



# Knights In Action

Council 2506 Waconia, MN

March 2025

## The Fish Frys - All Hands-on Deck!- HELP NEEDED!!! MARCH 14th

The Fish Fry is our largest fund raiser starting the first Friday of Lent, serving the entire community. The KC Fish Fry provides a non-meat option for the community committed to fasting during Lent, brings the parish together outside of Sunday gatherings, and raises money for causes close to the hearts of our local Council. Last year in an independent taste testing, Waconia won First Place for our Fish Fries in the entire metro area!! Of course, we already knew that!

**Please signup to help today using this [LINK](#) or contact Chuck Walerius at [cwalerius60@gmail.com](mailto:cwalerius60@gmail.com) or 952-270-4706.**



## **St Joseph's Festival – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

This year our Fish Fry # 3 will be in conjunction with the annual St. Joseph's Festival, which will benefit the parish. Along with our award-winning Fish Fry, there will be Bingo games, a lively Kid's Carnival, and a chance to win big with the cash raffle drawing. And don't forget the famous O' Mador's Pub serving beer and wine! Good eats and FUN for the whole family!!



**ST. JOSEPH  
FESTIVAL**  
— WACONIA, MN —



**FISH  
FRY**  
ALL THIS LENT



**KID'S  
CARNIVAL**



**RAFFLE**

**ALL ARE INVITED!**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**  
**4:00-8:00 pm**

**FISH FRY  
BINGO  
& BEER!**

At St. Joseph School



**4:00-7:00 PM**  
ADULTS: \$16  
KIDS (8-12): \$7  
CHILDREN UNDER  
6: FREE (if fed)

**REGULAR:**  
5:30 PM  
**GRAND:**  
7:30 PM

**TICKETS COST**  
\$0.25

**CASH RAFFLE PRIZES**  
GRAND PRIZE: \$2,500  
2ND PRIZE: \$1,000  
3RD PRIZE: \$500  
4TH PRIZE: \$250  
TICKETS: \$10 EACH

THE FESTIVAL & KC FISH FRY IS AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL.  
952-442-2384 | 41 East First Street, Waconia, MN 55387 | [stjosephwaconia.org](http://stjosephwaconia.org)



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## Mental Wellness Meeting- April 15<sup>th</sup>

Our nation is facing a growing **mental health crisis**, and our parishes are not immune. Many Catholics struggling with anxiety, depression, and other challenges are unaware that their **faith can be a vital part of their healing**. Traditional secular therapy often overlooks the role of faith in mental wellness, yet research shows that **integrating Catholic Christian principles into psychotherapy leads to greater emotional healing, higher satisfaction, and long-term spiritual resilience**. The [Elijah Institute](http://www.elijah-institute.org) is addressing this urgent need by equipping mental health professionals with the training to provide faith-based care that strengthens both the mind and the soul.

All Knights and parishioners are invited to an **informational meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>** to hear more about the vision and impact the Elijah Institute is having and explore a proposed partnership between the **Knights of Columbus and the Elijah Institute**. Our local councils will be one of the first in the state to launch this partnership with the Knights, envisioning councils to **raise awareness about faith-integrated therapy, identify Catholic mental health professionals in our communities, and provide grants for their training**. By doing so, we can **help more Catholics access life-changing care** while supporting professionals who seek to integrate faith into their practice. This initiative also qualifies for a **Columbian Award program credit** through financial sponsorship or hosting awareness activities.

Join us on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** to learn how you can help bring this **faith-driven mental health solution** to those in need. Please confirm your attendance or reach out with any questions. To learn more about the Elijah Institute, visit their website at [www.elijah-institute.org](http://www.elijah-institute.org)

**Date:** April 15, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** St Joseph Catholic Community - Parish Center (lower level) 41 East 1st St, Waconia, MN 455387

John Short, District Deputy # 48

## Upcoming Events

Below is a list of the upcoming KC events in March - May. See final details for these events in upcoming newsletters and on the Waconia Knights website.

**The Catholic Man** – First Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm Parish Center – **All welcome!**

**Fish Fry** – Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, contact Chuck Walerius 952-270-4706

**Parish Mission – March 23-26 – Surge of the Heart** – See sign in the Narthex

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, after masses, contact Adam Hughes 612-419-3718

**Elijah Institute Meeting** – April 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:00 PM – Parish center – John Short - 612-281-6215

**Novena for Life** – May 4<sup>th</sup>, during masses, contact Charlie Loegering 612-670-2752



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## **Knight(s) of the Month – Always a Lending Hand**

This month, we are proud to recognize the Kleindl family, Andy, Luke and Brett as our Knights of the Month for their incredible work refurbishing our fish fry trailer. Their dedication, hard work, and attention to detail have made a significant impact on one of our most important community events.

The Kleindl family went above and beyond with the setup and maintenance of the trailer by meticulously scrubbing and cleaning but also refurbishing the flooring and walls as well. Their willingness to step in wherever needed, their positive attitude, and their commitment to excellence were truly inspiring to everyone involved.

The Kleindl family's example of service and teamwork embodies the core values of the Knights of Columbus — charity, unity, and fraternity. Please join us in thanking the Kleindl family for their hard work and dedication. Your contributions continue to make a lasting difference in our council and our community!

## **Grand Knight Corner – Sacred Time of Lent**

Lent is a sacred time for Catholics, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as they prepare for the celebration of Easter. For the Knights of Columbus, Lent holds deep spiritual significance and serves as an opportunity to strengthen faith, serve others, and grow in fraternity.

### **Prayer**

The Knights emphasize the importance of deepening their relationship with Christ through prayer during Lent. Knights also encourage members and their families to attend daily Mass and engage in personal prayer, seeking to draw closer to God throughout the 40 days of Lent.

### **Fasting**

Fasting and abstinence are central to Lenten observance. Knights follow the Church's guidelines on fasting and abstinence, but they also encourage members to go beyond the minimum requirements by giving up personal comforts as an offering of sacrifice. This practice reflects Christ's own sacrifice and helps Knights develop greater self-discipline and spiritual strength.

### **Almsgiving**

Charity is at the heart of the Knights of Columbus, and Lent provides a meaningful opportunity to give back. We organize food drives, clothing collections, and fundraising efforts to support local charities and parish ministries. The Knights' focus on helping those in need reflects Christ's call to care for the least among us, especially during this season of reflection and renewal.

### **Fraternal Support and Spiritual Growth**

Lent is also a time for the Knights to support one another on their spiritual journeys. One example is our fish fries, which not only provide a meatless meal option but also foster a sense of community and fellowship.



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By embracing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Knights of Columbus embody the true spirit of Lent. Through their charitable works, spiritual practices, and fraternal support, the Knights strive to walk more closely with Christ and prepare their hearts for the joy of Easter.

**Chuck Walerius, Grand Knight**

## Next KC Meeting

Our next Officer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th 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!

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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

Winter boat storage: Roger Buesgens 952-442-2527

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