



The Northlake Christian Key Club visited the Northshore Kiwanis meeting with their 2015-2016 officers. Shown, from left, is Sean Tweedy (Senior Rep.), Brook Herberger (Editor/Public relations), Hannah Watts (Vice President), Gabrielle Hemington (President), Luke Hansen (Treasurer), and Warren Davie (Chairman).

## Knights of Columbus help fund mission trips

MANDEVILLE -- The Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council recently made a \$20,000 donation to Saint Joseph Seminary College's mission immersion program, which brings seminarians to live and work alongside an underprivileged community in Guatemala.

The support will help make these trips possible for years to come.

Each year, during their Thanksgiving, Christmas and Mardi Gras breaks, a group of seminarians from Saint Joseph travel to Esquipulas in eastern Guatemala to participate in a mission immersion program.

During these trips, seminarians work with locals to build a community garden, work

with the children in promoting education and religion, and engage with families by participating in home visits. The trips also help the seminarians get out of their comfort zone, expand horizons and develop and broaden leadership skills through experience.

"This donation is a testament to the impact our students are having not only locally, but across the globe. We are extremely grateful for the contributions from the Knights of Columbus councils all over the state. Our hope is that this gift will ensure that this will continue to be the highlight of the seminarians' experience before graduating," said Fr. Gregory Boquet, O.S.B., president-rector

of the Seminary College, who also travels with the seminarians for each trip.

Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council resumed a statewide raffle, where they reached out to local Knights of Columbus councils across the state to institute their own raffles to raise money for the program. Prizes for the raffle consisted of cash prizes, including \$5,000 for first place. Some state Knights of Columbus councils even conducted other types of fundraisers and donated their proceeds to this fund as well.

"Our Louisiana State Council feels this program provides us just

the opportunity to help support seminarians and help foster vocations. Even though our fundraiser was very successful this year, we are always looking for ways we could be even more successful next year," said Seminarian Mission Fund Chairman Delmas Forbes Jr.

The Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

## Community Events in Tammany West

The Mass During the Night will take place Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. in Saint Joseph Abbey Church, located at 75376 River Road, Saint Benedict, LA 70457.

Saint Paul's School will host an alumni basketball game for former basketball Wolves on Wednesday, December 30 at 5 p.m. in the new portion of the Gene Bennett Sports Complex.

Contact Al Nastasi, Alumni Director, 985-892-3200 ext. 1271, or aln@stpauls.com for additional information about participating in the game, and attending the event.

Art for Madisonville meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Madisonville Community Center on Waterfront and St. Francis Street. Educational programs begin at 5:30 p.m. Followed by the business meetings at 7 p.m.

There are no meetings during the months of June, July and August.

Northshore Technical Community College in coordination with the St Tammany Parish School Board is now offering PRAXIS testing.

This new site is located at 227 North Jefferson Ave in Downtown Covington, right across 23rd Ave from The Greater Covington Center. Plenty of free on site parking is available.

Two testing sessions will be offered each week. The morning session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon session will begin at 3:30 p.m.

You can schedule your exam on the PRAXIS website <https://www.ets.org/praxis> by selecting NTCC St. Tammany Testing Center. The site code is STN15173A.

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