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Holy Family Knights of Columbus
FridayBLAST

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GK NOTES

Welcome to Advent!

Although there is no Café this month, December is a very busy month! Please regularly check our council calendar for Knights events! Below are a few more volunteer opportunities:

- Our Blood Drive this weekend (12/7). Please consider giving the gift of life by signing up for our Blood Drive – See the blood drive article below this note.
- The Parish is asking for volunteers for the “A Sunday in Bethlehem” event. See the Bulletin for more particulars. Please consider volunteering by clicking [HERE](#)
- Please consider volunteering for Christmas Eve Parking, before the 3 and 3:30pm masses. If you can help please let me know at: mcmahonrick1@gmail.com

Please mark your calendar for our monthly Council meeting, Wednesday December 17th at 6:30 in our normal parish meeting room 083.

You can see all of these events on our Council Calendar, by going to the [Calendar section](#) of this website.

I ask that you continue to pray for our many members facing serious medical issues. While we are grateful for the improved health of some of our members, we still have many cherished 11981 family facing health challenges! [Please visit our council "Prayer Requests" on this web site by clicking here!](#)

Lastly, when I close with "Thanks for all you do!", I'd like you all to know that our volunteer hours and financial contributions really make a difference! Please see our website to view recent coat donation thank you note and also the thank you notes from our presidors for our recognition of them. We do good work!

Thanks for all you do!

Rick 🍀

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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday December 7

Sign up NOW!



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**BLOOD
DRIVE**

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15AM - 1:00PM

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NEWMAN DRIVE



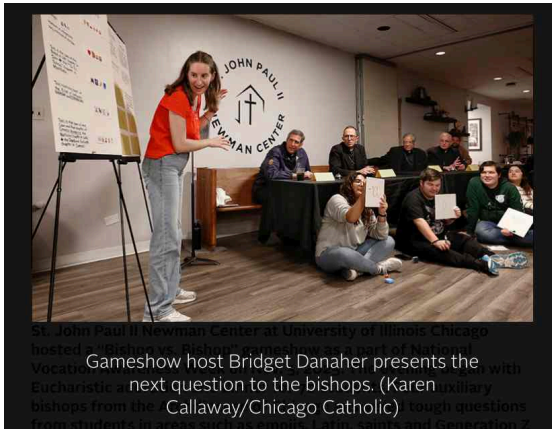
From our Council Newman chair, PGK Greg Flanagan

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!

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 one example of what goes on at Newman: Recently the St. John Paul II Newman Center at University of Illinois- Chicago brought energy and excitement to National Vocations Awareness Week with a one-of-a-kind event: "Bishop vs. Bishop," a Jeopardy-style gameshow that paired faith, fun, and friendly competition with four auxiliary bishops participating. The goal was simply to create an opportunity for bishops and students to have fun together. And it worked!





St. John Paul II Newman Center at University of Illinois Chicago
 hosted a game show for students. Gameshow host Bridget Danaher presents the next question to the bishops. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)



Vocation Awareness Week on Nov. 5, 2023. The evening began with Eucharist, prayer and dinner for students. Bishop Mark Bartosic holds up a card with his guess on the mission statement for the Newman Center. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

HERE'S WHAT I NEED EVERYONE TO DO...

**Give a Christmas gift to our young Catholic students!
 Donate \$10.00 to the Newman Fund.**

Yes, just \$10.00!

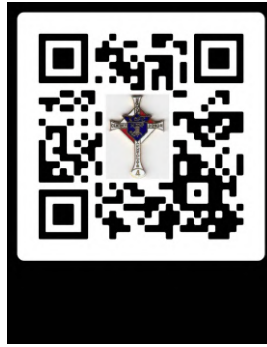
HOWEVER...

...I would ask you to give prayerful consideration 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, or use QR code below, to make your ONLINE Newman donation (on the donation page, you can click "OTHER" to enter any amount)



The fine print...

- 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?

Write a check to "Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc."**

Mail to: Illinois State Council, PO Box 309 Palos Heights, IL 60463

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

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

By Michelle Martin, Chicago Catholic

Reflections on the first snow...Change

I love the first snow of the year.

I especially like it when the snow has fallen overnight, deep and thick enough to cover the grass and the asphalt and to soften the shapes of outdoor furniture and cars parked on the street. It makes everything look different, clean, new. It is, as Lucy Maud Montgomery wrote in "Anne of Green Gables," "a new day, without any mistakes in it yet."

It doesn't last, of course. Within an hour or two, the snow on the street has been churned into slush, and with a school directly behind our house, we've learned that the sidewalks must be cleared before the kids arrive and the snow gets packed down. Best to be prepared with snow shovels and salt before that snow falls.

But before pulling out the shovels, I like to take time to just look around, because for a brief moment, it looks like the whole world has changed.

That's not really wrong; the world has changed with the first snow. The change in the weather signals the constantly changing seasons; even when it warms up a few days after the snow, once it has fallen, we know that we are closer to winter than summer. We know that change is coming, and that the world is moving on. Nothing is as constant as change, the philosopher Heraclitus said, and that applies to everything: weather, seasons, children growing up, people being born and people dying.

Nothing ever stays the same, for good and ill. The snow melts and becomes slush and freezes into ice before thawing again. The trees sprout buds, which unfurl into green leaves, which turn yellow and scarlet and brown and fall to the ground.

And yet, we humans have a hard time with change. We have a hard time when something we love changes for the worse, of course, but we also have a hard time when a change is good and necessary. "Better the devil you know," we say, because even good changes call on us to adapt, and every change is a loss, even if only a loss of our habitual ways of doing things.

Think of about the ways Jesus' call changed the lives of his apostles and disciples, the changes to how they lived their daily lives, the changes that preceded the huge changes in salvation history, changes to the whole known universe. Do you think those first apostles ever missed the simplicity of fishing for a living?

It's on us to embrace the changes we can, and if we can't embrace them, accept them, all the while preparing ourselves for the changes to come. Because changes will come, whether we are ready for them or not.

Kind of like the first snow of the season.



Respect Life

FAITH FEEDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



Many of your fellow Knights are now volunteering at **Faith Feeds** (main pantry) 1545 N Rand Road in Palatine (right next to the Walmart) on Thursdays unloading and sorting donated food. They also have shifts on other days of the week at the main Faith Feeds pantry OR via their "Mobile Pantry" distributing food at local apartment complexes.

We also have shifts [at Holy Family](#), after the masses on the third weekend of each month, collecting food for Faith Feeds.

Again - Please consider Faith Feeds!

CLICK HERE to see volunteer opportunities at Faith Feeds Pantry

CLICK HERE for collection shifts at Holy Family

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LOOKING AHEAD
KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING! (and join in!)

Our Next Membership Meeting is...
Wednesday December 17th (SPECIAL DATE)
6:30pm. Holy Family Lower Level

January Membership Meeting: Wednesday the 28th
The Cafe: Saturday(set up)/Sunday January 24th & 25th

CLICK HERE to view our COUNCIL CALENDAR

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We are your fellow Parishioners and Servant Leaders!
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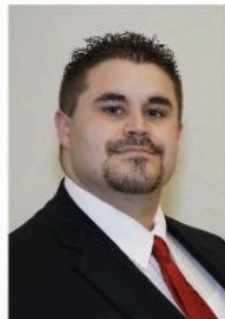
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- For our **FACEBOOK** page, (if you don't know how to do it yourself) email PGK Bob Wagner rmwagner53@gmail.com with the topic and picture(s) and he will take care of it.

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- **COUNCIL WEBSITE:** www.kofc11981.com
- **E-COMMERCE STORE:** <http://store.knights11981.com>
- **FACEBOOK:** 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>



