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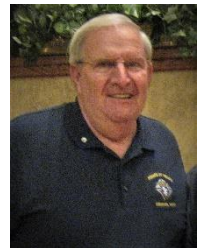
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GRAND KNIGHT'S COMMENTS – Paul Wagner

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Back in my younger years, in my personal walk of faith, it was taught and spoken that salvation is personal. I have always believed this and I am going to carry this thought right into eternity. My grandparents and parents lived this way. They lived their lives in a way that you knew they had a close personal relationship with their savior, and that is how they shared their personal salvation, their way of life and actions, keeping many blessings, graces and benefits of faith to themselves.



What I have learned about personal salvation is that once one comes to grasp with it, accepts it, and has a proper understanding of it, personal salvation is personal, but should not be kept personal to one's self. It needs to be shared, not only in deed and action but by word of mouth. Pat and I had neighbors over the other evening for dinner and as conversations went on, we were sharing our stories of personal salvation. They were not catholic, but how great and neat it was to share our personal beliefs on our faith and salvation. This could be something to do for lent; share with someone what the savior has done and is doing and promised you.

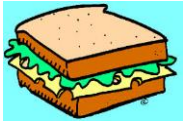
Vivat Jesus!

Paul Wagner, GK

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CURRENT & COMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES We Are an *Active* Council: Join Us!



Council “Sandwich Project”

February 28th at 5:00 in the kitchen. **CHARITY**

“CELEBRATE LIFE” DINNER

Right to Life Northeast Ohio is sponsoring a “Celebrate Life” dinner on April 13th, 2024. The council voted to sponsor a table and a half page ad for this event. The dinner will be held at the SYB Party Center in Stow, Ohio. Social hour starts at 4:00 PM. The tickets are free but seating is limited. Contact John Brooks for info or reservations! See contact info above. **LIFE**



ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful and reverent practice in the Catholic tradition. During this time, believers spend quiet moments in prayer before Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. Adoration will be at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays throughout Lent (after Ash Wednesday) **FAITH**



DIVINE MERCY

Join us for a **Divine Mercy Novena** on Zoom. The novena will start at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, March 29th and every day through April 6th (except April 3rd when it will begin at 8:00 PM.) To join, go to www.zoom.com and click on “**Join meeting.**” Enter meeting ID# **2304329015** and use passcode **bCCS7**. **FAITH**

On Sunday April 7th the Knights will lead a **Divine Mercy chaplet** at 3:00 PM (the time when Jesus died on the cross) at the church. Please arrive at 2:45 as the chaplet will start promptly at 3:00. **FAITH**

RUBBER DUCKS

The council is sponsoring a night at the Rubber Ducks on June 21st. It’s “**Barberton Chicken and Hot Rice Night.**” For \$12 you’ll get admission and a Barberton Chicken hat (while supplies last). You can book now. **Mike Breiding** is chairman. His contact info is above. **FAMILY**



Council Members Visit ACRFB

Ralph & Francene Conrad and Bill & Irene Forshey toured the newly expanded Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank (ACRFB) in January with Mike & Linda Moore, and Gib Radanof. All are members of the Coalition of Concerned Christians (CCC) commonly known as the “Soup Kitchen.”

Mike, St. Augustine church, is the president of the CCC. Ralph is the Treasurer of the CCC and Team Captain of the Prince of Peace church meal team. Gib is the Team Captain of the St. Andrews Episcopal church meal team.

The food bank provides food at little or no cost to 501c3 organizations. The Barberton Area Community Ministry (BACM) and CCC are part of the “Network Partners” at the food bank.



The CCC is made up of 10 local churches which provide teams to prepare meals in rotation. Food is prepared and distributed every Tuesday at First Presbyterian church in Barberton. Our council plays a part in this distribution of food by providing most of the staff for the Prince of Peace meal team. Other participating council members are **Paul & Pat Wagner, Bill & Irene Forshey, John & Nora Kohler, Mike & Diane Breiding, and Frank & Carol Somodi.** CHARITY



Food ready to be distributed to Network Partners of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Every year the council celebrates Marriage on or near Valentine's Day by handing out gift certificates to a local restaurant at each Mass for the couple married the longest and the newest "newlyweds." Certificates were given on the weekend of February 10-11 to:

4:00 Mass: **Skip & Lavonne Coffman**: 69 Years & **Craig & Allicia Scott**: Less than 1 year

8:00 Mass: **Jim & Stella Cooper**: 62 Years & **Brad & Barb Holland**: 3 Weeks

10:30 Mass: **Rick & Joan Cook**: 57 Years & **Jim & Michelle Kuekec**: 1-1/2 Years

This year's certificates were from **Sweet Henries restaurant** in Norton. **FAMILY**



THE "SANDWICH PROJECT"

Our council partners with the **Prince of Peace Conference St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVDP)** every month to make sack lunches for the needy. Our lunch bags contain a ham & cheese sandwich on a bun, an applesauce cup, a pudding cup, a piece of candy, a cookie, a bag of popcorn, and a spoon. These bags are funded by SVDP, made by the council, and transported to the Community Kitchen at Lakeview (Methodist church) by SVDP to be distributed.

CHARITY



RECRUITING AT THE MINISTRY FAIR

The council had a table at the Ministry Fair and had success recruiting!



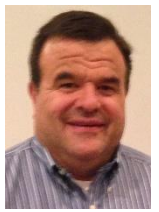
Rick and Joan Cook ask for more information about the council (He submitted a F100!)



DEEPENING OUR FAITH

Deacon Jim – This Month

Phil Scozzaro



“Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear?” [Mark 8:17–18](#)

How would you answer these questions that Jesus posed to His disciples if He had posed them to you? It takes humility to admit that you do not yet understand or comprehend, that your heart is in fact hardened, and that you fail to see and hear all that God has revealed. Of course, there are various levels to these struggles, so hopefully you do not struggle with them to a grave degree. But if you can humbly confess that you do struggle with these to a certain extent, then that humility and honesty will gain you much grace.

Seeds of doubt and confusion are all around us. It seems these days that almost everything the secular world promotes is in some way contrary to the Kingdom of God. And yet, just like the disciples’ inability to see the evil leaven of the Pharisees and Herod, we also frequently fail to see the evil leaven within our society. Instead, we allow the many errors to confuse us and lead us down the path of secularism.

One thing this should teach us is that just because someone has some form of authority or power within society does not mean that they are a truthful and holy leader. And though it’s never our place to judge the heart of another, we absolutely must have “ears to hear” and “eyes to see” the many errors that are held up within our world as good. We must constantly seek to “understand and comprehend” the laws of God and use them as a guide against the lies within the world. One important way to make sure we do this well is to make sure that our hearts never become hardened to the truth.

Reflect, today, upon these questions of our Lord and examine them especially within the broader context of society as a whole. Consider the false “leaven” taught by our world and by so many in positions of authority. Reject these errors and recommit yourself to the full embrace of the holy mysteries of Heaven so that those truths and those truths alone become your daily guide.

As we begin our Lenten Season of penance, let us open our eyes and ears to the Truth that God has given us. Let us take a close look at our lives and see where improvement is lacking. Let us make this our best Lent yet by opening our hearts and minds to God through prayer and fasting.

IMPORTANT DATES – MARK THESE DATES DOWN NOW!

February	28	Sandwich Project – 5:00 – Kitchen
March	5	Officer’s Meeting – 7:00 – St Francis Room
	5	Charity Committee Meeting – After the Officer’s Meeting
	12	Business Meeting – 7:00 – St Francis Room

Next OFFICER’S Meeting: March 5th

**Next REGULAR Meeting: March 12th
Refreshments: Kellen Otradovec**



PRAYER LIST: OUR BROTHERS: Br. Bruce Howell; Br. Steve Common; Br. John Vincent; Br. Jim Stotler; Br. Jason Hilliard; Br. IPSD Mark Siracusa; Br. John Kelly; Br. Steve Charlson; Br. Bill Justice; Br. Bill Forshey; Br. Larry Lauter; Br. Kevin Hogan; Br. Paul Mong; Br. Mike Dannemiller; Br. Bill McKinnon; **OUR FAMILY:** Rene Leopold, cousin of Br. Craig Miller; Jose Hernandez, father of Br. Carlos; Allison Pool, daughter of Br Mike Breiding; Mary Goodhart, wife of Br. DD Tom; Karen Smith, sister of Br. Norm Kendall; Allison Otradovec, wife of Br Kellen; Kay Miller, aunt of Br. Craig Miller; Bridget Mullins, daughter of Br Paul Wagner; Sylvia Breiding, mother of Br. Mike; Kathy Heffernan, wife of Br. Chuck; Chris Stotler, son of Br. Deacon James; Bonnie Taylor, wife of Br. Jeff; Marie Krause, wife of +Br. Chuck; Geraldine Jackson, Mother of Fr. Bob; Pat Mong, wife of Br. Paul; Traci Peltz, wife of Br. Ed; Marianne Maser, wife of +Br. Jim; John Urbanski, son of Br. Joe; **OUR FRIENDS:** Joyce Coburn; Pam Hennemann, Jess Accosta, friend of Br Bill Justice; and for all members of the armed forces of the United States, emergency responders, and those affected by Covid-19. Please pray for those who may have been overlooked and those in need who choose not to be listed here.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF BR. MIKE MORRIS. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



COUNCIL MASS SERVERS for February: Bugajski Family



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



March	2	Frank Obreza
	4	Joe Genet
	13	Mike Noe
	17	Jim Cooper
	18	Kellen Otradovec
	21	Jeff Fry
	22	Jerry Fry

FOURTH DEGREE – SK Dennis Jacobs

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JOSEPH BENDER ASSEMBLY #1766
 148 North Lyman Street, Wadsworth, OH
 Meetings are the second Thursday of the month.

Faithful Navigator: SK Robert Bilbrey Bilbrey10@hotmail.com





THANK YOU ladies for serving coffee and donuts at the Ministry Fair! Everything went smoothly (at least you made it seem like it did!)



If you know of someone who could use a Prayer Shawl, please notify **Francene Conrad** at rfconrad@sbcglobal.net or 330-825-8631.



Auxiliary Ladies also volunteer at the Prayer Shawl and Rosary Group ministries

Ladies Birthdays



March	8	Marianne Maser
	12	Irene Forshey
	16	Francene Conrad

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION, LOCAL EVENTS & FINAL THOUGHTS

➔ To contact any Officer or Director, see headers at the top of this newsletter



Chad Dean was not in attendance



Cash Club

The February winner is **Ann Krizay, #104**. Thank you for your support.

"SUPER CASH BONANZA" STARTS - SEE BELOW

PRAYER BREAKFAST



We are thinking of starting a **Prayer Breakfast group**. We would like to gather your thoughts as to frequency, location, content, Contact **Bruce Howell**. 330-957-2234 or BEH_OHIO@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS SOCIAL

Don't forget the Knights' Social. Jeff Fry will send out a notice with location and time. The Social is an opportunity to spend some time with fellow Knights in a casual atmosphere. Jeff would like to invite everyone to the last Tuesday of the month night out. **FRATERNITY**

ADDRESS, PHONE, CHANGES

Please send any changes in personal information such as address or phone number to FS Jeff Taylor so he can amend the information for Supreme. **Jeff Taylor:** jctaylor5379@gmail.com

REFRESHMENTS for 2023-24



Here's the Refreshment volunteer list you signed up for.

You can provide whatever you like. The council will reimburse up to \$75 with receipts given to the Financial Secretary. You will be responsible for cleaning up the kitchen afterward. (don't worry, you'll have help!) An officer will be responsible for turning off everything and locking up the hall.

March
April
May
June

Kellen Otradovec
Jeff Taylor
Charles LeGuillon
Ray Leach

Thank you for volunteering! The refreshment social after the meeting is enjoyed by all.

SUPER CASH BONANZA

We have received our Super Cash Bonanza tickets and the campaign starts NOW! You will receive 10 tickets in the mail. We ask you to buy them or sell them. Return cash or checks and the stubs to Jeff Taylor. The profits from these \$5.00 tickets go to our 501c3 charity account. Our 1st precept is **CHARITY**. Please help the council build its charity account so we can continue to donate to local worthy causes. See winner details below. Who wouldn't like to receive over \$400 a month for 10 years for a \$5 investment?!

SUPER CASH BONANZA

Prizes

1st Prize: \$49,680

Payable \$414/Month for 10-Years!

2nd Prize: \$18,780

Payable \$313/Month for 5-Years!

3rd Prize: \$12,720

Payable \$212/Month for 5-Years!

And even more prizes!!

4th Prize: \$4,000

5th Prize: \$3,000

6th- 9th Prizes: \$1,500

10th-13th Prizes: \$1,250

14th-17th Prizes: \$1,000

18th- 21st Prizes: \$ 750

22nd-25th Prizes: \$ 500

Tickets are \$5.00 each. They will be coming your way soon!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR 501c3 CHARITY ACCOUNT



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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

The **Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio** conference will be March 2nd, 2024, at the Independence Holiday Inn. Registration is \$40 which, **for members, will be paid by the council.** See flier below. Contact GK **Paul Wagner** if you are interested. **FAITH**

WE ARE AN ACTIVE COUNCIL!

GET INVOLVED!

STAR Council Award winner

★ **2015-16**
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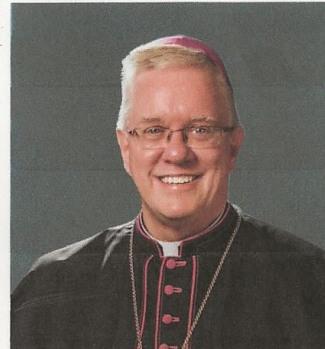
BE PART OF IT!

GET YOUR WIFE INVOLVED!

EXPERIENCE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Diocese of Cleveland
Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference
Saturday, March 2, 2024

Bishop Michael G. Woost
Speaking at 3:00 PM
Celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM



Bishop Woost

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Father Thomas Blau



Father Thomas Blau, OP, is an "itinerant preacher" in the Diocese of Columbus, having led over one hundred parish missions in Ohio alone. He got his undergraduate degree from the University of Akron. He lived in Honduras and Guatemala on an extended service mission, which piqued his interest in a religious vocation.

Father attended Franciscan University and received a Master's Degree in Theology. He was ordained in 1999. Since then, he has been assigned to Dominican outreaches at the University of Virginia and Providence College. He was assigned to St. Patrick Church as a parish vicar in 2010.

Currently Fr. Thomas is one of the Pontifical Missionaries of Mercy of the Catholic Church, an inducted "Magistral Chaplain" for the Knights of Malta, and the local chaplain for the Columbus Legatus organization.

Joe Heschmeyer



Joe Heschmeyer is a staff apologist for Catholic Answers. A popular author, speaker, blogger, and podcaster, he joined the apostolate in 2021.

He discerned the priesthood from 2012-17 for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis and a sacred theology degree from Rome's Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

A regular contributor to *Catholic Answers Live*, *Catholic Answers Focus*, and *Catholic Answers Magazine*, Joe has blogged at his own "Shameless Popery" website and co-hosted a weekly show called "The Catholic Podcast."

Formerly a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., Joe received his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University in 2010 after earning a bachelor's degree in history from Topeka's Washburn University.

OUTSTANDING MUSIC ♦ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ♦ MASS

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

**RETURNING TO
HOLIDAY INN ROCKSIDE**
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, OH



DIRECTIONS: Northeast corner of the intersection of Rt. 77 & Rockside Road at the Rt. 480 Interchange.

Registration: 8:00 am Mass: 4:00 pm Adjourn: 5:00 pm

For information or to register, go to www.cmfneo.com, or call 877-208-5585