



www.kcwalleyeclassic.com



PO Box 1788 Bemidji, MN 56619

**2017 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALLEYE CLASSIC
BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTION
5:30 PM Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
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 10, 2017 on Lake Bemidji and Lake Irving. One hundred two-person teams competed for more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes. The 2017 Classic was won by Harold Johnson and Marv Sandbek.

This tournament was a continuation of the proud 16-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 September 19, The Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic distributed **\$46,782** to ten different charitable beneficiaries, an increase of nearly \$9,000 over the previous year. Tournament revenues were earned through tournament entry fees, sponsorships, donations, and the annual raffle sponsored by Corner Sports/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
Knights of Columbus Council #1544

Over a 17-year tournament history, the Kraus Anderson/Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic has distributed a total of **\$694,528** to great community causes!

Next year's tournament will be held on Lakes Bemidji and Irving on June 9, 2018.

For more information, contact tournament director Joe Czapiewski at (218) 556-3651, j_czapiewski@yahoo.com or visit www.kcwalleyeclassic.com.