



# Knights of Columbus

St. Wendelin Council #12841  
18 South Linn Street  
Shannon, Illinois 61078

To the Men of St. Wendelin's Parish:

Please consider becoming a Knight of Columbus and join many other dedicated men of the parish in our efforts to propagate our faith through service to the parish and community.

Charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism are the watchwords of the Knights of Columbus.

Since March, 29, 1882, founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus has been the world's largest lay Catholic family service organization.

Through their charity and examples of their lives, the Knights stand in service to all as witnesses to the Good News of the Gospel.

In 2018 The Knights of Columbus:

- Marked 50 years of support for the Special Olympics.
- Distributed more than 100,000 Coats for Kids. Our own council held a coat and winter clothing drive last October.
- Aided many areas devastated by natural disasters. St. Wendelin's council made numerous donations as well.
- Saw through to passage bill H.R. 390 which ensures humanitarian, stabilization, and recovery assistance for Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria.
- The Knights have now paid for 1000 Ultra Sound units to show expectant mothers their growing baby.
- Charitable donations worldwide were over \$185,000,000.

Our own council here at St. Wendelin's:

- Sponsors a Free Throw contest for our local youth ages 9-14 with a chance for age group winners to advance to state and national contests.
- Supports the Madonna Renewal Center along with other area councils.
- Our fund raisers like our Omelet Breakfasts raise money so we can support the needs of our community.
- Sponsors a Pro-Life Baby Shower with the proceeds going to the Pitter-Patter Pantry in Mt. Carroll for needy mothers before and after child birth.
- Provides a scholarship for one or more of our High School students.
- Organizes a Blue Mass to honor and commemorate 9/11, our local and national first responders.
- Takes part in our national Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities.
- Takes part in our famous Ham Dinner.
- Organizes Harvest Sunday for the needy in our area.
- Holds a Vocation Raffle for our Seminarians.
- Our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights provide an Honor Guard for Father.

And we hold several special prayer services for our parish family. Never pass up a prayerful opportunity!

Please consider becoming one of us!

For more information call Grand Knight Paul White, 815-275-4787, Financial Secretary John Jirgenson, 818-291-6106, Recording Secretary Mike Rood or ask any Knight!