



Newsletter

St. Pius X Council 11101—Greensboro, NC
October 2026



Upcoming Events

Oct 2nd – Forty Days for Life: Every Friday: 9 – 11 AM (for six weeks)

Oct 4th – First Sunday Rosary, after the 9:00am Mass

Oct 11th – Pancake Breakfast, after the 9:00am Mass

Oct 13th – Officer's Planning Meeting, 7:00pm, Simmons Center

Oct 14th – Council Business Meeting and Social, 7:00pm, Simmons Center

- Knight of the Month and Family of the month awards

Oct 16th – Greensboro Gargoyles Opening Night Hockey Game

Oct 17th – Room at the Inn Banquet

Oct 17th and 18th – Joint Knights of Columbus and Columbiette Membership Drive – After all masses

Oct 24th – St Pius X - Italian Festival



Grand Knight Message



My Brother Knights and Families,

Welcome to Autumn!



As the heat of summer fades and we see the beautiful change of seasons here in NC! October is one of my favorite months to be a Knight. It's a month of harvest, of the Rosary, and of celebrating our heritage as Knights of Columbus.

THE MEANING OF COLUMBUS DAY TO US

This month we celebrate Columbus Day on October 12th. For many Americans it is just a day off — but for us, it is who we are.

When our Blessed Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, founded this Order in 1882, Catholics were told they did not belong in America. He chose Christopher Columbus as our Patron — a brave, Catholic explorer who brought the Christian faith to this continent — to show that Catholics have been part of the American story from the very beginning.

To be a Knight of Columbus means to be Proudly Catholic and Proudly American. When we celebrate Columbus Day, we celebrate faith, courage, and the Catholic contribution to this great nation. I ask every Brother to wear your K of C emblem with pride this month!

CELEBRATING OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE - ST. PIUS X ITALIAN FESTIVAL

What better way to celebrate our Columbus Day heritage than with our Annual Italian Festival at St. Pius X! This is one of the best family events of the year for our parish, and our Council. Join us for a wonderful day of authentic Italian food, music, fellowship, and fun for the whole family.

We need YOU. This is a wonderful fellowship event of the fall. We need volunteers for setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup providing Bratwurst Sausage in Father Cook's Beer Garden. Please contact Brother Duncan Loomis to sign up for a shift. Even an hour of your time makes a difference.

Bring your family, bring your neighbors, and bring your appetite. Let's show our parish what our Italian and Catholic heritage is all about.

As we enter this beautiful fall season, let us thank God for the blessings of our families, our country, and this Brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

**John Kosco
Grand Knight, Council 11101
St. Pius X**

Life

PickUp and DropOff – Now in its 7th year continues to pick up from 12 area vendors and takes food to Room at the Inn and Sanctuary House every week.

Backpack Beginnings - Drivers Needed! – Now in its 6th year serving 23 schools

Forty Days for Life – Started September 25th

- This clinic provides the pill Mifepristone which kills babies in utero
- Brothers will meet and pray at the Planned Parenthood on Battleground every Friday for 6 weeks from 9 - 11AM

If you would like to volunteer for any of these please contact:
Jim Furman at 336-202-9717

Life

Room At The Inn Annual Banquet Oct 17th



From Room at the Inn:

OUR YEARLY BANQUET WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MATT FRADD (Daily Wire host of Pints with Aquinas)!

Our banquet is a time for all of us to come together and revisit all of our accomplishments – uplifting our mothers and providing for our babies – but it is also a time to look to the future.

Our Guest Speaker, Matt Fradd, will lead us through an uplifting Q&A about family, life, and hope that is sure to give us all more inspiration for the journey forward.

There is no charge for our Annual Banquet, though we will ask for your participation in our ministry, either through a monetary donation or through your commitment to volunteerism. This Annual Banquet is our biggest fundraiser for our homeless women's maternity shelter, and we rely on the funds raised here to operate all year.

Seats are limited but if interested please contact:
Jim Furman at 336-202-9717

Community

Red Cross Blood Drive

Great job on the September blood drive! With the blood donations collected the council has saved approximately 120 lives!



The next drive is coming Friday November 13th from 10 AM – 6 PM. Plan to give. **We need more donors! Remind your friends and family and don't forget to sign up!**

[CLICK HERE to schedule an appointment.](#)

OR

www.redcrossblood.org

Just Search: St Pius X

A volunteer signup to support the Blood Drive will be out shortly

If you are interested in joining the Blood Drive Team, contact Duncan Loomis or GK John Kosco (336-553-7560).

Community

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH 4TH ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL


OCTOBER 24

AUTHENTIC ITALIAN FOOD



Elizabeth's
Giacomo's
Dolce & Amaro
... and more!

CONTESTS & PRIZES

Chalk Art Competition
Best Sauce Contest
Best Slice Pizza Contest
Best Authentic Dessert



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Magic by David
Live Musical
Performances



LOCAL VENDOR MARKETPLACE



CHILDREN'S AREA

Petting Zoo & Mobile Barn
Pony Rides w/Interactive Grooming
Inflatables
Face Painting
Caricature Artist



RAFFLES & PRIZES



LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
OUR FESTIVAL WEBSITE!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORMS

PARTNER RESTAURANT INFORMATION

CONTEST REGISTRATIONS

www.stpiusxnc.com/festa



Family

Parish Pancake Breakfast

September 13th, 2026 – Another successful pancake breakfast!



Be sure to join us for the next Pancake Breakfast on October 11th after the 9:00am Mass.

Hockey!

St Pius X - Knights of Columbus Greensboro Gargoyles opening night October 16th, 2026. Get your tickets!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/StPiusKnights1016>



Family Awards

Knight of the Month for August:

This award recognizes a Brother Knight from Council 11101 who has shown outstanding service during the month

William “Billy” Davis

Recognizing his continuing leadership in COR and support as a regular usher during mass



Family of the Month for August:

This award honors a council family that models strong Catholic family life and active involvement in the order.

Lopez Family

Recognizing the family's active involvement in the St Pius X community

Congratulations to both!!!

Faith

1st Sunday Rosary

Please join us for the next 1st Sunday Rosary on **October 4th** after the 9:00 AM Mass!



Fourth Degree

Oct 21st - 4th Degree Dinner Out

Men of the fourth degree have chosen to embrace Patriotism and embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and faithful citizen.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is available to all third degree members in good standing who are citizens of the country they reside and wish to grow in their practice of Catholic patriotism.

Contact Brian Harvey or any 4th degree Knight or if interested

Membership

Consider inviting a Catholic gentleman of the parish to join the Knights in charity, unity, and fraternity!

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus
Contact local Membership Director:

Marty Sosnicki
(336)335-3882

Msos01@optonline.net

New members can join online at: kofc.org/join

Be sure to have them enter YOUR membership number in the Member Referral Number box:

Member Referral Number ?

Enter Numbers only



COR

COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Through **COR**, we can get to know each other better, and with each other's support, to grow in holiness and become better men: a better husband and father, a better brother and son. **COR** is open to all men of the parish.

We currently have three active COR groups welcoming new members:

- *Monday evening group*: Contact John Kosco (336-553-7560, johnkosco@cs.com)
- *Tuesday evening Young Adult group*: Contact Sean Duffy (336-404-9427, sduffy5@outlook.com)
- *Friday morning group*: Contact Jim Furman (336-202-9717, jimfurman43@gmail.com)

If interested in starting your own group or meeting at a different day/time, scan the QR code below to fill out the interest survey.





Knights of Columbus
St. Pius X Council 11101
Greensboro, NC

Grand Knight

John Kosco

Email: johnkosco@cs.com

Knights of Columbus is a service organization that provides an outlet for its members to better serve their church, brotherhood, country, and community. Our principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We participate in charitable works, Promoting the Domestic Church, raising money, and providing effort for groups in need throughout our communities. We provide social fellowship, reinforcing our beliefs and strengthening the ties between families and friends. It is our great privilege to serve and augment the activities of our parish and the church. And we provide support for those members who may find themselves in need, especially through our long-standing and excellent insurance program.

The order also owns the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, a money management firm that invests in accordance with Catholic social teachings.



Meetings

Council Meeting
Second Wednesday of the Month

Officers & Directors Meeting—Monday before the business meeting
All meetings in the Simmons Parish Center at 7:00 PM

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT

It means a life of faith in action, of boldness in brotherhood, and a life worth living. We are men who lead, serve, protect and defend, whether giving Coats for Kids, lending a hand in disaster relief efforts, supporting local pregnancy centers by donating ultrasound machines, or providing top-quality financial products.