



BE SOMEONES RESCUE STORY

Blood donors save lives! Be a lifesaver and sign up for our blood drive!

The Knights of Columbus and Heartland Blood Center have scheduled a blood drive on
Monday February 19th (Presidents' Day)
3 pm to 7 pm in the Holy Family Parish Hall

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, contact Bob Wirth at: 815-741-1412 or
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Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred to assure proper staffing so our donors have a good experience. If you are positive you will donate, but can't commit to a time, we welcome your appointment as a walk-in.

If you are age 16, a parent will need to sign a permission slip for blood donation. Age 17 or older does not require a parent's permission.

Hopefully, with your help, we can have a successful blood drive again!

We thank all who have volunteered to donate in the past.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Blood donation is a **simple** four-step process: registration, medical history and mini-physical, donation and refreshments.
- The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour.
- Although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10% actually do each year. This is why shortages occur.
- Red blood cells (the most commonly transfused component) last only 42 days.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.