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Holy Family Knights of Columbus FridayBLAST December 17, 2021



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**FROM
OUR
GRAND
KNIGHT,
DEAN-O**

Merry Christmas 11981 !!

As we approach the most joyous time of the year, Christmas, we like to think or hope, everyone is a little nicer and maybe a little more patient. With what we have all been through this past year, I think I would settle for simple smile or a nod. We all know that Christmas isn't about the presents under the tree, it's the birth of Christ. How we spread that cheer is what really makes the difference. I would like to suggest that this year we make that effort, reach out, mend those fences or take down the barriers that are preventing you to be the person Jesus has asked us to be. I know each of you have it in you, let it out!

I would like to wish each and everyone of you the most Joyous Christmas ever, from my family to my extended family. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, let us share the joy of the season with everyone we are in contact with

Knights Day of Reflection

On Saturday December 4th, we had the privilege to have our very own Council Chaplain, our Pastor, address the Knights of Columbus in the sanctuary. The event was well attended, with member participation, as well as a few personal stories shared as well. The overall topic was, The Many Ways God Calls Us. Sound easy right? Well, I bet you could not imagine the many ways that God has called each of us. Fr. Terry did a great job to pull all the readings and personal stories into an outstanding presentation. With Gene & Kristin adding song and visuals, I feel strongly that the message being delivered was well received.

We will share a video when it is available. However, to give you a snapshot, one key element and take away was building our relationship with our Parish and God. The Many Ways God Call Us: Personally, Through Baptism, Through Persistence, A variety of ways at the same time, Through others and Through the Eucharist. We are charged and challenged to be Encouraged to Acknowledge, Identify and Share our Talents.

This is one of many opportunities to be inspired by our Chaplain/Pastor, so that we, as one, can learn, share and strengthen our Love and devotion to not only Jesus, but each of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And, finally....

Please be aware that we decided to cancel the Knights Cafe that was scheduled the last weekend of January. Having three cafes (two in Jan and one early Feb) within 6 weeks was too ambitious a plan! For list of all the scheduled Cafes, see the schedule below in the "Ongoing Programs" section.

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THIS Sunday, Dec 19th

BLOOD DRIVE



Experience the wonder



**Holy Family Catholic Community Blood Drive
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 11981**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 19TH
8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
VITALANT BLOODMOBILE**

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org and use group code ORD0025C.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a FREE Large 1-topping pizza from Papa John's.

Appointments Recommended.
Must Wear A Mask.

Critical Blood Shortage Alert

Vitalant has a critical shortage of all blood types especially O and urges all donors that are eligible to donate blood now to replenish the blood supply.

There is no waiting period to give blood after receiving an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

Don't just live through others.
Let others live through you.
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | vitalant.org**
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

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DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED



The Mobile Unit is coming to Holy Family! Will be available from 8am to 12:30pm. If you are able, please plan to donate.

CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION APPOINTMENT

Could you help out for an hour or so to greet and sign in donors??

Contact Chancellor Rick Mc Mahon 847.450.8010 rickmcmahon58@gmail.com

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MORE CHRISTMAS TIME PROGRAMS



We have Important activities coming up! It's a busy time for all of us at home and work, but please plan to work a little Christmas charity/fraternity time into your schedule. ("Tis the Season"!)

Gift Baby Jesus on his birthday by helping our parish! Join your Brothers at one or two events. This is stuff most anyone can do!

Click on the contact email and let us know you'll be there.

Friday December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE TRAFFIC CONTROL

Manage parking lot traffic in the mid-afternoon approx Noon to 1pm
OR 2:30 to 3:45pm

Contact GK Dean-o Deano1429@aol.com 847-553-6750

Sunday Dec 26th

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

We need a few guys to spend FIVE MINUTES after any mass (7:30, 9 or 11) to distribute holy cards as folks exit.

If you are going to be at one of the masses, Contact DGK Greg Flanagan Greg.flanagan@comcast.net 847-370-4723



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Life

MOBILE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

We had another highly successful food distribution at Holy Family last week Thursday. 150+ families received needed food provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Guests were assisted by many volunteers including our brother Knights: Bill Crowley, Frank Landowski, Glenn Yamamoto, Greg Flanagan, Mike Gilbert, Ken Aman, Ron & Kathy Wojewoda, Rick McMahon and, last but not least, our Life Director Dan Tokarz who led the event for Holy Family.

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CYBER-CRIME ALERT

Suspicious emails are being sent to Knights of Columbus members from bad actors who impersonate State Deputies. Click on button above for more info as well as tips on avoiding such schemes.

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BUY YOUR #11981 KofC POLO SHIRT



With many new folks participating in our events, we are taking orders for our council polo shirt.
The price is \$20.

Contact PGK/Trustee Glenn Yamamoto to order
yamo225@gmail.com 847-609-2983

Be sure to indicate your size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) and your first name that will be stitched on front of the shirt (as shown above)

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UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

Thursday January 27th 6:30-7:30pm (Room TBA)
Thursday February 24th 6:30-7:30pm (Room TBA)

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GOOD OF THE ORDER
Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

On the First Day of Christmas

"On the first day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me... a partridge in a pear tree."

Remember that famous Christmas song, The Twelve Days of Christmas? The song's melody that we sing today was given shape in 1909 by English composer Frederic Austin. The earliest known version of the song's lyrics are found in a 1780s British children's book, Mirth Without Mischief.

Twenty-three years ago, in October 1998, my wife and I moved into a new home in Streamwood. There was one tree in the front yard and none in the back yard. The following Spring, I bought two trees from Home Depot—a red maple tree and a pear tree. I planted them in the two corners of my

backyard. Both trees were about four feet high. Today, our maple tree is about 15 feet high, and our pear tree is about 40 feet tall. When I look out the windows to the backyard, I'm amazed at how tall that pear tree has grown since I planted it.

The Twelve Days of Christmas starts with one gift on Christmas Day and adds another each day for the next eleven days. When you sing the song, each new verse also recalls every one of the previous gifts. Each verse ends with "...and a partridge in a pear tree."

There have been numerous interpretations of what those gifts mean, including religious themes. The theme I like the most describes the partridge in the pear tree as the baby Jesus, roosting with His mother Mary at the very first Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord. God is our True Love, who gave us His Son Jesus—on the first day of the very first Christmas.

We celebrate God our Father's True Love every Christmas. And like Father, like Son: Jesus gives Himself, His Life and Love, to us in every Eucharist that we celebrate.

For this year's First Day of Christmas, who are the true loves you will gifts to in your life?
How will your true loves grow bigger, taller, and more amazing each year
through your generous planting of God's love?

Yes, your true loves will grow because You are the Good of the Order, truly loved by God who plants the good seeds of His Word and works His good deeds—in and through you.

Encore Edition dedicated to Dean-o Delaly.
Submitted by Past Lecturer, Dave Pipitone
December, 2021

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TODAY'S TRIVIA ON THIS DATE, December 17th

- **1903:** near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful sustained flights in an airplane—Orville first, gliding 120 feet (36.6 metres) through the air in 12 seconds.
- **1936:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAPA: Birth of **Jorge Mario Bergoglio...Pope Francis!**



- **1989:** "The Simpsons" premieres on Fox TV as a full animated series with the episode, "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire"

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CALENDAR



Holy Family and The Knights continue to take the Public, Archdiocese &/Supreme recommended precautions to help avoid the spreading of illness.

As we proceed forward, the parish will continue to monitor all information and guidelines available and will communicate and act accordingly.

THE NEXT 30 DAYS...

Asterisks (**) denote that there are event details above

Sunday December 19th 8am to 12:30pm

**** BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday December 19th

PADS FOOD DONATION AND PREP**Friday December 24th****** CHRISTMAS EVE TRAFFIC CONTROL****Sunday Dec 26th****** CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY****Friday December 31st****NEXT EDITION OF FRIDAYBLAST. Submissions to editor by Dec 29th****Friday January 7th****FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION****Saturday January 8th****** MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY****Saturday/Sunday January 8th/9th****KNIGHTS' CAFE Set up/Serving****A LOOK FURTHER AHEAD...**

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Friday January 19th-27th**9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA****Thursdays Jan 27th; Feb 24th******COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETINGS @ Holy Family****Friday February 4th****FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION****Sunday February 6th****EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY****At Holy Family for all 1st Degree Brothers****Feb 26th & June 19th****MEMORIAL MASSES FOR BROTHER KNIGHT BILL SALPIETRO**

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Brothers: We all need prayer for sure...but to keep this list manageable, please advise Greg.Flanagan@comcast.net anytime that you deem it would be appropriate to remove an intention you have requested.

Please pray for:

- **the health of our Brother Knights**, especially: [Dick \(& Jeannie\) Hicks](#), [Dave Pipitone](#), [Bob Wagner](#), [Bill Hoskins](#), [Stan Sworizol](#), [Al Dedick](#), [Joe Elarde](#), [Greg Young](#), [PGK Matt Schultz](#), [Randy Crook](#), [Sam Safavi](#), [Ed Tazelaar](#), [Mike Momon](#), [Rem Reyes](#), [Chad Stechly](#), [Tom Hellgeth](#), [Gene LaValle](#), [Eric Velazquez](#),
- **Catherine Tokarz**, granddaughter of [Brother Dan Tokarz](#) & Elia (Baptism this weekend)
- **Fr Walter Waldron**, Brother-in Law of [PDD Bob Fallon](#)...Marie's brother (entering Hospice.)
- Repose of the soul of **Bruce Simonian**, father of [Brother Gary Simonian](#)
- Repose of the soul of **Brian Dalaly, 37 yr old** cousin of [GK Dean-o Dalaly](#) (heart attack)
- **Brother Stephen Alekna** (persistent back pain)
- **PGK Paul Bicek** (prostate cancer)
- **Brother Frank and Nancy Biank**, that a petition to dissolve their 7 year guardianship of Jaclyn and David be denied by the courts.
- **Brian Zinkel**, acquaintance of [Brother Knight Larry Szmurlo](#) (stage 4 cancer)
- Repose of the soul of **Sir Knight Bill Salpietro** and for his family, especially his wife Sandy
- **Holy Family Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Med Laz** (recovery from hip replacements)
- **Christopher Mildyn**, son of [Brother Marty](#) (cancer)
- **Steven Szmurlo**, brother of [Brother Larry](#) (herniated discs)
- **Pat Vaughan**, friend of [PGK Joe Ferlita](#) (illness)
- **Natalee Parochka**, cousin of [Brother Dave Pipitone](#) (Breast Cancer)
- **Carol Nikodem**, widow of [PGK Bob](#), one of our earliest Grand Knights (cancer surgery recovery/chemo treatment)
- **Dominic Yocius**, friend of [Brother Bob Vanselow](#) (Leukemia)
- **Mike Schilaci**, friend of [Brother Tom Bacino](#) (impending heart surgery)
- **Eric**, nephew of [Brother Larry Szmurlo](#), and his 3 year old son **Liam** (for strength and support while mom deals with some issues)
- **Robin Fujinaka**, cousin of [PGK/Trustee Glenn Yamamoto](#) (Breast cancer)
- **William Ostermeyer**, son of [Brother Dan](#) (brain injury) as well as for **Dan**, mom **Katy** and family
- **Casey Swanson** wife of [Brother Dave](#) (cancer)
- **Sue Dalaly**, mom of [GK Dean-o](#) (alzheimer's)
- **all members of our Military**
- **Peace and order for the peoples of Uganda**, as requested by [Brother Father John Bosco](#)
- **Council 11981 Brother Priests: Chaplain Fr. Terry Keehan, Fr. Matthew Alexander, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, Fr. Scott Donahue, Fr. Rich Jakubik, Fr. Martin Marulanda, Fr. Tim Monahan, Fr. Brian**

Walker and Brother Seminarian Tom Leah

- all of the needs of our Brother Knights, friends and family.



Do not drink and
wrap presents.

Also, if anyone
gets a remote
control for
Christmas, I'm
gonna need that
back.



The annual meeting
of the Summer Tires Club.

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hillburn



ONGOING INFO

Faith

WORSHIP AND SERVE

LET'S GET BACK TO CHURCH!!

The church is open at full capacity. However, ALL are required to wear a mask.

Thank you for helping us keep each other safe.

Weekday Mass

9:00 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Weekend Mass

5:00pm on Saturday,

7:30 , 9:00* and 11:00am on Sunday

* Live Streamed

SEE YOU & YOUR FAMILY AT MASS!!

ONLINE VERSION OF HOLY FAMILY BULLETIN

[CLICK HERE](#)

MONDAYS 6:30PM - PRAY THE ROSARY VIA ZOOM

with the Holy Family Marian Ministry

Meeting ID: 563 069 8810 ; Passcode: Cubs123

MONDAY 6:30PM: CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING

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MEMBERSHIP

From Membership Chair, Rick McMahon

LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!!!



Please, if you know people who are not members, plant a seed in their minds and cultivate it at every opportunity. This is how most of us were recruited!

KNIGHTS' CAFE DATES THRU JUNE 2022....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....Here's the Knights' Café dates for the rest of the fraternal year. "Set up" will be on Saturday; "Cooking & Serving" on Sunday

Note: this year, we have moved away from the traditional "last Sunday of the month". Instead, our Cafes are aligned with each of the "Adventure Sundays" of the parish's "Adventures in Grace, a pilgrimage" (AiG) program.

Saturday/Sunday, January 8/9, 2022
 Saturday/Sunday, February 12/13, 2022
 Saturday/Sunday, March 12/13, 2022
 Saturday/Sunday, April 30/May01, 2022
 Saturday/Sunday, June 4/5, 2022

As much as your personal schedule allows, please sign-up to join your brothers at the Cafe set up &/or serving events.

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Life

Coronavirus Impacts Blood Supply
DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED

THERE CONTINUES TO BE A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF BLOOD. IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AT ONE OF VITALANT'S NEARBY LOCATIONS

Arlington Heights – 25 W. Rand Road

Schaumburg – 211 W. Golf Road

Convenient day, evening and weekend hours available

All blood donations are now being checked for coronavirus antibodies at no cost!

CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

OR call **Vitalant** at: **877-543-3768**

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MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY

The Holy Family Marian Ministry would like to invite everyone to be a part of the rosaries being prayed every first Saturday of the month.

The Rosary will be prayed at 4:15 pm (BEFORE the Saturday 5 pm mass) in Holy Family's Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Chapel.

All are invited. Contact Brother Steve Scheifers with any questions: steve_scheifers@yahoo.com

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An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics.

"KnightCast" is a groundbreaking video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. Featuring host Jonathan Reyes as well as guests and subject matter experts in each episode, "KnightCast" seeks to cover topics ranging from sports and marriage to evangelization and the Saints.

You can now watch "KnightCast" any time and share the series with family, friends, and your community.

Check out KnightCast

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COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETINGS -

Holy Family Council 11981 Business Meetings are NORMALLY held at church at 6:30pm on the 4th THURSDAY of each month. SEE LATEST INFO IN THE "CALENDAR" SECTION.

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FridayBLAST Publishing Deadline

Any information desired to be included in the FridayBLAST should be emailed to Greg Flanagan Greg.flanagan@comcast.net as early as possible. To be included in the "next" edition it should be received no later than the 2nd/4th Wednesday afternoon of the month.

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IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE?

If you know your landline or cellular numbers (or email address) have changed and you have not conveyed the new information to the council, please advise the Financial Secretary at peterjwickman@gmail.com

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- For our **FACEBOOK** page, (if you don't know how to do it yourself) email GK Dean-o Dalaly Deano1429@aol.com with the topic and picture(s) and he will take care of it.

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- **E-COMMERCE STORE:** <http://store.knights11981.com>
- **FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyKOC11981>

OTHER HELPFUL LINKS...

- KNIGHTS GEAR <http://www.knightsgear.com>

The official online store of the Knights of Columbus offering promotional items and gifts.

- HOLY FAMILY WEBSITE: <https://holyfamilyparish.org>**- STATE KC WEBSITE:** <http://www.illinoisknights.org>**- SUPREME KC WEBSITE:** <http://www.kofc.org>

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