



# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All  
Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – 9 March, 2024

## I. General

- The Council was called to order at 8:15AM by GK Mark Daugherty.
- Opening Prayers were offered by the Chancellor, Shawn Menagh.
- The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Grand Knight then called for the role-call of officers; the results are as follows (P = Present; A = Absence; E = excused; 0 = Position Currently Vacant/Open):

Title	Status	Title		Title	Status
Chaplain	P	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	A
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	E	Outside Guard	E
Dep. Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	P
Chancellor	P	Advocate	P	Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	P
Recorder	P	Warden	P	Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	P

- The GK presented a motion to dispense with the reading of the February 2024 business meeting minutes and move to accept them as submitted. Jim Egan made the motion, with Bill Hensen providing a second. After no further discussion concerning the need for changes or corrections a vote was then called for and the motion passed.

## II. Applications for Approval – Roger Giudici/Ryan Fesker

- Mr. Aaron Rooney. Was read in by Dave Stauber. After no further discussion, Dave made a motion to accept Aaron’s application. Roger Giudici provided a second. A vote was then taken and the motion passed.

## III. Grand Knight Report – GK Mark Daugherty

- Correspondence:
  - Outreach letter sent by the San Pedro Church Restoration Committee, San Luis, Colorado (see attachment pg.15.).
- Shout-out thanks/events/activities/and general Council information:
  - The GK’s Thank-you and e-gratis corner, with special recognition going out to:
    - The membership at large, for your undying service to Parish, Community and Council.
  - **Upcoming Events:**
    - 15, and 22 March, Fish Tacos before Stations of the Cross.
    - 10 March, Christy Felcyn, Pax Music Ministry Director, needs help in a pack and move. Joe Regnery is the POC for this effort.
    - 11 March, Alpha Meal support.
    - 19 March, Church Spring Cleaning, inside.
    - 21 March, COR Faither Formation program.
    - 23 March, State Free Throw competition.

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## • **General Discussion Comments:**

- Update concerning the distribution of residual donation money collected during the 2023 Thanksgiving Basket drive. Jean Henry is back from being out-of-town. The GK is planning on getting with her to work up a way ahead plan.
- Holy Week and Easter traffic and parking control activity. Volunteers are needed to manage the traffic flow and parking situation. Joe Regnery is the Action Officer, with more information to follow.
- Easter Vigil Fire Pit, Joe Regnery is the Action Officer for this activity.
- Two Fraternal Benefit nights, 30 April, Insurance and Financial Planning, and 14 May, Wills and Trusts.
- 11 May, Games Manager training and certification event at St Francis in Castle Rock.
- The Council is in need of a Financial Secretary and a web master.
- Knight closet clean up and clean out project to be done after the business meeting.
- Selling of the turkey fryers that were used for past fish fries.
- State Convention is scheduled for 26 - 28 April in Colorado Springs. The Council needs to send two delegates.
- The April planning meeting is scheduled for 26 March, 6:30 pm social, 7-8pm planning meeting. Location is Mark Daugherty's home 3573 Craftsbury Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO.
- Child Safe Environment training is being administered through the parish front office. Based on new guidance from the Colorado Springs Diocese, only those council members who are directly involved in the various Pax Youth programs need to take either the initial or refresher course. If you require this training or are not sure if the new guidelines apply to you, please contact Ms. Rachel Daugherty at the parish front office, 303.799.1036; or rdaugherty@paxchristi.org.
- Knight of the Month – Alan Brown.
- Family of the Month – Paul and Jenny Sciera.
- Family of the Year – To be named in December 2024.
- Knight of the Year – To be named in December 2024.
- Pennies from Heaven, called for by the GK.

## **IV. Chaplain's Report – Father Andrzej Szczesnowicz**

- Father Andrzej started the discussion by asking if there are any joys and concerns. Joe Regnery then asked Father to give a quick overview concerning the state of the Pax Parish. Father proceeded to address the following key items: growth of the parish community, which is about 20 new families/month (a blessing yet that equates to more work.); the establishment of new ministries (one in particular, recently approved by the Parish Council, is a Grieving Ministry. Specifically geared towards a spouse who has lost a love one); Pax pre-school, signups is underway, with enrollment currently at 27, yet the goal is 50 new students; the Ukrainian Outreach initiative has been approved by the Parish Council (first organizational meeting is scheduled for 4 April, 6:30pm); other information included that there will be three Baptisms scheduled for Holy Saturday. PGK Joe Musso then asked Father Andrzej what the Council could do to help? Father stated that storage space is a problem and that the parish is looking into buying a storage unit, estimated cost is around \$45K. Therefore, anything the Council can do to help defer the cost would be greatly appreciated. Father Andrzej thanked the Council for all of the hospitality work that we do. He finished by saying that the parish will need help during Holy Week concerning traffic control and other ministerial work.

## **V. Treasurer's Report – Steve Froseth**

- Report(s) were distributed prior to the meeting (see attachment pg.9.).
  - Bank Balance – \$50,140.45.

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- Outstanding Checks and Deposits – (\$2,212.88).
- Adjusted Bank Balance – \$47,927.57.
- Lady Knights – \$6,255.53.
- Available Funds – \$33,852.04.
- Other additional information (see attachment pg.9.).

## **VI. Financial Secretary's Report – Ryan Fesker**

- Report(s) were distributed prior to the meeting (see attachment pgs.10&11.). Figures for the month have been reconciled and are in balance with the Treasurers report.
  - Receipts/Actual Income – \$5,146.
  - Actual Expenses/Expenditures – \$1,297.
  - Expected Bank balance – \$50,140.45.
  - Due to recent activity, there is a net positive cash flow of \$3,848 for this period.
  - Council dues: as of 9 March, 18 are now outstanding, a 3rd notice has been sent.
  - For other additional information (see attachment pgs.10&11.).

## **VII. Auditor and Trustees – William Hensen/Michael Burkett/Leonard Martinez.**

- Bill Hensen spoke for the group, that there was nothing to report.

## **VIII. Chancellor's Update – GK for Shawn Menagh.**

- **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP):**
  - The council is currently supporting one Seminarian, Vincent Smith, and one Postulate Katie Logan, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Kathy will be taking her vows in June.
  - The Council is looking into sponsoring one or two more Seminarians.
- The 'Prayer for Vocations' was read.
- Nothing else to report.

## **IX. Programs, Categories, and Committee Reports – DGK Jason Curl.**

- Other:
  - None.
- a. **Membership Report – Director Roger Giudici.**
  - Form 100's.
    - New Online member(s)/candidate(s):
      - Mr. Aaron Mooney. Brother Knight Dave Stauber read in Aaron's application, which was eventually voted on, with the motion passing.
    - Transfers:
      - None.
    - Other:
      - None
  - Recurring training – none scheduled at this time.
  - Membership Tiger Team:
    - Members: Roger Giudici, Joe Regnery, Steven Froseth, David Stauber, and PGK Mike Burkett.
    - Current functional composition of the team: retention; Exemplification Team; events; new members, and transfers, and other areas as needed.
    - As part of this initiative, John Alfeld holds the position as the CUF Exemplification Coordinator.

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- Ongoing – continued review of the Team’s membership roster, which is reflective of potential new members, transfers, along with Third Degree and Assembly prospects.
- Meetings to be held on Sunday in between the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses in the Great Hall. The next one is scheduled for 10 March.
  - Items of discussion include, yet are not limited to:
    - Planning the next Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification.
    - Finalizing the April and May Fraternal benefit events.
    - Other topics as needed.
  - To contact the team on all matters concerning membership send an email to the following address: [membership@koc10937.org](mailto:membership@koc10937.org).
- Charity/Unity/Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification(s):
  - The next one is TBD.
- Retention/Membership Drive related events and activities:
  - Two Fraternal Benefit Nights have been planned, one on 30April (Insurance and Financial Planning) with a second to be held on 14 May (Wills and Trusts). In order for the Council to get credit for these two events at least 15 members must attend.
- Other:
  - Remember, gaining new members and retaining them is everyone’s business, and is not just the purview of Membership Director.
  - A continued reminder that our social and food events, such as Breakfast Burritos, Beer and Brats, Spaghetti Dinners, Fish Tacos, are great places to ‘crowd mingle’ to recruit new prospective candidates. Yet the Membership Director, and/or team, cannot do this alone and, therefore, requires assistance from Brother Knights to mingle and work the crowd during these events.
  - Refer interested Catholic Men to this website – [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). To make things easier, Supreme has developed a QR Code for people to scan, which will take them to the application portion of the KOC webpage.

b. **Faith-in-Action Top-level Program Report – GK/DGK**

- Nothing new to report.

c. **Family Category Activity report – Director Brennan Mendus**

- Required program(s):
  - Consecration to the Holy Family: Completed in December 2023.
- Featured programs(s):
  - Food for Families.
- Recommended program(s):
  - Keeping Christ in Christmas: Not done in 2023.
- Council sponsored program(s):
  - Sunday donuts.
    - Only in support of the Lady Knights, who have taken over responsibility for the Second Sunday donuts event.
  - Lenten Fish Tacos.
    - Schedule for 2024 Lenten Season. To be held before Stations of the Cross.
      - 15, and 22 March.
    - The Action Officer for this event is Head Chef Brennan Mendus.
  - Beer and Brats.
    - Completed for 2023.
    - Action officer for this event is Second Head Chef Joe Musso.

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- Breakfast Burritos (Art's Breakfast Burritos Wild Bunch):
  - The last event was held on 25 February, and the Council sold out of burritos.
  - Gross - \$1800; Expenses - \$720; Net - \$1080.
  - The next one is scheduled for April, date is TBD.
  - Action officer for this activity is Head Chef Brennan Mendus.
- Spaghetti Dinners:
  - The next one is scheduled for 4 May.
  - Action officer for this activity is Head Chef Brennan Mendus.
- Summer Camping Trip:
  - Nothing was scheduled for this year.
- Other:
  - If you require the Diocesan sponsored Youth Protection Training course, please contact Ms. Rachel Daugherty (rdaugherty@paxchristi.org; 303.799.1036) at the Pax Front Office.

## d. Community Category Activity report – DGK for Director Richard Cooke

- Required program(s):
  - Helping Hands: None.
- Featured programs(s):
- Recommended program(s):
  - Free Throw Contest: District 9 Competition to be held on 17 February at Ave Maria parish in Parker, start time is 9:00am.
  - Soccer Challenge: Nothing new to report.
- Council sponsored program(s):
  - 40 Cans for Lent initiative.
    - Donation boxes have been received and are now in-place in the Great Hall.
  - Thanksgiving Basket Drive campaign.
    - Completed for 2023
    - The Council collected \$28,000.00 in monetary donations, with \$7,320 remaining to be distributed to various food-based outreach programs.
    - Organizations selected: Pax St Elizabeth Food Pantry; Father Woody's Haven of Hope; Help and Hope Center; Catholic Charities of Castle Rock; Marian House Colorado Springs; and Denver Rescue.
    - The Council has decided that Pax St. Elizabeth pantry should be taken care of first before reaching out to organizations outside the parish. Now that Jean is back in the Pax Office, the GK plans on meeting with her to work up a way ahead plan.
  - ARP/Special Olympics Tootsie Roll Drive.
    - Not done this year.
  - Football Fund Craze.
    - Completed for 2023.
    - Action Officer for this activity is Brother Dave Martz.
  - Peach Sales initiative:
    - Completed for 2023.
    - The money raised in this effort goes towards supporting the Council's KOC Scholarship Fund.
  - Coat Drive initiative. TBD.
  - Highway Cleanup:

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- The next one is scheduled for 6 April 2024, supported by the COR group as part of their ‘Service’ pillar, more information to follow.
- PGK Paul and Jenn Sciera are the event POCs for this initiative.
- Other:
  - None.

## e. **Faith Category Activity report – DGK for Director Alan Brown**

- Required program(s):
  - Spiritual Reflection:
- Featured program(s):
  - Refund for Support Vocations Program (RSVP):
    - The Council is currently sponsoring one postulate and one seminarian.
    - See Chancellor’s report.
- Recommended program(s)
  - Marian Icon Prayer Program:
  - Rosary program:
  - Holy Hours program:
  - Keeping Christ in Christmas program:
    - Not done during Advent 2023.
  - ‘Into the Breach.’ program:
    - Completed.
- Council sponsored program(s)
  - KOC High School Senior Stewardship Scholarship Award program:
    - The current slate of scholastic recipients are as follows: Darby Brown (2020); Gabriela Rivera (2021), Keely Brown (2022), and Abby Mendus (2023).
    - The 2024 Program is currently underway, with information posted in the church bulleting soliciting prospective candidates.
    - Applications are due by 29 April, with judging planned for 3 May.
- Other:
  - COR Faith Based and Formation program is part of KOC’s Faith in Action program.
    - The activity centers on four pillars: Formation; Fellowship/Fraternity; Worship (attending Mass); and Service (which the Council is already actively engaged in).
    - Time, Thursdays, from 6 to 7pm in the Great Hall.
    - Next ones are planned for 21 March; 11 & 25 April, and 9 May, 6-7:30pm in the Great Hall.
    - As part of the group’s ‘Service’ pillar the participants will be supporting the Highway Cleanup project scheduled for 4 April.
  - The ‘Point Men’/ Knights Saturday morning Faith Seminars:
    - Program is in full swing, 6:30am on Saturdays.

## f. **Life Category Activity report – Director Mike McGinnis**

- Required program(s):
  - ‘Novena for Life’ 9 day campaign/devotional:
    - Completed in January 2024.
- Featured program(s):
  - Special Olympics:
    - The Tootsie Roll campaign. Not done in 2023.
  - Upcoming ‘Marches for Life:’

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- None.
- Recommended program(s):
  - The ‘Silver Rose’ initiative: is scheduled out for Colorado on the following dates: 7 July to 10 August.
    - The Council and parish did not participate in last year’s program.
- Respect Life Committee activities, initiatives, and associated programs:
  - Prayers at Planned Parenthood, was held on 24 February.
  - The Pax Spiritual Adoption program (see attachment pgs. 13&14.):
    - Baby Shower activity for the 2023 campaign ended on 11 February.
    - 2024 program will begin on 25 March and go until 25 December.
    - Brochure handout activities are scheduled for 16/17 March, and 22/24/25 March.
  - 22 March, Stations of the Cross, with a focus on Mother Mary and the sanctity of life.
  - 23 March, Eucharistic Procession.
  - The ‘40 Days for Life Campaign:’
    - The Lenten activity began 15 February, Ash Wednesday, and commences on 24 March.
- Council sponsored program(s):
  - The ‘Rose and Poem for Parenthood’ initiative is ongoing. Mike is looking for Council members to help with this ministry.
- Other.
  - None.

## **X. Newsletter**

- To fill this requirement, the GK will continue to send the monthly meeting agenda into State.

## **XI. Advocate’s Report – James Egan**

- No report.

## **XII. Unfinished/Completed Business.**

- None.

## **XIII. New Business**

- Recorder, Bernard Stancati, briefed the Council on the development of a simple database for keeping track of all the potential outreach organizations that the Council could potentially support. The database currently consists of, yet is not limited to, the following data sets: name of the organization; name of a POC; POC’s contact information; and webpage URL if applicable. The DGK has volunteered to manage this product.

## **XIV. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report – Faithful Navigator Darren Lombardi**

- Assembly programs and initiatives:
  - The Fisher House outreach initiative and planned way ahead:
    - The Assembly, with help from Council members, is planning on making 200 breakfast burritos on 13 April, starting at 10am. More information to follow.
  - Special Masses for special intentions will be announced as they come up in the schedule.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications:
  - 9 November, no-frills event to be held at Pax Christi.
  - Please try to solicit 3rd Degree members to join the Assembly.
- Honor and Color Guard requirements/requests/events:
  - Holy Thursday procession from the church to chapel, to include a vigil from 9pm to 12am.
- Form 4 Processing:

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- New Members: None.
- Transfer(s): None.
- Other: None.
- Financial Report:
  - Provided by Faithful Comptroller John Alfeld (see attachment pg.12.).
  - Assembly dues are now due. Five have yet to pay.
- Other related Assembly business:
  - Biennial Meeting is scheduled for 16 March at St. Thomas More parish starting at 10am. Two delegates have been selected, Darren and Joe Regnery. Darren would like to see at least four Assembly members attend.
  - Assembly Social event – 12 April, at Joe Regnery’s home.

## **XV. Field Agent Report – Oscar Diaz**

- Contact Information – 720.557.5401; [Oscar.Diaz@kofc.org](mailto:Oscar.Diaz@kofc.org).
- Report – none.

## **XVI. District Deputy Report – PGK Mike Burkett**

- Thanks to the Council membership, officers, directors, project officers, etc. for all your hard work and dedication in terms of serving both the parish and community.
- 23 March, State Free Throw contest. Time: March 23rd, 2024 11am to 2pm; Place: Corpus Christi Catholic Academy, 2410 N. Cascade Ave Colorado Springs Colorado 80907
- KOC State Convention is scheduled for 26-28 April, to be held at the Antlers hotel in Colorado Springs.

## **XVII. Good of the Order**

- Lecturer’s Reflection/The Rev Robert F. Houlihan S.J. Educator Series – **Dave Petteys/Alan Brown**.
  - Dave’s discussion addressed the illegal immigration issue and stressed to make sure we are up on the issues surrounding this ongoing problem before voting in November.
  - Please check-out the latest edition of *Columbia* magazine.
- **Council Prayer list:** – For the healing of Laura Snyder, Thyroid Cancer, daughter of Dave Stauber 2/10; For Ty Helgoth, mental issues, nephew of Darrin Lombardi 2/10; For the soul of Bill Zimmer, friend of Joe Regnery, 2/10; For healing of Herb Angler 2/10; For the soul of John Corrigan, Maureen Fesker’s uncle, may he rest in peace, 1/13; For caregivers of those stricken with Covid, 1/13; For Larry Call (Illness) and his wife Ethyl for healing, 1/8; For Jim Rooney and his battle with lung cancer, neighbor of Mike McGinnis, 12/9; For the soul of Susan Donnelly, may she rest in peace, cousin of Bill Hensen, 12/9; For the soul of David Safranski, may he rest in peace; For the soul of Joseph Genebacher, may he rest in peace, 12/9; For Dresden Telthurst and the growth of his faith, 12/9; For the soul of Joe Corrigan, may he rest in peace, Maureen Fesker’s Uncle 12/2.

## **XVIII. Chaplain’s Summation – Father Andrzej Szczesnowicz**

- None.

## **XIX. Grand Knight’s Summary – GK Mark Daugherty – none.**

## **XX. Closing Prayer/Meeting Adjournment – Deputy Grand Knight.**

- Prayers were given by Chancellor Shawn Menagh
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:17AM;
- *The minutes were recorded and reported by Council Recorder Bernard Stancati*

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--- Attachments/Correspondence/Other Documents----

**Treasurer Report  
Knights of Columbus / Council 10937  
February 2024**



**Date:** Saturday, February 10, 2024  
**Period:** February 1-29, 2024  
**Prepared by:** Steve Froseth

**Summary**

**Treasurer Report**

Description	January	February
Bank Balance (Main & Deposit)	\$ 45,248.99	\$ 50,140.45
Outstanding Checks & Deposits	\$ (1,169.90)	\$ (2,212.88)
<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>	\$ 44,079.09	\$ 47,927.57
Lady Knights	\$ 4,441.53	\$ 6,255.53
Budgeted Seminary Support	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Remaining Thanksgiving Funds	\$ 7,320.00	\$ 7,320.00
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 31,817.56	\$ 33,852.04

<b>OutStanding Checks 2/29/2024</b>			
Pay To:	Date	Check #	Amount
Katie Logan	1/9/2024	3774	\$ 500.00
Vincent Smith	1/9/2024	3775	\$ 500.00
Dave Henely	1/23/2024	3776	\$ 78.71
Brennan Mendus	2/10/2024	3781	\$ 312.66
Tom Ehrman	2/27/2024	3782	\$ 24.21
Brennan Mendus	2/27/2024	3784	\$ 797.30
			\$ 2,212.88

**DON'T FORGET:** While the church can accept money for our events through the website, Council can still send/receive payment via Zelle, and Venmo for quicker turnaround and no fees. This includes donations for burritos, Thanksgiving baskets, peaches, dues, etc.

- Square/Zelle: [kofccouncil10937@gmail.com](mailto:kofccouncil10937@gmail.com)
- Venmo: [@kofccouncil10937](https://venmo.com/@kofccouncil10937)
- Reach out to Steve Froseth ([stevefr2@hotmail.com](mailto:stevefr2@hotmail.com)) for expenses reimbursement.
- The treasurer requires e-mail approval for payment from Grand Knight (or delegate) in lieu of dual signature on check. No fee is incurred with Zelle and Venmo when paying/receiving with checking account.

**Knights of Columbus Council 10937  
Reconciliation Financial Secretary to Treasurer  
March 2024**

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer	
Bank Balance End of Last Month	\$ 45,248.99
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 1,169.90
Plus Current Month Deposits	\$ 5,145.72
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 1,297.24
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,212.88
Expected Bank Balance	\$ 50,140.45
Actual Bank Balance End of Current Month	\$ 50,140.45
Difference	\$ -

**Membership Status**

Awards Progress		Year to Date	
Month to Date			
Quota	9	15	10
Gains	1	0	0
Losses	0	9	5
Net	0	0	0
Members	9	1	10
Insurance	0	0	0

**Council Membership**

3/1/2024	YTD Change
Members	165
Inactive	11
Delinquent	18
Drops in Process	0

**Knights of Columbus Council 10937 Monthly  
Financial Secretary Report  
February 2024 Activity**

Directorate	Account Name	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Community	Pennies From Heaven	\$71	\$0
	40 Cans for Lent	\$0	\$52
Council	Dues	\$1,234	\$0
	Assessments	\$0	\$20
	Supplies	\$0	\$70
Family	Spaghetti Dinners	\$0	\$313
	Burritos	\$1,323	\$448
	Fish Tacos	\$624	\$349
Donations	Donations	\$80	\$0
Lady Knights	Lady Knights	\$1,814	\$0
Faith	COR Bible Study	\$0	\$46
Grand Total		\$5,146	\$1,297

Net Activity

\$3,848

- \* Burritos Event in February was a great success!
- \* Lady Knights Bake Sale was very successful!
- \* First Fish Taco Event was fun and we sold out!
- \* Continued Collecting Membership Dues in February. Trying to wrap this up!

**Knights of Columbus Council 10937 Monthly Financial Secretary Report**  
**Full Year Budget 2023/2024 vs February 2024 YTD Actual**

Directorate	Account Name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Directorate	Account Name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense		
Community	V/A Support	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	Faith	Seminarian Support	300	1,500	0	1,000		
	Thanksgiving	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$28,073	\$21,001		Pax Christ Donation	0	1,000	0	1,000		
	Pennies from Heaven	\$400	\$400	\$650	\$0		Diocesan Donation	0	500	0	0		
	Peaches	\$9,000	\$5,325	\$10,085	\$5,720		Council Retreat	0	0	0	0		
	Pax Food Pantry	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0		Clergy Dinners	0	200	0	56		
	Parish Picnic	\$500	\$750	\$0	\$829		COR Bible Study	0	0	0	46		
	Other Community Events	\$550	\$500	\$0	\$0								
	Haven of Hope	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0								
	Adopt a Highway	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$68								
	40 Cans for Lent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52								
	Community Total		\$30,450	\$28,475	\$38,809		\$27,669	Faith Total		300	3,200	0	2,102
Council	Supplies	\$0	\$509	\$0	\$325	Family	Support Parish Youth Even	0	0	0	0		
	State Meetings	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0		Spaghetti Dinners	1,000	800	743	388		
	Shirts and Hats	\$500	\$500	\$1,095	\$1,031		Scholarship	0	3,400	0	3,250		
	Recruiting Expense	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$47		Roses	0	0	0	81		
	Memorial	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0		Keep Christ in Christmas	0	200	0	0		
	Major Degree	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		Golf Tournament	2,000	1,600	3,331	2,460		
	Insurance	\$0	\$1,317	\$0	\$452		Football Raffle	700	560	750	600		
	Grand Knight Fund	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0		Fish Tacos	2,600	1,600	624	349		
	Dues	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,454	\$0		Donuts	0	0	0	0		
	Bank Charges	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0		Christmas Party	0	100	0	54		
	Assessments	\$0	\$2,289	\$0	\$2,302		Burritos	9,900	4,500	8,516	3,020		
							Beer & Brats	1,350	900	1,315	510		
							Taco Night	0	0	605	310		
	Council Total		\$5,000	\$5,515	\$5,549		\$4,198	Family Total	17,550	13,660	15,884	11,022	
Donations	Halley Fund	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	Ultrasound Machine Donat	0	0	0	0			
	Donations	\$0	\$2,000	\$580	\$1,130	Tootsie Roll Drive	500	500	0	0			
						Right to Life Donation	0	600	0	0			
Donations Total		\$0	\$2,250	\$580	\$1,130	Other Right to Life Events	0	600	0	0			
Lady Knights		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,814	\$1,722	Life Total	500	1,700	0	0			
Lady Knights Total		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,814	\$1,722	Grand Total	55,800	56,800	62,636	47,844			

Scholarship awards were distributed to the 4 students in July 2023  
 Golf Tournament was a great success  
 Peach Sales were a good success  
 Collected \$28,073 for Thanksgiving Baskets! Great job Everybody!!

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Pursors Report	Thru Feb 2024	Previous Month	Current Month
BANK BALANCE		\$ 4,821.61	\$ 4,953.66
OUTSTANDING CHECKS			
MASS KIT FUND		\$ (1,808.48)	\$ (1,500.53)
AVAILABLE FUNDS		\$ 3,013.13	\$ 3,453.13
<b>Reconciliation between Comptroller and Purser</b>		<b>Thru Feb 2024</b>	
Bank Balance end of last month			\$ 4,821.61
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks			
Plus Current Month deposits			\$ 600.00
Less Current Month Checks			\$ (467.95)
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks			
Expected Bank Balance			\$ 4,953.66
Actual Bank Balance end of current month			\$ 4,953.66
Difference			\$ -

## The Respect Life Apostolate at Pax Christi

There are respect life activities throughout the year. Please read the Weekly News and Bulletin to see how you can participate!

**Spring 40 Days for Life** (Lent) | A prayer campaign during the season of Lent

**Spiritual Adoption** (March to December) | We each spiritual adopt a baby at the Feast of the Annunciation – when Mary learned she was to be the Mother of God and her unplanned pregnancy begins! We pray that our adopted baby is born and healthy.

**Walk for Life** (May & June) | The first Saturday of June we hold a two mile walk at Pax Christi to raise money for Life Network in Colorado Springs.

**Fall 40 Days for Life** (September & October) | For Respect Life Month (October), the fall 40 Days for Life begin in late September and concludes in early November.

**Baby Bottle Drive** (October) | The Baby Bottle Drive raises funds to support the work and mission of Alternatives Pregnancy.

**National Night of Prayer** (December) | We kick-off a prayerful holiday season on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the National Night of Prayer.

**Feast of the Holy Innocents** (December) | On December 28 we attend mass to pray for all the young lives lost to abortion, starvation, war, and other avoidable causes.

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** (December) | On the weekend between Christmas & New Years, we pray for families.

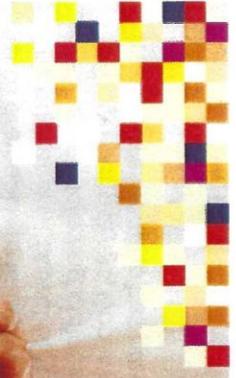
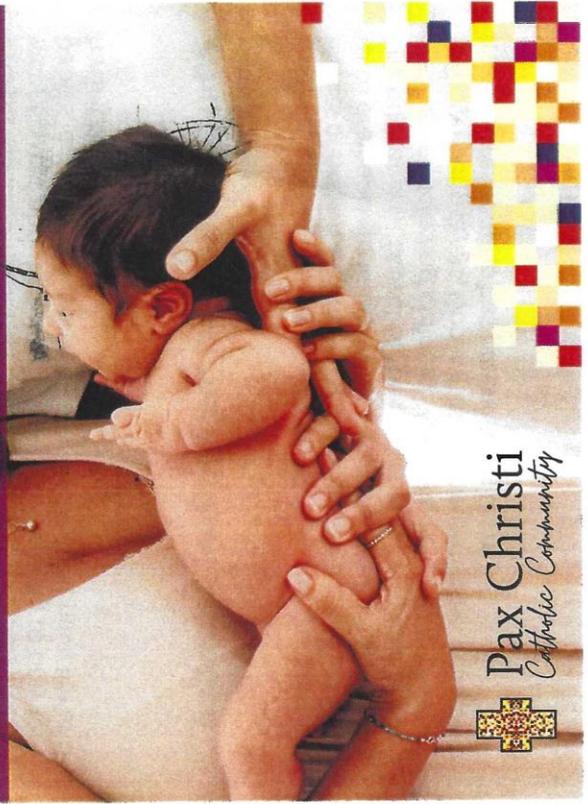
**Baby Shower** (January) | In January we begin a baby shower for our Spiritually Adopted Babies that were born at Christmas. The items donated are given to organizations that support families with newborn babies.

**Novena For Life** (January) | January 18 to 26, we join Catholics across the nation praying that Roe vs Wade never again becomes the law of the land.

To contact the Respect Life Apostolate at Pax Christi, please email us at [respectlife@paxchristi.org](mailto:respectlife@paxchristi.org), or talk with us when we host donuts after the Sunday morning masses on fifth Sundays. We'd love to meet you!



*Spiritual Adoption*  
of Unborn Human Life



### How does Spiritual Adoption work?

It's very simple. You pledge to pray for twelve months for a baby in danger of abortion. The first nine months you are praying for the baby's birth. The next three months you are praying that the baby has been born into a loving and nurturing family. Then the circle of life begins anew and you commit to praying for another baby.

While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parent,' God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. On the next page you can record the name you have given your baby and the date you spiritually adopted the baby.

At the end of the program a 'baby shower' is held and gifts of baby items donated given to a local pregnancy center.

### Who can participate in Spiritual Adoption?

Everyone, including children. The program is for anyone who is concerned about abortion, and who is willing to pray for babies in danger of abortion, "that they might have life and have it to the full." ~ John 10:10

### Who benefits from the Spiritual Adoption Program?

Everyone! While it is not always possible to see the particular effects of prayer, we know through Scripture that God wants us to pray, and we know by faith that He answers all prayers. The educational aspect of the program is beneficial to people of all ages, including children. We sincerely believe that, through our prayers, God will allow these unborn children to live the lives that he has prepared for them.

### Spiritual Adoption Commitment Prayer

*I will spiritually adopt an unborn baby and will commit to pray for him/her and his/her parents, daily.*

### Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby.

Every day over 3,000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end these deaths. Prayer is the best and most effective weapon to help them.

### Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

*Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Adoptive Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*You can also commit to praying by scanning the QR code to fill out the online commitment form:*



### Please pray! The babies are counting on us.

Remember to pray daily for your spiritual adopted baby and the baby's parents. During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours is known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. This prayer will make a difference between life and death for a special child.

**"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."**

*~Jeremiah 1:5*

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**San Pedro Church Restoration Committee**  
**c/o Costilla County Economic Development Council, Inc. (CCEDC)**  
**P.O. Box 9, San Luis, CO 81152**

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(Ex-Oficio member: Father John Farley)

February 22, 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

The Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Church in San Pedro stands as an iconic symbol of unity for many families who are descendants of the original settlers of San Pedro and San Pablo and the surrounding area. Our families have celebrated baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and funerals in this church for seven or eight generations, and until recently, to practice their Catholic faith. We have come to the church to seek comfort from tragedies and to welcome new family members through birth or marriage. Currently, the church has serious structural issues and no masses or events can be held there.

There has been a church in San Pedro since 1893 but this beautiful church has been standing since 1933. The Church has developed structural cracks in the bell tower and entrance and is at risk of being lost forever. I believe that community members and their extended families, with strong ties to home, can find a way to restore this treasure. A group of community members have been volunteering to find ways to make the necessary repairs and renovate our church. The projected cost is about \$300,000 and the Parish cannot assist so we must seek alternative funding for renovation. Our goal is to repair the church and save it for generations to come.

The church in San Pedro, unlike most mission churches in northern New Mexico, was built by our ancestors in the style of Gothic architecture. This was unusual architecture for the area and times but it also makes our church unique. The church in San Luis is the first Gothic church built in the area, and most mission churches in Costilla County, including Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Church were built with similar architecture.

Community members met with representatives from Colorado Preservation, Inc., and The State Historical Fund on December 7, 2023, to look at the Church and determine if they might be able to provide some funding. While we are optimistic that they can help with some funding, we as a community must demonstrate our commitment to this project as well.

The purpose of this letter is to ask members of the community and descendants who have ties to the community and church to come together and raise a significant amount of money to repair/renovate the church. We are a large group of descendants of the founders of the church and are blessed to have achieved the American dream. We believe this in part is due to the strong family values and work ethic that were instilled in us by our parents and grandparents. We have set an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 to contribute to the restoration of the church. We know this is an extremely ambitious goal but if we know one thing, we know that we are a family that can meet a challenge.

We are organizing this effort through the Costilla County Economic Development Council, Inc., a 501(c)3 incorporated entity. The CCEDC will collect the donations and provide them to the restoration committee. We ask that you make whatever donation you can and even consider making a monthly contribution that in doing so, you donate what is significant to you. **Make your donation(s) payable to CCEDC then send to PO Box 9, San Luis, CO 81152**, and indicate that it is **for the San Pedro Church Restoration Project**.

Thank you for considering our request, please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the project further.

Sincerely,

*Charles D. (Carlos) Atencio*