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**2019 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALLEYE CLASSIC
BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTION
7:15 PM Tuesday, December 17, 2019
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 8, 2019 on Lake Bemidji and Lake Irving. One hundred two-person teams competed for more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes. The 2019 Classic was won by Larry Sundquist and Steve Holley, the tournament's first ever repeat champions.

This tournament was a continuation of the proud 18-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 December 17th, The Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic distributed **\$62,706** to ten different charitable beneficiaries, nearly matching the previous record. 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 Scouts – Voyageurs Area Council
DNR Fisheries
All Pro Dads
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!

Next year's 20th Anniversary tournament will be held on Lakes Bemidji and Irving on June 13, 2020. Follow our Facebook page @KnightsofColumbusWalleyeClassic for updates and announcements about Anniversary activities, special Tournament registration opportunities, and more.

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