

SS Anthony & Ann Council For Saint Maximilian Kolbe



2018 Contribution over
\$28,000.00



Build A Waffle Catholic Schools Week Breakfast

Together with Catholic United Financial we've raised \$366, 077.25

Our team and volunteers helped to raise **Over \$28,000.00** for 2018.

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week Build Waffle Breakfast
- ❖ Lenten Fish Fry
- ❖ Palm Sunday Breakfast
- ❖ Catholic Schools Raffle
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Tech and Chastity Grants
- ❖ MinISTREE volunteer program
- ❖ R.E. New Fund



We appreciate our volunteers !



Catholic United Financial Community Service Award



Fish Fry



Palm Sunday Egg Bake



Our Chef



Palm Sunday Breakfast

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December 2018
Newsletter

2019 Events:

- Catholic School Week Build A Waffle Breakfast – Feb. 3rd 2019
- St. Max Mardi Gras Bingo – March 2nd 2019
- Fish Fry – March 22nd 2019



*Special Thanks to All
Our Parish Volunteers!*

Fish Fry



Gather4Good - Personal Care Kits



Watch on YouTube: Our Giving Record





Masses offered in memory of Holy Family Team members who have died in 2018

Holy Family Team continues its yearly tradition of having a Mass said at each Parish in Rochester to honor deceased members. This gives us pause to remember those special people in our lives that have also died in 2018. Even though they are not visibly present, we still remember the love we shared, the difference they made in our lives, and the special times spent with them.

Art Mueller died in April. Art was one of the members who was instrumental in planting the seed to form our society (that is what it was called in 1986). In 1987, when the first set of officers of Holy Family Catholic Aid Council were elected, Art Mueller was our first president. We all owe Art a debt of gratitude; many people, charities, and organizations have benefited from his foresight to start a council in Rochester, MN.

Holy Family Team lost our Spirit Director Msgr. Donald Schmitz in May. Father was a very dedicated, active member and he was always ready to help us out. Father Schmitz was an extraordinary role model of priesthood. Over 700 people attended his funeral; a testimony to this gentle, faith filled servant of God. His presence is already missed.

In July, we lost another extremely active Holy Family member who served in 4 different officer positions beginning in 1988. Clarence "Clix" Schwieters was a dedicated volunteer even after he was no longer an officer. His wife Ivy and Clara Burt started the annual cookie bake service project in 2004. After Ivy died, Clix continued to bring his grandchildren to help bake cookies. Hannah and Riley continue with this tradition. We appreciate all Clix did to

make a difference by helping to build Holy Family Team into what it is today.

2018 Mass Times/ Locations

September, 18th 12:10pm
Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

October 20th, 7am
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

October 31st, 8am
St. Pius X Catholic Church

November 7th, 5:30pm
Pax Christi Catholic Church

December 5th, 9:10am
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

December 31st, 8:30am
Church of the Resurrection

135th Catholic United Financial Convention "Keynotes"

Keynote speaker, Ruth Bachman, spoke to delegates about how she found resilience and accepted change during her battle with cancer. After arriving at the podium, she introduced herself and her Hourglass Fund. Ruth then raised her arms; missing was her left forearm. It had been removed 15 years ago to save her life. Ruth spoke about her experiences, describing the narrow spot in an hour glass as the tough moments in life. When you turn the glass over the cycle begins again. In order to survive, change is necessary and the transformation that comes with it needs to be intentional. Changing this mindset does not come easy. As an example of this change, Ruth asked the audience to decide what we could do to raise money for a charity. Many great ideas were given, yet Ruth would find negatives and road blocks with each

suggestion. It left us frustrated, but then we realized that we had all fallen into these negative traps many times before. She then rephrased her negative replies to say “yes”, and instead of "yes, but", opening ourselves up to change and finding ways to make it work. Ruth said we must cultivate our mindsets and attitude to bring this about. It takes patience and effort but the possibilities and potential gains are endless. Ruth lost her arm to cancer, but she embraced this physical change with resilience and patience and accepted help (as a gift from the giver) and moved on. This was a powerful lesson for all of us to take home to practice and to share with others.



Annual Cookie Bake

Every December, volunteers and members of the Holy Family Team bake almost 1000 Christmas cookies and deliver them to non-profit agencies in Rochester, MN. In 2017, cookies were delivered to the following agencies:

- Women’s Shelter
- Hiawatha Homes
- Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge
- Sunday Noon Lunch Program
- Dorothy Day House
- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- /Family Promise
- Cronin Home
- Hope Lodge
- Gift of Life Transplant House



Grants4Good

This new Catholic United Financial program offers three opportunities for grants:

1. To support faith
2. To gather families
3. To provide service

Teams can apply for all three grants; up to \$500 can be awarded per grant. Holy Family Team applied and was awarded a \$500 Gather4Service grant.

On July 29th, five Holy Family Board members along with other volunteers met at St Francis Church McCarthy Hall. We prepared and served a hot meal for the weekly Sunday Noon Lunch Program for those in need. It was a humbling experience. What really surprised me were all the young men who attended. There were families with children, senior citizens and handicapped individuals. Some came with canes, walkers, wheel chairs, by foot, car, taxi, and bus (one person told me how grateful they were that buses now run on Sunday allowing them to come). Some who came had not eaten in the last 24 hours.

This social concerns project is sponsored by all the catholic churches in Rochester. Each Sunday a different parish volunteers to staff this event at St Francis Church. Even though each Parish provides funds to cover expenses, it can still use monetary donations and volunteers.

Holy family team has also applied for a Gather4Faith grant to support Holy Spirit's two-day retreat coming up in November.

Holy Family Charitable Giving

Catholic United Financial provides funds to our Team and helps us raise money through Matching Grants and Grants4Good. By being part of Catholic United Financial, our team can make a larger impact on our community. So far this year Holy Family Team has donated \$1,370.

The following causes benefited from this money:

St Francis of Assisi School carnival
Haiti Shoe Box project
Sponsored a Priest for the Catholic United Financial Golf Tournament
Fr. Schuler Seminary Fund
Sharing and Caring Hands
Catholic United Convention outreach charity
"Ruth Bachman Hourglass fund project"
Sisters of St. Francis, Assisi Heights,
Rochester, MN
St. Francis of Assisi Youth Group Scholarship Fund
St. Vincent de Paul, Friends of the Poor Walk/Run.

We also received a Gather4Service \$500 grant. This was given to the Rochester Catholic Churches Sunday Noon Lunch Program for those in need.

St Francis School Carnival Service Activity

Bingo can be played by almost any age group. The goal of the player is to hear his or her voice call out BINGO! After the thrill of the "win" the hard work begins: choosing which gift card for your prize. That was the dilemma facing many excited attendees at St Francis of Assisi School carnival in May, 2018. Volunteers from

Holy Family Team called out numbers, handed out Bingo cards, and checked winning bingo cards. It was so much fun watching families having great fun together (and without any electronics!). This is another way that our team can be of service to such a good cause.

Scholarships Awarded to Area Students

Catholic United Financial wants to help our members achieve their educational and career goals. Members of any age who are seeking to learn a trade, earn a certification or complete a college degree may take advantage of our Post-High School Tuition Scholarship program that provides tuition assistance for educational goals.

Scholarship awards are one-time benefits of:

\$500 for those attending a Catholic college, university, or institution

\$300 for those attending a non-Catholic college, university, community college or technical school

While the average scholarship recipient is a recent high school graduate, Catholic United members of any age pursuing post-secondary education can apply for a scholarship. The scholarship application period begins on October 15 and ends on February 15 annually.

Holy Family Council members that received Catholic United Financial Scholarships in 2018:

Bayli Henderson, Stewartville
Brooke Salfer, Pine Island
Catherine Keller, Goodhue
Clare Brunn, Rochester
Jennifer Giefer, Rochester
Mckendry Kennedy, Adams
Rachel Goldsmith, Rochester
Ryan Glascock, Rochester
Steff Weber-Gonzales, Mazeppa

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Baseball Night 2018 was a hit!

Over 200 baseball fans of all ages gathered on Friday, April 20 to watch the MN Twins take on the Tampa Bay Rays. They also got to enjoy stadium-style food at far less than stadium prices, test their brains on Baseball Trivia; stroll through the Silent Auction; learn about 1860s Baseball with the Roosters and Hens; see Slider, and enter for door prizes. There were also free activities for kids. This fun community-building night raised over \$1,300 which was used for the high school mission trip and other youth conferences. We appreciate all the wonderful volunteers, many of whom are Catholic United Financial members.

Holy Spirit Church is looking forward to Baseball Night 2019!





Ascension Catholic United Update

Mark your calendars!

March 12th @ 6:00 pm we will once again be sponsoring

"Feed My Starving Children"

Sign up and updates will be posted in the bulletin.



Welcome back!



Farewell to Fr!



Just a reminder, the box of volunteer opportunity cards remains in the church entry. To volunteer, choose a card, complete the task, and then return the card to the box. For every card returned our parish receives \$5.00. Last year we received a total of 400.00!

The dinner for welcoming the Faith Formation was a huge successes! We served 120 dinners. Thank you to all the people that helped Catholic United serve the meal and clean up!

Fr Abbot is now in his new role as Chaplin at the University of MN. We wish him the best in God's new adventure for him!

**Thank-you for your support,
Ascension Catholic United Council**

Catholic United provides life insurance and annuities and then reinvests profits in Catholic communities. Ascension has greatly benefited from several of these grants.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Holy Cross Council
December 2016

This newsletter is to inform you of your council's activities for 2016 and 2017.

2017 Parish Volunteer Team

Team Director- *Al Haus* Administrative Coordinator- *Donna Gregory*
Publicity Lead- *Jeana Meyer* Event Lead- *Michele Haus*
Volunteer Lead- *Cindy Voigt* Field Rep- *Dave Stang* 764-5339

Jan/Feb/Mar 2016- A council meeting was held to plan the Matching Grant Event. During Catholic Schools Week- we joined students to play games at school and create blankets for the Anna Marie House. Holy Cross School also participated in the annual Catholic United Financial Raffle. Only selected schools participate ~ all funds raised go to the school. We held a Matching Grant Chili/Soup Cook-off on February 6th; \$2100 raised and donated to the school. A council meeting was held for spring activities. We participated in the Pearl Lake St Patty's Day festivities. Isaiah Ehlinger, Brandon Haus and Madison Libbesmeier were awarded Catholic United Financial college scholarships.

Apr/May/June 2016- We helped prepare for the Dinner Auction. We purchased carnations, participated and served juice and cookies for Living Rosary (5/5). Adopt a Highway completed (5/13). The Matching Grant award of \$1000 was presented to Holy Cross School. Cookies were baked for the 2016 Holy Cross graduates.

July/Aug/Sept 2016- A meeting was held to discuss representation at the Catholic United Financial Convention and the parish festival; two delegates to attend the Catholic United Convention. Our council achieved one of 80 "Gold Star" Awards, through our volunteer activities.

Oct/Nov/Dec 2016- A donation of \$150 was made to the Pray and Walk-a-thon. A donation was also given to Holy Cross Fish Fry of \$125. Adopt a Highway completed (09/16). Donation of funds for Christmas goodie bags for children after Christmas play at school (12/14) and the 2017 Matching Grant fundraiser discussed. Donations through the Ministree program were given to the school. Members participated throughout the year in the rosary for deceased members.

Year & Program Review- Scholarship applications are due in February. Meetings are tentatively held in February, May, June, and December. Members participate in the rosary for deceased members and other volunteer activities throughout the year. We are also participating in a program called "Ministree," which donates funds toward our school for volunteer activities and the Technology Grant which offers funds toward improving school technology.

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Catholic United Financial Raffle: Tickets will be on sale from Jan-Feb. All proceeds directly benefit Holy Cross School.

Matching Grant Chili/Soup Cook off/Silent Auction: February 4th 5p-8p



St. John the Baptist Catholic United Financial Council #016

Fraternal Life Insurance

March 1, 2018

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Catholic United Financial Banquet

Dear St. John the Baptist Catholic United Financial Council Members and Friends,

We invite you to join us for our council's annual award banquet **Saturday, March 17, 2018** in St. John's parish hall in Jordan. Social hour will begin at **6:00 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. Mass)**, followed by a delicious parmigiana chicken dinner. It will include a salad, main course, dessert and beverages. **Dinner** will be served at 6:30 p.m. **Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person** for adults and **\$5 per child (age 10 and under.)** Non-member spouses and guests are invited to attend also. You do not have to be a Catholic United Financial member to attend. Please mail your reservations and a check made payable to **St. John's Catholic United Financial** to:

Judy Pint

Following the dinner there will be a short program honoring our **Outstanding Community Service Award** recipients. Our Council's 2018 recipients are **Julie Hennes and Mary Heutmaker**. They will be honored for their service to our parish and community. Come and help us honor these dedicated, giving volunteers.

We will also honor our 50-year members: Joseph Eischens, Wendy Fadden, Michael Klehr, Cindy Kuechle, Thomas Petersen, Ann Rooney, Roberta Theis, and Barbara Weierke.

They will be guests of the council at the banquet. We hope you will join your fellow Catholic United Financial members for this evening of fellowship and fun.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 12.

We hope to see you at the banquet on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Please RSVP by Monday, March 12.

Fraternally,

Judy Pint, Fraternal Secretary

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Greetings from your Catholic United Financial Council!

Our St. John's council continues to be active in the Western Catholic Community. We're excited to keep you up-to-date with our yearly activities and involvement with this newsletter. We are particularly excited to provide you with dates to a few upcoming events, allowing you the opportunity to "save the date". We would love your participation and involvement as we continue to support our Catholic faith!

We would like to personally invite you to join us Friday, February 22nd for our Matching Grant Spaghetti Dinner at the KC Hall in New Prague, from 4:30pm-7:30pm! Our dedicated volunteers will be serving spaghetti with homemade marinara sauce, garlic bread, Caesar salad, and chocolate cake for dessert. Join us for this fundraiser which will help support local Catholic education efforts. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated. If you are not able to make it, and would like to contribute, please mail your donations to Renee. Take-outs will also be available if you're not able to stay.

Catholic United Financial
St. John's – Union Hill Council #37
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Our proud highlights from 2018 include donating over 300 books to members of the Western Catholic Community! Our vibrant council also donated to other wonderful organizations, such as Sharing & Caring Hands, Operation Christ Child, Common Hope, and the Monsignor Schuler Seminarian Fund!

SAVE THE DATE
for these exciting 2019 events!




February 22 – Matching Grant Spaghetti Dinner
March 1 - Catholic United Scholarship application period opens (See www.catholicunitedfinancial.org for more information.)
September 8 – Patriotic Rosary at St. John the Evangelist Church, Union Hill

We would love to hear your ideas on how we can improve serving our Catholic community. Join us for our quarterly business gatherings where decisions are made on who we donate to, how much, what events are important for our church, and how we can continue to support our brothers and sisters. We enjoy starting our meetings, in the St. John's school basement, Koenig Hall, with the rosary at 6:45pm. The meetings are quick, well organized, and enjoyed by all. Write these dates on your calendar and come help us be a strong, influential partner in our Catholic community!


March 11, 2019 – 6:45PM Rosary, 7:00PM Meeting
June 10, 2019 – 6:45PM Rosary, 7:00PM Meeting
September 9, 2019 – 6:45PM Rosary, 7:00PM Meeting
December 9, 2019 – 6:45PM Rosary, 7:00PM Meeting & Christmas Pot Luck Party



Here is a month by month breakdown on all the important issues and events our council covered in 2018.

January-March



-  Our first quarterly meeting was March 19th. Many dates were set for our activities and events for the year. We also made donation allocations to the Catholic United Financial Foundation for the Gather4Good events and the Schuler Seminarian Fund.
-  Our council is proud to announce that Maggie Hennen, Rose Kinyon, Sydney Brod, Emily Krautkremer, Kaylynn Solheid, Paige Tambornino, and Daniel Turner were awarded 2018 Catholic United Financial scholarships this past year.
-  Planning for the Matching Grant Breakfast ensued. This successful fundraiser was rescheduled to April 22nd due to 16 inches of snow falling. Our proceeds from this event, with the match from the main office, exceeded \$3,200.00

April-June




-  May 13th was our annual May crowning. A procession of first communicants, servers, and lectors preceded the crowning of Mary as Queen.

-  Our second quarter meeting was held June 11th. Delegates were elected to attend the Annual Catholic United Financial Convention which was held in St. Paul. The format of the convention was very enjoyable and educational with a highlight being a keynote presentation from Ruth Bachman on Growing Through the Narrow Spots. We also allotted donations to Operation Christ Child, Caring & Sharing Hands, and Common Hope.
-  On June 3rd we held our annual Corpus Christi procession. The procession included the Knights of Columbus, first communicants, choir, congregation, servers, and Father Tix with the Blessed Sacrament. They processed to two outdoor altars for Benediction. The final Benediction was held in St. John's church. Many people joined the procession to pay homage to the Body and Blood of Christ. We extend our thanks to our Catholic United Financial members for assembling and decorating the altars so beautifully.

July-September

-  The Catholic United Financial annual convention was held in St. Paul on Aug. 4th. Delegates from our council were Marlene Dohmen, Renee Brod, Charlene Skluzacek, Jean Boehmke, and Geri Odenthal. Our organization donated to the Hourglass Fund Project. The organization as a whole has voted to change the format of the annual meeting to a Triennial conference with regional annual gatherings on the off years. We are very excited to experience the regional gatherings.
-  Our council was approved for a Grant4Good from the main office. Last year we used the grant money to clean up the church grounds and buildings. This year we purchased Matthew Kelly books! The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity and Resisting Happiness were the books purchased.

October-December

-  Our council co-hosted a Harvest celebration breakfast the weekend before Thanksgiving. This was coordinated with the Children's Thanksgiving program at Masses. We were able to present all of the proceeds from the breakfast, \$800 to each, the Montgomery food shelf and the Peace Center in New Prague.
-  This past holiday season Lois Giesen again spearheaded the work to be done for Operation Christ Child. Our local Council #37 donated \$100 towards the purchase of items for the boxes, along with numerous decorated boxes for this initiative!
-  On December 19th our council hosted a wrapping party and taco dinner. Volunteers wrapped over 300 books that were then handed out as Christmas presents to Mass participants the weekend before Christmas. We also served dinner to students and their families participating in the Christmas Pageant that same evening. It was a beautiful pageant with Father Theisen presiding over Mass after the pageant. If you are interested in receiving a book please stop by either of the WCC churches as extras are in the back of the churches.
-  Our fourth quarter meeting was held December 10th, beginning with prayer & a pot luck supper. All of the existing officers accepted the same positions for the 2019 year. We are so thankful for their contributions and service.
-  2019 Officers are:
 - President- Marlene Dohmen
 - Treasurer- Jean Boehmke
 - Fraternal Secretary- Renee Brod
 - Auditors- Don Giesen & Tom Ruhland
 - Recording Secretary- Lois Giesen

Our council extends our sympathy to the families of members deceased in 2018. As a council we will continue to have Masses said for the souls of the reposed. May they rest in peace.

Visitation Parish Volunteer Team 371

February 2019

Because of YOU, Catholic United Financial Visitation Parish Volunteer Team #371 earned platinum status for the fourth consecutive year. Thank you everyone for the blessings of time and talent you bestowed on your parish, community, and neighbors in need.

Stations of the Cross

were held every Wednesday during Lent at the Stacyville Community Nursing Home, providing an opportunity for residents and friends to pray together. Feel free to join us in 2019.

Easter Baskets

were filled with goodies and delivered to 13 homebound individuals.

Plant Sale & Lasagna Meal

For its second year, PVT #371 along with SCNH Auxiliary and Board members, and community members, hosted a plant sale and lasagna meal. 80 plants were sold and 212 meals served. The nursing home received proceeds of \$3667.80 and the St. Isidore Religious Education program received \$1,000 in matching grant funds from Catholic United Financial.

Pie Auction

and coffee & rolls was a grand time with delicious pies and some heated bidding wars raising over \$1,000. Be sure to join in the fun this year on Fathers Day Sunday, June 16.

Picnic In The Park

Sacred Heart Jugglers entertained at the potluck community affair in the Stacyville City Park. It was a good time to relax and reconnect after the busyness of county fairs and town celebrations.

Gather4Service

New in 2018, we tied and donated fleece blankets to Project Linus in Rochester, MN as a Gather4Service project. The funds were from Catholic United Financial's Grant4Good program.

Community Outreach

Last year PVT #371 held four meetings, hosted bingo at SCNH, held a bowling-pizza party, a Mass for all members, packed 23,000 pills for Haiti, sponsored pet shop at Visitation Fall Festival, donated to various individuals and organizations, and submitted 104 MinisTree cards.

As 2018 ends, we say thank you to Rick Brumm, who has stepped down as Administrative Coordinator. He has been active in PVT 371 (formerly Catholic Aid Council 371) in one way or another since its forming in 1994. We wish you all the best Rick.

As 2019 begins, we say welcome to Lindsey Mullenbach. She has assumed the duties of Administrative Coordinator. We too wish Lindsey all the best as she begins this new venture.

2019 Calendar

JAN 27: meeting
FEB 28: bingo at SCNH
MAR 1-APR 30: Catholic United Financial scholarship period
MAR 13-APR 17: Stations of the Cross every Wednesday 6:30pm
APR 14: meeting + fill & deliver Easter baskets
APR 27: bowling & pizza party
MAY 5: lasagna meal matching grant fundraiser
JUNE 16: coffee-rolls, pie auction
JULY 14: meeting
TBD: pack pills for Haiti
AUG 1: bingo at SCNH
AUG 7: picnic in the park
SEPT 13: Mass for members
SEPT 15: pet shop
NOV 2-3: Gather4Service project tying fleece blankets
NOV 3: meeting
DEC 8: Christmas party

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