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Lounge Luncheon Specials

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan. 22: BLT with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Dessert\$9
Jan. 29: Tacos (2) with Refried Beans & Rice\$7
Feb. 5: Smash Burgers with French Fries & Cole Slaw .\$9
Feb. 12: Tomato Bisque, Grilled Cheese & Chips.....\$7

Fish Fry Fridays starting Feb. 20

SEMINARIAN SUPPER April 18



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- JOIN US - **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Every 1st & 3rd Thurs.
5:45a.m. - 7a.m.



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From Our Worthy Grand Knight

Greetings, Worthy Brothers, and Happy New Year!

This past year was a very successful one for the Monroe Knights of Columbus Council #1266. The last quarter of 2025 was packed with many activities! In October, we had our annual fall Tootsie Roll drive and raised over \$2,700. With a matching gift from our council, we were able to donate **\$5,000** towards SMCC's **St. Andre Bissette Inclusion Program** which offers special needs kids an opportunity to receive a Catholic education.

In November, we held our annual Coats for Kids program. Thanks to many generous donors, we were able to pass out over **300 coats**. In addition to the coats, we also provided mittens, hats, and "Jesus loves me" bracelets. Coats were distributed to children who not only came to the hall on Coats for Kids Day, but coats were also distributed to Heartbeat of Monroe, Monroe Intermediate Schools, God Works and Paula's House.

December was an especially busy month. On December 13th we had a very special mass and dinner, honoring the clergy of our five parishes and the Past Grand Knights of our council. Also at the dinner, **Mark and Susan Carollo** received the **Family of Year** award and **Fred Fedorowicz** was awarded **Knight of the Year**. 10 days later, volunteers with the Goodfellows packed over 400 boxes of food. The boxes were then distributed the next day, Christmas Eve, to 350 families throughout Monroe County. This was the 111th year that the Monroe K of C Goodfellows have distributed food to the needy of our community.

On December 31st, we had our second annual New Year's Eve party. The event once again was a success, and all who attended had a wonderful time ringing in the new year.

I hope everyone of our worthy Knights had a very blessed and joyous Christmas! I am very excited about 2026 and look forward to many exciting, rewarding events through and sponsored by the greatest Knights of Columbus Council in the state of Michigan.

God bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight Jeff Couturier

66th Grand Knight of the Monroe Council #1266

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Pray for Us!



Pope Leo XIV received in private audience the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and commended the Order's charitable work, including "efforts to uphold the sanctity of human life in all of its stages." "Through a variety of initiatives undertaken by local councils," Pope Leo said, "You and your brother Knights also seek to bring the compassion and love of the Lord into your local communities, including through your efforts to uphold the sanctity of human life in all its stages.



Monroe Building Association

Wishing all our Brother Knights a Very Blessed and Wonderful New Year. May God Bless you and all your family and friends in the coming year. Following are a few of the highlights of the past year.

We replaced the Hall 1 HVAC Unit at a cost of \$35,000.

The Hall floors were just stripped and rewaxed/buffed at a cost of \$4,000. The floors were refinished just in time for our second New Years Eve party which was attended by 60 people. We intend to continue this tradition as long as we can cover our expenses. We continue to repair, replace, and update our building and all services and kitchen equipment as needed. This building is very important to our council, members, and community. Anything you can do to help us maintain and cover our operating expenses is much appreciated. Donations of time, talent, and treasure honors our pledge of Fraternity, Unity, and Charity. We thank all of you who have generously and unselfishly stepped forward and volunteered in any and all capacities over the past year. As a reminder, we will soon resume our seven **Lenten Fish Fries** and again host our **Seminarians Supper**, formally known as the Desert Meal, which raises funds to help defray the costs of our Seminarian Pilgrimages which is a very important part of their education/formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Again, Thank You to all our Member Knights for all you have done and contributed to keep our Council viable and able to serve others in loving Charity.



Vivat Jesus,
Brother Knight David Heilman
Building Association President



FISH FRY
FRIDAY



Goodfellows Club

Brother Knights,

I would like to share a special moment that happened to me at this year's Goodfellow Packing Day. I was walking around the hall trying to say hello and thank all the members and their wives that came to the hall to help. When I finally reached the opposite end of our hall, I met a young man who had just recently joined our council. We chatted and I gave him a brief historical narrative on the 111 years of Goodfellow's history. It was then that I noticed he was smiling and shaking his head in amazement as he eyed all the people that had come to the hall that evening to pack boxes.

We do need to take the time and reflect on our services! Take a moment and reflect on the 400 families we fed this Christmas. I am sure there are many of these families that truly thanked our Lords that they had food for their Holiday week! Remember – Proverbs 22:9 – The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Thank you to all those that helped this year starting with the Paper Sale, Counting, and Cooking. Thank you to all that helped with the hall set up, packing, and delivering! I would also ask you all to give a special Thank you to PGK Joe Lamour and his daughter, Michelle, for their year-long services in ordering food and transporting it to our hall!

I would also like to have all members thank Tom Boggs with his Delivery Routing help.

Thank you & God Bless!
PGK Jay Jondro Sr
Goodfellows Club President

Council #1266 Calendar

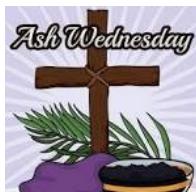
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JANUARY 2026

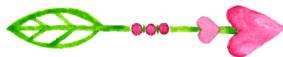


20 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
27 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
28 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday-Lent Begins
** Fish Fry all Fridays of Lent **



2 Groundhog Day
3 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
4 Council Officers Meeting 5:30 p.m.
5 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
10 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
11 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Building Association Meeting 8:15 p.m.
14 St. Valentine's Day
16 President's Day
17 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
18 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
19 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
20 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
24 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
25 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.
27 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.



MARCH 2026
March 21: Seminarians Dinner
** Fish Fry all Fridays of Lent **



3 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
4 Council Officers Meeting 5:30 p.m.
5 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
6 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
10 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
11 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Building Association Meeting 8:15 p.m.
13 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
17 St. Patrick's Day
17 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
18 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
19 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
20 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
24 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
25 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.
27 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
28-29 Tootsie Roll Drive All Masses
29 Palm Sunday
31 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.

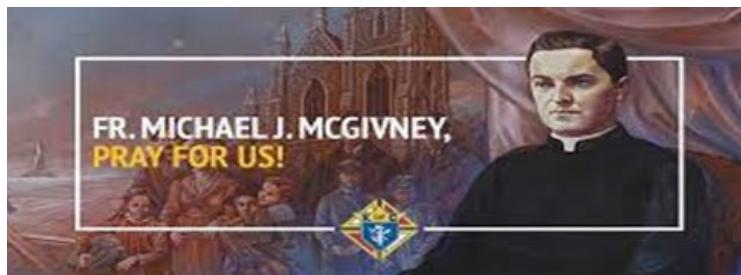
SEMINARY



APRIL 2026
April 5: Easter



1 Goodfellows Meeting 5:00 p.m.
1 Council Officers Meeting 5:30 p.m.
2 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
3 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 p.m.
5 Easter Sunday
7 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
8 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Building Association Meeting 8:15 p.m.
14 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
16 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast 5:45 a.m.
18 Seminarians Supper 6:00 p.m.
21 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
22 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.
28 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.



EST. 2019
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
REGULAR JOE
Mens Monthly Prayer Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursday each month 5:45 AM - 7 AM