

## July 2023 Volume VIII, Number 7



### **Congratulations to our new Schützenfest King and Queen, Paul and Amy Ahrnsen!**

Paul and Amy are on the left with their five children and son-in-law.

L to R: Julie, Matthew, Christine, Paul & Amy, Stephanie, Rachel, and Rachel's husband, Kurt.

### **Also, congratulations to our new Jr. King and Jr. Queen, Nikolaus and Pita Tripathy,**

children of Dilip & Janet Ostendorf Tripathy.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

President — Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Vice President — Amy Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554

Membership (New Members) — Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148

Membership (Current) — Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638

Sick Committee — Open

#### **Sub Group Presidents:**

Genealogy Group — Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sängerchor — John Wegener, 859-240-9598

Schützen Club — Bob Fehrenbach, 513-317-2746

Seniors — Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club — Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

The Journeymen Group — Lydia Sinclair, 859-221-8839

House & Grounds — Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

#### **Kolping Center**

Clubhouse Rentals/Kolping Mgr. — Beth Hoffman, 513-266-6695

Business Office — 513-851-7951 then press 1

Clubhouse — 513-851-7951 then press 5

Hall — 513-851-7951 then press 4

### **July Events**

#### **NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY**

**July 9, 4:00 P.M.**

Appreciation Party

**July 12, 11:30 A.M.**

Seniors Meeting

**July 16, 2:00 P.M.**

Genealogy Meeting

**July 21, 7:00 P.M.**

Captain's Meeting,

Schützen Club

### **August Events**

**August 4, 7:30 P.M.**

General Meeting

**August 9, 11:30 A.M.**

Seniors Meeting

**August 17, 7:00 P.M.**

New Member

Initiation

**August 18, 7:30 P.M.**

Schützen Nacht

**August 20, 2:00 P.M.**

Genealogy Meeting



## Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of July!



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Linda	Irlbacher	Jul 2
Michael	Meyer	Jul 2
Alfred	Redder	Jul 2
Eric	Von den Benken	Jul 2
Therese	Stricker	Jul 4
Joseph	Wolterman	Jul 4
Ralph	Hite	Jul 5
Aaron	Manter	Jul 5
Michelle	Moeller	Jul 5
Tim	Tensing	Jul 5
Raymond	Miller	Jul 6
Mike	Bodkin	Jul 7
Don	Murnan	Jul 7
Angela	Pohlabeln	Jul 7
Frank	Albers	Jul 8
Rebecca	Hollis	Jul 8
Ken	Rieder	Jul 9
Joe	Kennedy	Jul 10
Wayne	Ramsey	Jul 10
Neil	Geoppinger	Jul 12
Richard	Valentino	Jul 12
Cathy	Jung	Jul 13
Chris	Ruwe	Jul 14
Regina	Wolterman	Jul 14
Linda	Knizner	Jul 16
Ray	Muench	Jul 16
Carl	Wurzelbacher	Jul 16
Dan	Fischer	Jul 17

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Michael	Hemme	Jul 17
Eric	Muench	Jul 17
Michael	Schmidt	Jul 17
Sylvia	Nadler	Jul 18
Sharon	Riley	Jul 18
Mason	Seibel	Jul 18
Monica	DeFranco	Jul 19
Ann	Gerbus	Jul 19
Christine	McDaniel	Jul 19
Ralph	Ostendorf	Jul 19
Anna	Stukenborg	Jul 19
Heinz	Kalkhoff	Jul 20
Michael	McCarthy	Jul 20
Chuck	Merk	Jul 20
Manfred	Schnetzer	Jul 21
Josef	Seidl	Jul 21
Helen	Mueller	Jul 22
Theresa	Beiter	Jul 23
Dottie	Nissen	Jul 24
Mark	Aufderbeck	Jul 25
Chien	Vu	Jul 25
Heddy	Freese	Jul 26
Clem	Sunderman	Jul 26
Jamie	Meyer	Jul 27
Christopher	Schrand	Jul 27
Reinhold	Schwegmann	Jul 27
Harry	Schwietering	Jul 27
Anita	Grolmes	Jul 28

### To Those Who Receive the Bulletin by Mail

We have finally come to the point where we can no longer send our monthly *Kolping Bulletin* out at the bulk mail rate, and it is no longer cost effective to mail out nearly 200 newsletters on a monthly basis. Most of our Kolping members (529) receive the *Bulletin* via Email at this point in time, and for those of you who are in the minority and are still receiving the newsletter via snail mail, we are asking that you send your email address to us if you have one so that we can change the distribution to email. If you have no access to email or the Internet (the *Bulletin* can be read or downloaded from the Cincinnati Kolping website), we can continue to send the newsletter to you in the mail for a period of time.

Either way, IF you currently receive your *Bulletin* via the U.S. Postal Service, you MUST contact Nancy Pelzel at 513-385-3120 or [KolpingBulletin@gmail.com](mailto:KolpingBulletin@gmail.com) to give your email address OR to request continuance of the paper *Bulletin*. **The deadline for giving this information is July 24, 2023.** If we receive no response, we will discontinue mailing your copy of the newsletter.



## Deaths

**Ursula Meyer**, wife of Erich Meyer and Kolping member for 46 years, passed away on May 30, 2023 at the age of 97. Ursula was the Schützenfest Queen, along with her husband Erich as the King in 1989-1990. She also was a member of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary for many years and volunteered for many of the Kolping events throughout the years. She received the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 2012. We extend our sympathies to Erich and their daughters, Gisela Holstein and Goody Kenney, along with the entire Meyer family.

**Marlene Ann Koeninger**, mother of Kolping members Bob Koeninger, Amy Hester and Ann Hoerstmann, passed away on May 27, 2023 at the age of 89. Our condolences go out to Bob, Amy and Ann, along with the whole Koeninger family.

**Darrell Wayne Bingham, Sr.**, father of Kolping member Darrell Bingham, Jr., passed away on June 7, 2023 at the age of 66. Our sympathies go out to Darrell and the rest of the Bingham family.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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## Kolping Seniors

The Seniors will meet on July 12, 2023 at 11:30 am with lunch to follow at 12:00 noon. News, discussion, lunch, and maybe a joke.

Tom Musbach

## Sick & Shut-Ins

Gary Gerdes  
Regina Schnetzer  
Erich Meyer  
Tony Walker  
Robert Dashley, Jr.

Linda Knizner  
Gene Bertke  
Willy Gerdes  
Anna Marie Burwinkel  
Christel Leuker

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks, and send a card or give them a call.

We ask for special prayers for Lowell Haber, the three-and-a-half year-old son of Kolping member Tom Haber and his wife Adrienne, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. You can follow Lowell's progress on the website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lowellhaber>

In addition, Sue Schlake, wife of Kolping member Carl Schlake, is in need of a kidney. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jackie at The Christ Hospital at 513-585-1440.

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com).

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## 2023 Anniversary Mass Thank You!

Our 2023 Anniversary Mass was a huge success! We celebrated the following couples on their significant wedding anniversaries: **65 Years** – Gus & Mary Kramer; **60 Years** – Carl & Dottie Nissen; **55 Years** – Tim & Audrey Burda, Richard & Nancy Ellensohn, Chuck & Lin Merk, Mike & Nancy Pelzel; **45 Years** – Bill & Kim Sterwerf; **40 Years** – Dennis & Shirley Brunsman, Henry & Donna Faulk, Carl & Sue Schlake, Joe & Mary Workman; **30 Years** – Chris & Jennifer Ruwe, Bill & Charlotte Schoenberger; **20 Years** – Kevin & Valerie Gerbus.

The event was a success due to the following wonderful volunteers who helped with the meal prep, hall setup on Saturday, and serving and cleanup on Sunday: Russ Hessler, Andrew & Katie Hessler, Monica & Branson Rice, Ted Wilke, Nancy Pelzel, Ted & Ann Hoerstmann, Dan & Terri Hoerstman, Sylvia Smith, Chien Vu, and Brian & Susan Griffin.

Barbara Hessler, Chairperson

## Letter from the 98<sup>th</sup> King & Queen

Dear Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you, and particularly to everyone on our court, for your incredible help, support, and dedication. Serving alongside you over the past year has been an absolute honor.

Julie is eagerly looking forward to participating alongside the Tuesday Workers and Seniors' Group. They have been a source of immense joy and fulfillment for her, and she is excited to continue her relationship with them.

Reflecting on the past year, we are overwhelmed with fond memories. The numerous clubs and German events in our vibrant community have provided us with countless enriching experiences and valuable friendships. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful area.

We would also like to extend our sincere best wishes to King Paul, Queen Amy, and their five beautiful children. They embody the true spirit of Kolping, and it is our collective responsibility to offer them our unwavering support through both action and prayer.

With warmest regards,  
98<sup>th</sup> K & Q Mark & Julie Faust



### Soccer Club News

Our 2009 Girls Orange made it to the semi-finals of the Regionals of the President's Cup. We are proud of the girls and the coaches for their hard work.

We are on a very much needed break right now, and the season will be starting back up in the first part of August.

Please come watch all the FCC games at the Pub.

Walt Dewar, President  
Kolping Soccer Club  
513-312-8551



### Schützen Club Corner

#### Captains' Meeting:

**Date and Time:** Friday, July 21, 2023, at 7pm

**Place:** Kolping Clubhouse

- If you are a captain, please make sure that you attend this meeting or send a representative from your team if you are unable to be there.
- We will have signup sheets for your team to volunteer for Targets, Bar, Food, and Tickets for each month during the shooting season.

**Next Shooting Date:** Friday, August 18, 2023

**Place:** Kolping Clubhouse

**More information will be sent in next month's *Bulletin* regarding our first shooting night in August.**

Respectfully,  
Aaron Callahan  
513-406-3188

*Thank you!*

A special "THANK YOU" to Ralph Ostendorf and Ostendorf Greenhouses, who donated all the flowers that were planted around the Kolping grounds prior to Schützenfest. And a big "THANK YOU" to Sylvia Ostendorf Smith, who planted all the flowers. They certainly made the Kolping grounds look beautiful during our premier event – the Kolping Schützenfest!

## Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Thank you and congratulations to all members and volunteers who worked so diligently to make *Schützenfest 2023* a wonderful success! Quite a crowd turned out. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and moderate temperatures. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who contributed so much time and treasure.

Now is the time to recall the work of Fr. Adolph Kolping. He rose from humble stock, always keeping his eye on living the faith he inherited. Though Adolph wanted higher education, that was out of the question. He was apprenticed to a shoemaker instead.

As a young man Adolph devoted time to prayer and study. When he became a journeyman shoemaker, he was disappointed with the morally degrading conditions he endured. When a family of means granted him the chance to attain his dreams, Adolph eventually was ordained a priest in Cologne (Köln).

His pastoral work brought him into the harsh economic realities of the Industrial Revolution. It brought about his deeper realization about what he was called to do. Rather than becoming a professor, the young priest increasingly saw that he was called to work with the poor and devoted himself to his pastoral work.

"The needs of the times will teach you what to do," wrote Fr. Kolping.\* That was a couple years later as he worked with the young men who became members of the organization he founded. He tried to make Catholic social teachings well known, through his writings and publications. In the midst of the economic impact of the Industrial Revolution, Kolping's focus on justice and family eventually became the foundation of the Kolping families that he helped to establish in Europe.

So we stand on the foundational work of Fr. Kolping. May we continue that emphasis on family and justice today and in the years to come.

\*<https://loveexpands.com/author/adolph-kolping/>

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM

## Kolping Genealogy

Join fellow genealogy German records researchers for a special guest session on this, our regular third Sunday, July 16. We will meet in person at our Kolping Klubhaus at 2:00 pm. It will actually be a hybrid session, both live and broadcasting using Zoom. Guests are welcome. You do not need to be a Kolping member. Feel free to bring your own laptop and research.

**Sunday, July 16:** Presenter Patrick DiMuzio from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS) will present an overview of the HCGS website and discuss the various publications, databases, and records that the Society makes available for local genealogical researchers. Patrick has worked on the HCGS website for the past two years and has a working knowledge of the records and materials that we now have available at our fingertips for all to research.

This will be a *live meeting* at the Kolping Klubhaus but also offering guests a link via Zoom (see below) beginning at 2:00 pm. Have a notebook handy for taking notes.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84534749937?pwd=bmlUSGJXeEliblkhkUTAyemNYemk1Zz09>

*Always check the Kolping website for any updates/schedule changes:*

<http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

Dr. Tom Montgomery, [montgota@gmail.com](mailto:montgota@gmail.com),  
[montgota@miamioh.edu](mailto:montgota@miamioh.edu), 513-969-5383

### Deadline for submitting articles for the July

***Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin***  
**is Wednesday, July 26, 2023**  
**at 5:00 P.M.**

**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel**  
**at: [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com).**

## Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

### In Memory of Phyllis Lunnemann

Carl and Dottie Nissen

### In Memory of Ursula Meyer

Theo and Christel Leuker

### In Memory of George Ostendorf

Carl and Dottie Nissen

### In Memory of Dean Thiemann

Carl and Dottie Nissen

### In Memory of Manfred Ellers

Gerry Kreutzjans

Werner and Doris Wilke

Theo and Christel Leuker

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent in memory of our Kolping members and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion. Please consider the Hiller Fund in your estate planning and charitable bequests.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Paul A. Ahrnsen  
FDHF Chairman

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*“As long as family life is disabled, so is society. Therefore, our best efforts must be directed toward restoring the family. We can preach and educate individuals until we are blue in the face; we can agonize over designing impressive state programs; but, if family life remains unhealthy, all our efforts will be in vain.”*

-- Blessed Adolph Kolping



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Basket Raffle! It was a huge success and our best year ever! The generous donations from so many made the process enjoyable and PROFITABLE!

Please be on the lookout for any deal you may find. We are already starting for next year.

Gratefully,

The Basket Raffle Committee  
Cathy Jung & Eileen Breyley



Above, Magda & Ben Geers with Clem and Tim Sunderman at the Schützenfest. Ben is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest living King at 94 years-old.

## Photos from the Anniversary Mass on June 4, 2023



Left, Carl & Dottie Nissen  
celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary



Right, Lin & Chuck Merk  
celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary



Left, the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebrants  
Left to Right:  
Carl & Sue Schlake,  
Joe & Mary Workman,  
Donna & Henry Faulk,  
Shirley & Dennis  
Brunsmann.

Other Celebrants not  
pictured:  
Gus & Mary Kramer,  
65 years;  
Tim & Audrey Burda,  
Dick & Nancy Ellensohn,  
and Mike & Nancy Pelzel,  
55 years;  
Bill & Kim Sterwerf,  
45 years.



Left, the 30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebrants

Left to Right:  
Bill & Charlotte  
Schoenberger,  
Chris & Jennifer Ruwe



Above, Valerie & Kevin Gerbus  
celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## A Great Big *Schützenfest* Thank You!!!

Dear Kolping Members –

Since our move of *Schützenfest* to Father's Day Weekend last year, it is so wonderful to report that we were blessed to set another new record for the second year in a row! This is particularly impressive given the incredible benchmark we established last year. This tells me that the best is yet to come and I believe our crowds will continue to grow, as more people learn about *Schützenfest* and make it their Father's Day Weekend destination. I genuinely hope everyone feels a great sense of joy and accomplishment, as *Schützenfest* is truly a total team effort!

It was wonderful to experience such amazing weather all weekend long and I am delighted that we were blessed with the opportunity to do our best and to show a growing crowd what Kolping and *Schützenfest* are all about. It sure is great to enjoy the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June's less humid weather.

The ability to showcase how awesome *Schützenfest* and Kolping are is so rewarding. Based on the many enthusiastic reports, both at the fest and on social media, people had a super time. It also appears that we continue to have many 1<sup>st</sup> time festivalgoers. Speaking of social media, Andrew Hessler reported that we did not receive one negative comment about *Schützenfest* all weekend long on Facebook, which is almost unheard of in the world of social media! It was great to see the number of new people discover and follow our *Schützenfest* Facebook Page ([@schutzenfestcincy](https://www.facebook.com/schutzenfestcincy)).

We cannot thank our amazing volunteers enough for all of your fantastic efforts, especially for the help on Sunday!!! It is such a testament to Team Kolping that we are able to have such wonderful volunteers committed to help on Sunday in general, and particularly on Father's Day. There are so many people to thank and I unfortunately cannot list them all. We could not have this special event without the incredible dedication and work ethic of our volunteers. *Schützenfest* is a growing event with a bright future.

I am very excited to hear the many stories of more and more people wanting to join Kolping and to also volunteer at *Schützenfest*, including many younger people. We definitely welcome their help.

I want to personally highlight that I felt our festival grounds looked fantastic. The enhancements made to further accommodate more people and provide greater protection from the weather were wonderful. *Schützenfest* definitely has the capacity to accommodate larger crowds, in a truly quality way. It is great that our festivalgoers can move around easily and not constantly bump into one another.

There were many behind-the-scenes infrastructure improvements made over the past year that cannot be recognized enough. We have so many wonderful people helping in so many ways. Their efforts made the setup, operations, and tear down efforts significantly easier.

Though our new off-site parking was not used much this year, given the fantastic weather, having this invaluable asset will pay massive dividends sometime down the road.



We need to thank all of our food service teams! They did an absolutely fantastic job delivering wonderful homemade food and treats. Food service is always a challenge and particularly so with record crowds. Kolping should be very proud of the quality of our offerings and service. We are blessed to be able to serve such wonderful homemade food.

Our Basket Raffles, Games, and Merchandise areas had record results. There is so much work that goes into these areas and it is so nice to see the volunteers' outstanding efforts rewarded. We want to thank all Kolping members who donated generously to the Basket Raffle!

The Bubenplatz, Schnaps Cart, History & Heritage area, Shooting Events, Bier Dash, and all of our beer, wine, and refreshment stations add an extra level of fun and polish to *Schützenfest*. Our volunteers' special efforts in these areas continue to fundamentally help transform *Schützenfest* from a festival to an event. An event is what creates memories people want to enjoy year after year, and these areas create something special to help *Schützenfest* shine!

We need to also make a major shout out to our Setup and Teardown teams! Anna and Tom are so grateful for everyone's leadership and for so many people taking the initiative to show up each night.

I want to send a special thank you to our electricians and everyone associated with the setup of electric at *Schützenfest*. The work they do and their commitment is amazing, especially in light of the changes we have made over the years. I hope our more stable layout makes their lives less difficult.

I want to thank all of our festival sponsors, who are comprised primarily of Kolping members. I know the Sponsorship Team was thrilled with our record results.

I would be remiss in not thanking our Volunteer Coordinators. What they accomplish is truly amazing, as it takes over 1,000 volunteers to make *Schützenfest* happen!

Finally, it is critical to highlight the efforts of our Logistics and Ordering team and our Money Room team. They were presented with many challenges before the fest this year. Their leadership, hard work, and long hours were amazing and invaluable!

It gives me great pride to know we put on an event that makes our legacy members proud. Receiving their compliments means everything, as we do not want to ever forget our history, legacy, and tradition!

The future of Kolping and *Schützenfest* is bright. Let's continue to make *Schützenfest* on Father's Day Weekend the new family tradition of Cincinnati!

It is going to be a great year with the new court of König Paul & Königin Amy Ahrnsen and Jr. König Nikolaus Tripathy & Jr. Königin Pia Tripathy! It will be fun and exciting to see the familiar and new faces come out and celebrate Kolping style.

We have a great team and I look forward to more success down the road. I thank you all very much again for everything!

Treu Kolping,

- Jim Stukenborg

# Scenes from Schützenfest 2023



**Prost to one of our best  
Schützenfests ever!  
And a big THANK YOU to Jim &  
Anna Stukenborg for all their  
dedication for the last  
11 years!**



# 2023 Calendar of Events

<p><b>JANUARY</b>      3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 30 Board Meeting (February)</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b>    3 General Meeting 4 Stube Nacht 11 Valentine's Dance 24 Fish Fry 27 Board Meeting (March)</p> <p><b>MARCH</b>        3 Fish Fry 3 General Meeting 10 Fish Fry 16 New Member Initiation 17 Fish Fry 18 Schützen Royal Ball 24 Fish Fry 24-26 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Fish Fry</p> <p><b>APRIL</b>        3 Board Meeting 7 Good Friday No General Meeting 8 Easter Egg Hunt – Kolping Park 16 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 30 Sängerschor Spring Konzert</p> <p><b>MAY</b>            2 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 14 Mother's Day Brunch Kolping Park 19 Schützen End Party 30 Board Meeting (June)</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b>            2 General Meeting 4 Anniversary Mass 16-18 Schützenfest 18 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park</p> <p><b>JULY</b>            3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 9 Appreciation Party 21 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 31 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p><b>AUGUST</b>        4 General Meeting 17 New Member Initiation 18 First Schützen Nacht 28 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>   NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 22-24 1931 Invitational Tournament</p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b>      2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 29 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 30 Board Meeting (November)</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b>    3 General Meeting/Elections 26 Weihnachts Konzert 27 Board Meeting (December)</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b>    3 Christmas Mass and Party 10 Children's Christmas Party</p>
<p><b>MEETINGS:</b></p> <p><b>Board of Directors</b>    Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Club</b>        First Thursday – 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>General Membership</b>   First Friday – 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b>        Second Wednesday – 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Bier Choir</b>            2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Schützen Club</b>        Third Friday – 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Genealogy Group</b>      Third Sunday – 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Sängerschor</b>            Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Soccer Club</b>            Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</b></p> <p>We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.</p>