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Lounge Luncheon Specials

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

May 14: Sub Sandwich (Ham & Cheese/Chicken).. \$9

May 21: BLTs, Fries, Slaw & Dessert \$8

May 28: Mexican Lasagna, Rice & Dessert..... \$8

June 4: Shrimp Basket, Fries & Slaw.....\$12

June 18: Tacos, Tice, Beans & Dessert \$7

June 25: Perch Basket, Fries, Slaw & Dessert.....\$12

July 2: Smashburgers, Fries, Slaw & Dessert \$9

July 8: Philly Cheesesteak, Chips, Slaw & Dessert\$10

Music & Bingo in the Lounge - June 11th from 7pm-11pm, Dinner from 5pm-7pm

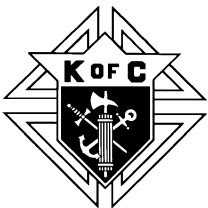


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Men's Prayer Breakfast
Every 1st & 3rd Thurs.
5:45a.m. - 7a.m.

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Worthy Brothers,

From Our Worthy Grand Knight

Wow! What a busy season this has been! I pray that you all had a very blessed and wonderful Easter full of love with family in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Christ is risen - He is risen indeed!

In the weeks leading up to Easter, the Monroe Knights of Columbus had its annual MI Tootsie Roll drive both on the streets of Monroe and at our parishes. Thank you to all those who either participated in the drive or contributed financially to this important fundraising event. Once again, we were able to raise over \$2000 for each of our recipient organizations; Monroe Special Olympics, Arc of Monroe, and Holiday Camp.

On Saturday, April 18, we hosted our annual Seminarian Supper. The seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary will be embarking on a "Pilgrimage of the Saints" across Europe and ending in Rome at the Vatican. Thanks to the hard work of so many volunteers, those who came to the dinner and those who made individual donations, we were able to raise \$18,000 to help fund their holy journey. Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause!

On May 8, the Monroe Knights of Columbus assisted at the Monroe Special Olympics event at Jefferson high school. This is a very rewarding experience for anyone to be a part of. Later this summer, we will again be serving lunch at Holiday Camp. Volunteers will be needed for this as well.

The Monroe Walk for Life will take place on May 23 – starting and ending at St. Mary Catholic Central. The Knights will be marching with those who support the choice of life and providing street side security. Volunteers are needed to help provide safety or to simply walk with the proud pro-life supporters of Monroe. Following the walk, we will also be providing an information table to help inform others of who we are and our mission in the community.

Once again, Monroe K of C will be hosting a 4th-degree exemplification at our banquet hall on June 8th. Being at our home facility, this is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to become a 4th - degree Knight to join the patriotic degree. If you are at all interested in becoming a 4th-degree Knight, please contact me or our faithful navigator Ernie Renaud.

Finally, Lady Jennifer and I would like to wish each of you a safe and Joyful summer, full of the blessings of our Lord. "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." ~ Matthew 21:22
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!



Euchre Social

Join us for a Potluck at 5pm
followed by friendly competition and good times!

Summer Dates:

Thurs., May 28th - Thurs., June 25th - Thurs., July 23rd



Monroe Building Association

Wishing all our Brother Knights a very blessed and beautiful Spring. The Building Association has been very busy with repairs and maintenance of our building and facilities. The new HVAC unit for Hall No. 1 heating portion was completed for the Winter heating system. Final installation and refrigerant charging has now been completed for our Summer cooling season. We also installed a new 120 gallon hot water tank and updated our hot water boiler system. We had our kitchen dishwasher serviced and installed a new ice maker. Additionally we purchased and installed a new double convection oven. All the floors in our halls were stripped, waxed 3 times and buffed just in time for our 2nd Annual New Year & #39;s Eve Event.

We are in the process of soliciting quotes for roof repairs after the terrible rain storm damaged our rear awning over the patio, leaked in numerous areas on our front entrance overhang, and leaked inside our lounge at the rear of the building. Quotes will also soon be requested to resurface our parking lot. In addition to improving our parking lot, the city has made beautification grants available. We are in the process of applying for funding to upgrade our bathrooms, front entrance vestibules, and repair the concrete handicap ramp and railings.

We are purchasing a new digital sign to replace the existing outdated sign at our parking lot entrance. The profit from our 7 Lenten Fish Frys will be used to purchase a new floor scrubber.

The state has renewed our Bingo Permit and approved raising our Bingo Hall rental rates to \$450. Our Building Association Bylaws have been updated and reviewed with our council members. The revised bylaws will be ratified and become effective June 30, 2026.

Thank you to all of you who have been involved in any way with any of these projects and for your continued support in maintaining and improving our Knights of Columbus Council #1266 Hall, Lounge, and meeting facilities.

Vivat Jesus,
Brother Knight David Heilman
Building Association President



Goodfellows Club

Brother Knights,

I want to thank all our members who Hawked Tootsie's at this year's sale! We had a GREAT sale! Unfortunately we could have done even better because we actually had about 50% of our corners staffed. We are losing more members each year because of Spring Vacations. We will be discussing moving the street sale date.

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



JUNE 3RD
1 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Council #1266 Calendar

Please check the Council website and email for any date changes.



MAY 2026

May 10: Mother's Day
 May 23: Monroe Walk for Life
 May 25: Memorial Day

- 10 **Mother's Day**
- 12 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 13 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Building Association Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 20 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 23 **Monroe Walk for Life**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 25 **Memorial Day**
- 28 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish..... 5:00 p.m.



JULY 2026

July 4: Independence Day

- 2 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 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.
- 15 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 21 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 23 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.

Monroe Walk for Life Saturday, May 23rd



JUNE 2026

June 3: Red Cross Blood Drive
 June 8: 4th Degree Exemplification
 June 14: Flag Day
 June 21: Father's Day
 June 19: Juneteenth

- 2 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 3 **American Red Cross Blood Drive**..... 1-6pm
- 4 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 8 **4th Degree Exemplification**.....6:00 p.m.
- 9 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 10 Council Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Building Association Meeting 8:15 p.m.
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 16 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 17 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Regular Joe Prayer Breakfast..... 5:45 a.m.
- 19 **Juneteenth**
- 21 **Father's Day**
- 23 Council Bingo 5:45 p.m.
- 25 Council Euchre Social - Bring a dish..... 5:00 p.m.
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AUGUST 2026

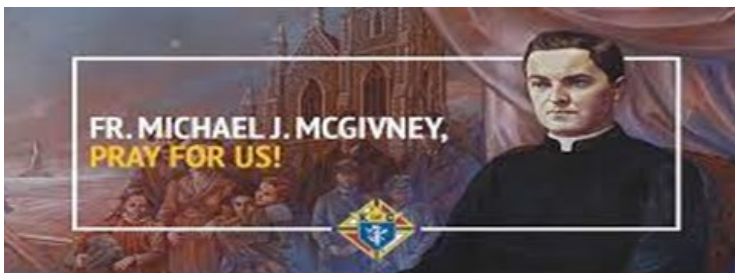
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Don't forget
 Lunch!

Thursdays

11:30am - 1pm



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Mens Monthly Prayer Meeting
 1st & 3rd Thursday each month 5:45 AM - 7 AM