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COUNCIL 11981

Holy Family Knights of Columbus FridayBLAST

March 27, 2026

Next issue will drop April 10th



HOLY WEEK

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GK NOTES

Feeling Gratitude!

So many reasons late in this Lenten season to feel gratitude!

We welcomed Kevin Aguirre into our Council this past week. Kevin has been helping us set up Café's and Fish Fries for years, with his family, as a Boy Scout...and now he's a Brother Knight!



GK Rick, Kevin, AC Deacon Bob

Our Council has achieved our membership goal for this fraternal year, but better yet, we have 12 new or returning enthusiastic members to carry us forward into the future.

I'm grateful for the fantastic finish to the Fish Fries on March 20th. It was truly a loaves and fishes story. We anticipated a lower spring break crowd, and received the largest crowd we can recall. We had 249 attendees at our fifth and final Fish Fry and, with the exception of a Jewel run for coleslaw, we never ran out of food. With our 31 available tables, we had seating for 248, serving 249 plus our 27 volunteers, that's a full house! Our 5 week average for the Fish Fry Fridays was 198 attendees. According to early reports our proceeds to our Charities will be nearly identical to last year, despite higher food prices, and keeping our prices steady year over year.

I am extremely grateful for our energetic Knights Family of volunteers, which included many members working all 5 weeks. Mike Gilbert and John Posch shopping and ordering during the week, then the frantic set up every Friday at 3:30 at school dismissal. We had great volunteers from Family Faith and other organizations and ministries. Our sincere thanks to all of our volunteers as well as Father Terry, Dawn Mayer, and the Parish staff. We are thankful to Kate O'Brien and the Academy staff for their help and flexibility with our needs. We are also grateful to Theresa Calpino, Kathy Bachman, Barb and Kurt Knuth, Doris Lovern and the "To be Joyful Again" group, and the rest of SCC community that reserved tables and met at the Fish Fry! Thank you all so much!

Lastly I'm grateful for our February and March Knights of the Month, Lou Rundio & Mike Gilbert and Volunteers of the Month, Doris Lovern & Irene Pezdirtz for their contributions to our council. While I am grateful for all our Knights and Volunteers, we are highlighting the contributions of Mike, Lou, Doris and Irene this month. You can read more about them in our Council website and the article below.

Holy Week is quickly approaching, please keep in mind that the Knights have an active role in the Holy Thursday evening Mass. We help with the foot washing setup/takedown, to process with the Monstrance at the end of mass (suit and sash), provide security for the procession as it enters the parking lot, and providing an honor guard for adoration. Holy Thursday is a beautiful mass experience. Please see the article below for more details and how to volunteer to help.

Thanks for all you do for our Parish!

Rick 🍀🍀🍀



Faith



HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm SERVICE

On Holy Thursday, our Knights Family will again provide assistance at the evening service.

As you are probably attending the service, please let us know which of these activities you can help with.

As soon as possible, contact DGK Frank Biank.
fbbiank@comcast.net [\(847\) 705-1016.](tel:(847)705-1016) [Cell \(847\) 624-3857](tel:(847)624-3857)

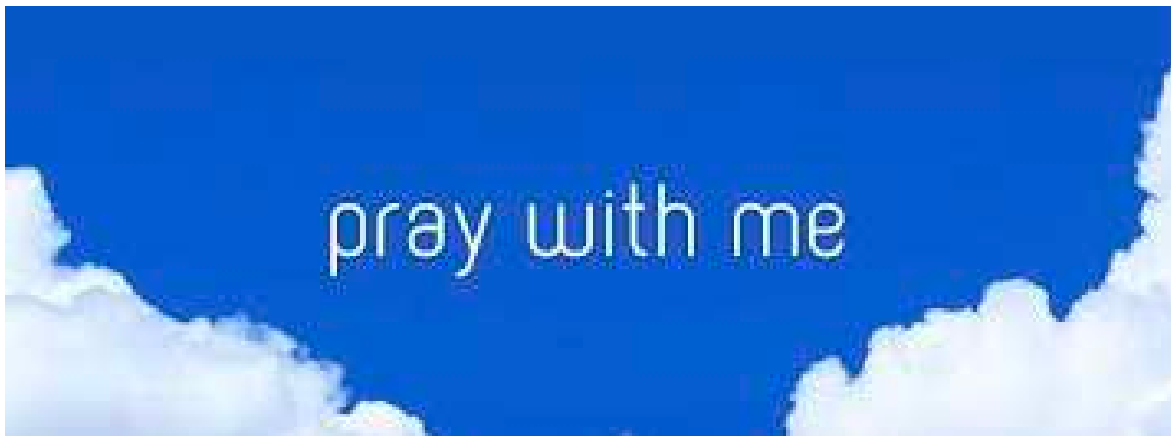
- At start of service, we will lead procession into mass with Father Terry (up to 10 Knights with Suits and sashes)
- During the service, we will position altar chairs before and after the washing of the congregations feet. (5-7 Knights)
- Immediately after mass proper, we will provide direction to keep outside Blessed Sacrament processional route clear (4-6 Knights)
- After mass/procession, we will stand Honor Guard at Adoration (up to 10 Knights with Suits and sashes)



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ADORATION April 9th & 10th

Due to Easter weekend, April Rosary has been cancelled and our KC Adoration is pushed out to Second Friday



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: Returns in May: In Church, every first Saturday of the month at 4:15 pm AND first Sunday at 10:30am

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Faith/Family/Community

Wow! 249 people attended our "Week 5" Fish Fry !!!

For those keeping score we had, starting in week one, 159, 206, 196, 180, and 249, for a 5 week average of 198! That's Incredible!



A big THANK YOU to all our Knights Family volunteers for your dedicated participation over the 5 weeks. It wasn't always easy but you all made it look that way! You all took a lot of time away from your families and other activities to make this Fish fry a success:

Kevin Aguirre, Stephen Alekna, Ken Aman, Tony Argentino, Frank Biank, Mike & Marie Colby, Kent Deener, Blake & Brian Determann, Greg Flanagan, Mike & Sharyn Gilbert, Dan & Mary Hall, Sean Halloran, Mona Herbric, Pramona Jeyananth, Fr. Terry Keehan, Jay Kleeman, Andrew Knize, Frank Landowski, Doris Lovern, Rick McMahon, Gregg Metz, Mark Niggemann, Diane Norris, Churchill Okorotete, Dan & William Ostermeyer, Irene Pezdirtz, David & Carol Piasecki, John Posch, Dale Raczowski, Paul Reynolds, Jim & Jan Riedl, Juliann Rose, Lou Rundio, Bernie Rupe, Chris Shanahan,

Chuck Slater, Diana & Nicole Stachiw, Rich Surma, Ed Tazelaar, Dan & Elia Tokarz, Bob & Pat Vanselow, Bob Wagner, Jessica Wojcik Reese, Ron Wojewoda, Glenn Yamamoto, Charlie Zade, Frank Zito, Patrick Zondlo
(apologies for any names missed!)



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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism

By Ben Anderson

"Nolite timere, duc in altum"



Ben is a Council 11981 sponsored seminarian at St Mary of the Lake

Be "Nolite timere, duc in altum." That Latin phrase meaning "Do not be afraid, put out into the deep" is familiar to every Mundelein seminarian. It is the saying that can be seen within the St. John Paul II Chapel on campus, where we have Mass and morning prayer every day. When I am in the chapel, I often look at those words and pray with them. Recently, as I was praying with them, I found that the phrase has colored my time in the seminary.

During my first year of seminary, also called the spiritual year, I went on a poverty immersion with one other seminarian during January. We went to work with an organization called "A Simple House." For this month-long experience, we had no phone, no credit card, few clothes, and about \$20 in cash. Our instructions when we arrived in Washington DC, were to find "John in the minivan." When my partner and I were getting off the plane, I turned to him and jokingly said, "Let's go find John in the minivan." Internally, I was thinking that in the busy airport finding "John in the minivan" would be impossible. As we were walking through the airport, I started to pray using the line "Nolite

timere” or “Do not be afraid.” I immediately knew that I was doing God’s will in the moment and there was a great feeling of peace over me.

From that moment on, I spent the rest of the month “Duc in altum” or “put out into the deep.” I was serving the homeless population of Washington DC. I put my whole self into every day, fully relying on and trusting in God. I still find myself, two and a half years later, looking back, praying with, and learning from the experiences that I had there. However, it was only possible once I was able to get over the fears and trust in God that I was able to “duc in altum” and grow from that month in Washington DC.

This past summer, I was asked to do an immersion in American Sign Language (ASL). This is something that not many seminarians are asked to do. As the summer was approaching, I was filled with excitement. However, on the first day of tutoring, I woke in fear. I went to morning Mass worrying. Following Mass, I started to walk to meet my tutor. During this walk, I was thinking, “Why did I not do a Spanish immersion like most other seminarians?” I was in fear. I did not know what to think or what to expect. This was my feeling for most of my first week of the immersion. However, one day I opened my Bible to see “Do not be afraid” or “Nolite timere.” I was immediately brought back to the John Paul II Chapel. Just like my time in Washington DC, I knew I was doing God’s will and then I was able to truly “duc in altum.”

The rest of my summer, from that moment on, was a blessing. I fell in love with the Deaf community and ASL. Now, that summer continues to bear fruits for me as I go to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center teach religious education, and serve Mass with the Deaf community. It is something that I look forward to every week and it was only made possible once I started to live out “Nolite timere, duc in altum.”

After those experiences and so many more that I have been blessed to have during my three years of formation, the words “Nolite timere, duc in altum” have taken on a new meaning. They are now both a reminder and a driving force of when I am worried or afraid, to not be afraid knowing that God is with me, and once I have that realization I can put out into the deep with Him.

That is a good reminder that we can all use and take to heart in our daily life.

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KNIGHTS/ VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

February/March, 2026



Lou Rundio
FEBRUARY KNIGHT
OF THE MONTH

Lou has been our main pancake maker and Recorder for many years. For the good of the Council, he maintained these roles during a time of great personal challenge. From the Grand Knight's perspective, Lou's greatest gift is his calm & steady reasoning and counsel. This honor is to recognize his sacrifice and the generosity of his time and talent.

Lou's dedication on behalf of our Parish and the Holy Family Knights is Charity, Fraternity and Unity in Action!

Thank you Lou for your continued contributions, and congratulations on being our February 2026 Knight of the Month!



Mike Gilbert
MARCH KNIGHT
OF THE MONTH

Mike has been helping or leading in the kitchen for the entire time I've known him, some 19 years. Mike has supported Cafés, Fish Fries, back to school and teacher breakfasts, and hospitality for our Corporate Mass. This year he has stepped into the role of purchaser, buying the provisions for our events. This is a time-consuming job with lots of thought, miles and occasional worry. A job where it is likely that he is judged for buying too much or too little, but rarely praised for being close enough! We appreciate Mike's assuming more duties, and the generosity of his time and talent.

Mike's dedication on behalf of our Parish and the Holy Family Knights is Charity, Fraternity and Unity in Action!

Thank you Mike for your continued contributions, and congratulations on being our March 2026, Knight of the Month!



**Doris Lovern
FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER
OF THE MONTH**

In the couple of years Doris has been helping our council, she has become a core volunteer, someone capable of any job! Doris seems to relish learning new tasks and responsibilities. Be it making pancakes, running the serving line, setting up tables, making baked fish or selling the remainder of our tootsie rolls, her effort and enthusiasm makes Doris a “Clutch Performer”.

As you know, 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.

**Thank you so much Doris for being such
a valuable part of our Knight’s family,
and congratulations!**

We’ve come to depend on Irene over the years in so many ways. Be it preparing cheesy potatoes, cutting fruit, decorating tables, and serving parishioners in our food lines. The generosity of her time knows no bounds! Most recently Irene took charge of the silverware wrapping operation, enlisting our daily mass club to wrap 225 silverware sets. This saves us time on Café weekend and reduced handling of the clean silverware.




**Irene Pezdirtz
MARCH VOLUNTEER
OF THE MONTH**

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**Thank you so much, Irene, for being
such a valuable part of our Knight’s**


family, and congratulations!

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Respect Life




Holy Family Catholic Community Blood Drive


2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness Illinois 60067
Sunday, April 12th
8:15 am-1pm in the Gym



To schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825, visit us at vitalant.org and use group code ORD0025C - or scan the QR Code. **Appointments recommended.** Walk-ins welcome. PREPARE: Eat well, Hydrate & Bring ID.



Donate April 6-30 and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! That's enough to buy groceries for a year! Find out more at vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway.

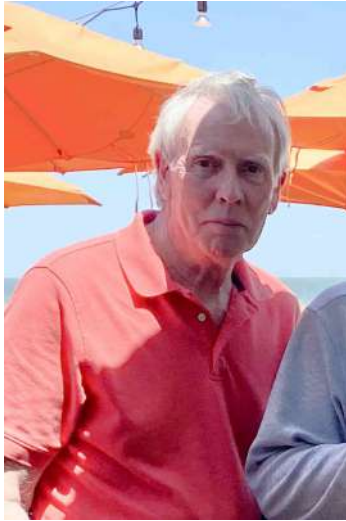


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#11981 Brother John Wise recently recognized for his significant volunteer work.

Great job, Brother!



(reprint from HF Bulletin)

Holy Family parishioner **John Wise** was recently honored by the Northern Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity (NFVH4H) for his extraordinary dedication and leadership with the Spring of Life (SOL) Partnership.



The SOL Partnership began in 1994 when sixteen churches came together to support Habitat for Humanity's mission of building safe, affordable homes for families in need. Over the years, the partnership has evolved and today includes four official churches, supported by more than twenty active and dedicated volunteers who faithfully return year after year to serve.

One of the greatest reasons for the strength and longevity of this partnership is John Wise. For more than 12 years, John has served as the Project Director, guiding volunteers and coordinating the work that has helped build 11 Habitat homes. His steady leadership, generosity of time, and commitment to the mission have inspired countless volunteers and made a lasting difference for the families who now have a place to call home.

In recognition of his remarkable service, the SOL Partnership presented John with a special figurine created in his likeness. They decided that a simple plaque would not capture John's spirit. Instead, they chose something that reflected his unique character and tireless energy—an "action figure" that celebrates the one-of-a-kind leader they have come to know and appreciate.

Holy Family Catholic Community is proud to count John among our parishioners. His years of service with the Spring of Life Partnership are a beautiful example of faith in action.

Thank you, John, for your dedication and leadership on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and the families whose lives you have helped change.

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

Wednesday April 22nd: Membership Meeting

6:30pm. Holy Family Lower Level

April 25th/26th: The Cafe: Set up on **April 25** followed by slicin', dicin', cookin', servin' and cleanin' up on the **26th**

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

Family/Community

BISHOP SHEIL ASSEMBLY #2330

PASTA PALOOZA

April 25th

Scan QR code(s) below to buy your tickets 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

Rigatoni

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

St. Hubert Parish Center
729 GRAND CANYON STREET
 Hoffman Estates



Live Orchestra
 Dinner Music *And* Dancing

Dinner Hosted by
2330 Assembly
Knights of Columbus

Ticket information
 Layne Gabner at CLBABI@SBCGlobal.net
 Phone or Text: 847-507-7764



Scan the respective QR code *

Adults	Children	Table of 8
\$20.00*	12 and under \$10*	\$135.00*
		

* A processing fee applies to each QR code scanned

PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

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 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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Wagner rmwagner53@gmail.com with the topic and picture(s) and he will take care of it.

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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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