



Knights' Notes – April '23 Issue

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CLUBROOM HOURS

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 10pm

Saturday: 11am – 10pm

May stay open later if there is sufficient business.

KEY DATE REMINDERS

- Saturdays, Burgers and Corndogs!
- Apr 2nd, Palm Sunday
- Apr 7th, Good Friday
- Apr 7th, Lenten Fish Fry **LAST ONE!**
- Apr 9th, Easter Sunday
- Apr 13th, 4th Degree, Denny's in Normal
- Apr 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday
- **Apr 12th, Tinkers Meal – Date Updated**
- Apr 20th, Council meeting, 6pm
- Apr 20th, Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 6pm
- Apr 23rd, Holy Relics to Visit Holy Trinity
- Apr 29th, Spring Fling Party

HOLD THE DATES

- May 5th, Cinco De Mayo
- May 6th, Kentucky Derby
- May 14th, Mother's Day
- May 29th, Memorial Day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Stephen Sweeney

Let Jim, any officer, or Terry know of someone Sick or Deceased to have name put on a prayer list. They should be affiliated with the K of C, member, spouse, child, or other relation.

IN GOD'S CARE

- Larry Weber
- Pat Dee Burnes

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Blood Drive volunteers
- Tinker & Burger crews
- Volunteer Bartenders and Terry K

Visit us at: <http://www.kofc574.com> for previous Knights Notes, Parishes, and more.

Club Ph: 309-828-9671

Check us out on Facebook to view activities...

Next to Nights

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Grand Knight Report

Greetings, Brother Knights, and Knights Friends

On behalf of Council 574 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteer efforts of all the Council members, the ladies auxiliary members, and friends of the Council that made our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser a resounding success.

Chef Steve Montgomery once again showed his expertise in cooking traditional Irish fare. Assistant Chefs' Bernie Wright, Joe Wilson, Mike Mulcahey, Brendi Lee, Roger Longman, Dan & Robin Carmany, Mike Buttitta, Phil & Diane Hudson, and John Sciutto toiled away in the kitchen to slice and serve the meals. Cashiers Dennis & Jan Fries, Jackie Jones, Mary Margaret McHugh, Marvin Newmeister, and Bob Wefer took care of the financial end. Mike Wieland, Becky Kirkpatrick, Martin Walker III, and Martin Walker IV helped with clean-up/set up.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Council 574 and many friends of the KCs provided ALL of the desserts. My apologies for not naming everyone who baked those delicious goodies, but it reminded me of the Biblical account of the LOAVES AND FISHES. Whenever we were running low, more deserts appeared.

Also, I would be gravely remiss not to thank Club Manager Terry Kieswetter, and the St. Patrick's bartenders (Vicky Penn and Christie Pacha) for attending to the many thirsty Irishmen and Irishwomen.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL THAT VOLUNTEERED AND ATTENDED!!

We served over 600 meals this St. Patrick's Day and without the assistance of all of our volunteers this would not have been possible. This event was a GREAT example of CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY that our John D. Ring Council 574 always strives to achieve.

I HOPE THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF DOING BETTER AS A COUNCIL.

Sincerely,

Jim Smith,
Grand Knight
Council 574



Lent Fish Fry's

GROUND FOR POPE FRANCIS AT 10 YEARS

By: Jennifer Willems - March 13, 2023 - [Featured Article](#)



Bishop Louis Tylka greets Pope Francis on Sept. 8, 2022, the final day of a weeklong course of formation in Rome for more than 150 new bishops from around the world. Bishop Tylka said the pope has influenced his ministry by affirming that life is messy and that's OK, because that's where we find God. (Photo courtesy of L'Osservatore Romano)

Come Join Us...

Be part of something bigger than all of us!

Give Back for all you have received





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Burgers and Corndogs
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Saturday's



Support your Council - Attend a Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

- 6 John Power
- 7 Charles Finlen
- 7 Richard Lamb
- 9 Glenn Weidig
- 11 Leo Ensenberger
- 11 Randolph Zarecki
- 12 Daniel Miller
- 12 Larry Mulcahey
- 13 Russell Benjamin

April

- 15 Robert Shipley
- 17 Charles Stevens
- 19 Ralph Dinges
- 19 Thomas Eardley
- 22 Charles Cresci
- 21 Marty Haas
- 27 Ed Ensminger
- 27 John Spencer
- 29 James Mikel

Ladies Auxiliary News

Happy Spring Everyone! Hats off to everyone who have baked/donated/plated desserts for the fish fry's and St. Paddy's Day. A delicious way to end the delicious meals prepared by our Club. Dessert is always good, and the wide variety of choices is second to none. **THANK YOU ALL!**

The Ladies Auxiliary met this month and have come up with an idea on celebrating this new season. **The Spring Fling Party will be Saturday, April 29, from 6-11PM and we will have a DJ/Karaoke.** There will be a 50/50 raffle, a couple special drink surprises and appetizers. That is where the party goes come in – please plan to bring an appetizer to share. We look forward to seeing everyone in their spring attire – whatever that means to you!

As mentioned in last month's notes, we are continuing to collect donations for Unit 5's Student Support Program (SSP). Thank you to all who have donated items and money for this worthy program. See page 6 for more details.

Thanks for your support! Tina



DID YOU KNOW?

- **Divine Mercy Sunday is an observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation and it occurs the Sunday after Easter.**
- It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustian Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II. Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion.
- In one vision Jesus asked her to paint the vision where he has one hand raised in blessing and with two fingers of his other hand resting on his heart, and to include a prayer “Jesus, I trust in you”
- Most priests preach on the story of Doubting Thomas on Divine Mercy Sunday. When Jesus arose from the dead, he didn't believe it, so Jesus directed him to touch his wounds. Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas for his disbelief, which is considered an act of mercy.
- **The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate - Pope John Paul II.**



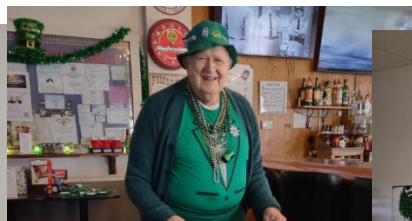
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Treasurer: Bob Wefer	2 Yr. Trustee: Mike O'Driscoll
Chancellor: Dave Kraft	3 Yr. Trustee: Mike Mulcahey
Recorder: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Advocate: Brian Ballard	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President
Warden: Tyler Williams	

Upcoming event planned for August

St Patrick's of Merna is coordinating an all-local Knight's Councils Bike Ride to benefit the **St. Vincent DePaul Society**.

More details on the 20, 30 and 60-mile ride options will be coming from Jared Pletsch.

Riders, volunteers, and sponsors are needed.





We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Blood Drive on March 13 was a Success -Exceeded Goal by 5 Thank you, all Donors & Volunteers. 41 appointments came in. We also had 7 walk ins, 6 rejections, 2 incomplete, 5 Power or Double Red, for 40 Whole Blood and 8 Power Red units = 43 units donated Next Drive will be May 8th – 12:30 till last appt 5:45</p>					<p>Happy Hour FISH FRY FRIDAY</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 Apr 1 Burgers & Dogs Crew - TBD</p>
<p>2 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Pay Dues</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Holy Thursday All meetings are cancelled</p>	<p>7 Happy Hour FISH FRY</p>	<p>8 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Buttitta Family</p>
	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 Pork Chop Dinner and Dessert TINKERS MEALS <i>Bless the FOOD before us, the PEOPLE beside us, and the LOVE between us. Amen</i></p>	<p>12 Tinkers Meal Ladies Auxiliary 5:30 – 6:30</p>	<p>13 4th Degree meeting 6pm at Denny's in Normal</p>	<p>14 Happy Hour</p>	<p>15 11:30 – 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Jim Smith</p>
<p>16 Divine Mercy Sunday Tinkers Meal Pre-Order \$10 Call 828-9671</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Council mtg 6pm (50/50 drawing) Ladies mtg 6pm</p>	<p>21 Happy Hour</p>	<p>22 11:30 – 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Tom Miller</p>	
<p>23 April 30</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Ask Someone to Join</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Happy Hour</p>	<p>28 11:30 – 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Spring Fling Party Crew – Todd Noonan</p>	

April: The Blessed Sacrament

Holy Church is the guardian of the Holy Eucharist. For two thousand years, she has guarded this treasure, administering it to the faithful and proclaiming that it is nothing less than Jesus himself. We can never be too devoted to the Blessed Sacrament or show it too much honor.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16th

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Easter - April 9th

Easter commemorates Jesus' resurrection three days after his crucifixion and death. Following his death, he was removed from the cross and buried in a tomb. On Sunday, Jesus' tomb was found empty. Angels informed onlookers that Jesus had risen. Throughout the next 40 days, Jesus appeared to his apostles and disciples before finally ascending to heaven.

Easter is the highest and holiest of holidays in the Christian faith.

This is Your Newsletter

Please make suggestions for content by calling Mike at 309-830-6824. If you know of someone that is sick, injured, or has died, please let GK Jim Smith know at 309-530-5703 so we can add them to our prayer list and the Board at the Club.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16th at Historic St Patrick

Beginning at 1:30 pm, we will have Scripture readings, a homily, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Confession, and the chanted Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

Starting on Good Friday (April 7th)

Join us in prayer as we near Divine Mercy Sunday. In the days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th, join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Mercy Novena. Copies of both can be found in the vestibules of Holy Trinity and Historic St Patrick. Audio recordings will be available on our website.



**Historic St. Patrick
Catholic Church
and
Holy Trinity
Catholic Church**

Holy Relics to Visit Holy Trinity

Sunday, April 23rd from 12pm-3pm at Holy Trinity Lower Level

Relics of St Manuel Gonzalez Garcia and Blessed Carlos Acutis will be visiting Holy Trinity as part of a brief four-day tour of the Diocese in addition to six other Central Illinois Parishes. More information as made available.



Intellectual Disabilities

In March, Council 574 invited the Ladies Auxiliary and others to the awarding of funds from the Tootsie Roll Campaign to Best Buddies of ISU, Eugene Field Elem Spec Ed. Special Services and Vocational Training, S.O.A.R. (Special Opportunities in Athletics & Recreation) Blm / Normal and McLean County Children's Home & Aid Special Ed., St. Mary's Elementary Special Ed., IL Special Olympics, and the Eugene Field 18–22-year-old Transitional Programs.

On the list to receive checks but not at the meeting are ISU-ISCEC, Boys & Girls Club, NCWHS and Central Catholic High School.



Tom Hegna presents
Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

You're Invited!

May 23rd at 7:00 PM CST

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Custodian/Janitor Position Available

Are you retired? Still want to be busy, but not as busy as before retirement? We are in need of a custodian/janitor to assist in the care and maintenance of Holy Trinity and Historic St. Patrick buildings and grounds.

The position entails about 20 hours/week and offers a decent hourly wage. You would enjoy a friendly work environment, too! Responsibilities include (among other things) regular cleaning, building maintenance, basic handy-man knowledge, use of power tools and other tools, and basic grounds-maintenance. We are looking for a good steward, a conscientious worker, and a responsible individual.

If interested, please contact Fr. Stirniman via email or phone.

Jim Effner presents
Importance of Whole Life as Part of a Retirement Plan

You're Invited!

April 13th at 7:00 PM CST

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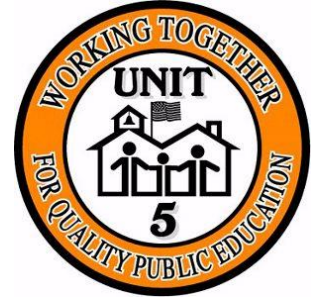


Unit 5 Student Support Program - Please Help Our Kids

The Ladies Auxiliary will be donating items and money to Unit 5's Student Support Program (SSP). This program provides students with a successful educational experience by creating safe and structured learning. The focus is on social emotional learning, academic growth and post-secondary transition, and currently supports 30 students.

Teachers do not receive money from the school district or state to purchase reward items, so many teachers purchase items with their own money.

The Ladies Auxiliary wants to help with these expenses by donating items from the list below and we need your help! There is a box in the bar to drop items in. If you prefer to donate money you can give it to the bartender.











Gift Cards (maximum \$10)

- McDonald's
- Dairy Queen
- Sam's Club
- Amazon
- Other Local Merchants

Other Items

- Candy
- Mechanical pencils
- Microwave mac-n-cheese (individual)
- Hand grippers - strengtheners (exercise equipment)
- Footballs

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