



Our Place of *Hope & Promise*

Each month we will spotlight one of the many ways Blessed Sacrament is growing, serving, giving.

Knights of Columbus

January 2025

Main Work

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal family organization with a focus on the Catholic Faith and the unity and fraternity of Catholic men of our parishes. Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 11001 has been in existence at the parish for 32 years.

Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 as a mutual benefit society for working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States. In addition to providing an insurance system for its members, it has grown to support refugee relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social causes.

How can you be involved?

The Knights of Columbus at Blessed Sacrament have enjoyed tremendous support from their fellow parishioners and benefited from the many men and their families who have joined the council. However, they are always looking for new members. Matt Richardson, Grand Knight at Blessed Sacrament said, "We always need more men

interested in growing their faith and serving their parish."

At least once a year, the Knights conduct a drive at all Masses over a weekend. On January 11-12, parishioners will have the opportunity to hear a short pulpit announcement at the end of Mass by Father, one of the Knights or their wife, which highlights the impact membership in the Knights has had on their lives and discuss recent or upcoming council events.

Parishioners are encouraged to visit with a Knight before or after Mass. "It isn't a commitment to join but will allow you to learn more about the Knights of Columbus," shared Kevin Ostdiek.

Impact in our Parish and Community

The Knights at Blessed Sacrament hold a variety of fundraisers to support our parish and community. They plan what the funds will support ahead of time and advertise the event in the bulletin.

Recent events include a BBQ to raise money to help with the tuition of



former Blessed Sacrament student, Jonathan Reeb, who is attending Seminary. They also held a breakfast fundraiser for Project Lori, a program ran by the Nebraska State Knights of Columbus. They were able to donate \$1,500 to Project Lori which provides support to Villa Marie, Madonna School, Mosaic, and others that serve special needs people.

Richardson, who has been a Knight for over 20 years and at Blessed Sacrament since 2015, said "My own kids have grown up with the Knights and I love that in today's secular world the Knights of Columbus is a safe haven for families. There is a great sense of Brotherhood with this group of men and their families."