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OUR LADY OF THE LAKES, COUNCIL 7053

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Springtime means our generous community will once again be looking for your smiling, friendly faces outside Walmart as we collect donations to support our friends.

This year's Spring Tootsie Roll Drive will take place on Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6. Volunteer dates, time slots, and staffing needs are listed below.

To volunteer, please contact Jim Scott at 260-316-3407 or jimchrisscott48@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us continue this important tradition of service and support for our community partners.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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April Showers Bring \$150 Winners

The Easter Bunny was especially generous to Tammy Wise, who discovered a \$500 check from the Weekly Church Raffle tucked into her Easter basket.

- Dana Simcox, Terry Sutton, Bob Kaufman and Thomas Marzec



each receiving \$150 checks. Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser and the charities it benefits over the years.

A Big Catch!

With another successful Lenten Fish Fry season now complete, we want to recognize the many volunteers whose hard work and dedication helped "bring in the catch." Special thanks to Captain Mike Wyss and his outstanding crew of Thursday prep volunteers, Friday cooks, servers, and cleanup teams, along with the Altar & Rosary Society dessert makers and the Saturday morning degreasers and moppers.

Through the combined efforts of our brother Knights, we proudly served 809 customers and achieved a seasonal net profit of \$5,500. Even more importantly, these proceeds will help support the many ministries, charitable works, and community outreach efforts that our Council proudly sponsors throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who gave generously of their time and talents to make this season such a success. We look forward to having all hands on deck again in 2027!





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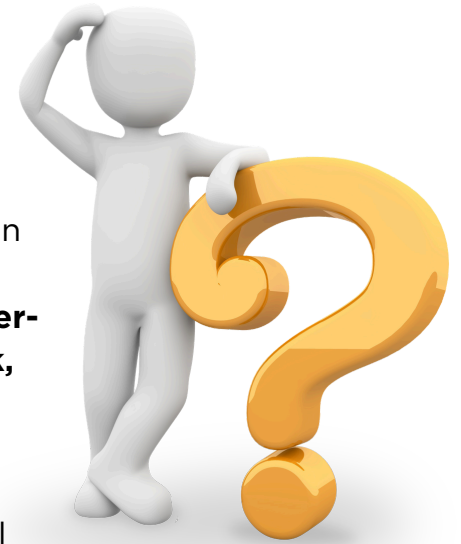
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Calling all Candidates for Council No. 7053 Officers

The **nomination process** begins this month, **with interested candidates** being announced at our April, May, and June council meetings. Contact Grand Knight Kelly Raugh if you are interested in serving as a council officer. Our current slate of candidates for nomination is **Chancellor-Mike Wyss, Recorder-Jim Scott, Treasurer-Mark Stoops, Lecturer-Steve Schneider, Advocate-George Knotek, Warden-Glenn Fischer, Inside Guard-Mike Howe, Outside Guard-Kevin McHugh, and 1st-Year Trustee-Mike Ash, 2nd-Year Trustee-Tom Wiegand, and 3rd-Year Trustee-Ed Wise.**

*The positions of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary are incumbent or appointed positions.



Thank you's

- Thank you to everyone who helped sell chances for the Easter Basket Raffle, which raised nearly \$1,700 for scholarships.
- Thank you to all who helped prepare and sell our popular Cinnamon Rolls, which continue to sell out before the 10:00 a.m. Mass and the Hispanic Mass.
- Thank you to the raffle winners who generously donated their winnings back to the Council in support of our charitable efforts.
- Thank you to the 10 outstanding, highly qualified students who applied to our scholarship program.

Upcoming Events Calendar

May 19

🕒 6:00 PM

Monthly Officer Meeting

📍 Conference Room, St. Francis Hall

May 19

🕒 6:45 PM

Monthly Council Business Meeting

📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

May 31

🕒 10:00 AM Mass

Senior Mass and Scholarship Presentations

📍 St. Anthony of Padua Church

May 31

🕒 2:00 PM

Fr. Osman's Priestly Anniversary & Birthday Celebration

📍 Social Hall, St. Francis Hall

June 5-6

🕒 Varies by Volunteer

Tootsie Roll Drive

📍 WalMart, Angola, IN

June 7

🕒 10:00 AM Mass

Solemnity of Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

📍 St. Anthony of Padua Church

June 14

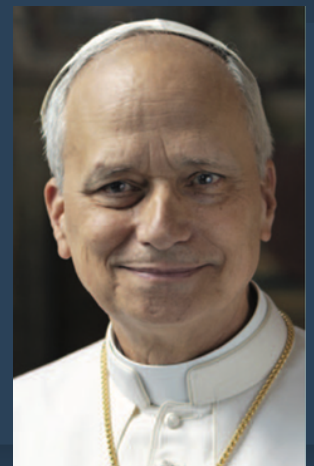
🕒 10:00 AM Mass

100th Anniversary Mass & Picnic


📍 St. Anthony of Padua Church

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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Prayer Requests

- Iris Thomas
- George Knotek
- Janet Rauch
- Alan Wiegand
- Devan Terrell
- Don Wise, Sr.
- Kedric & Laurie Beard
- Ken Drew, Jr.
- John Kesson
- Jack Kobak
- The VanGessel Family
- Lorrie Haines
- 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
- 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



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!

Award for Our Council

At the Knights of Columbus State Convention, our Council was honored to receive the 500% Seminarian Support Plaque, which is now proudly displayed on the K of C wall in the parish hall. In addition, our Tootsie Roll Drive collection of \$9,231 was recognized as the third-highest total raised in the state of Indiana.

These achievements are especially meaningful because they reflect the generosity, dedication, and hard work of so many members of our Council. Whether through volunteering time, collecting donations, or supporting our fundraising efforts, a large majority of our membership played a role in making these accomplishments possible.

Outstanding work, brothers, and thank you for your continued commitment to charity and service.

Monthly Social Event Interest?

As part of our regular monthly social activities, we are considering hosting an open-to-the-public Euchre Card Party from September through May.

We’d love your input! Would you be interested in attending or participating?

If so, please reach out to potential chairmen Steve Schneider (574-202-8769) or Mike Howe (260-463-7585) to share your thoughts and level of interest.



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April 21, 2026

Council No. 7053, Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Kelly Raugh with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- We had 23 members in attendance, with 9 of the 15 officers present.
- The Recorder read the minutes, and they were approved without correction or additions.
- The Chaplain was not present; there was no message.
- Grand Knights Report -
 - Shared his experience in attending the Indiana State Convention in Fort Wayne.
 - He recommended that we attend and have representation at all future conferences.
 - Seminarian Report shows that there are 84 seminarians statewide, 14 in our diocese. It was suggested that we “adopt” 1-2 seminarians and provide them with correspondence and a small monthly stipend. Shared Fr. Zane (speaker) story.
 - Have Fr. Raul present a telling of his faith journey at a father/son/grandfather night hosted by our council.
 - Share a list of seminarians in our monthly newsletter.
 - He shared the need for modernizing some of our council resources by leveraging available and ready technologies (e.g. dues, Gibault raffle tickets, etc.).
 - Future convention attendees should have registration and meals covered by the council, with other expenses covered by those attending.
 - Received a 500% Seminarian Support award and had the third highest total in the state for the Tootsie Roll Drive.
- Baby box update shared...4 children were received in Allen County last month.
- Need to have a Gibault envoy for our council.
- Second reading of slate of officer candidates.
- The Treasurer’s Report was read, with ~\$9,000 in the checking account. Savings at ~\$2,335 and CDs remain the same as last month, and ~\$8,500 in the gaming account, with many checks now disbursed and drawing down that balance. The majority of the new income comes from the Easter Basket raffle and the Cinnamon Roll sale. 2026 Fish Fry tallies: Net proceeds of ~\$5500 and 809 people served. The report was approved.
- KofC Annual Scholarship: 10 highly qualified applications were received and narrowed to 4 finalists.
- District Deputy Report:
 - Nine delegates attended the State Convention for our district.
 - He presented a check for Gibault from our council during the Parade of Checks at the Convention.
 - State per Capita to increase by \$1 per member
 - Gibault per Capita to increase by \$1 per member
 - The annual Supreme meeting is in Denver in August, and one delegate from our diocese is attending.
- Good of the Order: Please pray for our priests and for unity in our faith community.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with a prayer.

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These minutes will be referenced for approval at our May 19 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.

