

2026 Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest
"The True Meaning of Christmas" Kettle
Moraine Council 3562

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Kettle Moraine Council #3562 *"The True Meaning of Christmas"*

November 3, 2026

To All School Principals and Religious
Formation Coordinators
Queen Of Apostle's Parish
St. Charles Parish
St. Anthony's Parish
St. Joan Of Arc Parish
St. Theresa of Calcutta
Trinity Academy
Home School Coordinators

Our Knights of Columbus Council No. 3562 invites all girls and boys in grades 1-4 to participate in our annual Christmas Poster Contest.

The contest will take place November 3rd through December 8th. The contest guidelines are enclosed to assist you and your young people in planning their participation. There are no fees for any child entering the contest.

The theme of the poster contest is: "The True Meaning of Christmas". There are four levels of competition so that students are competing with young people of their own grade level. Winners will be selected from each of the grades 1-4.

If you have any questions that are not answered in the guidelines, please contact me at (262)501-4541. We will collect posters from participating schools no later than Tuesday, December 8th. Home school students, please contact me or mail your posters to arrive no later than Monday, December 7th.

The Knights of Columbus are looking forward to your students taking an active role in this contest.

Sincerely,

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Rules and Regulations

Eligibility: Contest is open to all students in grades 1 through 4 who are in private or public schools or are home schooled. Judging will take place in four separate categories. First, second and third place winners will be selected in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Size of Poster: The poster may NOT EXCEED 12" x 18" - standard construction paper or tag board is suggested instead of poster board.

Media:

1. Crayons	3. Watercolors	5. Colored Pens
2. Colored Pencils	4. Magic Marker	6. Pen and Ink

Note:
1. All Ideas in posters should be original
2. No "paste-ons" or pastels accepted
3. No traced letters or pictures

Judging of Posters: Judges are to use the following criteria:

A. Expression of True Christmas theme	20 Points
B. Originality	30 Points
C. Artistic quality	50 Points
Total:	100 Points

"The True Meaning of Christmas" results in numerous scenes of the Holy Family in the stable. While this may compromise originality, a manger scene of high artistic quality will certainly catch the eye of many judges. Past winning entries have focused on the Baby Jesus, the Madonna and Child, or the Magi on their journey to Bethlehem. Others emphasized family gatherings, a country church on Christmas Eve, Peace on Earth or incorporated Christmas carols. It is not necessary to include the words of the theme on the posters! It is suggested that entrants try to avoid use of materialistic images of Christmas and concentrate on the religious aspects of this very joyous day.

Identification:

All posters MUST have a completed identification label attached in the upper left-hand corner on the back of poster. (Sample labels attached) Posters will be picked up for judging on no later than December 8th. All winners will be notified by December 11, 2026. Winners will receive a certificate and a small gift card or small cash award.

Note: This label should be completely filled out and must be attached on the BACK UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER of each poster. No other writing should be on the back of the poster.

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