

Servant Leadership as a Knight

Holy Family Parish Council #11981 takes a very practical, evangelizing approach to its mission for the parish. The first and foremost call of the Knights of Columbus is to charity.

The Knights exist to serve the New Evangelization called for by Pope John Paul II. At Holy Family Parish, evangelization is at the core of all ministries. We are called to build up God's Reign through a deeper communion with God and each other through our Lord, Jesus.

In His days on earth, Jesus taught His disciples by example of being a servant to others. The most famous example is the account of Jesus washing the feet of His Apostles at the Last Supper. He told them to wash the feet of others. Jesus came to serve all people and commanded His followers to do the same.

Here are three roles of Servant Leadership:

Leader as Servant—Submit to and fill the needs of those in need

Leader as Shepherd—Provide caring, encouragement and guidance to those we encounter.

Leader as Steward—Be trustworthy, responsible and accountable for using our actions and resources to help others.

How Do the Knights Practice Servant Leadership at Holy Family Parish ?

As Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Parish, we practice servant leadership in many practical ways. The activities of the Council serve six areas: Family, Youth, Church, Council, Community and Members. Each of these areas share the gifts of the members with the different ministry divisions at the parish to serve the mission of evangelization—awakening faith in the children, teens, families, and single people who belong, or seek to belong to a vibrant, faith-filled community, centered on Jesus in the Eucharist.

Servant Leadership at Work In Holy Family Parish Ministries

Every Knight of Columbus is a practical Catholic, that is, a Catholic Christian who is a disciple of Jesus and who invites others to a deeper relationship with Jesus. As a member of the Holy Family Council, you are invited to serve one or more of these ministries:

Operations

Help the parish run smoothly. Headed by Rita Trensowski, this ministry serves the physical plant, finances, building, marketing, fund-raising and development.

Family F.A.I.T.H.

Help families grow stronger in their faith. Dawn Mayer and her staff serve more than 1,200 children each year through religious education, Sacraments like First Communion and First Reconciliation, and more.

Youth Ministry

Help children at Holy Family Academy and teens grow in their faith and become practical Catholics as adults. Paul McMahon and his team provide faith formation for junior high, high school and college students, including Confirmation, retreats and other catechetical outreach.

Pastoral Care

Serve those who are ill or dying. Dawn Mayer, Fr. Pat Brennan and Fr. Dennis Caneiro lead the Ministry of Care to those who are ill, and the funeral ministry and care to the bereaved.

Adult Evangelization and Catechesis

Evangelize adults. Fr. Pat Brennan leads this ministry to invite inactive and non-Catholics to become active in their Catholic faith, as well as many adult ministries like Bible Journey, small Christian communities and much more.

Service, Justice and Peace

Reach out to the poor. Sue Geegan leads the service to the disadvantaged in the community including PADS, nursing home visits, the food pantry, food and gift collections for the holidays and much more.

Worship

Help others grow in prayer and worship of God. Colin Colette and the parish Worship office plan, organize and run the liturgies, prayer events, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian prayer, and so many more.

Facts about the Knights of Columbus

How did the Knights get started?

In 1882, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest in New Haven, CT, formed a group of men to offer financial protection to widows and children of immigrants and to form a group of men to serve the Church.

Who are the Knights of Columbus today?

Today, the Knights of Columbus is a world-wide organization with more than 1.7 million members, who generate 70 million hours of volunteer service and more than \$130 million annually to serve the Church.

What are the principles of the Knights of Columbus?

There are four principles of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The first principle is charity—love for God, yourself and others. Unity and fraternity speak to how all members respect and work together. Patriotism seeks to honor God and country.

Who may join the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men who are at least 18 years old and are practical Catholics. Practical Catholics are those men who actively live their faith. We welcome you to explore how belonging to the Knights of Columbus will add more meaning to your life.

How do I get started to join the Knights of Columbus?

You must be sponsored by a current Knight of Columbus. Fill out a Form 100 with the requested information and provide a short biography of your background and reasons for wanting to become a member.

At the next business meeting, the member Knights will listen to your credentials and vote on your acceptance to the order. Once you have been accepted and pay dues of \$40, you will need to participate in a First Degree Exemplification ceremony.

Join us as a Knight of Columbus! Explore how you can make a difference belonging and serving with other men of the parish as a servant leader as a Knight.



Eleven Reasons to Join



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1 Grow in your faith.

Jesus is at the heart of all organizations and especially the Knights of Columbus. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are invited to participate with other men of the parish sharing the Catholic faith.

Belonging to the Knights is like joining a Small Christian Community with worldwide connections. The Holy Family Parish Council plans and sponsors days of reflection and ongoing prayer. You don't have to walk through life alone; join other dedicated men on the journey.

2 Belong to a fraternity based on brotherhood.

The Holy Family Parish Council offers men a social outlet to share life and friendship. With an increasing individualistic society, finding places to bond with other men in a faith-filled environment is difficult.

It offers the opportunity to build friendships and find companions on life's journey. Your membership extends far beyond the parish to include Knights from nearby regions, the State of Illinois and other places in the United States and abroad.

3 Serve the Parish and the Church

As Knights, our work encourages the emergence of God's Reign at Holy Family Parish, as well as the Church at large. We are called to witness to our faith through our actions that benefit ministries, parish events and parish operations.

For example, the monthly Knight's Café is more than a good breakfast. It provides an environment where parishioners can celebrate and enjoy each other's presence at a meal after a Meal - sharing breakfast with each other after sharing the Eucharist with each other.

Knights support our Church, Bishops, priests, nuns, seminarians, missionaries and other religious vocations.

4 Build stronger families.

To make the world right, we make sure that families come first. Families are at the core of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Family Parish. Today's society makes it hard to be a family.

The Knights work to strengthen family life through regular family corporate Masses, supporting parish Family F.A.I.T.H., Holy Family Academy, Family of the Month awards, and other activities. The Knights of Columbus offers national group insurance programs at reasonable rates to help protect your family from adverse financial conditions.

5 Make a difference in the community.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Parish, you have the chance to unite with other men to help others in need. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus put into action by assisting others.

For example, the Knights assist with PADS, blood drives, the Mental Handicapped Tootsie Roll Drive, local, regional and national social justice issues and much more.

6 Help youth become leaders today for tomorrow.

The Knights of Columbus offer a variety of social, educational and athletic programs that help the youth of today grow into the leadership of tomorrow. The Columbian Squires circle offers teenagers the ability to exercise leadership through community projects.

The council works with scouting programs, athletics like the Free Throw contest and soccer challenge, scholarship and essay contests, and other organized programs for youth.

7 Become more practical.

One of the requirements for becoming a Knight of Columbus is that of being a practical Catholic, a man who is active in his faith. Not every man has that ambition, so becoming a source of encouragement to other men is critical.

The Knights of Columbus was created to unite men in their faith, as well as help others in times of need. Working as an individual can be tough. As a Knight, you can expect to find inspiring role models among other Knights, and become a mentor to other Catholic men and youth.

8 Awaken faith in others.

A prevailing theme of the Knights of Columbus is action in the New Evangelization. Fr. Pat Brennan defines evangelization as awakening faith in others. Through brotherhood in the Knights, each member learns to be a better person, husband and father. By joining with other Knights, your personal and collective witness attracts others.

Reaching out to unchurched or inactive men, women, children and families is a constant activity at Holy Family Parish. As a Knight, you have a strong platform to extend a hand of welcome, hospitality and invitation.

9 Be recognized for your contributions.

One of the most common needs for human growth is appreciation and recognition. The Knights offer you a place where thanks are freely given through formal and informal means. General business meetings offer Knight and Family of the Month Awards. The bi-

monthly newsletter includes recognition for contributions to specific events and activities.

One of the best forms of recognition is the trust given to the men who lead programs and events. The reward and satisfaction of leadership for helping others is priceless.

10 Build up the parish in love, faith and hope.

The very first duty of a Knight of Columbus is the duty of charity - to love God and others. As a member of Holy Family Parish and a Knight of Columbus, the heart values of love, faith and hope go hand-in-hand. When we practice these virtues, our Catholic faith comes alive and shines for all to see.

By starting with yourself and your family, you can connect with a community of dedicated, faith-filled people in the Knights of Columbus Council.

Holy Family Council is one of the most active councils in the State of Illinois -- our members take the lead in numerous parish, community, youth, family, and fraternal programs which have been lauded by the State council .

11 You!!

You are the reason why the Knights of Columbus exists at Holy Family Parish. To serve you. To encourage you. To invite you to lead through service. To build up a community and civilization of love that benefits you, your family, your loved ones. To reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus, alive in our midst.

Join us. We are in this together. Use your gifts, time and talents to serve God and Holy Family Parish as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Together, let us make the world around us a better place to live..

Contact Bob Seguy or Dave Pipitone for more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus.