

Knights watch



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

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*From battling abortion to holding Blood Drives,
building a Culture of Life is key to the mission of the Knights of Columbus #12423!*

Supporting a Culture of Life

One of the key principles of the Knights of Columbus is our support of the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death. We are committed to ending the sin of abortion, and to standing with those who face difficulties in life, including disability, loss of a loved one, or financial hardship.

Council #12423 has always made pursuit of social justice a major focus for our Council. Recent efforts include:

40 Days of Prayer for Life

Council #12423 participated in this national program in October both financially, and by joining a prayer vigil held at the abortion clinic in Saginaw.

Bay County Right to Life Dinner

For several years, Council #12423 has supported the Bay County Right to Life at their annual fundraiser dinner.

Ultrasound Project

Our Council added \$300 to the diocesan KofC effort to raise funds to equip and maintain the ultrasound machine at Abortion Alternatives in Saginaw. These machines have been shown to successfully change the hearts of women considering abortion.

M.I. Drive

Our annual drive to raise money for people with developmental difficulties is scheduled to take place soon (*see article, below*)

Blood Drive

Our December and March blood drives resulted in the collection of 52 and 45 pints, respectively. Each pint can be used in our community to save up to three lives in desperate need. Since their inception, Council #12423 blood drives have netted over 275 pints. That's 800+ people helped through your donations!



Giving the Gift of Life!

March for Life

Our Council's donation to the St. Stanislaus Youth Group sponsored two youths on their trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January.

Thank you to those who have supported Council #12423 in these and other programs. Together, we can promote the Culture of Life in our community!

Annual M.I. Drive Helps Less Fortunate

The Council M.I. Drive (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") to benefit those with developmental difficulties begins after all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, March 26 & 27th.

Public collections at area businesses will be held Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 1, 2, 3rd. Participating businesses include The Meat Shop, Larry's Meat Market,

Oasis Restaurant, Barney's Bakery, Elaine's Bakery, and King's Party Store.

Please support this important drive by donating whatever you can as you make your purchases to prepare for your Easter celebrations. What a tremendous way to practice almsgiving as Lent comes to a close!

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Building Up our Youth

Council #12423 is actively involved in supporting the youth of our Parish and community.

Again this year, Knights and their families volunteered their time manning the game stations at the St. Stan's Home & School Committee "Fun Fair" held at the school. In addition, our Council provided financial support to the event, as well as recent events such as the All Saints High School "Pot of Gold" fundraiser.

In January, Council #12423 organized a Free Throw Contest, which was well attended by parish youths. Local winners advanced to district competition in the hope of making it all the way to the state finals and a scholarship!

Most recently, our Council sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner in March to raise money for a St. Stan's youth who has been given the opportunity to participate in an international music program this summer.



Serving spaghetti in support of youth!

Your support of Knights of Columbus Council #12423 events helps us help our Youth, through these and other programs throughout the year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Standing Strong behind Vocations

The Knights of Columbus stand in support of our priests, our religious, and the Church!



In February, our Council provided financial support for the Seminarian Endowment Fund fundraiser held in Saginaw. We also provided sponsorship for seminarian Eddy Dwyer, who embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land through Mundelein Seminary, and for seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary who are undertaking a pilgrimage of their own.

In January, Council #12423 made a donation to the Cross in the Woods shrine in Indian River, MI to support their

ongoing restoration project. We also provided financial support for "Nuns Night Out", an event for nuns and sisters of the diocese, of which we sponsored 12.

Lastly, the Council has been organizing the effort to add meeting space and secure storage space for the parish and parish organizations in the Parish Center basement. This project is being paid for jointly by the Knights of Columbus and the parish.

As we move forward, Council #12423 will continue to pray for vocations and to look for ways to support those who dedicate their lives to Christ.

Upcoming Events

Show your support for Council #12423 by joining us at one of these upcoming events!

Military Care Package, Take 2

We are again collecting items to send to men and women from our parish who are serving our country overseas. Items such as batteries, bath towels, calling cards, hard candy, crackers/cookies, and baby wipes will be accepted at drop boxes in the parish center and will be shipped overseas.



We also welcome monetary donations to defray the cost of shipping. The deadline for donating items has been extended until March 26th. Please consider supporting our troops by making a donation today!

"Big Ticket" Raffle Starts Soon

Council #12423 will soon be holding a Big Ticket raffle, with over 25 prizes of gift certificates to area businesses, ranging from \$25-\$50 in value. Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Next Blood Drive June 9th

The next Blood Drive will be held June 9th at the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for information about donation times and reservation info.

Membership Blitz Next Weekend!

Have you ever considered joining the Knights of Columbus? Now is a great time! As you can see, KofC members are actively engaged in the lives of others and in the church. Why not join us? You can make a difference!

Membership is open to all practical Catholic gentleman, age 18 or over. Even better, it only takes 24 hours per year to be an active member of the Knights of Columbus, and yet together we can accomplish so much! In addition to events such as those listed here, our Council sponsors many events specifically for Knights and their families. For more information on Council #12423, visit our website at www.kofc12423.org, or call 893-6421, extension 204.