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The Thanksgiving Issue 2011

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."



Ray Neihengen and GK Ted show off the cake served to the hospitalized Veterans during the KC/ Choir visit on November 3.



**Mother of God
Ostra Bramska**
Gate of Dawn/Mother of Mercy
November 16, 2011
(Poland and Lithuania)



Freedom from Want
By Norman Rockwell
(1943)

*"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer
that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy
holy protection, and that every American in his
own way lift his voice to Heaven."*

--- George Washington, quoted by
President Franklin Roosevelt, Thanksgiving, 1942



Grand Knight Ted said ...

We have just concluded a very busy month of October and we should all be proud. Thank you to all that helped in making it so participating in all our events: the Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Drive netted \$7,000—a record for our Council; we collected another \$5,700 from our generous Parishoners and school children for the Pro-Life Baby Bottles. The Homeland Security speakers made our Social Meeting very informative.

Fred Sturgeon roasted Dennis Delaney at the Past Grand Knights' Dinner, which was well attended. We served refreshments at Robert (Bobby) Krueger's first Mass as an ordained transitional Deacon.

Please finish up your Vocation Raffle ticket sales as this program ends on Nov. 27. Nine dollars from every book sold remains in our Council. Please read the Newman article on page 5 of this newsletter and send in your individual contribution. Any questions, talk to Ray Neihengen. These two fundraisers are vital to our support for future priests and we honor Blessed Michael McGivney, our founder, when we do so.

We now look forward to the coming months:

Nov. 10--- Business Meeting at 7:30 PM in the lunchroom.

Nov. 17-- Social Meeting. Fr. Denis will talk to us about the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal, which the English speaking Church will begin using in Advent. Bring some extra money for the Turkey Shoot raffle that night as well.

Dec. 8—Business Meeting after the 7 PM Mass for the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Dec. 22—the traditional Christmas *Oplatek*, hosted by Thad and Alice Steward, 7:30 PM, school lunchroom.

Saturday., December 31—New Year's Eve Party. \$35 per person for live music and dancing, beer, wine, BYOB setups, dinner, Champaign toast at Midnight. Tell your family and friends and make your reservations EARLY.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

Send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of
Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their
lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to
surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your
son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their
respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most
Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly
hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

--United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops



Freedom of Speech
By Norman Rockwell
(1943)



OUR CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

By Fr. Denis Carneiro

On the last day of October, we celebrated Halloween. That led us to the two great November feasts in the Catholic Church: All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These are great days to remember our dearly beloved. Another day to remember is November 11, Veterans Day. Much of who we are and what we have is at the sacrifice of our dearly beloved who have gone before us – family and countrymen. The Great Holiday of Thanksgiving on November 24 is a day to bring family and friends together to praise and thank God for all that we have received. While we celebrate, let us not forget to offer a prayer of thanksgiving in gratitude for all we have received.

Sunday November 6

Wisdom.6:12-16, Thes.4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

These readings make it obvious that we are in the last month of the Liturgical Year. It directs us to the end of life. The book of Wisdom introduces us to “WISDOM” as a pure gift from God, always available for those who believe and seek Her. She will look after the believer. Paul further informs us of placing our trust in Jesus Christ’s Resurrection. Finally, the Gospel warns us to “Be Ready”.

Sunday November 13

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess. 5:1-6, Mathew 25:14-30

The Woman/worthy wife mentioned in Proverbs, may refer to ‘Wisdom’ of last week. Seek her and she will protect you. Paul reminds us that the end of life “will come like a thief at night.” Am I using well, the time, talents and treasure entrusted to me. I am to prepare for the Last Judgment.

Sunday November 20-- Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mathew 25:31-46

The Lord assures us that He will come himself against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel, to save his sheep, the people of Israel. Paul emphasizes that Christ’s Resurrection has won us our own Resurrection. And fittingly enough, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year gives us a picture of the Last Judgment.

Sunday November 27-- First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 6:16b-17, 19b, 64:2b-7, 1Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

At the end of the Liturgical Year and the beginning of the New One, we are asked to step back, examine and start again. Paul in a positive note gives thanks to God for all the Graces bestowed on us and we marvel that we are not lacking in any Spiritual Gift. The Gospel affirms the theme: “Be watchful! Be Alert!” for the Second Coming of the Lord.

As we enter the New Liturgical Year, let us enter with new spirit and greater enthusiasm.

I look forward to our social meeting on November 17, when we can discuss together the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal to be used beginning in Advent.



Freedom to Worship
By Norman Rockwell
(1943)

Can a Christian be a Soldier?

By PGK Kevin C. Sherman
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It has been said that there are no atheists in foxholes. Indeed, facing mortal danger has long been a catalyst for faith – especially on the battlefield where life meets death every day. This is true now as ever. Soldiers facing death are still searching for and finding God.

But what about those Christians who have been Christians longer than they have been soldiers. Christians have been in the military since the 2nd Century and have struggled with the dichotomy of being a Christian while also being a soldier. These Christian soldiers find scholars and philosophers who offer opposing opinions whether a soldier can be a Christian or a Christian a soldier.

Even the Bible offers conflicting verses,

- “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and you have done everything, to stand.” Ephesians 6: 11-13
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

However, the Bible does not specifically state whether or not a Christian should serve in the military.

I identify myself as a Christian; I was brought up in a Christian home with strong Christian’s values, in a family who valued the many freedoms we have in America. I had no battlefield conversion to Christianity.

Anyone familiar with the culture of the American military knows that many officers and enlisted soldiers identify themselves as pious Christians. In their minds, there is no tension between their commitments to faith and to the military. Many

military personnel believe that their commitment to a cause larger than self, and to possible self-sacrifice in defense of that cause, is one of the highest and most noble of Christian calling.

Add to the argument the United States has relied entirely on volunteers to fill the rank of the armed forces for more than 20 years now and this dichotomy takes on even stronger views.

And then you have, “The Clinton administration has established use of American forces in operations such as peacekeeping, peacemaking and nation-building as a fundamental part of our present national security policy.”

Blessed *are* the peacemakers.

I have found the defensible balance between these two competing demands and will continue to serve in the U.S. Army and remain a pious Christian. God Bless America.

(Sir Knight Kevin is a Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Reserves. He attends St. Mary for Mass and is active Our Lady of the Grove while deployed at Ft. Sheridan.)



Freedom from Fear
by Norman Rockwell
(1943)

College students grow in Faith at Newman Centers

By Patrick B. Madigan

I am a sophomore at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and this has been my first year living at Newman Hall. Since the beginning of this academic year, Newman Hall has been an upgrade over living in the *Six Pack* (at Snyder Hall) during my freshman year.

The move into Newman was great because they had teams of other residents ready to help take everything up to your room for you. When I arrived in my room, there was a copy of the **YOUCAT** (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) and a list of multiple CDs for me to pick up from my Resident Advisor, Mike Yerkes. They cover various religious topics such as *Seven Reasons To Be Catholic* by Dr. Peter Kreeft. After move in, we celebrated mass together. Mike also has many floor events including floor competitions including capture the flag, floor dinners, and service events.

Newman offers a wide variety of activities ranging from Knights of Columbus to Bible Studies, retreats, and service outreach events. They also have a website for Newman residents called *nconnect* where residents can be informed of floor events, announcements, and other residents who live in the building. While I am occupied with participating in the Marching Illini and various other activities, I try to get involved at Newman by participating in the FOCUS men's Bible study on Monday nights and to attend mass on Sunday morning. Regardless of involvement level in Newman activities, the community is strong throughout.

The Priests and Sisters are always outgoing and helpful. The building is well kept, but I feel that the one area that could use more improvement is the longer term maintenance issues. One such issue is the

pipng in the South building; because it has been two years in a row that a water pipe has burst and not only did the building need to be repaired, but the resident's items have to be replaced as well.

Newman has a large presence in the campus community. We have groups such as Students for Life that pray at Planned Parenthood and educate others about the impact of abortion. Moreover, Newman puts on free meals periodically throughout the year. During move in, there was a BBQ after mass at the Rectory across the street open to the public. Also, they sometimes have free breakfast after mass on Sundays. During Homecoming Week, we hosted the Ron Zook Show (Illini Football Coach's radio show). Msgr. Gregory Ketcham, Chaplain and Director of Newman, also serves as the Team Chaplain of the Fighting Illini Football Team.

Living at Newman Hall allows me to practice my faith, while being able to live in a very nice building in the heart of the U of I campus. I would recommend this building to live in as a safe and warm environment, and even more importantly you have a place to grow and start friendships while trying to figure out what to make of college and how to fit in.

(The author is Pat Madigan's oldest son.)

“Recently, as I celebrated Mass at one of our Newman centers, I was pleased to find the church packed. The students explained that the chaplain had encouraged them to invite their friends. The students thought of themselves as apostles on a campus where witnesses to Christ are few. The new evangelization is all about knowing our faith, having confidence in it and sharing it with others.”

---Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington, D.C.



Let's Grow in Members

By Don Bartelt

Live from the Knights of Columbus—It's Charity— the First Degree !!

We did not realize how fortunate we were when our chair for the Women's Center "Baby Bottle Drive" campaign requested help to manage the program due to his travel conflicts. The project did not fail—several Knights volunteered to help out—and we raised over \$5,000.

You don't really fully understand and appreciate the charitable Knights in action until you're part of that movement and become more involved in one of our many charitable activities.

Being fully engaged in a charitable campaign such as the Women's Center Baby Bottle campaign can expose brother Knights to and give a greater insight of our many charitable activities and how these events are supported by our Community, Parish and Council.

Brother Knights are encouraged to volunteer to chair or assist in future programs such as this just completed event. If you accept the challenge, you will receive the satisfaction of accomplishment and charity that is part of the activity and being a Knight.

When you volunteer to chair a project, you do not work alone, you work with other Knights who will help you.

When you are engaged in these charitable activities, you will gain a better understanding of the program and a respect for our council commitment to help others.

You are demonstrating our leadership within our Parish and the significance the Knights of Columbus bring to our church and our community. You will be experiencing charity, our first degree in action.



Volunteer – get involved, you may find that you actually enjoy and appreciate what our first degree represents, charity. Your participation will greatly assist in establishing your credibility when you ask a candidate to consider joining our council.

Remember to ask a potential applicant to join the Knights of Columbus and become a part of our charitable ranks. Have a form 100 ready.

LOOKING FORWARD ...

... **Dick Van Spankeren** will need help handing out pre-ordered **Christmas Wreaths, Thanksgiving Weekend, a fundraiser for The Women's Center.**

... **Pope Benedict XVI** has announced that the 2012-2013 Liturgical Year will be the **'Year of Faith'**

... The Willow Creek Crystal Lake campus will **host an exhibition of religious art created by 50 local artists.** Opening nights is Saturday, November 12.

For more information please call 224. 512. 1737. Please check out this website for a preview:

<http://thegospelincolor.weebly.com>

**Bl. Michael McGivney,
Pray for Us**

**Our Lady of the Grove,
Pray for Us**

**Our Lady of the Knights,
Pray for Us**

KNIGHT'S TOPICS

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Feast of St. Charles Borromeo

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... And Looking Back



Past Grand Knight Dennis Delaney and wife Elaine at the Past Grand Knights Dinner October 16



Mario and Marie Italiano renew their Marriage Vows with Fr. Al Cordo, who did the original honors 50 years ago at Our Lady of the Angels. Knights Don Bartelt, and John and Jackie Krajewski were witnesses.



Principal Nikki Rafferty encouraged St. Mary School students to participate in the Baby Bottle fundraiser.



Serenading hospitalized Veterans November 3.



Fr. Richard Sztorc blessed a variety of animals on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



The Krueger Family at the Reception for Deacon Bobby Krueger after the 11:30 Mass October 30.