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**Dear St. Joseph School Families,**

**I want to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest thanks to Mrs. Karen Pline for all of her years of service to St. Joseph Catholic School.**

**Mrs. Pline will be retiring from her position as school secretary effective June 30, 2022.**

**I am grateful for the opportunity to fulfill her request and wish her and family members all the very best in their endeavors.**

**Disciples of Christ,**

**Mrs. Patricia O'Mara  
Principal**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

“St. Joseph School, staff, parents, and parish family are committed to teaching quality, Christ-centered Catholic beliefs and values. Our uniqueness is displayed in our staff dedication, parental involvement, and community pride, which make St. Joseph a leader in academic excellence, social integration and appreciation.”



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**OPEN LETTER TO THE MEN OF THE PARISH FROM FR. DARREL KEMPF**

Dear Men of St. Joseph Parish,

Today's world is often difficult to navigate. There are constant attacks that test our faith through confusion and dissention among the people of God. As Catholics we are called to stand strong in our trust of God and to have courage and fortitude in the face of the injustices in this world; most sublimely through prayer. The men of St. Joseph Parish ought to stand strong together, pray together, serve together in unity with our Bishop. The book of Psalms sings of the beauty of unity. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"

The Knights of Columbus embrace our call of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Since their establishment in 1882, the Knights of Columbus have worked to provide financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy people and their families. Through this stewardship our knights embody the words of Christ when he said "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our current members are called to stand up strong and united in service to our parish and community. How have you served? Do you do the bare minimum? Are you called to serve more or in different ways? The answer to these questions should be sought in prayer and penance. The members of our Knights of Columbus are considered leaders in our community. How are your prayers leading you to action? Might you be called to serve as a Knight or renew yourself to live as an active member.

If you are reading this and are not yet a member of the Knights of Columbus, consider this your formal invitation. Joining the Knights of Columbus is easy. Any man, 18 years old or older, who is a Catholic in good standing with the Church, is welcome to join. Service projects can be as simple as handing out Tootsie Rolls or rebounding a basketball. Want to know more? Scan the QR code below.

The Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to be a good steward of the gifts that God has given you, and to help make our community even better.

Are you willing to join me in the brotherhood of the Knights?

May God Bless You,

Fr. Darrel Kempf  
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish  
Pewamo, Michigan



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