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Beacon

September, 2023



From the State Deputy

Concern about the life-threatening constitutional amendment proposals that are going to be voted on in several states this November was also a hot topic at the Convention. Special mention was made about how critical the vote in Ohio this November is. Next year's Supreme Con-

vention will be held in Quebec City in Canada. If you may be thinking about attending the 2024 Supreme Convention, you will need a passport. If you already have one, you might want to make sure that it is up to date. If you don't have a passport, you should start the application process very soon to ensure that you have it in time to attend.

The Bishops in Ohio are asking the Knights of Columbus to help defeat the ballot initiative to change our state constitution to allow a very terrible and extreme right to abortion in Ohio. An excerpt from a letter dated February 23, 2023, and signed by all Bishops in Ohio, states: "In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we

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From our State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

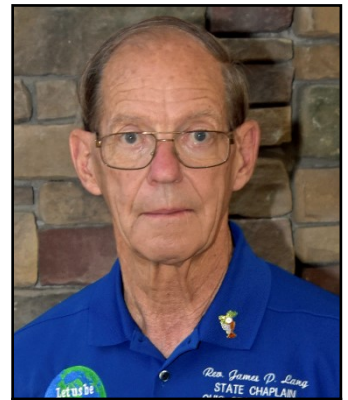
Harvest season is here. Farmers are bringing in their crops, trees are changing color, and animals are preparing for winter.

We, too, are part of the harvest. The gospel reminds us that one day the Master will separate the wheat from the weeds. We are called to bear good fruit that yields a hundred fold or more. We know what happens to the weeds.

We ask the Lord to help us live up to his expectations, so that when the harvest comes, we will be welcomed to the promised land.

Vivat Jesus!

Rev. James P. Lang - State Chaplain



Rev. James Lang
State Chaplain



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strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children.” A great explanation by the Catholic Conference of Ohio disputing this flawed and terrible legislation can be found in the attachment. (next page)

Once again, we have the opportunity to peacefully demonstrate our support as Knights of Columbus. This coming October 6th, in partnership with March for Life, Ohio Right to Life, Center for Christian Virtue, Catholic Conference of Ohio, and many more, the Knights of Columbus are being called to serve along our brothers and sisters. The first step in participating and joining this effort is registering for the March. This can be done by visiting the following website and completing the requested information. We are asking all who attend or volunteer to please go to <https://p2a.co/XdMTG1x>

Secondly, begin promoting within your parish and council the need for a large attendance at the Ohio March for Life. Our presence and voice will be heard by the numbers we demonstrate. I also ask all Brother Knights who attend this rally to wear their Knights of Columbus logoed shirt or jacket if needed.

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

“Let Us Be Worthy!”

Fraternally,
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Program Incentives

September thru November 15th

Beginning September 1st thru November 15th our program incentive is:

- Complete 8 programs in the Faith in Action portion of the programs.
- Have a Fraternal Benefits Night and submit Supreme Form #11077 (Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report)
- Bring in at least one new growth member who must show up on your council roster on or before November 28th.
- Finally, you must have sent in your Matching Funds donation.



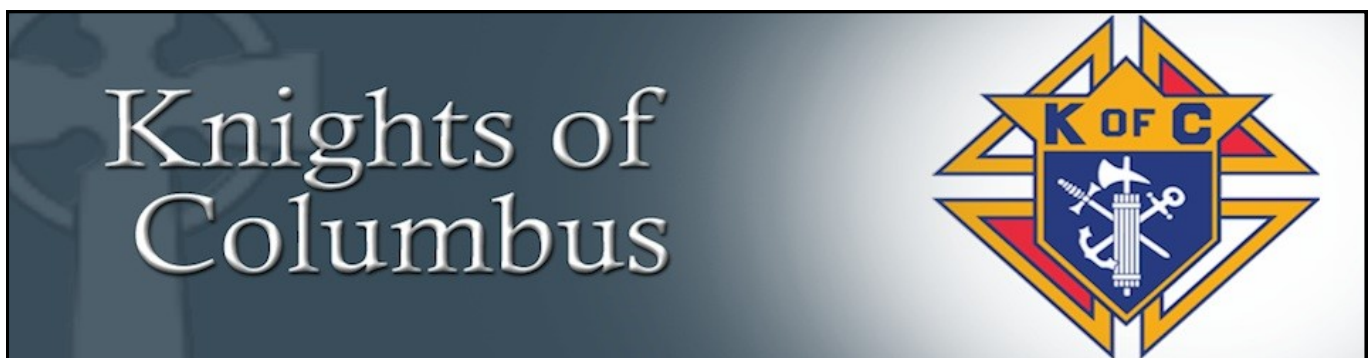
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General Program Director
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Fulfill all these requirements and the State Council will Donate \$50.00 to Matching Funds in your council's name.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Jordon - State General Program Director

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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “individual” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** “health” includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman’s age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.
4. As used in this Section, “Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis”; and “State” includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303

** Based on Doe v. Bolton

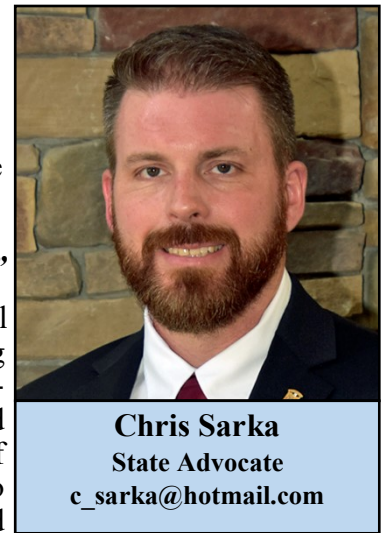


Matching Funds - 2023

Brother Knights,

We are all called as part of the New Evangelization and with new energy to spread the Gospel and to bring the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of authentic hope. Matthew 28:19 ***“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.”***

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.



In 2022, a total of **\$75,589** was raised to support the many diocesan departments and programs throughout Ohio. This is an amazing work. Brothers, you have shown that the Knights lead the way! With the 2023 program fast approaching, I ask that each council prayerfully consider meeting this challenge again and helping me obtain a **goal of \$100,000**. With increased council participation, we will easily achieve this objective and possibly more!

The Matching Funds Campaign will run from **September 1, 2023**, through **November 15, 2023**. The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council is once again able to match the first \$25,000 donated to this year's program. All contributions from your council and participating councils from your diocese, as well as any amounts matched, will go to the

Religious Education/Evangelization Departments of your diocese. You can access the form for submitting your council, assembly, or chapter contribution by going to the state website. Website link to form and letter. <https://kofcoho.org/programs/matching-funds/>

If you have not set a plan or budgeted for this program in your council, do not worry. Every amount raised, even if not matched, has a major impact. Any questions, or assistance in this program, please contact me at 614-546-6357.

My fellow Brother Knights, I thank you for all you do and look forward to working with you this fraternal year to grow our faith through Catholic education and continue Christ's own mission. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Chris Sarka - State Advocate/Matching Funds Chairman

Online Exemplifications through Oct. 25 - 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/>

9/6/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland	10/4/2023	7:00PM	Steubenville
9/13/2023	7:00PM	Columbus	10/11/2023	7:00PM	Toledo
9/20/2023	7:00PM	Youngstown	10/18/2023	7:00PM	Cleveland
9/27/2023	7:00PM	Cincinnati	10/25/2023	7:00PM	Columbus

Growth

Ohio Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is having a relaxing Labor Day weekend. As the new school year starts, what is your council doing for elementary and high school children? Talk with your pastor and principal of the school and see what the Knights of Columbus can do. Maybe a pizza party for the HS students, or an ice cream social. This is great way to make contact with younger families in your parish. Please make sure your council is active in the youth of our parishes.



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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 Archbishop Elder Council #1195 for Highest Membership Intake Growth with **40** new members for 2022-23 fraternal year. Congratulations to Elder Council!

With September, we now have two full months of the fraternal year behind us. This is the last month for our Fast Start Incentives ending on Sept. 30.

Top Growth in Ohio As of 8/26/2023:

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	8	215.41%	8.16%
11208 ST BRENDAN	35	1	201	11	6.808652246	13	190.93%	6.47%
847 MT VERNON	43	3	95	6	3.713810316	5	134.63%	5.26%
1417 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	76	5	40	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	5.00%
1973 DOVER	34	1	189	11	6.808652246	9	132.18%	4.76%
11551 SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE	78	5	44	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	4.55%
15573 HOLY FAMILY	81	4	77	5	3.09484193	3	96.94%	3.90%
16137 ST CHARLES BORROMEO	26	5	52	5	3.09484193	2	64.62%	3.85%
15959 ST EDWARD	83	5	26	5	3.09484193	1	32.31%	3.85%
3304 GEAUGA	23	3	116	7	4.332778702	4	92.32%	3.45%

Now is the time to finalize your plans for the fall church drives in October. Have you ordered a Delta Church Drive Kit and other membership materials from Supplies Online? Also, please start working with your local field agent for hosting a Fraternal Benefit Night. Maybe talk to your District Deputy and have a couple councils come together and host a district Fraternal Benefit Night. I **encourage** all council members to sign up for "COR: Evangelization and Formation for the Men of Your Parish" webinar on Thursday September 7th at 8 PM. www.kofc.org/COR then click "Online Events" for the in depth training webinar on how you can start *Cor* in your parish community.



Fraternally,

Andrew Nuckols - State Growth Director

1,860 new members
Yes, We Can!
59 Star Councils

Don't Miss a Chance to Make and Save Money

Pro football is upon us and so is the opportunity to raise funds for your council, while also lowering your council's per capita responsibility. This year's Football Craze (Frenzy) is in high gear. As usual, the sweepstakes covers the final 10 weeks of the season (Nov. 5-Jan. 7). Tickets remain at \$20 each. Prizes totaling \$25,000 will be awarded over the course of the sweepstakes (23 weekly prizes totaling \$2,500)

If your council is able to meet any of its quotas, you can decrease your per capita obligations while making money for your activities. Quotas for each council can be found on the chart at the following link: <https://kofcoho.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Council-Quotas-230725.pdf>. The more your council sells, the greater the rebate. It's that simple.

Tickets will be mailed out to councils that have not been participating, but any tickets mailed out to councils that are participating will be credited to that council, if bought.

For further information, go to kofcoho.org and look under **Fundraisers**. Ticket stubs and money for sold tickets should be in to PSD Gary Eckstein by October 31st. Our goal is to increase our sales over last year's total with the hope of selling **35,960**, but it all starts with your councils.

Questions can be directed to **State Fundraising Chairman, PSD Gary Eckstein at 614-679-4238**.

2023
Ohio Knights
Proceeds Benefit K of C Programs

SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

You Win, We Win!
2023 Ohio Knights of Columbus!

How It Works

23 Chances to Win Per Ticket For 10 Weeks.

\$2,500.00 in Weekly Prizes
\$25,000.00 in Total Prizes

Prizes Are ONLY From Tickets Sold By 2023 Ohio Knights of Columbus.

Each Ticket Provides 4 Random Pro Football Teams per Week.

Your Score is the Total Number of Points each game per week.

Prizes are Determined By the Highest 4-Team Total per week.

Tickets Here!

COST: \$20.00/TICKET

PRIZES:

HIGHEST \$400

2ND HIGHEST \$250	13TH HIGHEST \$50
3RD HIGHEST \$225	14TH HIGHEST \$50
4TH HIGHEST \$200	15TH HIGHEST \$50
5TH HIGHEST \$175	16TH HIGHEST \$45
6TH HIGHEST \$150	17TH HIGHEST \$45
7TH HIGHEST \$125	18TH HIGHEST \$40
8TH HIGHEST \$100	19TH HIGHEST \$30
9TH HIGHEST \$90	LOWEST \$100
10TH HIGHEST \$80	2ND LOWEST \$75
11TH HIGHEST \$70	3RD LOWEST \$50
12TH HIGHEST \$60	4TH LOWEST \$40

FUND CRAZE 
An Exciting Twist on Fundraising

Connect With the Lord Through Holy Hours

Brothers in Christ,

In my article last month, I asked that your councils pray the rosary. So many of you did, and I congratulate you on your dedication to the Blessed Mother. Many of you included your parishioners, whether before Mass or at some other function. For those that have not yet done so, please schedule a rosary soon.

This month's featured program will be Holy Hour. Encourage deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share His presence with the world. Work with your pastor to arrange yours.

There have been questions concerning the Pilgrim Icon program. Unfortunately, there will not be any icons traveling through Ohio this year, due to a misunderstanding with Supreme Council (they distribute the icons). But this does not preclude you from holding your own icon prayer service with the actual icon. Please go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1&icon-tabs=1>. Here you will find all the resources necessary to have your own prayer service. You will need to print the handouts. We apologize for this inconvenience, but this does allow you to schedule this whenever it works for your council. Please send me your report as you will get credit for conducting this program.

Wishing all good health and a safe fall season!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Mark Kahanca - State Faith Director



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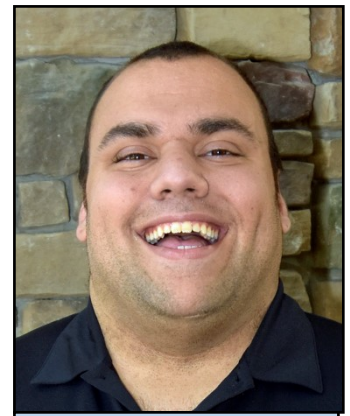
Your Monthly Church Bulletin Blurb

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus has a great program series called Into The



Breach? This program helps Catholic men and families lead lives of faith and virtue in today's world. Want to learn more? Talk to a Knight today about the program and join then our great fraternal, family based organization! Go to kofcoho.org and click on Join Us! For more information, contact Grand Knight (Name, phone number).

Greg Singlar - State E-Membership Coordinator



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FAMILY

Family of the Month

An Excellent Recruiting Tool

Congratulations to the **Rick Kinietz Family and Council 4603** for being named the State of Ohio **Family of the Month** in July 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!



Speaking of Form 10784, it has been brought to my attention that a few councils are submitting incomplete forms to Supreme. Here are the two reasons why the forms are incomplete. Either because the husband/father is a member and the council failed to include his membership number or there was no street address filled out on the form.



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Family Director
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If the husband/father is a member of the Knights of Columbus, then you must include his membership number. Reach out to the council's grand knight or financial secretary to find out what his membership number is. Supreme will not accept the form if it is missing.

Also, you must include the family's street address. Again, no street address means it's an incomplete form and Supreme will not accept it. If you don't know the family's street address, then reach out to the council's grand knight or financial secretary to find out what it is. Every field with an asterisk means it must be completed.

I would like to recognize Council 11801 for submitting their Mobility Ramp Installation report on the state website. This council assisted a family in need by installing a ramp onto the rear deck of the family's home allowing the family better access. https://fs22.formsite.com/stambrose/files/f-130-27-25417049_OgF1Kbxc_Orville_ramp.jpg

I also enjoyed the Hawaiian Social Event reported by Council 16376. This council hosted a Hawaiian Themed Dinner that was well attended and even had 4 priests there as well. Having some sort of themed dinner is a fun social activity any council can do. If they are promoted right, they will be well attended.

So, those are a couple reports I have been reading on the state website that I wanted to share. If your council has any family programs worth noting, all you must do is report it on the state website. I just might mention it in a future article in a future state newsletter.

Tim Mangan - State Family Director



Plan Now for Successful Fall Community Activities

Brothers-

COMMUNITY

Hope summer has been wonderful for you all! As summer comes to a close, now is the time to begin planning your fall Community Activities. One such activity is your annual Soccer Challenge. I ask that all councils participating in the soccer challenge this year have the council-level competition completed, graded, and winners submitted to their District Deputy no later than September 30th.



To help with your planning and to ensure you have a successful competition this year, I ask all councils to be sure to review the Supreme Guidebook for all the rules and procedures for the competition. You can find those, along with other resources, at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/soccer-challenge.html>

Finally, if you have not ordered a soccer challenge kit, you can still participate. Forms are available for downloading and printing at the link above. Also talk to your DD, who may have spare forms.

Good luck to all our participants, and I look forward to seeing many pictures and Soccer Challenge Reports in the coming weeks! If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Let us be Worthy!

Joe Hartle - State Community Director



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LIFE

Look Back, Then Plan Ahead

As we move toward the third month of the fraternal year, it's time to take stock of what we've accomplished, and where we've failed to complete the task. How's your annual plan shaping up? Do you have an activity for each month? October 6 is the second annual **Ohio March for Life in Columbus**. If you can't make that, there's still time to host a bottle drive for your local pregnancy center or plan a rosary during the month of the unborn. Please remember, as you pray your rosary, to include the women who chose abortion, that they may realize the terrible mistake they made, and that God may comfort them and offer forgiveness. You could also include the fathers who wanted to choose life and were ignored that they may find comfort and consolation.

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ICE CREAM

As the weather cools, it's a great time to plan a winter event with the developmentally delayed and disabled in your community. National Hat Day is January 15. How much fun would it be to host a hat party for the special citizens in your community? You could get the parish, school, or youth group involved, too. February 4 is Ice Cream for Breakfast Day. And here I thought ice cream for breakfast was something only done by my wife while in college. In any case, get off your duff and get something planned. The first step is to make a plan and the hardest step is the first one.

Stewart Vetter - State Life Director



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Around the State



At left are the Ohio state officers and delegates wearing their finest prior to the States Dinner at this year's Supreme Convention (Aug. 1-3) in Orlando, Florida.



Ohio State Council Chaplain, Rev. James Lang (right), processes in during the opening Mass at the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida.



During the Christ Our Savior annual Summerfest event K of C Council 4471, in conjunction with the Struthers Police Department, sponsored a Kid's I-Dent-A-Kit give-away. One hundred kits were handed out over the two-day event. Those who stopped not only received the kit, but were also treated to a mini-flashlight to use as a key ring or to hang on their backpack, an 11-inch Velcro reflector band to put on their bikes, book bags for their person for nighttime walking or jogging and also a coloring book and crayons.

Christ Our Savior Parish Knights of Columbus Council 4471 continues to host and sponsor many events such as this Summerfest and Family Safety Fair whenever the opportunities arise.



At right, South Akron Council 3410 awarded its Family of the Month for July to the Marc Compher family from St. Francis de Sales Parish

Around the State



Congratulations to the Josh and Billie Dziatkowicz Family, who were the recipients of the August Family of the Month from Fr. Bill Johnson Council #11665 in Newark!



Congratulations to State Audio-Visual Coordinator, Sean Weirich, his wife, Katherine, and daughter, Sophie, on the new addition to their family. Luke Francis Weirich tipped the scales at 6lb., 15oz.



Fr. Bill Johnson Council 11665 at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Newark, Ohio, presented recipient Jackson Raake their annual Knights of Columbus Scholarship to a student who would be attending St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, 2023-2024 school year. Congratulations, Jackson!



Fairborn Council 3724 partnered with Wright State University Council 16425 to provide a back-to-school cookout promoting Catholic Campus Ministries on the Wright State Campus



Members of Holy Martyrs Council 4733 in Canton participated in a Habitat for Humanity build for the Mathis Family as part of a Catholic Church project for St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Around the State



Dave Lewis (left) and PSD Gary Eckstein (right) presented a check for \$10,000 to the ARC of Ohio on behalf of the Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus. Representing the ARC of Ohio were Olivia Smallwood and Emma Kincaid. The funds came from the annual Measure-Up Campaign.



Members of Garrettsville Council 11801, led by Grand Knight Greg Leopold, built a mobility ramp for fellow brother knight Orville Riffle.



Presentation with Vocations Donation to Bishop David Bonnar (Youngstown)
Paul Crowley, PFN; Josh Mansfield; John Amicone, DM; Dustin Tolson; Jeffrey Kiliany, OH State Deputy, Bishop David J. Bonnar; Beri Berardi, PFN; Anthony Pondillo, PFN



Bishop Bohdan Danylo, St. Josphat Ukrainian In Parma Eparchy receives Ukraine Assistance Donation August 14th.