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COUNCIL 11981

Holy Family Knights of Columbus FridayBLAST

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Rest In Peace

Sir Knight Leonard "Len" Jagielo



We are saddened to inform you that Sir Knight Len Jagielo passed away on February 12th at age 82. Len was a Brother Knight for nearly 40 years. Len is survived by his wife Pat. Services are scheduled at Holy Family for **Saturday March 14th** with visitation at 9:30am in the chapel and funeral mass in the church at 10:30.

The full obituary can be viewed at

<https://www.smithcorcoran.com/obituaries/Leonard-Stanley-Jagiello?obId=28100262>

*Eternal rest grant unto Len, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
~Amen~*

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SEE ALL THE LATEST AND ONGOING INFO**

KofC11981.com

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GK NOTES

Happy Meteorological Spring!

Doesn't March always seem like a new beginning! In a week the clocks go forward, the days get longer, and the green for the coming of Patrick's day appears. Lots to look forward to as our weather warms!

At our business meeting, I was proud to announce our January **Knight of the Month** Michael Patti, and our **Family of the Month** The Chris Shanahan and Mona Herbric Family. You can read about their contributions in an article in this issue. As always, you can read about their contributions, and all previous honorees, in the "Council Recognition" section of our website.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers at the first **Fish Fry** on February 20th. Our attendance was a little below the average from last year. We ask that all those who cannot work the Fish Fries please consider attending. We had a whole table of Mike and Marie Colby's

friends at the last cafe, so please consider to bring your friends, families, Small Christian Communities (SCC/GIGs) to share our lenten journey together!

As noted above, on Wednesday February 12th **Brother Leonard Jagielo** met our Lord. Len's family has asked for an honor guard for Len's services at Holy Family on Saturday March 14th. We plan to utilize suits and sashes at Len's services, so any of our brothers can participate, not just 4th Degree Knights. Don't be concerned about not having done this before, it's pretty simple, we can guide you. Please contact Greg Flanagan... Greg.flanagan@comcast.net ...if you can participate. BTW, You can view and recall all of our departed brothers, and read their obituaries, in the "Knights in Memorandum" section of our website.

At this "two thirds" moment of our fraternal year, we are looking for brothers interested in being **officers and program directors for the next fraternal year** starting in July. Please contact DGK Frank Biank... fbbiank@comcast.net ...if you are interested. These officer positions do not take a lot of your time and they are a great way to share your talents with the group.

Please pray for those in our Knights Family who are ill, they are listed in our council prayer list. You can access it by clicking the link toward the bottom of this, and every, issue of the FridayBLAST.

Thanks for all you do for our Parish, and I hope to see you at the Fish Fries!

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Five Fabulous Fish Frydays continue TODAY!!

CLICK HERE to sign up NOW for FISH FRIES -- The sign ups are stacked by week so be sure to check all the weeks you are signing up for

FISH FRY

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH COMMUNITY
 HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Fridays
 5 pm - 6:45 pm
 February 20 & 27
 March 6 & 13 & 20

\$15 Adults
 Children \$5 (5 - 14)
 4 and under - FREE

Menu

Baked & Fried Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Fries
 Pizza, Applesauce, Desserts and Beverages

For more information go to kofe1981.com



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ADORATION March 5th & 6th
ROSARY March 1st & 7th



ADORATION: EVERY FIRST FRIDAY (and preceding Thursday evening)

We have a couple one hour Adoration slots open: Friday (6pm) and Thurs evening (8pm). Please contact Glenn Yamamoto Yamo225@gmail.com to sign up to spend an hour with the Lord.

MARIAN MINISTRY ROSARY: In Church, every first Saturday of the month at 4:15 pm AND first Sunday at 10:30am

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

By Michelle Martin

It's a mystery!

(Ed Note: AKA: Why Adoration?)

It's often been said that detective novels and other mystery books are the most moral form of fiction: a crime happens, the detective (amateur or professional) does his or her thing, the miscreant is caught and presumably punished and the fictional world of the book goes on its merry way, with everything back in balance.

That, at least, was the formula for the mystery writers of the Golden Age, the interwar period when Agatha Christie first sharpened her pen. Joined by others such as Dorothy Sayers, Ngaio Marsh and Margery Allingham, they created a form with rules of fair play, including that the murderer must be introduced early in the story, that all important clues must be shared with the reader as soon the detective discovers them and that supernatural explanations or previously unknown devices or poisons are out.

In any case, given the rules and conventions of fair play, readers can often spot the culprit relatively early in the book. **Still, I love Golden Age mysteries. I read my favorites over and over again**, knowing full well whodunit before I even pick them up. **I'm not reading them to be caught up in the mystery**; I'm reading to escape into the ordered world of Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple, or to hear in my mind Lord Peter Wimsey piffle on, one more time. **Their gift to me is not suspense, but familiarity. That same kind of familiarity is one of the gifts of the rosary**, with its cycle of 20 mysteries repeated in a predictable pattern. If it's Tuesday, it's the sorrowful mysteries; if it's Thursday, it's the luminous mysteries.

"Mystery," of course, means something is unknown or even unknowable. How can God become human and live as a child in a human family (the joyful mysteries), or sacrifice himself

for us in order to save us for eternal life (the sorrowful mysteries)? As some of my religion teachers would say, it's a mystery.

But spending time in repetitive, contemplative prayer, thinking about those mysteries? I don't think it's hard to see why that can offer an oasis of calm, an easing of anxiety, in the midst of days that are busy and a world that seems to grow more unpredictable each day.

Prayer is how we communicate with God, and it rightfully takes many forms, from silent, centering prayer to the prayer of a job well done. **But it can also be the comfort of prayers that are familiar, that offer a sense of ease and predictability — much like my summer reading does.**

About the Author: Michelle Martin is a staff writer for the Chicago Catholic

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KNIGHT/ FAMILY OF THE MONTH

January, 2026



Michael Patti
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We proudly recognize **Michael Patti** as our January 2026, Knight of the Month. While we know he is brother from another council, Michael's help has greatly assisted the Holy Family Knights. It is through the sacrifices and talent of people like Michael that we are able to accomplish the things we do at our Parish.

Michael has long been the digital voice of Holy Family and his impressive media skills have repeatedly helped promote Knights events. Michael's marketing skills have greatly enhanced our Café, with improvements that led to increased participation and visibility. His recent video, recruiting members to our council, has led to 7 new or transferred members! This kind of recruitment success in one month is amazing! Michael's dedication on behalf of our Parish, and the Holy Family Knights, are Charity, Unity and Fraternity in Action!

Thank you Michael for your continued contributions, and congratulations on being our Holy Family Council, January 2026, Knight of the Month!



**Patrick Zondlo, Chris Shanahan and Mona Herbric
FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Chris, Mona and Patrick were selected as our “Family of the Month” for January 2026. This recognition is presented because of the many ways they have contributed to our council and our parish, and for the example they set as a Catholic family.

Before we met Chris, Mona volunteered, as a parishioner, to help with the Fish Fries. We were so glad to have her help! Mona and Chris also brought the Accessibility (Hearing) SCC to dine at the Café, supporting us in yet another way. Since Chris joined the Knights he has been a great help in setting up and taking down the Cafés and Fish Fries. We were later honored that their son, Patrick, joined us and has helped also, even starring in our recruitment video!

As this family has demonstrated, participation is what makes our Council's activities possible. Our Knights, spouses, widows and friends are an extended family that not only works together, but we also enjoy each other's company.

Chris, Mona and Patrick, your efforts and participation strengthen our Knights Family. Thank you so much and congratulations!



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40 Days of KINDNESS

40 Days of Kindness is our parish Lenten journey of putting faith into action through simple, intentional acts of kindness. In a few weeks, on Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. As we prepare for this sacred season, now is the time to reflect on how we will observe Lent this year and how we will respond to Jesus' call.

Beginning around Ash Wednesday, we reflect on the Beatitudes and Jesus' call to be salt and light by looking closely at our daily relationships with family, neighbors, and strangers. Through prayerful awareness of these relationships, we are invited to live our faith in concrete and meaningful ways.

Throughout Lent, parishioners are encouraged to practice as many acts of kindness as possible, from small gestures to meaningful service. Each week offers a new kindness theme to inspire action, and our shared progress reminds us that even simple acts can create lasting impact and change attitudes.

Think about what acts of kindness you might choose to practice this Lent. Click the link above for example actions and consider starting now.

Together, we grow through kindness, strengthen our community, and spread mercy beyond our walls. All are welcome to participate, share their acts of kindness, and help create a ripple of goodness throughout Lent and beyond.

A little kindness goes a long way

Click here ("Early and Often!") for example actions &/or to enter your Acts of Kindness

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Congratulations to #11981!



'24-'25 Fraternal Year Recognition

On behalf of the entire Council, GK Rick (left) accepted the Columbian Award (for Programs) and Founders Award (for Fraternal Benefits participation) reflecting our council's accomplishments in the prior Fraternal Year.

These awards, from Supreme, were presented by District Deputy Dick Lambke (right).



Family/Community

BISHOP SHEIL ASSEMBLY #2330

PASTA PALOOZA

April 25th

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event


Knights of Columbus
 Assembly 2330
 


PASTA PALOOZA
Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25th
 Door opens at 5:30 and Serving at 6:00

St. Hubert Parish Center
729 GRAND CANYON STREET
 Hoffman Estates


 Adults \$20
 Children 12 and under \$10
 Table of 8 for \$135.00



Rigatoni

- Fresh Green Salad
- Butter and Rolls
- Meat Balls
- Desserts

Entertainment
 Live Orchestra
And Dancing
 

Dinner Hosted by the
KNIGHTS of Columbus - 2330 Assembly


 PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

Tickets will be available at our next Council Meeting
 Take your Lady out for an evening of FUN, FOOD and FAMILY
 Tickets going fast - **Limited seating**
 Table for 8 also available for \$135.00, that's \$17.00 per person

Rich Surma



Respect Life

Stepping Stones Foundation of Hope (SSFOH)

Annual fundraising luncheon is coming up in April! Please consider attending along with other

11981 brothers.



Sweet 16 Sixteen

SAVE THE DATE!

We hope you'll join us for an afternoon filled with great friends, food & drink, raffles, entertainment, as well as live & silent auctions.

This year we're celebrating 16 years of impact while focusing on a critical goal: **raising funds to purchase and remodel a vehicle for emergency transport.**

This vehicle is estimated to cost \$25,000 and will allow us to transport emergent patients to reach a higher level of care when every minute counts! Please visit www.ssfoh.org/events to learn more.

Saturday, April 18th

11:30am – 3:30pm

Chandler's Chop House

401 N Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL



Please RSVP by April 3, 2026

Luncheon tickets are \$75 per person and can be ordered online at:

www.ssfoh.org/events

Or mail a check to: PO Box 68642 Schaumburg IL 60168 – be sure to **let us know your lunch selection:** Chicken, Beef, or Vegetarian

Questions? Call Glenn Yamamoto (847-609-2983) or Dixie Jirak (847-812-3185)

Your support will help bridge the gap for patients facing urgent medical needs in remote areas in and surrounding Bunnamweri to truly make a life-saving difference!



*All profits go to support a deserving community, and most importantly, **children who need our help.***



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

Wednesday March 25th: Membership Meeting

6:30pm. Holy Family Lower Level

April 2nd: Holy Thursday Adoration Honor Guard

April 12th: Blood Drive

Wednesday April 22nd: Membership Meeting

April 24th/25th: The Cafe: Set up on **April 24** followed by slicin', dicin', cookin', servin' and cleanin' up on **April 25th**

May 24th: Parish Pentecost Event: Knights will be presenting the food and beverage

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STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Council's annual contribution to Stepping Stones Foundation of Hope (this year, from proceeds of the January Cafe) supports a Ugandan student. This year, and for several years past, we have supported Alex Ddembe. We first encountered Alex as a high schooler...he is now finishing his second, of three years, of study to attain a Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Community Health. In this time, he is now actively providing medical services to his community.

In response to our support, we received two thank you notes, one from SSFOH and the other from Alex himself.

CLICK to see SSFOH Thank You notes

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Our parish Family Faith classes, which are 1st-5th graders, had a Kindness Party! One of the projects was making placemats for the Fish Fry.(come on out TONIGHT and see them!)

The other project was to write gratitude cards to the parish staff and all of the groups that make the church run...including The Knights! Here's a look at a few of them...



HELPFUL LINKS

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

[CLICK HERE to view our COUNCIL CALENDAR](#)



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 with the topic and picture(s) and he will take care of it.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR COUNCIL #11981@

- 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>



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