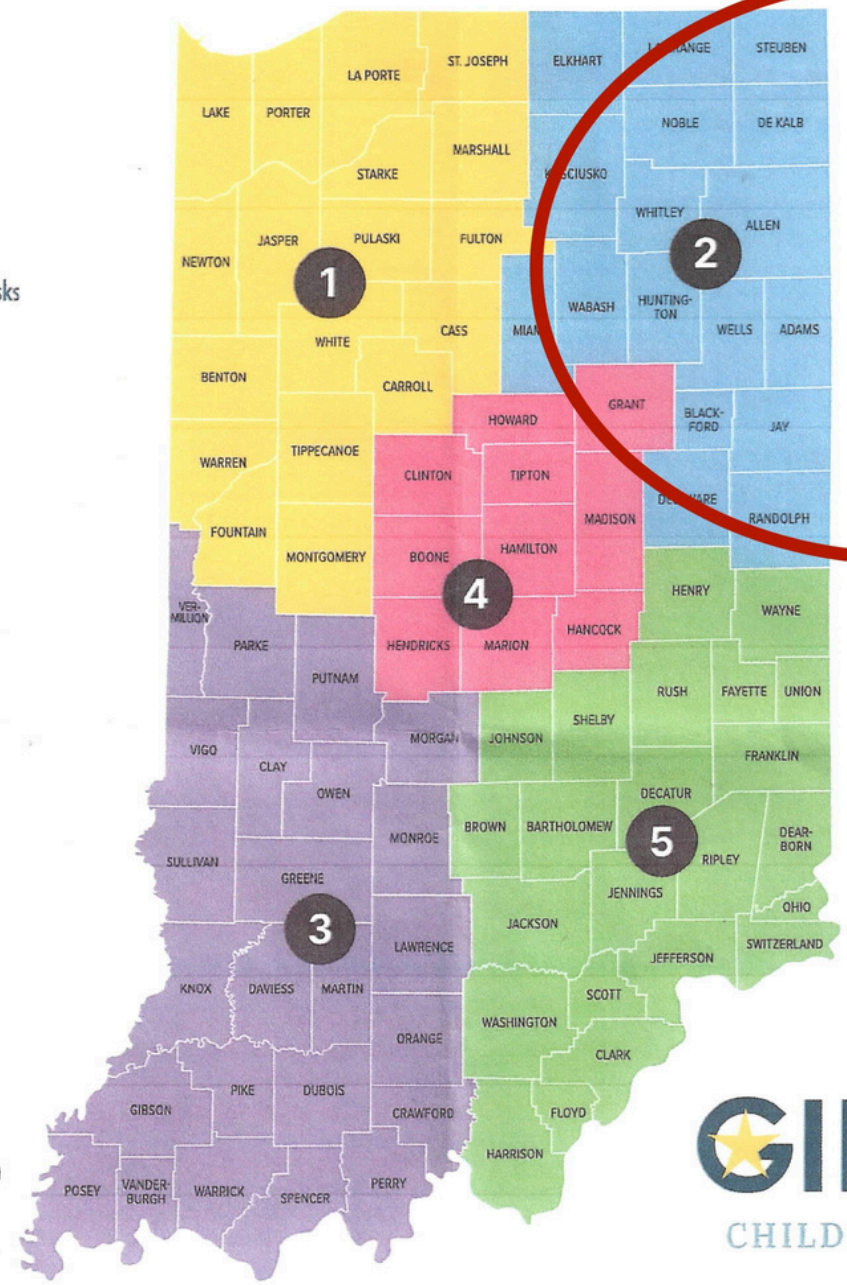
- Remote Control Cars
- Fishing poles/tackleboxes/bait
- FM Radios
- Origami paper
- Construction paper
- Boy and girl crewneck sweatshirts *(no hoods, youth L - Adult XL)*
- Dove/EOS/Eucerin body lotion
- Transformer action figures
- KNEX
- Books for ages 10-17 *(diverse reading levels)*

3

- Air Pumps for sport balls
- PG-13 or lower rated movies
- Art & drawing sets
- Ethnic hair supplies *(Design Essentials/Mielle Line)*
- Lego sets
- Yard games/Cornhole sets
- Boy and girl house slippers *(youth large - adult XL)*
- Hairbrushes/picks
- Books for ages 10-17 *(diverse reading levels)*

4

- Portable DVD players
- Diamond Art Paintings
- Wreck this Journal *(boy and girl)*
- Playing cards
- Boy & girl white/casual T-shirts *(youth large - adult XL)*
- Dove Body wash
- Hot Wheels/tracks
- Action figures
- Squishmallows
- Books for ages 10-17 *(diverse reading levels)*



5

- Puzzle books
- Journals
- Pokémon Cards
- Board games
- Boy & girl Nike/Under Armour Slides *(youth large - adult XL)*
- Nail polish
- Blankets
- Kickballs
- Books for ages 10-17 *(diverse reading levels)*

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES
1921

GAMING SYSTEMS (DORM GIFTS): *CAN BE REFURBISHED*

- NINTENDO SWITCH
- XBOX
- PLAYSTATION

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- AVOID GLASS, SHARP OR METAL OBJECTS
- AVOID AEROSOL PRODUCTS
- ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE NEW WITH TAGS ATTACHED

We love and appreciate the outpouring of generosity shown to our children during the Christmas season. In efforts to provide a great variety of gifts for our youth we have designed a new way to give. Please know you may purchase any gift on the list and do not have to stick to the suggested gifts listed for a certain area. Our hope is to not get too much of one item and not enough of another.

Questions and concerns can be addressed with:

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