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**Knights of Columbus  
Sacramental  
Gifts**



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## Why do the Knights of Columbus offer a Sacramental Gifts Program?

The Knights of Columbus are present for our parish families to support and embrace them at the most significant events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments. We want Catholic youth and young adults especially to know that the Knights of Columbus will always be there for them in a meaningful way at these important moments of encounter with Christ.



*“The Sacraments express and realize an effective and profound communion among us, for in them we encounter Christ the Savior and, through him, our brothers and sisters in faith.”*

- Pope Francis



## What gifts are provided by Knights of Columbus at sacramental services?

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Office (headquarters) offers pre-made kits of gifts, but these are by no means the only resource that should be used for the Sacramental Gifts Program. Councils are encouraged to create or purchase and distribute *their own gifts!*

**The best gift possible is one that is relevant to the parish and has a lasting impact on the recipient.** In choosing gifts, Knights of Columbus councils are also mindful of any existing cultural traditions in their community and of potential unintended perceptions of the gifts they choose.

## Potential Sacramental Gifts

Below is a list of potential suggestions that local councils may distribute as gifts at sacramental services.

### General Gifts

- #309- *Prayer Time*
- #4772- *Guide to Praying the Rosary*
- #10502- *Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney*
- Knights of Columbus Rosary

### Baptism

- Baptism Picture Book
- Mother's Pin

### First Communion

- Daily Book of Saints

### RCIA Confirmation

- Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### Marriage

- Daily Prayer Book for Married Couples