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## 2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALLEYE CLASSIC Notice of Tournament Cancellation

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The Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic Committee announces the cancellation of the 2020 Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic fishing tournament, originally scheduled to be held June 13.

“We regret that current circumstances make producing this year’s tournament unworkable,” said Joe Czapiewski, Tournament Director. “Our Committee has thoroughly explored its options for producing the tournament, even under potentially relaxed public health restrictions. However, our goal of holding a community celebration of fishing, especially one as big as our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is just not feasible this year.” The Committee thanks its anglers, sponsors, and beneficiaries for their continued support of this important community fundraiser.

The public still has an opportunity to support the tournament’s charitable beneficiaries this year by purchasing KCWC raffle tickets. With 20 prizes and a top prize of a Lund boat/Mercury motor/Shoreland’r trailer courtesy of Ray’s Sport and Marine, buying a ticket is a great way to have fun while supporting the tournament’s eleven charities. Many of those charities look to the Walleye Classic as their main source of funding.

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each at Lueken’s North, Northwoods Bait and Tackle, Acme Tools, through supporters of the charities involved, or by mailing a check with your name, phone number, and return address to KCWC Raffle, PO Box 1788, Bemidji, MN 56619.

Tournament organizers are already making plans to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic, presented by Acme Tools/Milwaukee Tools/Honda Power Equipment, on June 12, 2021 at the Lake Bemidji waterfront. The tournament will still include the expanded field of 120 teams vying for a top prize of \$20,000.

The charities involved in the 2020 KC Walleye Classic are Bemidji Youth League Baseball, Scouting, All Pro Dads, Bemidji High School Youth Fishing Team, Special Olympics, Take a Kid Fishing, Let’s Go Fishing, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Wounded Warrior Guide Service, DNR Fisheries, and the Knights of Columbus Council #1544.

Over a 19-year tournament history, the Kraus Anderson/Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic has distributed a total of **\$820,250** to great community causes.

Follow our Facebook page @KnightsofColumbusWalleyeClassic for updates and announcements about Anniversary activities, raffle ticket sales, and more.

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