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## **Holy Family Knights of Columbus FridayBLAST**

**January 10, 2025**

Next scheduled issue will drop January 24th



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**[KofC11981.com](http://KofC11981.com)**

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## GK NOTES

### Happy New Year!

We start this new year of 2025 praying for the health of our Pastor & Chaplain Father Terry, as well as several of our members who are facing surgeries and challenges with their health this month. We pray for their doctor's knowledge and skill, and for full recoveries! I encourage you to visit the **Prayer Request** section of our website (See link toward bottom of this, and every, issue) and pray for all those facing health and other challenges as we enter 2025.

We also begin this new calendar year with a **new freezer** in the gym kitchen at Holy Family. Our previous freezer decided to stop working in mid-December, taking with it a small inventory of frozen food for our Café. The freezer required an expensive repair that was beyond its value. The new Freezer should be delivered this week or next. I'd like to thank Brother Frank Biank for generously making a donation to replace some of the lost food items, spoiled in the old freezer!

As they say, the only things certain in life are death and taxes. We as Knights we can add "Dues" to that saying! **Our 2025 dues are now payable** and you either have, or should soon be, receiving email communication from Financial Secretary Dan Tokarz. Your Dues are an important revenue source for our council and our organization. Dues provide the foundation revenue for all the good work and support we provide. **See article below** on how you can pay your dues on our pay site or by check. You can also find a link to our pay site on the front page of our website [www.kofc11981.com](http://www.kofc11981.com)

**Please note, our meeting date for our January Business Meeting has changed to TUESDAY January 21st at 6:30pm.** This is to allow us to attend the 2nd evening of the Parish "Be More- Remain

in Me” series on Wednesday January 22nd. This series is every Wednesday for five weeks starting on January 15th. We hope to see you there!

I am thankful always for your service to our parish and organization!

Rick



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## **THE CAFE'**

**Set up Saturday Jan 25th - 11am - 1pm**

**Prep and Serve Sunday Jan 26 - Shifts starting at 7am**

After a two month rest, we are back to work in a couple weeks! Please sign up to help out. Particular assistance is needed for Saturday set up

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN YOUR BROTHERS AT THE JAN 25/26 CAFE](#)

**Sunday January 26th** THE  
CAFÉ

Serving 08:30am to 11:00am

**Lower Prices: Adults \$12.50 – Kids 5 to 13 \$4.50**

Buffet Style Breakfast Featuring: Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Omelets with Hot Cheese and Salsa, Biscuits and Gravy, Pancakes, Sweet Table, and more!

**\$500 of net proceeds to benefit:**



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## IT'S MEMBERSHIP DONATION TIME!



**It is time for you to pay your 2025 annual dues.  
The assessment is again \$40.00\*\* for regular members.**

\*\*If you are a full time student, or an "Honorary" member, please use the pull down menu,  
on the online dues payment page, to select your correct dues amount.

**CLICK HERE TO PAY ONLINE NOW ----- Scroll down to "Featured Products"**

**As you make your dues payment, we encourage you to also support these two important Council charitable causes:**



**CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND** - (formerly *General Assistance Fund*, "GAF")

this fund allows the council to provide financial assistance to alleviate human suffering, especially to Knights of Columbus members and their families.



**WHEELCHAIR DRIVE** - these donations provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world.

**If you prefer to pay by check**, make the check payable to "Knights of Columbus #11981" The check can be mailed to:

Dan Tokarz  
909 S. Willow Walk Drive  
Palatine IL, 60067

Alternatively, you can put the check in an envelope and leave it ministry mailbox #35 at Holy Family.  
Mark the envelope "Dues: Attention Dan Tokarz"



Thanks to You,  
our Council does great work!



Please help us by remembering to Pay your Dues for 2025.



While you are at the pay site please consider visiting the Charities tab to donate to our many causes!



Come on out! **DATE CHANGE!!**

Our Next Membership Meeting is...

**TUESDAY** January 21st

6:30pm. Lower Level

**LOOKING AHEAD:** our February meeting will be on **Wednesday the 26th**



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**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer



Brothers and friends: Sign up now!! You're invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Click below to get daily prayer intentions sent to your email or text from January 16th through the 24th,

[Click here to sign up for daily reminders/prayers](#)



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## **SERVICES FOR THE UNBORN**

At both [ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA](#) and [ST. THERESA](#) Churches in Palatine  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18th 5:00pm**



**Simultaneously, both churches will host 5:00 PM Memorial Masses and Candlelight Prayer Services for the Unborn on Saturday, January 18th**

Following each 5:00 PM Memorial Mass, a 15-minute Candlelight Prayer Service will be conducted that will include 248 seconds of silence which symbolizes the number of babies aborted in Illinois each day in 2024. **Sadly, this number is up by 100 since the prior year.**

Our neighboring Brothers at Holy Ghost Council 4977 (who serve the two parishes) will lead the procession of candle bearers to the altar and lend assistance as needed. **They have invited Brothers from our Council to also participate.** Requested attire is Dark Suit, White Shirt, and Tie.

Please participate in this important KoC "Faith in Action" Respect Life Program to give honor and prayer to the unborn.

If you would plan to participate, please notify GK Rick ASAP: [mcmahonrick1@gmail.com](mailto:mcmahonrick1@gmail.com)

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## NEWMAN DRIVE



*From our Council Newman chair, PGK Greg Flanagan*

As a past beneficiary of the Newman campus program, I want to encourage you to open your heart, and your checkbook/Visa card, to invest in the Catholic future of our young adults! **If you already donated in the fall, thank you! If you didn't, please read on...**

*Named in Honor of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman, the Newman Centers are Catholic residence and ministry centers at universities throughout the world. They were inspired by Newman's writings encouraging societies for catholic students attending university. Newman Centers are truly a student's "parish away from home".*

### HERE'S WHAT I NEED YOU DO...

**Give up one Peppermint Mocha Latte (or such!) and donate that \$5.00 to the Newman Fund.**

**Yes..just \$5.00**





However... I encourage you to join with me, and many of your 11981 Brothers, and become a **CENTURY CLUB** member by donating **\$100.00 or more**. When you do, you will receive the thanks of a very grateful past "Newmanite" (me!) and the very distinctive KofC "Cross" lapel pin that proudly displays you have personally committed to make a real difference for the future.

**CLICK HERE** to make your **ONLINE Newman** donation

**FOR ALL DONATIONS: Be sure to enter your membership number and OUR council number..11981**

If you don't have your member card/number, email Greg for your number.

**Don't want to use Credit Card?** You can mail a check to

Illinois State Council,  
PO Box 681,  
Kankakee, IL 60901

**Be sure your check includes notations: "Council "#11981" AND "Newman Drive"**

**Thanks in advance to everyone reading this!! Contact me if you have any questions [greg.flanagan@comcast.net](mailto:greg.flanagan@comcast.net)**

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## **MORE HOLIDAY RECAP**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING ASSISTANCE**

Again, this year we assisted the Parish by providing parking lot traffic control for the Christmas Eve afternoon masses. Our Brothers particularly provided extra Handicap Accessible spots and maximized the use of our lots.

Big Thanks to **Brothers PGK Dean-o Dalaly, GK Rick, DGK Bob Vanslow, Bernie Rupe & FS Dan Tokarz**

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### **SEMINARIAN LUNCH**

It was wonderful catching up with brother Knights and Seminarians, Friar Tyler Harris and Jack Rosenwinkel at our Vocations Lunch at Moretti's. Their experiences and perspectives gave us

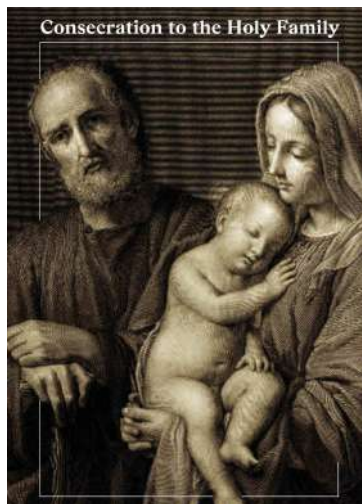
hope for the future of our faith. We presented both of them with monetary support from our vocations drive funds. We will also be giving monetary support to three other seminarians from Mundelein.



from the left, Faith Director and Vocations Drive Chair Glenn Yamamoto, Jack Rosenwinkel, Friar Tyler Harris, FS Dan Tokarz and GK Rick McMahon.

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## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



In coordination with the parish liturgy plan for the Feast of the Holy Family (the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day) 20+ of our "Knights Family" distributed *Consecration to the Holy Family* Prayer Cards after all the weekend Masses. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!**

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**THANK YOUs....**

Dear Rick McMahon & all the Knights,

Thank you so very much for your kind (Priest Appreciation) gift as we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish. Keep up your great work.

Blessings,  
Fr. Med

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December 21, 2024

Dear Members of Holy Family Council 11981 Knights of Columbus:

On behalf of Military Outreach USA, please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous recent donation of \$500. We appreciate your heart for our nation's heroes and our mission to honor them.

The support and encouragement we receive from donors such as you have enabled Military Outreach USA to serve, free of charge, over 55,000 of our military, veterans and their families. To date, under our Veterans Exiting Homelessness Program, we have provided 2,987 bed sets and \$1,527,564 worth of move-in-essential household items to veterans in transition.

We also offer educational and training classes for people across the United States who want to be prepared to walk alongside those at risk with the goal of saving lives through one-on-one relationships and offering alternatives in hopes of reducing the daily rate of 22+ suicides by veterans.

Again, thank you for your generosity and your concern for our veterans. Our nation's heroes will not be forgotten.

James H. Mukoyama, Jr.  
Major General, U.S. Army - Retired Chairman & CEO  
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**HELPFUL LINKS**

**KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING! (and join in!)**

**CLICK HERE to view our COUNCIL CALENDAR**

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CLICK HERE to SEE current Prayer Requests**

**CLICK HERE to ADD a Prayer Request. (Then, you may be asked to enter your membership number and your birthday as password.)**

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- For our **FACEBOOK** page, (if you don't know how to do it yourself) email PGK Bob Wagner [rmwagner53@gmail.com](mailto:rmwagner53@gmail.com) with the topic and picture(s) and he will take care of it.

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- **COUNCIL WEBSITE:** [www.kofc11981.com](http://www.kofc11981.com)
- **E-COMMERCE STORE:** <http://store.knights11981.com>
- **FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/groups/587321024766211](http://www.facebook.com/groups/587321024766211)

#### **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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