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From the Grand Knight

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Ash Wednesday

February 18, 206 marks the first day of the Lenten season. Lent is the liturgical time before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus's Resurrection through prayer, penance, and fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Super Cash Bonanza is Coming!!!! Volunteer opportunities abound.



Brother Knights as we begin the new year and the second half of our fraternal year we continue to need your support in our programs. Please make every effort to attend the business and social meetings, and lend a helping hand where needed. I know that everyone is busy with their personal lives, but we need to be supportive of each other in our order. Be an active Knight not a Silent one. **Charity.....Unity.....Fraternity**

Reminder: Business meeting is on February 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Vivat Jesus,
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In Memoria

Brother Thomas Dunegan

May He Rest in Peace

The Foundation at Work!

Congratulations to the Foundation. Last year the Foundation distributed \$35,000. The money was provided scholarships, supported our Catholic Schools and provided support to needy community organizations. Thank you to all of the Knights who help support the Foundation through their volunteer efforts.

Angel Scholarship Information

Joe Ratcliff, Business Manager for Avon Catholic Community, is launching a multi-parish campaign to help our Brother Knights understand the Angel Scholarship Fund and how it supports students in our Catholic schools. A donation to the Angel Scholarship Fund gives you a dollar-for-dollar CREDIT (not just a deduction) against your Ohio Income Tax. This means that every dollar that you donate to the fund reduces what you owe to the state by the same amount. Brother Joe Ratcliff, who is a member of St. Mary of the Falls Council 14416, will be in attendance at the Feb. 5 Council Business meeting to give a talk about the Angel Scholarship Fund and answer any questions.

Free Throw Contest Winners

2026 Fr Ragan Council #3269 K of C Free Throw Champions. The District Championships will be held in February. List of Winners below. Great Job to everyone!



Harper Tosland - 9u Girls
Elizabeth Perkins - 10u Girls
Audrey Cook - 11u Girls
Madelyn Tollis - 13u Girls
Gabrielle Papesch - 14u Girls

Gabriel Stegmeier- 9u Boys
Daniel Gerder - 10u Boys
Aiden Callahan- 11u Boys
Isaac Perkins 14u Boys

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winners

On December 17th, St. Raphael Parish School, Bay Village eighth-grade winners of the "Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest" were presented with cash or gift cards by Knight Rudy Breglia of the Father Ragan Knights of Columbus Council #3269 of Avon & Avon Lake. Present during the ceremony was their teacher, Sara Schott and parents. The students wrote timely essays on " **Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**". The Council is hoping that through creative writing, the students had a learning experience that will help them become better citizens who are more connected to their community and their faith.



Photo Key Left to right:

First Row: Marina Mahoney, Destiny Danaj, Mallory Cox

Back Row: Knight Rudy Breglia, Grand Knight John Churavy, Teacher Sara Schott

Meeting Dates Jan-June 30 2026- Ragan Hall, 7PM

Business

February 5, 2026

March 5, 2026

April 2, 2026

May 7, 2026

June 4, 2026

Social

February 19, 2026

March 19, 2026

April 16, 2026

May 21, 2026

June 18, 2026

Wine Tasting Dinner- Reserve Now!



Join us on **February 14, 2026**, as the Father Ragan Council hosts a **Romantic Wine Tasting Dinner**. Guests will enjoy a guided tasting of **six specially curated wines**, each paired with complementary small plates selected and prepared by **Grand Knight John Churavy and his Lady, Pat**.

Throughout the evening, you'll learn about the featured wines, take part in a fun trivia contest, and relax to dinner music. If the moment feels right, step onto the dance floor with your special someone for the "sweetheart shuffle."

The event will be held at the **Father Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road**, beginning at **6:00 PM**. Tickets are **\$35 per person**, and seating is limited.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

The Father Ragan Charitable Foundation will be awarding scholarships to deserving high school and college students for the 2025-2026 academic years. An applicant does not need to be related to a Knight of Columbus. In order to apply for the scholarship, the applicant must be sponsored by a current Father Ragan third- degree council member whose dues are current or the widow of a deceased third- degree Brother Knight whose dues were current. The amount of work and accomplishment each sponsor has donated to the Council or Foundation will be taken into consideration when selecting an applicant for a scholarship award.

The number of scholarships an individual can receive is two. One scholarship can be awarded to applicants who are attending a Catholic based high school. Applicants will not be able to receive another scholarship until they graduate from high school and attend an institution of higher learning. Again, the individual will only be able to receive one scholarship. With the number of third- degree Brother Knights who have children, grandchildren, or other students they sponsor, it is only fair that the same person does not receive a scholarship every year. The spouse of a deceased third- degree Brother Knight and current third- degree

members of the Father Ragan Council will be able to sponsor only one applicant every three years. A third-degree knight cannot sponsor a child or grandchild from his family if he is on the scholarship selection committee.

To obtain an application you can 1) email PGK Fred Metz at fredmetz23@yahoo.com and an application will be emailed to you, or 2) you can write a letter to PGK Fred Metz, 3979 Woodland Drive, Vermilion, Ohio 44089 with a self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed and an application will be sent to you.

All applications must be returned by regular mail to PGK Fred Metz – address in previous paragraph – by April 18, 2026. All applications received after April 18, 2026, will not be considered. If the application is not fully completed it will be discarded. Recipients of a scholarship will be notified after the scholarship committee has reviewed each application. The scholarships will be awarded on Thursday, May 16, 2026, at the start of the Ragan Council social meeting that begins at 7:00pm. Attendance at the scholarship presentation by the recipient or sponsor is required. All applicants will be asked to show some form of documentation to prove attendance or proof of attendance to the school indicated on the application prior to the award ceremony on May 16.

The amount of money raised this past year for scholarships will be determined by the scholarship committee. It is possible that not every applicant will receive a scholarship. This year the number of scholarships being awarded will be decided by the scholarship committee. While there could be many applicants, the scholarship committee has unanimously decided that a review of all applications will be done to determine the recipients of this year's scholarships.

Any questions, contact PGK Fred Metz at 440 963 0747, or send him an email.

Thank God It's First Friday – West

Through the Gifts from God, we offer nourishment for the body, mind, and soul. All Knights are invited to participate in our inter-parish men's group, which convenes on the first Friday of each month. Each gathering features opportunities for socializing, a luncheon, a presentation by a priest, and concludes with the Celebration of the Eucharist. We warmly encourage you to join us at our upcoming events.

Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Speakers

- February 2, 2026: Rev. Fr. Chris Cotone
- March 1, 2026: Rev. Fr. Vincent Hawk
- April 5, 2026: No Luncheon (Good Friday)
- May 3, 2026: Speaker to be determined

Speakers are as listed above or to be announced at a later date.

Event Details

- Location: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted
- Cost: \$15.00 per person
- Topic: To be determined
- Schedule:
 - Registration and socializing begin at 11:15 AM
 - Luncheon starts at 12:05 PM
 - Talk at 12:35 PM
 - Concludes with Mass

Reservations

To reserve your spot, please call (440) 937-6606 or email gw.pg.perz@outlook.com.