



# Knights of Columbus

Council#13111

## Essay Contest



The Knights of Columbus are offering awards of up to \$1,000 to Class of 2025 high school graduates from St. Thomas More Parish

- This contest is open to high school seniors from St. Thomas More Parish who have been accepted to a Community College or Four Year College in the Fall of 2025.
- To enter, complete the form below and submit it along your essay (typed, double space, 500-700 words) responding to this prompt:

Jesus likes to challenge his followers and listeners by teaching through parables. The parables are always thought provoking in that each parable has several deep layers of meaning and surprising twists for us. Choose one of the two parables: The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) OR The Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46). Your essay should address the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of parable?
2. What is the overall message of the parable you chose?
3. Put yourself in the role of each character and describe how you would feel in their shoes.
4. What is/are the surprise(s) in the parable you chose? (There is at least one surprise in these parables.)
5. What does the parable say to you today?
6. What does the parable say to our church community today?

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 9, 2025 (5 PM) AT THE STM PARISH OFFICE.**

***PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS IN THE ENTRY FORM BELOW & ATTACH TO YOUR ESSAY.***

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepting College: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HAVE A PARENT PROVIDE A SIGNATURE & INDICATE A PREFERENCE BELOW:**

**I permit the KofC to contact my child for purposes of this contest**

**I prefer to be contacted directly; do not contact my child directly**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_