

Council of Palms #6673

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-- Football Raffle Edition --

Knights in Action! This is our tenth year for funding the McGivney Project! The project is funded solely by Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus and administered by Catholic Charities of North East Kansas. Catholic Charities use our funds to help the homeless in Johnson County restart their lives by providing rent assistance, preventing utilities from being shutoff, and providing budget and career counseling.

<p>Raffle Sales at Holy Trinity Knights will be selling football raffle tickets before and after all masses on the weekends of August 3-4th, and August 17-18th in the Gast Social Room.</p>	<p>13 chances to win each week, for 17 weeks! Every week one person will win \$500, four others will win \$100 each, and eight more will win \$50 each. Each ticket plays every week!</p>	<p>Grand Prize \$1100! The final drawing on December 28th, where only one ticket will be drawn, and the owner will win the Grand Prize of \$1100!</p>	<p>Special Bonus Very First Drawn! The very first ticket drawn wins Season Tickets to "KC Professional Football Games" including Parking Pass! (Sect. 120, Row 20, Seats 23 & 24)</p>	<p>Weekly Ticket Exchanges Every Wednesday starting July 24th through September 4th from 5-6 p.m. in the circle drive in front of Holy Trinity Church.</p>	<p>Ticket Availability Call Mike C at 913-645-5203 or email michaelscrosthwait@gmail.com to have tickets delivered to your home or work. Be happy to meet you at a bar too.</p>
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The McGivney Project Explained

The McGivney Project is a program providing transitional housing for homeless families in Johnson County administered by Catholic Charities and funded by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Trinity Parish, Council #6673.

This program began in 2010 with the goal of not only helping homeless families find immediate housing, but transitioning them from being unemployed to finding work, health care assistance, and learning new life skills. All families interested in obtaining housing through the McGivney Project are referred to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, based in Olathe.

Catholic Charities, with its case managers and social services programs, is responsible for admitting the clients into the program, assessing their needs, administering the program and supervising the progress of the clients in their rehabilitation.

The McGivney Project is funded solely by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Trinity through their annual Football Raffle Ticket Fundraiser held each fall. The McGivney Project continues to grow; this year (2011) there are fifteen homeless families in the transitional housing/social services program. Thanks to Holy Trinity Parish and the community's support of this worthy fundraiser, more than twenty families have been transitioned

back to independent living since the program began.

The McGivney Project funds are used to pay the full rent for 3 months, then the next 3 months we pay 75%, third 3 months at 50%, and last 3 months at 25%. The tenant pays the balance as they re-establish their ability to work and stabilize their lives.

The funds are also used to help others from being cutoff from their utilities.

**Report to Knights of Columbus-
McGivney Project, June 1, 2017
(Fiscal Year 2016)**

Helping to Make a Difference:

A year ago Felicia and her Daughter were locked out of their home by her abusive husband, forcing them into a domestic violence shelter. Felicia achieved safety but now needed a permanent home for her and her daughter. The shelter referred her to the Olathe Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Center (EAC) for the Housing Assistance Program. The Olathe EAC was able to help with a deposit on an apartment and six months of rent. Securing the rent and apartment would serve the physical needs of the family but this would be Felicia's first time living on her own and she was scared.

Felicia initially met weekly with her case manager, learning about budgeting, credit improvement and long-term goals. Through the in-depth case management, one-on-one support and financial literacy classes Felicia was prepared when it was her turn to pay the rent for the 7th month, she was ready. Felicia had tracked her expenses, created a detailed monthly budget and knew how much money she needed monthly to meet her financial obligations.

Today Felicia has maintained her job for over a year, received a raise, obtained health insurance and now has paid health insurance and time-off benefits. Felicia completed her one year lease and shared with the case manager that she was proud of herself. Proud that she had overcome her own fears, completed a one year lease and paid her utilities on time. She was just as proud that she could support her daughter and herself and that her daughter was able to see her succeed on her own.

91 Knights sold tickets last year

We could not have good results with this sale with out our Brothers buying and selling tickets! Thank you so much!

A few years ago we set our own council record by selling 1219 tickets. That is when we were selling each one for full price, \$25.

Last year we sold 965 tickets, leaving over 600 not sold. This is a great opportunity for us to sell those last 600 tickets which would bring in another \$12,700 over and above the McGivney Project cost. We could use those funds to increase McGivney, Make a payment toward the church building debt, share it with the School or support Seminarians at a higher rate!

We currently have 396 members, if we all took part in this sale we could sell out, break the record, and make some big changes in many lives!

If you have not participated please consider buying or selling a couple of tickets this year?

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