



# Beacon



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## From the State Deputy

My first month as State Deputy is in the books. It was a very memorable month at that. We completed tour stops in each diocese in the state in a period of 2 week-ends. What a great opportunity to meet and talk to so many of you. I am amazed at the enthusiasm that I have seen in almost everyone that I talked to. Everyone was on

board with growing the order by **1860** new members here in Ohio. And, to top that off, many councils are already on their way to getting the “Star” Council award. We need **59** Star Councils this fraternal year, and by the response on the Tour, we should get at least 89 in the State.

As I write this, Judy & I are getting things packed up and we will be leaving for Orlando to attend the Supreme Convention In about an hour or 2. It is my first time to represent Ohio as a convention delegate. I have been appointed by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly to be chairman of the 2023 Committee on Greetings to Presidents of National Conferences of Bishops. This should be an interesting experience since the committee is made up of State and Territorial Deputies from France, Ukraine, Guam, Korea, Visayas, Mexico, and Poland.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and RETENTION--along with New Council Development and/or Rejuvenation—continue to remain the key ingredients for the growth of the Ohio State Council, and more importantly, our local councils. Not only do we need to attract new members by being active, but we need programs and activities to keep our members interested and

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## From our State Chaplain

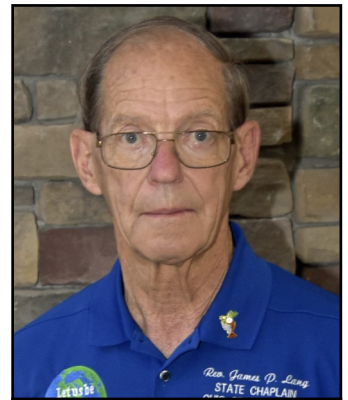
School has started or is about to get underway. Teams are practicing, teachers are preparing their classes, and parents and students are purchasing supplies.

It is also important to help our young people to grow in their faith. When we provide young people the opportunity to study the background of Scripture, visiting shut-ins, and becoming aware that Jesus calls us to help people in need, we are helping them discern God’s call.

We are all life-long students. As we improve our understanding of the value of putting our faith in Jesus, we are responding to the Lord’s call. We have many opportunities to draw on our experiences to follow God’s call as we encounter challenges and do our part to spread good will. With prayer and action, we can make this happen.

Vivat Jesus!

**Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain**



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State Chaplain



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engaged in order to retain them as Knights of Columbus. Attracting new members should be a priority, and we will do this through council activities. Our State website Program reporting system is now active. I want to thank our State Website Coordinator, Tom Buehner, for his time, hard work, and efforts to do this reporting system changeover and making it work. Councils should now be reporting all their council activities. There is a direct link on the State Website home page, click on the red link “Click Here for Council Program Reporting”). You can also access it by scrolling across the top of the page and go to (For Members) to access the drop-down list. Please use E-Membership Director Greg Singlar’s monthly parish bulletin announcements promoting the Knights of Columbus and directing potential members to the Supreme Website for information and the link to join.

Also introduced on our State Tour meetings in July, adding to our spiritual development, State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, Aaron Mier, announced the latest Supreme initiative, COR. COR has been introduced to provide the opportunity for all Catholic men to encounter Christ, strengthen their bonds of Brotherhood, and to share their faith and bring us all closer to Jesus. The 3 key elements of this initiative are Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

Please keep active, keep your members engaged, and help us to grow the Order here in Ohio!

Fraternally,  
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## State Tour 2023

Two weekends of touring kept the state team busy updating council representatives on this year’s state program. Details are “in the book” and online at [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) under Pubs and Resources. Thanks to all of the brother knights who turned out at this year’s tour!

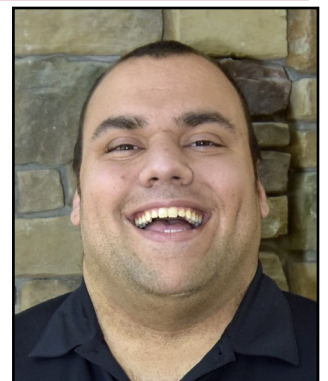


## Your Monthly Church Bulletin Blurb

Parish bulletins are also a good way to get our message out and recruit new members. And the best part - it’s free! Give this bulletin announcement a try and see what may come of it:

*Have you always been moved by the passion of Our Lord & Savior? Join the Knights of Columbus today to continue your Catholic faith of being worthy of the world he died to save! Contact (Grand Knight name and phone) for more details.*

**Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator**





# Matching Funds - 2023

Brother Knights,

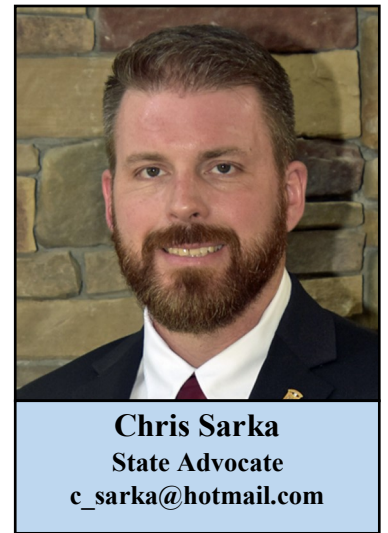
The Ohio Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Program encompasses the potential of each local Council to raise funds to support their respective diocese with increasing Catholic education and building a culture of evangelization. As Knights, our contributions have a direct impact on religious education by equipping pastors, parish staff, and leaders in the church with the necessary support and formation to help build a culture of evangelization. Your support, along with the matching contributions from our Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council, will help us sustain the growth and presence of our faith for generations to come.



Program dates for Matching Funds begin on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and continues until November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Never has our belief been on such a decline. We see this today with Mass attendance, parish mergers or closings, and our youth leaving the faith. I am truly impressed by the dedication and commitment the Knights of Columbus have to Catholic education. Participation by our assemblies, chapters and councils are exceptional, and I believe we can meet the challenge of **100% participation** rate for 2023.

Therefore, if you have been reluctant to participate in this very important program, please prayerfully consider doing so. I promise you the rewards for your investment will be great!

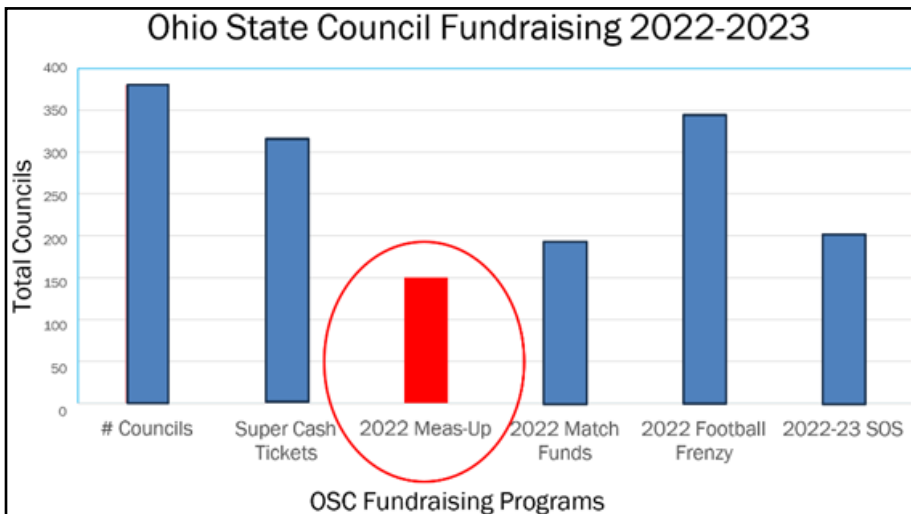
Chris Sarka - State Advocate



# Measure Up 2023 - Deadline Extended

Brother Knights,

The primary fundraiser assisting those with developmental disabilities is our annual Measure Up campaign. This fundraising effort supports over 322 statewide and local caring agencies that sponsor a variety of training and support programs. Our Measure Up Program has always been considered our “flagship” charity here in Ohio. Although, for some time now we have been experiencing a decline in participation. As you can see in the chart below, only 150 councils in the State of Ohio participated in 2022. So far this year we are at 83 councils participating. Please help me improve this number and show our special population the Knights of Columbus are still committed in making this program a top initiative!



To assist with this, I have decided to extend the council donation and grant request deadline to **August 31, 2023**. Understanding collections outside businesses or street solicitations has been challenging, many councils have excelled with other fundraisers to assist this program. Consider a special collection after a weekend Mass, conduct a pancake breakfast or simply “pass the hat” at your next meeting. Anything and everything will make a difference with those we support through this program.

For questions or assistance, please contact me at 614-546-6357.

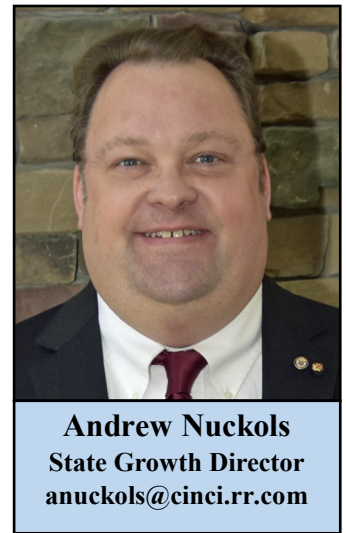
Thank you, Brothers, for all you do! Vivat Jesus!

Chris Sarka - State Advocate

# Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

As you read this month's Beacon, the Ohio Delegates, State Officers and some of the State Directors/Staff will be heading to Orlando, FL for the Supreme Convention to represent Ohio State Council. I hope you follow along via the EWTN broadcast of the Convention Mass and Tuesday State Dinner and sing along to "Hang On Sloopy" when the Ohio Delegation is announced. The October edition of Columbia Magazine will have a full recap of the Supreme Convention. Please use this as a recruitment tool for your October Delta Church Drive.



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It was my pleasure on behalf of PSD Mark Siracusa and State Membership Director Michael Freil to present the PSD Charles Riesbeck Award to Fr. Gustave Brotzge Council #14665 for the Highest Percentage of Growth with **30.77%** for 2022-23 fraternal year.

Brothers let's not forget about the **Fast Start Incentives** talked about during the Tour Stops this past July.

Top Growth in Ohio As of 7/21/2023:

Council Number and Name	District	Division	Values			YTD Gain	% Gain	% Growth
			Membership July 1	Star Council Goal	Supreme Goal			
11665 FR BILL JOHNSON	43	3	98	6	3.713810316	6	161.56%	6.12%
1973 DOVER	34	1	189	11	6.808652246	5	73.44%	2.65%
274 YOUNGSTOWN	83	4	168	9	5.570715474	4	71.80%	2.38%
10792 ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	24	2	170	10	6.18968386	4	64.62%	2.35%
968 FATHER BUTLER	11	1	359	15	9.28452579	4	43.08%	1.11%
3730 FR WILLIAM O CONNOR	5	2	149	8	4.951747088	3	60.58%	2.01%

These councils have not taken a summer vacation. Our presence in our Parishes and Communities are needed during the summer. Please use Parish Festivals, Picnics and gatherings as a time to invite men to join. Invite them to join in and help with our good works, give them information, and ask if anyone has offered this opportunity to them, and if they would like to hear more about the Knights.

Fraternally,

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## Online Exemplifications through Sep. 30 - Wed. only

Below see the upcoming online exemplifications through the end of September, 2023, and the diocesan team assigned to present each. Please be sure to have your candidates wishing to take their exemplification online and members wishing to advance to the 3rd Degree **register in advance at the link below** in order to get an email with the degree link.

<https://kofcoho.org/exemplification-registration/>

8/2/2023	7:00PM	Columbus	9/6/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland
8/9/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati	9/13/2023	7:00PM	Columbus
8/16/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown	9/20/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown
8/23/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville	9/27/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati
8/30/2023	7:00PM	Toledo			

# Your Key to a Successful Programming Year

As we enter the second month of the new fraternal year, I hope and pray everyone is enjoying the summer and you learned a lot from the State Tour weekend. It was great to see old friends and to make new friends.

I am happy to announce that the State website is up and running for your councils to report on your activities. Thank you to Tom Buehner for his hard work making this site as user friendly as possible.

With the website up and running for reporting, and we are in the second month of the Program Quick Start, it's time to get those reports in and report your growth, so that your council can be rewarded. Just a reminder for your council to participate in the SOS challenge. Your council must report 4 programs and have one new member. Then the state will contribute \$25.00 to Support Our Seminarians in your council's name, but only after your council contributes to SOS. If you report on 4 activities and report growth of two or more members, the state council will contribute \$50.00 to SOS after your council's contribution.



Below is a matrix to help you understand the scoring for this year. It is pretty straight forward.

## 2023-2024 "Let Us Be Worthy" State Program Contest

<b>FAITH</b> Mark Kahunca	<b>FAMILY</b> Tim Mangen	<b>COMMUNITY</b> Joe Hartle	<b>LIFE</b> Stu Vetter	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> Andy Nuckols
Chap/Rel of the Year MANDATORY 50 pts	Family of the Year MANDATORY 50 pts	Youth of the Year MANDATORY 50 pts	Knight of the Year MANDATORY 50 pts	Membership Drive MANDATORY 25 pts
Safe Env Compliant: Grand Knight 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Grand Knight 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Grand Knight 25 pts	Safe Env Compliant: Grand Knight 25 pts	Membership Drive MANDATORY 25 pts
FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	In Person CUF Degree Council Team 25 pts
FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	Fraternal Benefit Program 25 pts
FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	% Supreme Goal as of May 1
FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	FIA Program 25 pts	
Non-FIA Elective: 25 pts	Non-FIA Elective: 25 pts	Non-FIA Elective: 25 pts	Non-FIA Elective: 25 pts	
200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points +

For your council to max out the program, your council must be youth compliant. Get your **Form 365** in with your members identified who will and must do the youth protection. Those who need to be compliant are your council Grand Knight, Program Director, Community chairman and Family chairman. It is not hard. Once the program is successfully completed, each person is good for three years until a renewal is necessary. Like I said during the tour stops, this is very important for us as we work with families and children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either through email, text message or a phone call. I will respond within a few hours.

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COMMUNITY

## Important Coats for Kids Update

Worthy Brother Knights:

What a great group of tour meetings that we had in July! It was great to meet all the new GKs and program directors in the various councils throughout the State of Ohio. Following the tour, we had a meeting with the Supreme Faith in Action Directors, and I wanted to advise you of some important information regarding the Coats for Kids Program this year.

Last year was a record year for the Coats for Kids program, distributing more coats to kids than ever before. Because of this, there were numerous supply issues and delays in getting coats to councils. I am pleased to report that coats are in and fully stocked for this fraternal year. There should not be any issue with delays or supply limitations this year. Nevertheless, we encourage councils to begin ordering their coats now to ensure that you receive the quantity you desire in time for your event. Please note, the cost of coats has increased this year by \$10 per case (12/case heavyweight; 24/case lightweight). You can order your coats through KnightsGear by going to [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com).

New this year; Councils can purchase toddler-sized coats for distribution. However, because the toddler size is a pilot program this year, there is a limited supply. Once the supply of toddler coats is distributed, there will be no new supply this fraternal year. So if your council wishes to purchase and distribute toddler sizes, please order early to ensure that you receive all that you need. Per Supreme, toddler sizes are the only sizes limited this year. All other sizes/styles should be abundantly available throughout the program period.

I encourage all councils to participate in the Coats for Kids Program. There is not an area in Ohio without a child who could benefit from a coat to keep them warm this winter. If you do not host your own program, I encourage you to partner and participate with other local councils throughout your district, chapter, assembly, etc., to ensure that every kid in Ohio who needs a coat can receive one. Finally, be sure to report your participation on the State website ([www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org)) so I can credit you the state activity points.

As always, if you have any questions or need advice, contact me at any time! Vivat Jesus!

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LIFE

## Let's Make it a Date!

To those of you that took the time to come out to the state tour stops, thank you. It was great seeing so many brother knights. As I said on tour, you can read about the programs in the book, but let's talk about one of the newest programs that has me very excited - ASAP. **Aid and Support After Pregnancy** works just like the RSVP program, but for pregnancy centers and mothers' homes. Your council donates \$500-\$2,000 to a local qualifying pregnancy center or mothers' house.

Then, you use the online application to apply for the grant from the ASAP program. Please read the guidelines and make sure the organization qualifies. For every \$500 (up to \$2000) donated, Supreme will donate an additional \$100. This program is a force multiplier for your donations. In the first year of this program last year, councils donated more than \$6 million to pregnancy centers and mothers' homes to support the newest families. With the overturn of Rowe vs Wade and the abortion bans in many states including Ohio, more babies are being born. making this program more critical than ever. "... *whatever you did for the least of these..., you did for me*" *Matthew 25:40*



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Mark you calendars: March for Life Ohio, October 6 at the State House. 11am rally & Noon march

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director





FAITH

## Share Your Faith with the Rosary

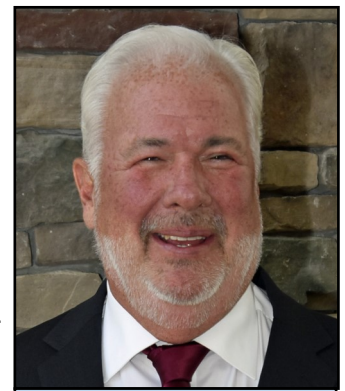
I hope all brother Knights are enjoying their summer with friends, family, and golf! But August is also the month the Grand Knights should be meeting with their program directors and planning their activities for at least through the holidays. It was great to see many of you on tour this year. Thank you for coming out. Those attending the tour heard my belief that our Faith Program is the foundation of all other programs. Without faith, there is no foundation to build upon.



This month I am asking that every council say the rosary and then submit it to me (hopefully that night!). The first brick in what will be a successful year. Hopefully you have already met with your pastors to discuss what they need from the council and explain to them your hopes for the coming year. If not, please do so soon, as they are your lead in faith.

Wishing you all a safe and happy remainder of your summer. God bless your all!

**Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director**



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FAMILY

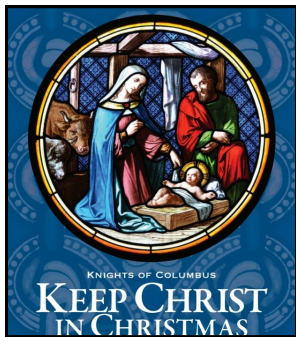
## KCIC Change for 2023

Congratulations to the **Timothy Barlow Family** and **Council 3724** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in June 2023, by the Supreme Council! If you want to see your families recognized, remember to submit your fully completed Family of the Month (FOTM) nomination to Supreme via Form 10784 each month! The deadline for this form is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. So, your July Family of the Month is due to Supreme by August 15<sup>th</sup>!

For those of you who did not see the communication from Supreme, there has been a change to the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!** The categories will now be changed to grade groups instead of age groups. Contest entrants compete in one of the following grade groups:

- Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, and
- 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

Each local, district, regional and jurisdictional competition may have up to three winning entries- a first, second, and third place winner in each grade category. Order the KCIC Poster Kit (#CPC-Kit) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.



As I mentioned last month and on tour, plan for your council's family activity events. One program activity that would be great to plan to do early this fraternal year is Family Prayer Night. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting. Families of both council members and Catholic families within the parish and community will gather for prayer, dinner, and fellowship. Multiple groups can be formed, and families are encouraged to rotate between these groups. More information and resources can be found on the Supreme website.

I am looking forward to reading your online submission reports on the state website. If there are any fundraisers or projects your council is doing to help a local family in your community or to benefit a council member's family, please report it to me on the state website along with pictures or other supporting documentation. Let me know about the good works and deeds your council is doing to be effective one family at a time.

**Tim Mangan - State Family Director**



**Tim Mangan**  
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# His Vision, Your Mission

Retrieved from: Father McGivney Guild

My Brother Knights,

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).

The beatification ceremony in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn., was a high point in a long process that began with the opening of the Cause for Canonization in December 1997. Shortly after Father McGivney was named a Venerable Servant of God in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI cited him as a key figure in "the impressive growth" of the Church in the United States, stating, "We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus." Through the spiritual genius of Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus has become a way for Catholic men to transform friends into brothers — brothers who care for one another.

Just as those in need sought Father McGivney's help in life, understanding that he was a "Good Samaritan" figure, more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and many others around the world, continue to seek out Father McGivney as a heavenly helper in times of need today. On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Those who knew him best in life saw in him both a "genial" countenance and a man with an "indomitable will" to achieve the good. In sum, his founding of the Knights of Columbus "attests to the love in which he held his brother man."

You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by **joining the Guild for free** and praying for his intercession and canonization. May Father McGivney intercede for you! Today in Ohio, there are 3,322 Guild members. That is fantastic as we work and pray to continue his vision. But there is a ways to go as there are over 54,000 Knights of Columbus in Ohio. The link to the Guild is under **FOR MEMBERS** on the state website. I hope to bring you information about Father McGivney so that you can understand more of who he was and what he stood for. If you have any questions about the Guild, please feel free to contact me, Jim Maslach, Father McGivney Guild Chairman at **440-785-9838** or via email at [kofcjk@gmail.com](mailto:kofcjk@gmail.com).

Vivat Jesus!

**Jim Maslach - State Treasurer**



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# Around the State



Pictured from left: Erin Hathaway, GK Randy Katona, and Lafayette Council 3970 Chaplain Fr. John Mullee

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Michael Parish Independence community and the Knights of Columbus, Randy Katona, GK, Lafayette Council #3970 presented Erin Hathaway, Zelie's Home Executive Director, with a check for \$4,515, with another \$400 to come from Supreme, to support their mission, empowering pregnant and parenting women on the road to self-sufficiency.



Members of Holy Martyrs Council #4733 in Canton pose with newly ordained Fr. Frederick "Fritz" Schleuter following the council's Silver Rose Mass and program at St. Anthony Church (St. Francis of Assisi Parish) on Wednesday, July 12th

## Happy Birthday, State Deputy!



We were blessed to attend the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity hosted by **St Brendan the Navigator Knights of Columbus Council #11208**. Congratulations to the 13 new brother Knights including Fr. Weldit Abay of the Eritrean Catholic Church Ge'ez Community. Great job Worthy Grand Knight Chuck Heinlen and the exemplification team, and Worthy District Deputy Dan Davis!

Vivat Jesus! **Jeff Kiliany - State Deputy**