

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Position Description

Name of Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Principles:

- **Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love our neighbor as yourself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show their love by supporting the local food shelf, Catholic schools, Special Olympics, and mothers who choose life for their babies. While Knights recognize their mission, it is their faith in God that compels them to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need. Last year Knights gave over 10 million hours assisting the sick, the lonely, the disabled, and their families.
- **Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights know that together they can accomplish far more than any one individual. Sticking together and supporting one another does not always mean we agree, or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does, however, mean that as a Knight, you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better for your family, your parish, and your community.
- **Fraternity** – The Knights of Columbus watch out for, and take care of one another. Fr. Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner dies. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today.
- **Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and we believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are among its greatest citizens.

Involvement at St. John the Baptist:

- *With multiple opportunities to support St. John the Baptist community throughout the year, we emphasize each knight deciding for himself what commitments he will make.*
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School Pancake Breakfasts and Fish Fries
- Provide Financial assistance to Catholic school students attending grades K-12
- Plan two socials for St. John the Baptist parishioners
- Serve meals to priests coming for our Communal Penance services and West Suburban Priests’ Deanery Luncheon

- Assist four after-mass hospitality weekends
- Host times for Catholic men to find out more about committing to their spiritual life, their family, and the parish

Qualifications

- Male
- Catholic
- 18 years of age or older
- Committed to making his family, community, and church a better place

Time Commitment

- Meetings and events throughout the year

Length of Commitment

- As long as desired