

Knight watch



NEWS ABOUT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #12423 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. STAN'S

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St. Stanislaus Kostka Council #12423 is a parish Council, and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish consistently shows their support. Thank You!

You Expect More...and You Get it!

Former pastor Rev. Richard Jozwiak is fond of saying, "At St. Stan's, you expect more....and you get it!" This is certainly true, as shown in the support given by St. Stan's parishioners to Council #12423 during their recent charity drives:

Coats for Kids

Council #12423 and St. Stan's Parishioners teamed up in October to raise funds to purchase winter items for distribution to needy families. Thanks to your generosity, over \$700 was raised, allowing more than 45 area children — including some of your fellow parishioners — to have coats and boots to see them through. Thank you! Thanks also to Meijer on Pine St. in Essexville for their donation toward this effort!

Food Drive

In November, St. Stan's parishioners turned out in droves to support the Council #12423 *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* food drive, to benefit the St. Stanislaus Food Pantry. Embracing a new approach, parishioners took home a "Menu Bag" and filled it with the suggested items in one of four need areas: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Personal Care Items.

Amazingly, more than 500 bags of food were donated through this program, representing well over 5,000lbs of food for the pantry. The collection was so large, it took over the Council #12423 meeting room (*see picture at right*). In addition, cash donations purchased holiday hams for families in need. Thank you for the tremendous support! Thanks also to Meijer on Wilder for donating the bags for this year's drive.

Diaper Drive for AAI

November was Respect Life month, and St. Stan's parishioners showed their true colors. Through their participation in our Diaper Drive, 1,681 diapers, over 1,000 baby wipes, and a variety of other baby supplies were donated to Abortion Alternatives Inc. in Saginaw, for distribution to mothers who chose LIFE. Thank you!

Council #12423 Gives Back

As these reports show, St. Stan's Parishioners have shown tremendous support for Council #12423 activities in recent months. To show our appreciation, Council #12423 invites all parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka parish to a

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 5th from 8am-11:30am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, and rolls as our way of saying "Thank You" for your stewardship in helping us help others this past year! RSVP is not required, but to help us plan, please fill out the slip at the bottom of the page and drop it in the collection next weekend.



Yes, we will attend the FREE pancake breakfast on Feb 5th!

Initials: _____ # Attending: _____



Supporting our Parish & Community

Council #12423 is about more than just organizing drives. Here are a few more service programs we support!

Building our Faith

Roman Missal

Did you know that Council #12423 provided a donation to the Diocese to cover the cost of the Roman Missal used at our parish? We also provided additional funds used to offset the cost of the missal for chapels, and retired priests.

Supporting Vocations

Twice in recent months, Council #12423 has stood strong in support of vocations, through our annual support of Sacred Heart Major Seminary's *Desert Formation Experience* for seminarians, and by sponsoring religious sisters for Essexville Council #2740's *Nun's Night* program.

Supporting our Youth

Scholarship Seekers Wanted

Council #12423 will be sponsoring its 2nd Annual Scholarship to Support Catholic Education. Applications will be available in the parish office beginning February 14th. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 6th.

Breakfast a Success

Council #12423 held our *Breakfast with Santa* on December 6th. Children enjoyed visiting with Santa while learning about the origins of Santa within the life of St. Nicholas of Myra. Although not intended as a fundraiser, the event resulted in a small profit, which was allocated to the Council Scholarship Fund.

Pro-Life Activities

March for Life Sponsorship

Council #12423 has renewed our support of the St. Stan's Youth Group, through a \$200 donation towards their effort to attend the March for Life, this weekend in Washington, DC. Please pray for safe travels and a transforming experience in their lives and an end to the sin of abortion!

Monument to the Unborn

Did you know that Council #12423 and the St. George Society maintain a *Monument to the Unborn* on the St. Stan's Parish Grounds? On Monday, January 23rd (the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*), stop by on the southeast corner of church, near the corner of Farragut & Kosciuszko, to view the monument and pray for those whose lives have been horrifically snuffed out through abortion.

Blood Drive Set for March 14th

Our December blood drive helped nearly 100 people hold fast to the gift of Life. What a profound way to be Christ to others! Our next Blood Drive will be held March 14th from 2-7pm in the Parish Hall. For appointment times, call 686-3803.

20-Week Raffle Underway

The first drawing in the Council #12423 20-Week Raffle was held this week. There are still 19 opportunities to win. A select few tickets are still available for sale — contact Eileen at the Parish Office for details.

Soup Supper February 21st

Council #12423 will host its annual "Fat Tuesday" Soup Supper on Tuesday, February 21st from 4-7pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will include 5 homemade soups (chili, chicken, czarina, potato and beef vegetable), homemade pączki, and a beverage. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and under 5 is free. Take-Outs are available. We hope to see you there!

Marian Prayer Service Planned

Council #12423 will be hosting a Marian Prayer program honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of March 3rd & 4th, 2012. Watch the bulletin for information about a special prayer service to be held that weekend!

Be a part of something special! Membership in Council #12423 is open to practical Catholic gentlemen age 18 or older. For more information, visit www.kofc12423.org

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