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**2018 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALLEYE CLASSIC  
BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTION  
5:15 PM Tuesday, NOVEMBER 15, 2018  
St. Philip's Church, Bemidji**

The **Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic**, presented by **Acme Tools/Milwaukee Tools/Honda Power Equipment**, a competitive, live-release walleye-fishing tournament was held Saturday, June 9, 2018 on Lake Bemidji and Lake Irving. One hundred two-person teams competed for more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes. The 2018 Classic was won by Dean and Toby Kvalevog.

This tournament was a continuation of the proud 17-year tradition begun as the Kraus-Anderson Walleye Classic. Kraus-Anderson handed management of the tournament over to the Knights of Columbus in the fall of 2015.

On November 15, The Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic distributed **\$63,016** to eleven different charitable beneficiaries, an increase of over \$16,000 over the previous year. Tournament revenues were earned through tournament entry fees, sponsorships, donations, and the annual raffle sponsored by Ray's Marine/Lund/Mercury. The beneficiary organizations listed below support the tournament by providing thousands of hours of volunteer service toward event planning, raffle ticket sales, and tournament operations.

Bemidji Youth League Baseball  
Wounded Warrior Guide Service  
Bemidji Area Special Olympics  
Fishing Has No Boundaries  
Let's Go Fishing  
Take A Kid Fishing

Bemidji Boy Scouts  
George Pelawa Foundation  
DNR Fisheries  
All Pro Dads  
Knights of Columbus Council #1544

Over a 17-year tournament history, the Kraus Anderson/Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic has distributed a total of **\$757,544** to great community causes!

Next year's tournament will be held on Lakes Bemidji and Irving on June 8, 2019.

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