



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

April 2022

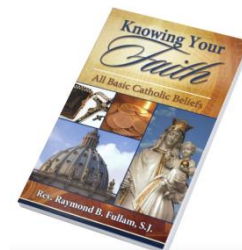
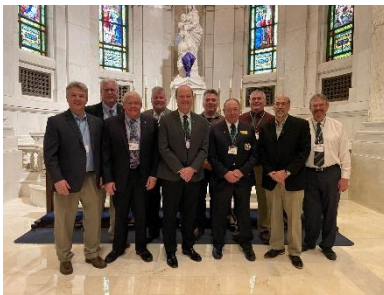
## KC Fish Fry's – Thank You!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Knights, family members, parishioners, and community members that helped with the Fish Frys. Serving nearly 4,000 guests over six weeks during Lent, this year's Fish Frys had the largest attendance on record for council 2506. The collective hard work with our partners will be benefiting many KC programs, St Joseph STEM School, Auburn Home Services, and St Bernard Church. Thank you again to ALL for making the Fish Fry's a successful and blessed event this year. See all photos at this link [2022 Fish Fry Photos](#).



## Congratulations Confirmation Recipients

Congratulations to the 37 students from St Joseph Church that received the sacrament of Confirmation at the St Paul Cathedral on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Waconia Knights were on hand supporting the service as ushers, sponsors, and clergy. The Knights are giving each newly confirmed student a booklet called "Knowing Your Faith" as part of the new Waconia Knights of Columbus Sacramental Gift Program.



KC Sacramental Gift

## Knights Sponsoring Novena for Life – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Waconia Knights are leading a new pro-life program called Novena for Life. A novena is a period of sustained prayer over nine days for a particular intention. Community members are encouraged to pray in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena. The intention of this novena is especially for the Supreme Court to rule in favor of Life and end the tragic practice of abortion. The daily novena prayers can be found at this link [Novena Prayers](#).

The novena will begin with a Mass at St Joseph Catholic Church on April 30, 2022 at 5:15 pm and end on May 8, 2022 at 10:30 am Mass at St Joseph Church. These prayers will be said at every Mass. The Novena will end on Mother's Day May 8th. The St Joseph Mother's Day Masses will also have the "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the womb" for all expectant mothers.



## **Knight of the Month – Filling Big Shoes**

Our Knight of the Month has been with the Waconia Knights for less than a year but has been a Knight for a long time serving the parishes and communities he's lived in for many years. In his first year with council 2506 he has volunteered to co-chair the Fish Frys and became our council's Treasurer, no small undertaking for a new member. Service to others, leadership, and sharing his talents are just a few of the qualities that make Chuck Walerius our "Knight of the Month". A big thank you to Chuck for your leadership and many years of service to the Knights.

## **Knights Scholarship – Open for Applications**

The Waconia Knights of Columbus is accepting applications from those students entering their freshman year of college in 2022 and whose father or grandfather is a member in good standing in council 2506. To apply, students must complete the Knights of Columbus Council 2506 Application for College Tuition Scholarship by June 1. The applications are available online at the Waconia Knights website at this link [KC Scholarship Application](#) or can be picked up in the St Joseph STEM School office. Please submit completed applications by email to [waconiaknights@gmail.com](mailto:waconiaknights@gmail.com). The Knights believe that service in the parish and community are very important in shaping Christian values and will be a key element of successful applicants.

## **Southwest Options for Women – Speaking at April KC Meeting**

Kim Bennecke and Marie Ziesmer from SouthWest Options for Women (SWOW) will join us at our next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> to provide an update on their new facility and the great work being done to promote life in our area. For more than 30 years, SouthWest Options for Women has been a supportive, non-judgmental environment for facing an unexpected pregnancy, addressing pregnancy health concerns as well as a place for resources and financial help during pregnancy and so much more. Hear more at our next meeting about SWOW and how they are making a difference by helping mothers and saving lives in our community.

## **Blessing of the Bikes – Watertown Knights**

The Watertown Knights will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church, 109 Angel Ave NW Watertown, MN from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Blessings at 1:30 by Father Peter and Pastor Dave.

## **Next KC Meeting**

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm followed by the General Member Meeting at 7:00 pm at St Joes Parish Center in the church lower level. Snacks and beverages will be served along with shared fraternity from our brother Knights. See you then!



## Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events in April - June. See final details for these events in upcoming newsletters and on the Waconia Knights website [www.waconiaknights2506.org](http://www.waconiaknights2506.org).

- Southwest Options for Women - Guest speaker, April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm General KC Meeting
- Novena for Life – April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752
- Tootsie Roll Drive - May, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- Opening Klein Drive Park - May, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718
- Consecration to the Holy Family – June, contact Rob Christenson 763-232-0571

## Grand Knight Corner – Grateful for a Blessed Lent Season

During the beginning of Lent, I was getting anxious about how we'd be able to serve all the people attending the Fish Frys. Would we have enough help? Would we have enough food? Would anyone show up for the Fish Frys? Knowing it was out of my control I said, "it's in God's hands". Little did I know how blessed we'd be over the next six weeks of Lent with the tremendous turnout to the Fish Frys and the tremendous support from all our volunteers. I'm grateful for our brother knights that worked tirelessly every week. I'm grateful for all the people that came to enjoy the fish with all the extras. But most of all, I'm grateful for a blessed Lent season and having our brother Knights come together to live out our virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity within our community. Thank you all and have a blessed Easter.

John Short, Grand Knight

## 2021-2022 Officers

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### KLEIN DRIVE PARK

Available to rent May 1st through Oct 1st

- Shelter - Electricity - Soft Ball Field
- Volleyball - Bathrooms - Full Kitchen

Rental Contact: Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

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