

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

General Business Meeting: September 9th, 2026

OFFICERS

—	Chaplain	Fr. Tyler Arens
—	Grand Knight	Andy Weisel
E	Deputy Grd Knight	Dan Cooke
—	Chancellor	Dave Esser
—	Recorder	Paul Cassar
E	Financial Secretary	John Kukalis
—	Treasurer	Scott Berry
E	Lecturer	Pat Hohl
—	Advocate	Eric Shanes
E	Warden	Todd Darling
—	Inside Guard	Dan Kageff
E	Outside Guard	Hank Kiel
E	Trustee (3 yr)	Pat Hohl
E	Trustee (2 yr)	Jim Bonifer
E	Trustee (1 yr)	John Korneder

DIRECTORS

Program	Dave Esser
Faith	Dcn. Randy Coffelt
Vocations	Dcn. Dan Hall
Community	Tim Rolling
Life	Rick Kolnitys
Health	Dale Pepper
Public Relations	Dan Cooke
Family	Todd Darling
Membership	TBD
Retention	Dave Esser
4 th Degree Liaison	Andy Weisel
Faith Formation	Jim Bonifer
Council Director	Phil Meilak
Youth	Rob Horning
Field Agent	Patrick Arndt
District Deputy	Steve Schafer

E = Excused X = Absent

Pending Membership Approval

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Opening Prayer offered by: Andy Weisel

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended (UNA)

Treasurer Report: Scott Berry

General	Fish Fry & Breakfast	Money Market	Total
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8/31/2026 Bank Balances

Uncleared Items

Ledger balance

- Kans for Kids included above

New Deposits

Deposits Tonight: N/A

Bills Paid Tonight (see attachment)

Chaplain: Fr. Tyler

- Thank you so much for all the hard work for the Parish Picnic!!
- Make sure that you get your photo taken for the photo directory
- OCIA begins this Sunday after 9:00 am Mass – if you know anyone who could be interested, give them a nudge
 - o Everyone is welcome, even current parishioners, to grow in knowledge of our faith
- Second Sunday each month after 9:00 am Mass is for Family Catechesis – everyone is welcome
- Exodus continues as well as That Man is You Saturday at 7:30 am at the Church
- The school is grateful for our contributions – encourage your individual contributions and appreciate them
- Cor meeting on October 3rd – more information forthcoming (monthly parish-wide men's get-together) 7:30 am beginning with light breakfast and a talk from 8-9:00 am followed by Mass
- Family days will be quarterly, and the first will occur on October 3rd in the afternoon

Grand Knight: Andy Weisel

- 5th Sunday Rosary after 9 AM Mass before picnic – Thanks to all, as attendance was nice
- Breakfasts cancelled – no breakfast in September, December, or March
- Do we want breakfast w/Santa Dec 12th ?
- 4th degree meeting at St. Mary on October 8th at 7:30 pm
- Anyone interested in The Rescue Project in Homes?
- What new knights can you bring to the council?
 - o We have one candidate who needs an exemplification

Pasties: Earl Blackburn

- Must have a certified manager in the kitchen – we are covered for the first weekend of pasty making, September 25th and 26th (the next making weekend will be October 16th and 17th)

District Deputy: Steve Schafer

- Greetings from the State Deputy
- Pleased with membership growth this year – Michigan continues to lead Division 1
- St. Joe's in Howell has an exemplification next week on Wednesday the 16th
- Food packing event for Livingston County – didn't receive enough support from the Knights, and the event makers sought donations elsewhere – potential future opportunity
- Bi-district meeting – Columbian Award requirement is 16+1 for events (not +1 for each group)
- Saturday, October 3rd, St. Mary Magdalene is hosting an initiative for a new recruiting technique for new members
- This Sunday, Sept 13th there is a Living Rosary at the State Capitol in Lansing at 2 pm
- Coats for kids deadline: the state is placing their order on the 18th of October if we'd like to be included
- First weekend of October is typically the Life Chain event (Sunday the 4th) to advocate for pro-life
- November 19th-21st 3-day men's retreat is being organized in Ann Arbor; more details forthcoming
- Thinking about organizing a men's heart of the gospel retreat for the 8 councils in our district (thinking during Lent next year)
- 4th degree has been struggling to fundraise to support veterans
 - o Have been working MSU football games to scan tickets (\$3-4k /year)
 - o New - Brighton has festivals and hires volunteers to help – this weekend the 4th degree will be changing out garbage bags (\$500 on Friday and \$500 on Saturday) – Please reach out if you're able to help
- Encourage attendance when we host the 4th degree meeting October the 8th
 - o Have been praying the rosary in advance of the meeting
- The next 4th degree Exemplification will likely be in April; please reach out if you'd like to join

Unfinished Business / New Business:

- Eastern Michigan Mission \$[REDACTED] each for Marijana and Kolbe Noch working with Fr. Dan to evangelize on campus (2/2 UNA)
- \$[REDACTED] to donate for the Parish Rectory (2/2 UNA)
 - o Will evaluate how the funds are coming in, and we may propose an additional \$5k in the future

Rob: Susan B. Anthony Foundation

- Rob has been supporting pro-life initiatives for some time and recently took a job with Susan B. Anthony advocating for pro-life – going to individuals' houses. He is looking to hire more people for their current team of 6 (\$20-\$25/hour). Gas is reimbursed \$.50/ mile and goes through November. Seems ideal for college students or retirees. Please reach out to Rob if interested:
robert@sbafieldteam.org
 - o Making individuals aware of the issues via a scripted survey and making them aware of what is at stake in the next election (not in support of specific candidates)

Sick and Prayer: Fr. Tyler, Dcn. Dan, Dcn. Randy, Dcn. James, Reno Cassar, Rob Rochowiak, Cindy Dunleavy, Shelley Cooper, Marie Esser, Tony Esser, John Esser, Jim Hoffman, Ben and Robin Powers, Barry and Mary Claire, Jeff Leferbe, Julia Gardner, Carol Kleszewski, Wayne Berry, Dale Pepper, Mary Rickelman.

Pope Leo's monthly intention – For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Repose of the Souls: Linda Walton (sister-in-law of Mick Walton)

Knight of the Month: Eric Shanes and Larry Schimmel for help with the Fishing Derby

Family of the Month: Grima Family (Matt, Natali, Olivia, Sophia) for running the Fishing Derby

Closing Prayer: Andy Weisel

Meeting Closed: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar



Report of Pending Vouchers

Voucher Date	Member/Payee / Address Account: Sub Account	Event	Description	Amount
09-09-2026	Building Bridges of Hope 54 Coyote Ct. / Pinckney, MI 48169 Donations		BBOH Annual Donation	
09-09-2026	Lockton Affinity, LLC P.O. Box 879610 / Kansas City, MO 64187-9610 Council Expenses: Supplies		Liability Ins. Annual Premium	
09-09-2026	St. Mary Parish 10601 Dexter Pinckney / Pinckney, MI 48169 Donations		Maryknoll Brothers Mission Appeal	
09-09-2026	St. Mary Parish 10601 Dexter Pinckney / Pinckney, MI 48169 Donations		St. Mary Rectory Project	
09-09-2026	St. Mary Pinckney Food Pantry 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd. / Pinckney, MI 48169 Donations		Annual Food Bank Support	
09-09-2026	Brendan D Burke 94 Crescent Lake Rd / Waterford, MI 48327-2531 Donations	Focus Missionary	Annual Support for Missionary	
Total Pending Vouchers:				