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April, May, June - Grand Knight's Report

Luke 6: 38

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

Brother Knights,

Where better to focus our time as Knights than in giving of our time, talent, and treasure? The passage above from the Gospel of Luke tells us that when we give in these ways, we are not only a blessing to others but God blesses us too in the process. With that in mind, my challenge to each one of us, is to look for ways to give freely of ourselves to bring about the amazing gifts that God desires for each of us. God will not be outdone in generosity. Are you aware of other opportunities to serve the Lord by serving others? If so, we would love to hear about those opportunities and how we can partner together in service. You can send the details to: gk2168@mikofc.org.

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Knights, here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities with more details throughout this newsletter:

- **Spring Garage Sale** (see page 3)
- **Mother's Day Breakfast** (see page 3)

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Brown

Knights in the Community

- PSIC Renovations Continue – Signage
- Donation to the DOGR Cathedral's statue of St. Andrew
- Youth Free Throw Shooting Contest



Message from Our Insurance Agent

April is Autism Awareness month and I'd bet each one of us probably knows someone with autism; I know I do. The young lady I know is challenged both physically and mentally. The Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) is a wealth of information. Autism is not one disorder, it is actually called autism spectrum disorder or ASD because there is a broad range, a spectrum, from very mild to very severe characteristics.

Some with very mild characteristics can function in society quite well and hold responsible jobs. At the other end of the spectrum may be the person who is nonverbal, is challenged physically and may engage in nearly constant repetitive behaviors. Those with these more severe issues may need lots of support from family, friends and social service agencies. The Autism Speaks website says "autism affects an estimated 1 in 59 children in the United States today."

Nobody seems to know what causes autism and the manifestations vary so widely that there is no real cure. Often the best that can be done is try to treat symptoms and help the individual cope with strengths and challenges faced. Because some of the symptoms or indicators often appear at a young age, before age 3, doctors have found that early diagnosis and intervention is the best course of action. With this early intervention, many individuals can be helped to improve the quality of their lives.

As we become more and more aware of the disorder you may know a member who is dealing with this himself or perhaps one of his family members has it. Your support, empathy and concern are usually well received. It's an opportunity to show Christ's love to a neighbor. I encourage you to find more on the website for Autism Speaks.

I can't end this message without wishing all of you a very Blessed Easter! It's celebrated in the Latin Church on April 20th this year. What a wondrous time in our liturgical year! While we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and his glorious resurrection, we remember that the raising from the dead came after humiliating abuse and an agonizing death. When I pray the rosary, I sometimes try to meditate on a particular decade by placing myself in the scene of that decade. How would I, a follower of Jesus, have reacted to his crucifixion? At the cross like John...or scared and hidden away with rest of the disciples? Would I have been brave enough? Then at the first Glorious Mystery, there at the tomb, stunned in awe of the mighty power of the Resurrection. What a mighty God we have! May each of you and your families experience the joy of this Easter season!

Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus! Michael Thelen, FICF, LUTCF

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Mortgage and Long Term Care Insurance, IRA's, Roth IRA's,
Annuities, Estate Planning, Fraternal Benefits*

Honors

When you see these men and families, thank them
for their service to their families, church, council, and community.

2025
January
February
March

Knight of the Month
Mark Simon
Martin White
Nick Coyne

Family of the Month
Tony & Michelle Smith
Terry & Jonda Schrauben
Dana & Jane Schafer

Please pray for these Knights and their families:



*Strengthen them with Your love and Your grace.
Console them with Your blessed Presence.
Grant them the courage to persevere.*



Dick Manning
Marie Shafer
Noah Montpetit
Dorothy Keusch
John Russman
Jerry Kramer
Dale Kramer

Father Mike Alber
Gary Hodge
Dick Brown
Jeff Davlin
Don Pohl
Harry Klein
Romaine Lay

The Alber Family
Tom Keusch Jr.
Ronald Elston
Mike Keusch
Mandy Borsenik
Marie Cook
Diane Beachnau

Jude Kramer
Peyton Russman
Randy Hodge
Paul Jandernoa
Jan Scheurer
Dale Cook

Building Corporation News

Enclosed you will find the annual Building Corp 50/50 raffle tickets. Please take the time to sell and/or purchase them. We are currently in the process of replacing the #2 furnace, that was installed in 1997, and replacing the 3 thermostats with Wi-Fi controlled thermostats. We are also installing an electric baseboard heater in the women's bathroom. A special thanks to Nick Bengel and ESI for donating approximately \$2,000 toward this project. The raffle tickets can be returned to Gary Fedewa, 9975 Kent St. Portland, MI 48875.

4th Degree News

Are you ready to complete your journey towards full Knighthood? The Spring Exemplification will be held at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek on April 26, 2025. Give Gary Fedewa (517-927-0798) or Bill Vallier (517-526-2956) a call for more information.

Spring Garage Sale

The garage sale will be held from Wednesday, 4/30 – Friday, 5/2. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The sale will take place on Thursday from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Friday from 8:00am to noon. We will not be accepting any large furniture items or TVs. If you have items that need to be picked up for donation, call Bill Vallier 517-526-2956 or Gary Fedewa 517-927-0798.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Each year we honor the amazing women of our families with a Mother's Day Breakfast. This year it is May 11 after both the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. As always, the moms eat free! If you are interested in helping to cook, serve, or set up/clean up, please reach out to Brian Brown at 517-526-1674.

Building Corporation Raffle

We really appreciate the help of all the tickets sellers and buyers. The funds raised from this raffle help to support the upkeep of the hall. Contact Gary Fedewa if you have any questions.

| <u>2025</u> | <u>\$100</u> | <u>\$75</u> | <u>\$50</u> |
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| January | Mike Weller | Germaine Gross | Dan Schafer |
| February | Dan Schneider | Jerry Brown | Jake Lowe |
| March | Colleen Gladding | Jesse Caszatt | Kevin Schrauben |



Upcoming Events

Save this page for future reference

Any changes to the events below will be announced in the St. Patrick Parish bulletin, time permitting.

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Eucharistic Adoration

We spread our faith through our deep love for our Lord and that all begins and ends with a beautiful relationship with Him. Please consider finding time to spend adoring our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

- **Mondays** in the chapel: (across the street from the church): 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Tuesdays** in the church: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (ending just before Mass begins)
- **Wednesdays** in the chapel: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Fridays** in the chapel: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

April 2025

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| Monday | 4/7 | Business Meeting (<i>Rosary 30 minutes prior</i>) | 7:00 PM |
| Friday | 4/11 | Blood Drive | 11:30 AM-5:30 PM |
| Monday | 4/21 | Social Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 4/30 | Garage Sale Dropoff & Setup | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM |

May 2025

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| Thurs/Fri | 5/1-5/2 | Garage Sale | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM/8:00AM-Noon |
| Monday | 5/5 | Business Meeting (<i>Rosary 30 minutes prior</i>) | 7:00 PM |
| Sunday | 5/11 | Mother's Day Breakfast | Following 8:00AM/10:00AM Mass |
| Monday | 5/19 | Social Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| Sunday | 5/18 | Corporate Communion Mass | 8:00 AM |

June 2025

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| Monday | 6/2 | Business Meeting (<i>Rosary 30 minutes prior</i>) | 7:00 PM |
| Monday | 6/16 | Social Meeting | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 6/18 | Blood Drive | 11:30 AM-5:30PM |
| Monday | 6/23 | Newsletter Stuffing | 6:00 PM |

| Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland | | | District #301 | |
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| Hall Rental | Jude Kramer | 517-647-2274 | District Deputy | SK Larry Adams |
| Building Corporation | Gary Fedewa | 517-927-0798 | Lake Odessa Council #14404 | SK Joseph Hickey |
| | | | Pewamo Council #8071 | GK Ron Simon |
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| Worthy State Deputy | Barry Borsenik | | Saranac Council #11113 | GK Mike Lamphere |