



Fr. Mathias Zerfas Council #664



# News of the Knight



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### Grand Knight Report

Can you smell the fish frying? Must be time for Walleye Weekend! My head's spinning with how fast we arrived at the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the year. But here we are, starting another fraternal year.

Well, I guess right off the bat, it's reminder time. PLEASE get signed up for helping at Walleye Weekend, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of June. We're always looking for help right up to the time of our biggest event of the year. It would be an awesome experience to have all the help we need before the day of the event. There's always the anxiety that goes with "not knowing" if we're going to have the help BEFORE we start frying up the brats. The Flocknote has been out but if for some reason you haven't seen it feel free to call me or text Steve Streblov ([sjstrebs@yahoo.com](mailto:sjstrebs@yahoo.com)) to get on the "helping" out" list. Please pray for a successful (warm and dry) Walleye Weekend. Not only for us but all the Clubs that raise money that benefit the less fortunate of our community. Next, is the ask. As you probably have seen, we are in the middle of a fund-raising effort for an exceptional cause. The Miracle League of Fond du Lac. This has the potential to help so many folks that have to work twice as hard to accomplish the simple things we all take for granted. As Tom Schmitz put in the last newsletter and this one, the details of what the League it is all about. This makes it a worthy effort to get behind as Knights. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this cause.

Take a look at Jim Sutton's report on the Tootsie Roll Drive. WE DID AWSOME! And it's all because of the work everyone who participates puts into the effort. Did I say we did AWSOME. Thanks to all that helped. The weekend before Walleye Weekend is the Corvette Ride and Show. We will again be running the concessions at Holiday Automotive, so if you can help out with cooking or selling, we'd appreciate the help. Contact Dave Reilly ([DAVEREILLY68@gmail.com](mailto:DAVEREILLY68@gmail.com)).

Our next Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> will see the Installation of Officers as the first order of business. The Installation will start at 6:30. Meeting to follow. Rosary at 6:10.

Flag Presentation Dinner by the Forth Degree is June 22. Support our Patriotic Degree by attending a great dinner and flag presentations to non- profit organizations.

Gentlemen Knights, as individuals we can do little but Knights in large numbers can accomplish unbelievable things. The Lord has room for all to participate and I hope that you all will make the effort to support Fr. McGivney's vision of support to "all" members of our community.

Dates to remember: June 3 - Corvettes; June 9,10,11 Walleye Weekend; June 18 Father's Day and Knights Third Sunday; June 22 - Flag Presentation Dinner; NO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY.

Vivat Jesus! God be with you and your families,

**Vivat Jesus! God Bless you and yours,**

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## **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**



### **Give Your Heart to Jesus**

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during it. This year, the solemnity falls on June 24. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost.

The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for devotion in specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first-class devotion, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

"For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are numerous. Some have been explicitly approved and frequently recommended by the Apostolic See. Some of these devotional practices include:

#### **Family Consecration**

Family consecration to the Sacred Heart, in which the family, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony already participating in the mystery of the unity and love of Christ for the Church, is dedicated to Christ so that he might reign in the hearts of all its members (*Aliae concessiones*).

#### **Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart**

The act of reparation, a prayer with which the faithful, mindful of the infinite goodness of Christ, implore mercy for the offences committed in so many ways against his Sacred Heart (*Aliae concessiones*).

#### **The Practice of the First Fridays**

The pious practice of the first Fridays of the month which derives from the "great promises" made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary. At a time when sacramental communion was very rare among the faithful, the first Friday devotion contributed significantly to a renewed use of the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Eucharist.

#### **The Twelve Promises of Jesus to St. Margaret**

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

**Ladies Auxiliary News:** The final KC Ladies Auxiliary meeting of the season chaired by Lin Phillips opened with prayer by Fr. Michael. There were 37 members present. Fr. Ryan explained how Holy Family acquired the property and rectory. Some is leased by a farmer and some from a business. Members could tour some areas of the building. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Nancy Trepanier was introduced as a prospective member. Four families were given tuition assistance to SMSA. A brat fry is scheduled for the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at Holy Family and Sacred Heart churches. Help will be needed to serve them after the Masses. The "Special People's" party was well attended. Joan Stewart reported on the trip to "Our Lady of Good Help" which has been renamed "Our Lady of Champion". Mass and confession was available and people were given a Eucharistic blessing. A sign-up sheet was passed for interest in a trip to Holy Hill pm September 30<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to bag lunches for the "Brown Bag" lunch program at Holy Family Hall. Contact Erin Cobb for information and items needed at (920)926-5280. The 2 new priests for Holy Family will be Fr. Kevin Tanel and Fr. Matthew Kirk. Fr. Edward will be temporarily at Beaver Dam and Fr. Justin will be at St. Jude in Wauwatosa. Fr. Ryan stated that the tabernacle at Holy Family will be moved to the middle of church. Help will be needed for "Walleye Weekend", June 9,10,11. Contact a board member if you are interested in being on the board and if you have ideas for speakers or activities.. Thank you to the refreshment committee, Betty Mortenson, Mary Ann Salter and Sharon Paul. The raffle winner was Rosie Schmitz. The next meeting will be Wed., Sept., 6<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Ryan said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned. **Janet Buechel, Publicity.**

<https://kc664.org/ladies-auxiliary/>

#### ACTIVITIES IN MAY

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY FOR COUNCIL #664, ASSEMBLY #1211 AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY. ALL ACTIVITIES AT **AVENUE 795**, 795 FOND DU LAC AVE., FOND DU LAC, WI. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED:

FRIDAY	JUNE 02	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
SUNDAY	JUNE 04	CORVETTE CLUB BRAT FRY
TUESDAY	JUNE 06	COUNCIL #664 OFFICER'S MEETING@6:30 PM
FRIDAY	JUNE 09	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
FRI-SUN	JUNE 9/10/11	WALLEYE WEEKEND
TUESDAY	JUNE 13	COUNCIL #664 MEETING@7:00 PM
FRIDAY	JUNE 16	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
SUNDAY	JUNE 18	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TUESDAY	JUNE 20	STEAK FRY-PETE FLOOD CREW
FRIDAY	JUNE 23	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
SUNDAY	JUNE 25	BRUNCH 11AM TO 2 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
FRIDAY	JUNE 30	FISH FRY - SERVING 4:30 TO 8:00 PM (PUBLIC IS WELCOMED)
*****JULY 2-9 VACATION*****CLUBHOUSE CLOSED*****		



**Brothers and Sir Knights** Brothers as the calendar turns to June enjoy the summer. Don't forget to send in your reservations for the Flag Appreciation Dinner on June 22nd. If you can spare a couple hours be sure to sign up to help at the Walleye Weekend booth. Looking forward, in July we have election of officers on July 18th and installation of officers on July 19th. August 23rd is our annual steak/pork chop fry. We will be bringing back the meat raffle this year. **SK Bob Elms, FN**

# Columbian Club News

The Fond du Lac Columbian Club board of directors met on Thursday May 11, 2023, for their regular monthly board meeting. Treasurer Bill Sawyer stated the Financial Statement information for the first 6 months of fiscal 2023 ending April 30, 2023, was not available in time for May's board meeting and will be distributed at a later date. Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairman Ralph Grebe reported the HVAC work for the dining hall is in progress. The air conditioning unit has been replaced/repared and the heating system replacement/repairs are due to be completed by the end of May. This will complete the \$40,000 approved project for replacing the aged and malfunctioning HVAC equipment servicing the banquet hall. Ralph also reported the approved remodeling of the kitchen pantry is nearly complete and the new audio system has been installed and set-up. At the May meeting, the board approved expenditures of \$2,500 to replace the existing TV on the west wall of the banquet hall with a new 65" TV and add an additional new 65" TV to the opposite east side of the hall. The existing TV on the west wall will be moved to the Columbus Room. The approved expenditure also includes paint for repainting the Columbus Room. Labor will be done by volunteers. Management Committee Chairman David Reilly reported the cook recently hired did not work out and has left the business. While a new cook is being recruited, General Manager Sean will take over responsibility for the kitchen duties. To lesson Sean's role as Business Manager and chef, Tracy Buechel has been hired for the position of Office Manager to assist with the day-to-day operation of the business. Please welcome Tracy to the business. A strategic planning session is planned for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> whereas all Columbian Club Board members will gather to define their vision for the future and identify the goals and objectives of Avenue 795.

**Respectfully, David Schneider**  
**Fond du Lac Columbian Club Secretary**

**Charity Corner:** Our local council has many charitable activities in which we participate. Recent news of over \$12,000 being raised from the Tootsie Roll drive is a prime example. We also have the opportunity to practice "charity" in our daily lives. In the dictionary we find the definition of charity as "help or money given voluntarily to those in need". Another definition is "kindness and tolerance in judging others" such as in "she found it hard to look on her mother with much charity". Hmmm. Sometimes that type of charity may be harder than giving one's time! And when one looks at the history of the word, the Old French word *charité* is translated as "Christian love in its highest manifestation".

There are plenty of opportunities for us to practice charity by volunteering for Council activities and those at our local parish. There are other ways in which we are called to be charitable in our daily lives.

Dear Lord, please help me to show true charity in all the opportunities that are presented to me today. Amen.

**Family of the Month:** Steve & Ann Streblow

**Knight of the Month:** Mike Feudner, Knight since 2008

## Honorary Pallbearers

**Les Stueber-April 29, 2023**-Dick Grebe, Dave Beres

**Fr. Al Fisher-May 13, 2023**-Dick Grebe, Greg Michels, Harry Schneider, Jerry Kaiser, Evan Schwalbe, Pete Michels



## Council 664 - A Winning Team!!

Hello Brothers, great news to share as our council took in donations of \$12,470 during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive to help the intellectually disabled!! This is an increase of nearly \$1500 vs. 2022 and reflects the great work done by everyone who helped out in any way! Special thanks to our site coordinators, counters and runners who spent extra time making sure that everyone was scheduled and the event ran smoothly. Gifts will be present later in 2023 to the following organizations:

- The ARC – Special Needs, Community Enrichment
- Brooke Industries – Vocational Assistance
- Miracle League Baseball Field and Playground
- Special Needs Religious Education
- Fishing Has No Boundaries
- United Singers

On behalf of those serving the intellectually disabled in our community, thank you for your generosity of time and donations. God bless you and your families!

### **Attention!!!! All hands on-deck for Walleye Weekend**

#### **Thur. June 8 – Sun. June 11.**

All Knights, families and friends, your help is needed for Walleye Weekend.

Call, text or email Steve Streblov 920-924-7817, [sjstrebs@yahoo.com](mailto:sjstrebs@yahoo.com) Subject Line: KC Walleye Weekend

Help required on the following days and shifts:

**Thursday June 8:** Setup 5:45 pm

**Friday, June 9**

2:15 pm to 3:15 pm: Cooks and Setup

3:15 pm to 5:30 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

5:30 pm to 7:45 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

7:45 pm to 10:15 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers (Close and Clean up)

**Saturday June 10**

9:00 am to 11:15 am: Cooks and Setup

11:00 am to 1:30 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

1:30 pm to 3:45 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

3:45 pm to 6:00 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

6:00 pm to 8:15 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

8:15 pm to 10:15 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers (Close and Clean up)

**Sunday June 11**

9:00 am to 11:15 am: Cooks and Setup

11:00 am to 1:30 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

1:30 pm to 3:45 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

3:45 pm to 6:00 pm: Cooks, Nachos, Food Prep, Order Takers

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: Clean up and take back to club.

## **MIRACLE LEAGUE OF FOND DU LAC FUNDRAISER ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

One of our Council's biggest and most noted activity in the city of Fond du Lac is known as "The Tootsie Roll Drive". Funds collected from this drive go to organizations which help the intellectually and physically challenged of Fond du Lac County and beyond. Brother Knights and Ladies, we have an opportunity to help those with disabilities at a new level, the Miracle League of Fond du Lac. What is the Miracle League?

Their motto, **EVERYBODY HITS, EVERYBODY RUNS, EVERYBODY SCORES**

The MIRACLE LEAGUE is an organized baseball league for children ages 4 through 19 with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. The league will offer adaptive baseball on an accessible field, removing the barriers that would normally keep individuals off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime baseball. The rubberized surface of Miracle League fields accommodates the use of wheelchairs and other assistive devices to increase mobility and safety. Each player is assigned a "buddy" to help them bat and field.

How has this come into existence? In February 2017, Fond du Lac City Council approved a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and Brooke Industries, Inc. to support a Miracle League of Fond du Lac Chapter. Brooke Industries embarked on a campaign to raise funds for the design and construction of the Miracle Field complex. The complex is located at Division and Seymour on Plamore Park. Construction bids were received, and the General Construction was awarded to Capelle Bros. & Diedrich in the amount of \$1,448,568. In turn, they made a donation of \$25,000 to the Miracle League. Many other large donations have in either monetary or grants to help support the Miracle League. Some of the major donors are Excel Engineering, Eilertson Electrical, NEBT, Fond du Lac Foundation, BCI Burke, and Kiwanis of Fabulous FdL among many others.

When the project is completed, estimated July 31, 2023, the city of Fond du Lac will be the owner of the property. Brooke Industries are the umbrella over the Miracle League of Fond du Lac. The city will perform grass cutting, snow removal, and minor associated grounds work. Brooke Industries will maintain the buildings and field related needs.

Additional information can be found on the Miracle League website: [www.miracleleaguefdl.com](http://www.miracleleaguefdl.com)

### **BECOME PART OF THE MIRACLE BE PART OF A MIRACLE**

Knights of Columbus Council 664 would like to thank those who have contributed. The end of our fundraising campaign will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not made your contribution to date, you still have time. Please consider a monetary donation in support of the Miracle League. With your help we can make this a Grand Slam campaign. How can I help, that depends on which base you want to stand on? Donations of \$1.00 to \$99.00 will reach first base, \$100.00 to \$199.00 will make it to second base, and those hitting a triple will have made a donation of \$200.00 to \$299.00 and a home run will be \$300.00 and above. The Grand Slam is your thankful and generous donations of all monies collected from the campaign.

**To make your contribution, make checks payable to: MIRACLE LEAGUE OF FOND DU LAC**

**ALL FUNDS CONTRIBUTED ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE; this is a 501 C3 Corporation.**

**Send your checks to: Knights of Columbus Council 664, Miracle League  
795 Fond du Lac Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

We will publish the names of contributors, no amounts, to our field of dreams making this a miracle. Thank you.



**MIRACLE LEAGUE of FOND DU LAC  
DONORS WHO MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> BASE DONORS \$1.00 - \$99.00**

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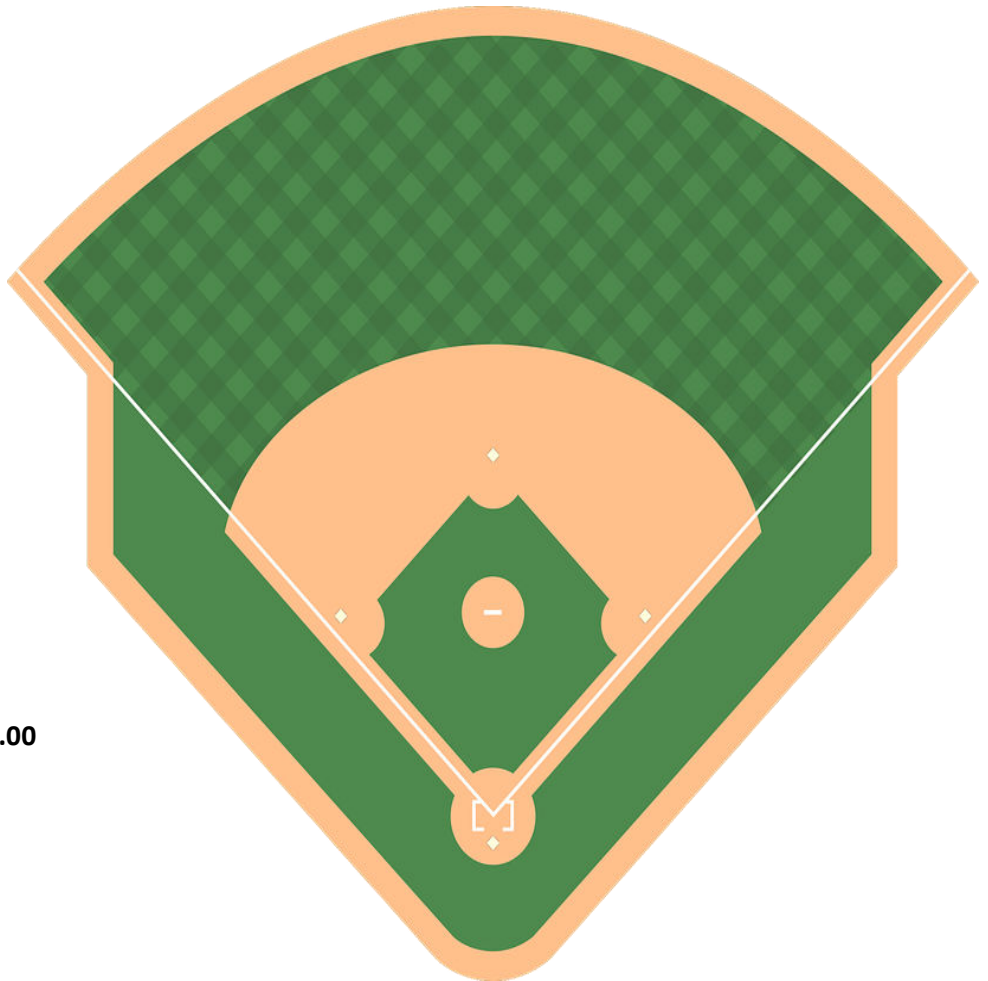
**2<sup>ND</sup> BASE DONORS: \$100 - \$199.00**

Donald A Schmitz  
Joseph & Judith Perrizo  
Thomas & Sally Herre  
John & Janet Coon  
Tom & Susan Schmitz

**3<sup>RD</sup> BASE DONORS: \$200.00 - \$299.00**

**HOME RUN: \$300.00 AND ABOVE**

Harold Lefeber Charitable Trust



**PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TODAY TO HELP THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ENJOY THE  
"MIRACLE LEAGUE" BASEBALL DIAMOND**

Please note, names of some donors may not be listed in this month's newsletter due to the printing deadline.