

June 2026



ProLife Across America – 1-800-355-7773

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

–Lucius Annaeus Seneca



Events and Opportunities

Thursday, June 11 meeting Agenda:

Call to Order

Opening Prayer (Our Father)

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes review

Chaplain's message

Grand Knight report

Financial Secretary report on membership, dues

Treasurer's report – *Modest Sparks account*

KC Insurance report – New Insurance Agent?

Service Program Director's reports

Unfinished Business - *Breakdown of Tootsie Roll collections*

New Business – *Chaska Cubs Townball - Wednesday 7/22 7:30 pm game.*

Adoration Hour – 5-6pm each Sunday, Men Who Pray – Saturdays – 7am

Good of the Order

Adjourn

Refreshments

New Business

From Grand Knight – Rick DesLauriers

Our council is very pleased to welcome Mike Benkovich as the newest member of our council. We look forward to working with him on council activities.

Fellow Knights we now have an internet presence.

Try either www.kofc5268.org or www.kofc5268.com Both should work. I know we still have a lot to do to make it complete. I just wanted to get it active so we can all make suggestions, changes, corrections etc.

Our council has changed its St. John's Perpetual Adoration time slot from 10pm-11pm on Tuesday nights to Sunday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm. We currently have 10 Knights signed up to help cover this adoration time slot. More sign-ups

Happy Father's Day!



are welcome. Contact George Hidding at 952-443-3858 if you have any questions about this issue.

Nick Karls chaired the Mother's Day Pro-Life Carnation sale which was held on Mother's Day weekend - May 9-10. Thanks to Judy and John Iverson who helped out with the event. The event grossed \$593.11 - 181.22 carnation cost = net profit of \$411.89. Thanks to everyone who supported this event. Over the last 39 years of conducting the Mother's Day Carnation Sale, our council has raised over \$15,000 dollars in donations to the SWOW Life Care Center. We can be proud of this effort.

Tootsie Roll Drive Results

Mass time	Collection
Sat 5 pm - 5/16	248.51
Sun 8 am - 5/17	162
Sun 10 am - 5/17	318.6
	\$729.11
less \$69 Tootsie Roll Expense	\$660.11

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the event and supported it.
The proceeds help the developmentally-disabled.

Knights of Columbus night of baseball

Take me out to the Ball Park! In appreciation for all you do for the parish of St John the Baptist Church, the Knight of Columbus would like to treat you and your family to a night of baseball and watch the Chaska Cubs townball club. We will cover the ticket, hamburger/hot dog, beverage, you cover the conversations, friendships and any foul balls!

Time: Wednesday 7/22, 7:30 pm

Location: Chaska Athletic Park, 725 W 1st St, Chaska, MN 55318

We plan to use the Sign-up Genie to RVSP so we can make sure to have enough food for everyone. Watch the St. John's Parish bulletin for more detail in the weeks ahead.

A PRIEST, a minister and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit turns to the others and says, "Guys, I think I might be a typo."

A FATHER took his little girl to the office for "Bring Your Child to Work Day." They were talking with other parents and having a good time when suddenly his daughter started crying.

"What's wrong?" the father asked.

"Where are all the clowns you said you worked with?" she wailed.

AN EXASPERATED MOTHER, whose son was always getting into trouble, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For heaven's sake, kid, come in or stay out!'"

I WAS THE BEST door-to-door security alarm salesman for several years running. The trick was to just leave a brochure on the kitchen table if no one was home.



Note from our District Deputy - John Short

From: John Short

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 9:45 AM

To: Waconia Knights

Subject: SWOW Ultrasound Update - Invitation to Archbishop Hebda Blessing and Respect Life Picnic

Brother Knights,

Thank you for the incredible support you have shown for the SouthWest Options for Women (SWOW) ultrasound project and the impact it is making in protecting life and supporting families in our communities.

We were honored to attend the SWOW Pregnancy Resource Center Grand Opening on Saturday, May 9th. At the event, the Knights presented a check for \$22,500 (50% of the ultrasound funding goal) toward the new ultrasound machine. The Supreme matching grant check is expected to arrive later in June, following final board approval. In total, the Knights raised \$32,500 for this effort, with the remaining \$10,000 being distributed to SWOW through the ASAP Program from multiple councils.

We also invite you to **join us on Wednesday, July 29th at 5:00 PM as Archbishop Bernard Hebda blesses the new ultrasound machine at SWOW's new location:**

8353 Crystal View Rd, Suite 203
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Please come out to represent the Knights and support this important ministry.

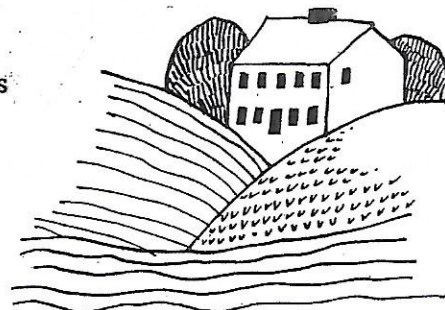
Also mark your calendars for the **Respect Life Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd from Noon-3:00 PM at the KC Park in Waconia.** Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and fellowship for the entire family. A free will donation will support SWOW. We will also hear from Kim Bennecke, Executive Director of SWOW, as she shares the impact the pregnancy resource center is having in saving lives. **Pass along to your councils and parishes. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Thank you again for helping create a lasting legacy of faith, hope, and life through this important project.

Vivat Jesus!
John Short
DD #48
612-281-6215

I JUST GOT A PHOTO from a speeding camera in the mail. I immediately sent it back - way too expensive and really poor quality.

I JUST ASKED MY HUSBAND if he remembers what today is ... scaring men is easy.



Our current council year ends on June 30 which means that we will elect a slate of candidates at our June meeting. All of our current officers have agreed to be re-elected. Their service to the council is much appreciated.

Recent Check issues:

Newsletter - \$29.56

Financial Fund Balances

US Bank Checking = \$7,993.42

KC Supreme 501c3 Scholarship Fund = \$154,561.42

Modest Spark account = \$28,262.27

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your family is counting on?

Knights of Columbus Insurance

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Please continue to pray for Judy Ashenbach, Mary Schumacher, John Coverdale and David Streeter who are dealing with medical issues.

Email, Phone Number or Home Address

When your e-mail, phone number or home address changes, please notify Nick Karls - our council Recorder, at 952-474-3108 or at nickkarls@centurylink.net and/or Mike Schlangen - our Financial Secretary at 612-270-0912 or mikeschlangen@gmail.com so we can update the master membership list for the council. We do not want any communication gaps within our council.

Order KC merchandise at kofc.org. Click on KnightGear.

Catholic Credit Union - Phone: 753-354-2826 FAX: 763-780-0758'

Phone: 651-484-0265

Calling all Cribbage Players

Every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus host an opportunity for retired men to play cribbage. The location varies from homes to the church in the lower Gathering Place. All skill levels are welcome and refreshments are provided.

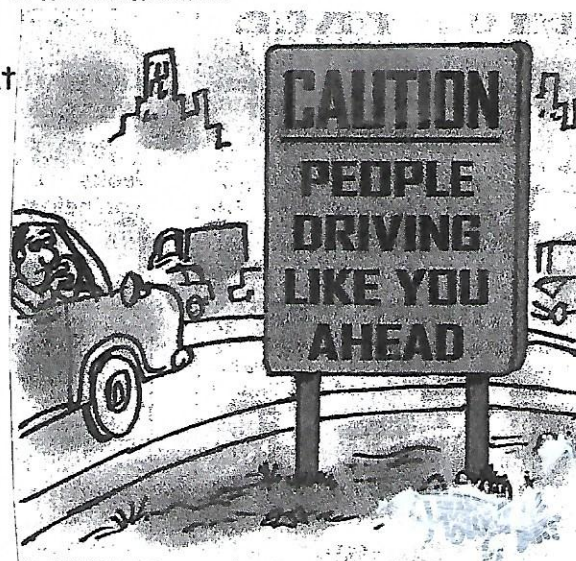
For more details, please contact Deacon Gary Hoffman at garyhoffman44@gmail.com

A WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist.

"I need a tooth pulled, and I don't want a numbing shot because I'm in a hurry," the woman said. "Just extract it as quickly as possible, and we'll be on our way."

The dentist nodded. "You're certainly brave," he told her. "Which tooth is it?"

The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."



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Accrual Basis

St John the Baptist Knight of Columbus (#5268)

Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January 1 through June 4, 2026

	Jan 1 - Jun 4, 26	Jan 1 - Jun 4, 25	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Fundraising				
500 card tournament	0.00	92.00	-92.00	-100.0%
Bill Ashenbach - memorial donat	0.00	650.00	-650.00	-100.0%
Chili Cook off income	0.00	216.00	-216.00	-100.0%
Church Gala	1,228.75	0.00	1,228.75	100.0%
Member Donations	5.00	0.00	5.00	100.0%
Membership fees	175.00	490.00	-315.00	-64.3%
Mother's Day Carnations	593.17	625.36	-32.19	-5.2%
Raffle Tickets	690.00	255.00	435.00	170.6%
Tootsie Roll Drive	729.11	725.19	3.92	0.5%
Total Fundraising	3,421.03	3,053.55	367.48	12.0%
Total Income	3,421.03	3,053.55	367.48	12.0%
Gross Profit	3,421.03	3,053.55	367.48	12.0%
Expense				
Fundraising Expenses				
500 card tournament	0.00	206.04	-206.04	-100.0%
Chili Cook off	0.00	150.19	-150.19	-100.0%
Mother's Day Carnations	181.22	0.00	181.22	100.0%
Raffle Ticket	0.00	800.00	-800.00	-100.0%
Tootsies Roll	69.00	0.00	69.00	100.0%
Total Fundraising Expenses	250.22	1,156.23	-906.01	-78.4%
Managerial Expenses				
Catholic Adv/Culture of Life	129.83	140.00	-10.17	-7.3%
Meeting Expenses	162.10	352.22	-190.12	-54.0%
Newsletter	165.57	212.50	-46.93	-22.1%
Raffle Tickets	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Total Managerial Expenses	1,457.50	704.72	752.78	106.8%
Program outflows - Community				
Chaplaincy	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.0%
Christopher Inn Retreat Center	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Holy Family Catholic Adoption	0.00	200.00	-200.00	-100.0%
School Christmas awards	75.00	100.00	-25.00	-25.0%
Total Program outflows - Community	5,575.00	300.00	5,275.00	1,758.3%
Program outflows - Faith	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.0%
Program outflows - Family				
Church Gala	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Program outflows - Family	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
Program outflows - Life				
Ultra Sound program	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.0%
Total Program outflows - Life	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.0%
Total Expense	11,282.72	2,660.95	8,621.77	324.0%
Net Ordinary Income	-7,861.69	392.60	-8,254.29	-2,102.5%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Modest Spark Inv income				
Unrealized Gain/loss	2,570.27	2,273.00	297.27	13.1%
Total Modest Spark Inv income	2,570.27	2,273.00	297.27	13.1%

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St John the Baptist Knight of Columbus (#5268)
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January 1 through June 4, 2026

	Jan 1 - Jun 4, 26	Jan 1 - Jun 4, 25	\$ Change	% Change
Scholarship Inv Income	19,877.73	5,663.42	14,214.31	251.0%
Total Other Income	22,448.00	7,936.42	14,511.58	182.9%
Net Other Income	22,448.00	7,936.42	14,511.58	182.9%
Net Income	14,586.31	8,329.02	6,257.29	75.1%

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St John the Baptist Knight of Columbus (#5268)
Balance Sheet
As of June 4, 2026

	Jun 4, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Modest Sparks Account	28,262.27
Scholarship Investment	154,561.41
US Bank	7,993.42
Total Checking/Savings	190,817.10
Total Current Assets	190,817.10
TOTAL ASSETS	190,817.10
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	45,024.05
Unrestricted Net Assets	131,206.74
Net Income	14,586.31
Total Equity	190,817.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	190,817.10

Lloyd Cybart - Acting KC Insurance Agent

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Burnsville, MN 55337
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Grand Knight	Rick DesLauriers	612-865-3706
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Recorder	Nick Karls	952-474-3108
Treasurer	Tom Mayrose	612-860-0991
Advocate	Lee Lurquin	612-251-3367
Warden	James Quast	952-474-7359
Inside Guard	Leif Ewald	952-261-4032
Outside Guard	Mark Anderson	612-719-3652
Financial Secretary	Mike Schlangen	612-270-0912
Lecturer	Curt Crippen	952-975-1949
Trustee – 3 yr.....	Tom Davis	612-242-9569
Trustee – 2 yr.....	Dcn Gary Hoffman	952-452-6903
Trustee – 1 yr.....	Larry Aeshliman	612-999-0475
District Deputy	John Short	jwssshort@gmail.com

DIRECTORS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Program Director	Matt Thelen	612-570-0707
Community Activities	Chris Simmer	952-200-1711
Faith – Co-Director	George Hidding	952-443-3858
Faith – Co-Director	John Iverson	952-949-0229
Membership	Will Beardmore	765-586-7022
Retention	Rick DesLauriers	612-865-3706
Pro-Life	David Flores	952-242-7949
Family	Kyle Hedrick	316-932-2807
Council Website - www.kofc5268.org or www.kofc5268.com		



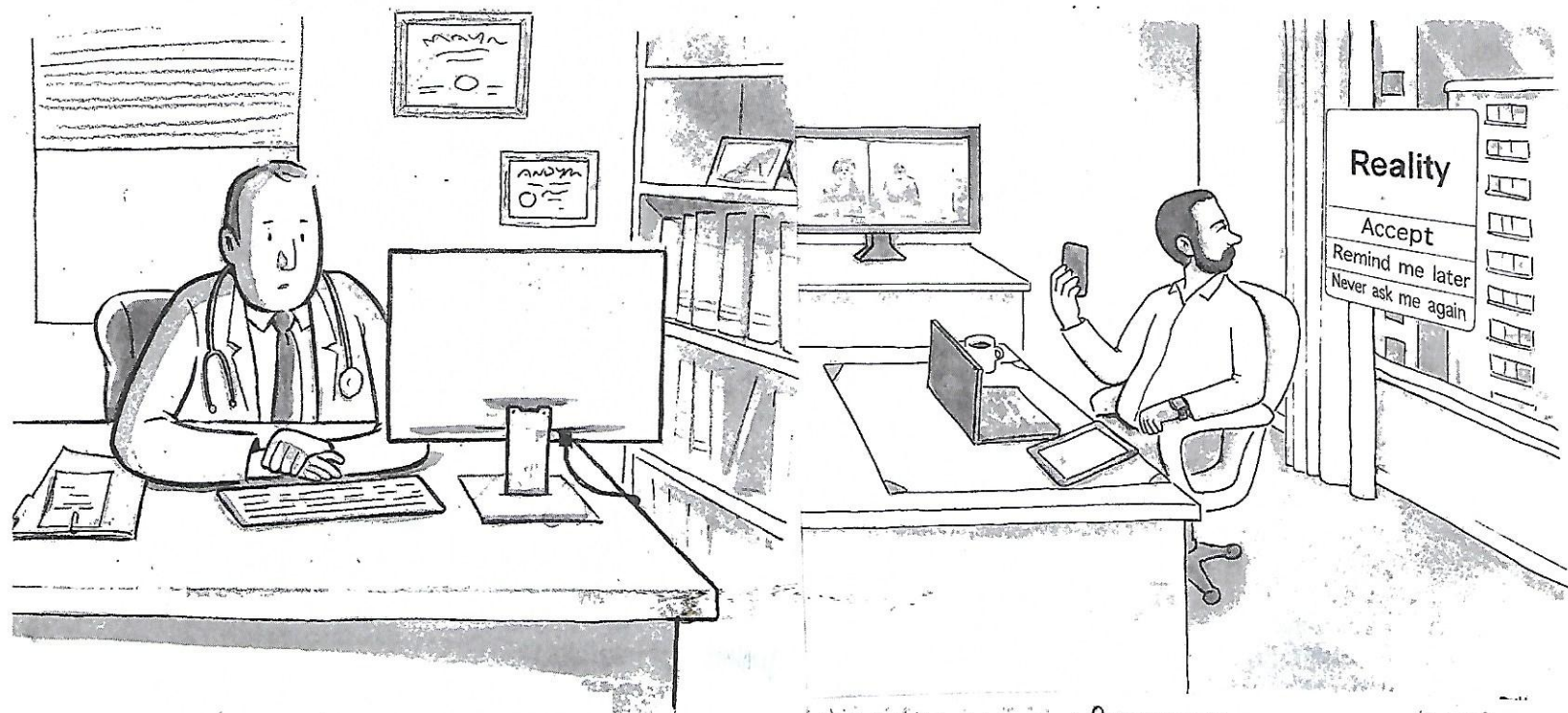
"Your mother left one of you the storage unit. And, the other one, the key."



"I told you to leave the plumber alone."



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"There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just put it in the chat."



"I find that worrying about what might happen takes my mind off worrying about what has happened."