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Submitted Photos
1. Over 100 golfers are ready to tee off at the Island Country Club.
2. Father Chuck Ruoff gives the opening blessing to all golfers.
3. Carol and Mike Stanzack are ready to take on the course!
4. Golf Tournament Chairperson Dennis Pidherny.

Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Event Huge Success
Submitted

The weather was simply perfect. The fairways were trimmed with precision, and the greens were fast on Saturday morning May 13th for the Knights of Columbus 48th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful Island Country Club. Over 100 golfers challenged their skills, had fun, and in doing so supported many wonderful local charities.

While the course is challenging for any golfer, the tournament was made a bit easier by having a few surprises. On one hole, golfers were given the privilege to move up to just 150 yards from the pin (normally 500 yards out!) and on another, the club pro blasted their tee shot drive to "assist" their scores. It was all genuine fun and it kept each of the foursomes incredibly competitive.

No matter what your score was, all the players were smiling and having an enjoyable time throughout the day. The Island Country Club Restaurant delighted the players with an incredible buffet lunch. Next was the presentation of prizes for the Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, First and Second Place Foursomes, Best over Age 70 Foursome and over $1,000 in raffle prizes. It seemed like everyone walked away with a prize, including a goodie bag stuffed with gift cards and golf balls.

The proceeds from these Knights of Columbus organized and sponsored events support many wonderful local charities, such as Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul, the Parish Scholarship Program, and several Veteran programs. These events are not possible without the generous support of so many wonderful businesses in our community. We thank each of them:

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The Knights would like to thank Sir Knight Dennis Pidherny who has been the chair of the Knights Golf Tournament for five years. His leadership in running these golf tournaments has generated over $80,000 which was donated to local charities during his tenure. Thank you, Dennis!

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and being part of an exceptional group of men that support so many worthwhile charities, please contact John Caltabiano at 239-642-9840. For more information on the Knights of Columbus and our upcoming events go to sanmarcoknights.com.