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# Knight watch



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COUNCIL #12423 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. STAN'S

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*Enabled by generous donations from within our Council,  
New scholarship will help support students pursuing Catholic Education*

## Council #12423 Launches Scholarship

At its February meeting, Council #12423 voted to establish a Scholarship Program to benefit students who are pursuing Catholic Education.

“Council #12423 believes in supporting our youth as they grow in their faith. There is no better way to do that than through a Catholic Education,” said Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Britton, chair of this year’s program. “Although we are all saddened to hear about the pending closure of St. Stan’s School, we remain strong supporters of Catholic Education in our community.”

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have a family member who is a member of Council #12423, and be enrolled in a Catholic School in grades K-12 for the

2011-2012 school year. Students must also submit an application, which includes an age-appropriate faith-based creative exercise. Application packets are available at the Parish Office, by download from the parish or Council websites, or by emailing [dgk@kofc12423.org](mailto:dgk@kofc12423.org).

Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded this year: one for grades K-5, and another for grades 6-12. Funding for the scholarships comes from donations made through the Council’s “Tree of Life” display in the Council Room on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Applications are due April 1st. Winners will be announced April 29th at the Council’s annual Awards and Appreciation Night.

### Soup Supper Set for March 8th

Council #12423 will be hosting a Fat Tuesday Soup Supper on Tuesday, March 8th from 4-7pm at the Parish Center.

The menu will feature four soups (chili, chicken noodle, czarnina, and potato), homemade pączki, bread and beverage. Entertainment will be provided by “Linda Lee”.

The Council #12423 Ladies Auxiliary will also hold a Silent Auction at the event.

Tickets (available at the door) are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children aged 5-12, and free for children under 5. Proceeds from the event will support the charitable work of Council #12423. We hope to see you there!

### Next Blood Drive March 9th

Council #12423 will sponsor a Blood Drive at St. Stanislaus Parish Center on Ash Wednesday, March 9th from 2-7pm. What a wonderful opportunity to welcome in the season of Lent than by reaching out to share the gift of life! Appointment times are available. Call 686-3203 to sign up!

To date, Council #12423 Blood Drives have resulted in close to 400 pints of blood being collected. Since each pint can help up to three people, this means nearly 1,200 lives have been affected through this parish-based program!

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING LIFE!**

Gene Cianek  
GRAND KNIGHT

Kevin Britton  
DEPUTY GK

Jim Flannery  
TREASURER

Dave Jankowiak  
SECRETARY

# Supporting our Parish & Community

Since our last update in November, Council #12423 has been hard at work. Here are some highlights!

## Supporting Our Youth

### Students Win with Free Throws

The Council's Free Throw Contest for youth was held on January 22nd. Twelve participants (10 boys, 2 girls) took part, of which seven advanced to the District tournament, held February 9th at the Boys and Girls Club, at which one student advanced to the regional level! Congratulations!

The KofC Free Throw Competition awards scholarships at the state level.

### Teaching about St. Nicholas

Our December "Breakfast with Santa" event included literature and activities designed to teach children about St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, the real-life Saint whose example became the basis for modern-day Santa Claus. Santa was also on hand to reinforce the true meaning of CHRISTmas.

## Community Activities

### Military Care Packages

December Military Care Package drive coincided with the "Stuff the Bus" campaign arranged through the Bay City Armory. Due to a lack of identified recipients, Council #12423 opted to donate our collected items through this program. Approximately 10 boxes worth of items were donated. Thank you to all who donated!

If you know of someone who is serving overseas, especially in harm's way, please let us know! We would be honored to send them a care package!

### "Neighbors" a Success

Our November "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program netted over 1,000lbs of food for the St. Stanislaus Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated!

## Pro-Life Efforts

### March for Life Sponsorship

Again this year, Council #12423 provided financial support for the St. Stan's Youth Group in their efforts to attend the *March for Life* in Washington, DC. The \$200 donation sponsored one youth for the trip.

We commend the youth of our parish for their commitment to speaking out in defense of Life!

### Baby Shower Held

Our Pro-Life Baby Shower resulted in approximately 15 bags of supplies, as well as \$50 in monetary donations, which were donated to Abortion Alternatives. Thank you to all who donated!

### 40 Days for Life

Our Council was involved with the "40 Days for Life" campaign, providing both financial assistance and volunteering to participate in the prayer vigil at the abortion mill in Saginaw.

## Parish Involvement

### Facilities Donated

Two members of Council #12423, Hubert Gorney and Dave Spyhalski, have completed work on the handicap-accessible restroom in the lower level of the parish center. The donated facility will provide added convenience to groups using the meeting rooms.

### M.I. Drive Starts April 16th

Our annual drive to support those with Intellectual Disabilities is coming up soon. Council #12423 members will collect donations (and distribute Tootsie Rolls) outside of Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. Donations will also be collected outside of area merchants on Good Friday. Please give generously to support those in need. God Bless!

Like what you see? Visit our updated website for more about Council #12423, a calendar of upcoming events, and information on how you can join us!

[www.kofc12423.org](http://www.kofc12423.org)