

The Shield

February 2025

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Brother Knights,

After a lull in Knights of Columbus activity, Council 451 started back into Ordinary Times with a 9-day Novena for Life culminating in the March for Life on the tenth day, in downtown Fort Wayne on Saturday January 18, 2025. On the 23rd of January the Council will help judge the School Science Fair and on the following Sunday the 26th the Knights will host a Free Throw Contest for the St. Charles Parish school kids. We conclude the month by providing manpower for the Borromeo Bash on February 1st at Ceruti's Event Center. I understand more volunteers are needed for the Bash.

Most of the Council's activities or projects throughout the year are based upon a Program known as Faith in Action developed by Supreme, the National component of our tripartite Knights of Columbus organization. The second component being the Indiana Knights of Columbus and the third component being local Councils like 451.

The Faith in Action Manual provides information for Councils to help them implement Programs recommended by Supreme that help men to live out their commitment to the Catholic Faith, to their Families and to the Community. As a matter of fact, most of Council 451's activities fall into one of four categories found in the Program Matrix, those being: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Our Councils Novena for Life held in January and the March for Life are examples that fit into the Life Category. The Free Throw Contest, the Science Fair Judging and upcoming Spaghetti Dinner are examples of Community Service. Last fall's Euchre tournament, the Christmas Gala and the upcoming Family Night in March are examples of the Family Category. While examples of Faith include our Rosary prayer before the meetings and Deacon Robb's/ Fr. Bobby's Faith Development question and answer segment at our meetings, as well as the many financial contributions the Council makes to the Diocesan Seminarians.

Demonstrating our Faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding and a fundamental part of the Knights of Columbus History. Built into the four categories of the Faith in Action program is the opportunity to share Faith, celebrate fraternity and stand together in service to our community and in defense of Life from conception to natural death. And here you probably thought all Supreme did was take half of our dues money and try to sell us insurance.

Vivat Jesus,
 Jack Wehrly, Grand Knight Council 451

	February		March
1	Borromeo Bash	3	6:45 PM Monthly Meeting - Hession Center
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23	Regional Free Throw Contest		
25	8:15 AM Mass followed with breakfast with brother Knights		
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Monthly Mass & Breakfast !



Each month Council 451 invites members to attend Mass for Knights in Need on the fourth Tuesday. We attend the 8:15 AM Mass and follow it with breakfast for fellowship at a local restaurant. Please join us on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at St. Charles for 8:15 A.M. Mass.

Breakfast for fellowship to follow the Mass. If you have any questions please contact Darren Schortgen at (260) 385-7603.



Deceased Member

Please remember Anthony T. Yagodinski and all the deceased brother Knights in your prayers.



We want to welcome **Thomas A. Harning Jr** who joined our Council in the past month.

We hope to see you are many of our upcoming events!



First Wednesday of The Month Mass

The first Wednesday of each month Steve Lutz, State Knights of Columbus Veterans Affairs Chairman and Dr. Thomas Ryan PGK sponsor the noon Mass at the Fort Wayne VA Hospital at 2121 Lake Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805.

They would like for you to join them on February 5, 2025 and each following month. Steve will greet you at the main entrance and direct you to the Mass location. Brother Knights from other Councils have been attending and they look forward to seeing you.



Prayers for Brother Knights

Brother Knights, please pray for the following Brother Knights or family members: Mike Bonaham, Larry Delaney, Teri Dennison, A J Drew, Elsie Faghih, Justin Fralick, Michael Friend, Caroline Grote,

Dave Grote, John Hackman, George Kessen, Gerry Kessens, Sr. Mirian Kessens SSND, Jo Ellen Koehl, Patty Kohrman, Tony Kraft, Lillian Krider, John Londt, Don Luther & Sharon Luther, Kathleen Magasam, Family of Jay Nelson, Bill & Kathy Palmersheim, the Tom Pycz family, Jill Redding, Keith Robertson, Janet Rose, Carl Sabo, Emily & John Sasser, Ann Schwartz, Ray & Tony Shot, Colin Smith, Roger Steup, John Thieme, Barbara Tratnyek, Janet Waldschmidt, Richard Wallace, Ed Welling, Sheila Welling and Frank Yeranko.

Pray for all the brother Knights sick or in distress, those confined to nursing homes and all deceased brother Knights.

Pray for all the Priests of our Diocese and for all Seminarians studying for the priesthood. Please pray for our military.

If there are changes to this list, (additions or deletions), please notify any officer.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY



Each Saturday following our monthly meeting we will be praying the Patriotic Rosary on the northwest corner of the campus at 10:00 am. Council 451 is joining this parish event to show support for the group as we pray for America.

We plan to continue our involvement at least on a monthly basis if not more often than that.

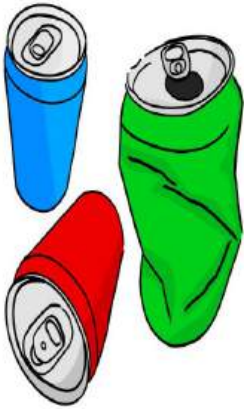
Our next time is February 8, 2025

From the Financial Secretary:

Dues statements for 2025 were mailed out to all members on January 8, 2025. If you have not received a statement by now, please contact me so a replacement statement can be sent to you. Your prompt payment will be appreciated. You can send a check to our P. O. Box, drop off at the Knights office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, or bring them to our next meeting on February 3, 2025. If you are experiencing a financial hardship at this time and do not think that you will be able to pay your due's, please contact Doug Baisinger at 260-450-0804 or email to dbaisinger@gmail.com.

Can Crushers Schedule

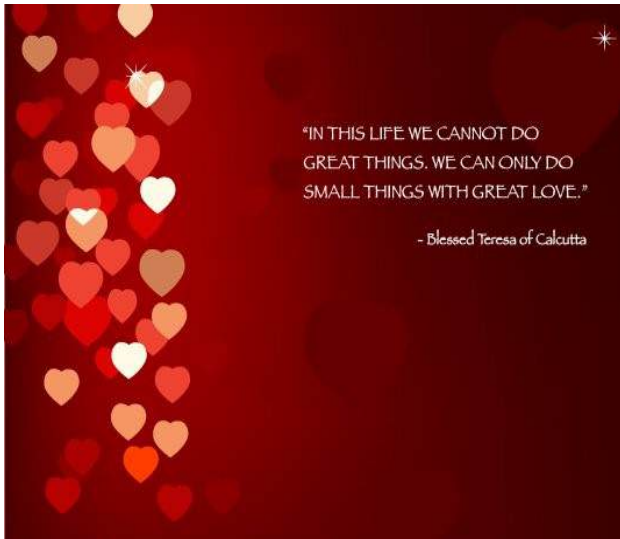
Can Crusher Schedule for: January 19 - March 22, 2025



Jan 19 - 25:	Mark Graf
Jan 26 - Feb 1:	Jason Gabet
Feb 2 - 8:	Eric Seeley
Feb 9 - 15:	Open
Feb 16 - 22:	Open
Feb 23 - Mar 1:	Open
Mar 2 - 8:	Chuck Smith
Mar 9 - 15:	Dave Lothamer
Mar 16 - 22:	Open

If you would like to volunteer your time to help crush can please contact Jason Gabet at 260-403-6230 or gabet60@aol.com.

Remember all funds collected from the cans go to support Gibault.



Happy February Birthdays

Joseph Barile, Philip Bender, John Berghoff, Bryson Braasch, Joseph Clauser, Timothy Didier, Daniel Federspiel, John Federspiel, Michael Highlen, Brian Hill, Daniel Jordan, Phillip Kramer, Timothy Leffler, Nicholas Nguyen, Kevin O'Sullivan, Abe Reyes, Mark Robbins, William Schreck, Noah Smucker, Nathan Steigmeyer, Bradley Stresemann, Cecil Teeter, Richard Trahin, Erick Vorst, Patrick Welch, & Nick Wharton



Borromeo Bash 2025

Please consider volunteering at this year's Borromeo Bash on Saturday, February 1, which will take place at Ceruti's (6601 Innovation Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46818). All proceeds from the evening's festivities will benefit Saint Charles school. There are multiple volunteering opportunities throughout the evening at different times, so please click on the link below and sign up today if you can. Thank you for your help in advance for this very worthy cause!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70A054CA4A723A0FF2-54168991-2025>

Vivat Jesus!
Justin Purdy

(260) 410-3125 purdjd01@gmail.com



Hi,

Anthony Wayne Assembly Fourth Degree



We had our 4th Degree meeting Jan. 14th. We discussed several items concerning the 4th Degree members and future events we are participating. Pizza from Domino's and pop were provided. There are going to be several exemplifications in the next 3 months. Indy March 22 and Carmel Jan.28th, March 25 and May 27. For information, call Dave @ 403-2180. Next meeting is Feb. 11 @ 6:30 Mother Guerin Chapel basement.

Dave Barrett
Faithful Navigator, Anthony Wayne Assembly 239

Meetings are held at the Saint Mother T. Guerin Chapel on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

NE Indiana Right to Life March 2025

The NE Indiana Right to Life Program and March was held on January 18th at the Tin Caps Stadium/Parkview Field due to the St. Francis Performing Arts Center being closed for renovations. This year's keynote speaker was State Senator Tyler Johnson MD who has been a strong advocate for the unborn. In 2022 his testimony at the State House helped to pass Indiana's abortion ban. The program was kept short due to the weather conditions but was made up for by a much longer than normal walk to the Federal Courthouse. The Knights of Columbus of Northeast Indiana were well represented.

Photos provided by Steve Lutz, Doug Baisinger, Sis & Jack Wehrly



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard preparing to lead the March.



Dennis Redding, Jack Wehrly, Doug Baisinger and Tom Richter wait in the bleachers for the Right to Life program featuring State Senator Tyler Johnson MD being held at Parkview Field prior to the March.



Jack and Sis Wehrly catch up to the Group after passing out the Choose Life Signs.



St. Charles K of C banner being carried by Dennis Redding who was able to be there because his grandson became ill and he didn't have to babysit and by Frank Koehl.



The 52 Annual NE Indiana March for life begins.



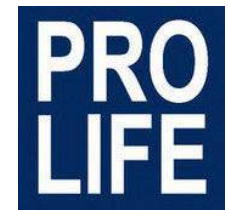
The K of C 4th Degree Honor Guard regally leads the many hundreds of Marchers through Downtown Fort Wayne



At the end of the March Council 451 posed for a classic picture in front of the Federal Courthouse. Frank Koehl, Dennis Redding, Tom Richter, Dr. Tom Ryan, and Tom Keefer in the front row. Steve Lutz, Jim Keefer, Jack Wehrly and Doug Baisinger can be seen in the second row. Thanks to a passersby who took the picture.



Council 451 Knights prepare the K of C banner for the Right to Life March.



Right: Jim Keefer, Susan Doell, Tom Keefer and Dr. Tom Ryan prepare to join the March for Life.



Left: The Knight of Columbus were represented by other councils also. St Aloysius, St. Jude's and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Possibly others.



Fiscal Budget 2025

July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025

PROJECTED INCOME FISCAL 2025

	Fiscal 2025
Annual Dues	\$9,500
Checking Account Interest	\$100
Donations to Council	\$4,000
Fish Fry	\$12,000
Gibault Donations Income	\$3,900
Interest & Principal Reed Road	\$12,500
Membership Donation	\$5,000
Memorial	\$5,000
Seminarian Support	\$4,000
Shirt Sales	\$500
Spaghetti Dinner	\$5,000
Misc. Income	\$300
Special Events Income	\$500
TOTAL INCOME	\$62,300

St. Charles Borromeo

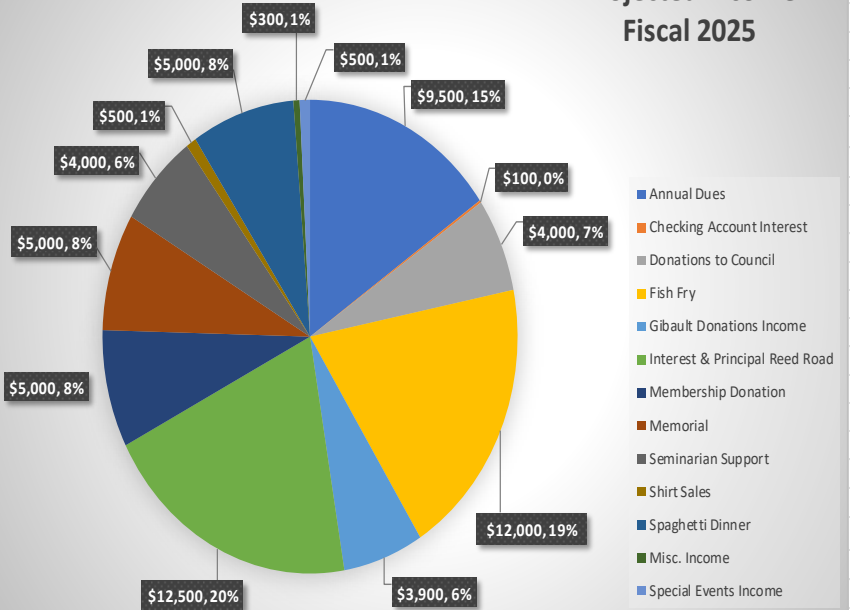


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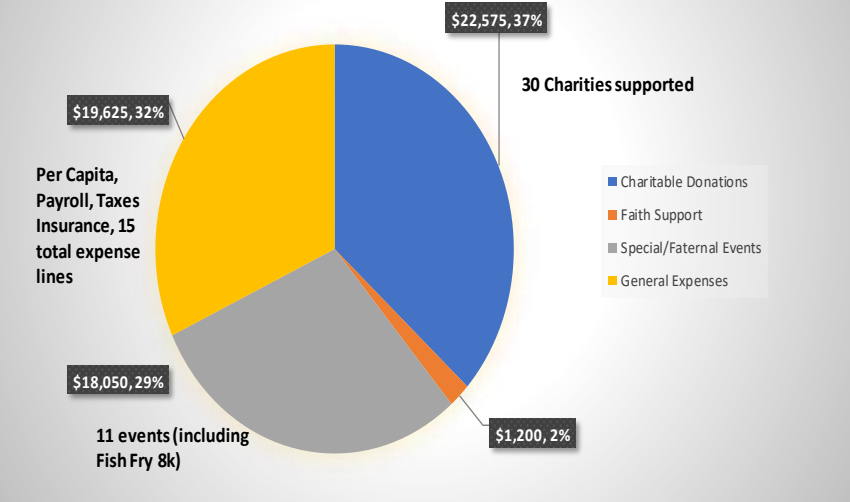
EXPENSES

	Fiscal 2025
Charitable Donations	\$22,575
Faith Support	\$1,200
Special/Faternal Events	\$18,050
General Expenses	\$19,625
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$61,450

Projected Income Fiscal 2025



Projected Expenses Fiscal 2025



1/14/2025



Scripture Thought for the Month:

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” - Colossians 3:17



2024-2025 Officers
Council 451

Chaplain

Deacon Robert Lortie

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Deputy Grand Knight

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Doug Baisinger 486-8533

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Joe Mikolay 348-9416

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Gibault Envoy

Mike Smith 479-7199

Faith Director

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Dennis Redding 615-1692

Anthony Wayne Assembly
2024-2025

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Please bring your cans to the Knights of Columbus shed!
We will crush the cans and recycle them
for cash to be donated to Gibault!

**PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ALUMINUM FOIL
OR ALUMINUM PANS—ONLY CANS.** Thank you!



**Have you recently
moved or are you
moving?**

If so please advise us by
emailing your new
address to:

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or send a note to:

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Thank you!!!



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