

Knight watch



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

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*As a parish Council, St. Stanislaus Kostka Council #12423
Seeks to help our parish as well as the greater community through charitable service!*

Serving God by Serving Others

The mission of St. Stanislaus Kostka Council #12423 is to promote charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism within the Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church and the surrounding Bay City Community. As a parish-based, family organization, we work and play together as we live out our faith in service to others. We believe that service should be fun, and that doing what's right is its own reward.

If you've not heard of us before, we'd really be surprised. Council #12423 members are extremely active in our parish, serving as lectors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and other liturgical ministers. Our members volunteer to serve on parish commissions and committees, help out at funerals and around the parish.

In addition to our parish involvement, we're active in our community, supporting our public safety and armed forces personnel, helping the poor and underprivileged, and helping to foster a culture of life wherever and whenever we can.

We're a great group of guys, backed up by a great group of ladies in our Ladies Auxiliary. In fact, we try to engage the whole family in both our charitable work, and our recreational activities!

If you've not thought about joining the Knights of Columbus, why not? Now is a perfect time to see how you can make a difference in your parish, and your world. Come see why we call it an *Experience of a Lifetime!*

Still Time to Join Us at Center for Ministry on Sept. 10th!

In his letter to parishioners on August 12th, Bishop Cistone highlighted the important work of the Knights of Columbus, including our 653 million hours of volunteer service in 2010, and our commitment to provide financial assistance to ensure that every parish has a copy of the new Roman Missal for their worship beginning this November.

"I am extremely proud of and thankful for all that my brother Knights do for our Diocese and the Church at large," Bishop Cistone writes. He adds, *"For those of you who are not yet members of the Knights of Columbus, I would invite you to consider becoming an active member."* (To read the full letter, visit saginaw.org)

To further show his support for the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Cistone is hosting a special induction ceremony at the Center for Ministry on Saturday, September 10th. The degree will be held in memory of Blessed John Paul II. There is no fee to attend this event.

If you are a Catholic gentleman age 18 or older who actively practice your faith, there is still time to sign up to join Council #12423 at this event! Pre-registration is required, so please contact the Council at 893-6421 x204 or email gk@kofc12423.org as soon as possible!

Join us, and have fun living out your faith by being *In Service to One. In Service to All!*

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Supporting our Parish & Community

God doesn't take a vacation, and neither do the Knights of Columbus! Here's what we've been up to this summer...

Parish Support

Altar Servers Recognized

Council #12423 sponsored an outing for the St. Stan's Altar Servers, attending a Great Lakes Loons game on July 20th. More than 20 youth attended, and were treated to snacks at the game along with some great baseball. A fun time was had by all! Pictures from the event can be found on our website at www.kofc12423.org.

Tree of Life for Scholarships

Memorialize your loved one or special event and help support Catholic Education at the same time by purchasing a leaf on our *Tree of Life* display. For more information, contact gk@kofc12423.org or call 893-6421, x204.

Community Involvement

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Council #12423 will be holding our annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors food drive in November, to benefit the St. Stanislaus Food Pantry. Look for drop boxes in the church entrances and in the parish center. Thank you to the anonymous donor who donated \$100 toward this effort already!

Adopt-A-Hwy September 13th

Council #12423 will be conducting our fall Adopt-a-Highway pickup on Tuesday, September 13th at 6pm beginning at the Portsmouth Twp Hall. Volunteers welcome to help us keep our community beautiful!

Pro-Life Activities

"Focus on Life" Sponsorship

Again this year, Council #12423 will be hosting a table at the Bay County Right to Life "Focus on Life" dinner on October 4th. The speaker for the event is Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schaivo. Emcee will be Council #12423's own Kevin Britton. For more information about the dinner, contact Bay County RTL at 895-8481

Diaper Drive Planned

Council #12423 is planning a Diaper Drive, which will benefit Abortion Alternatives Inc. in their work with women in crisis pregnancies who choose life. Watch the bulletin for info on this upcoming event!

Blood Drive Set for Sept. 7th

Our next Council #12423 Blood Drive will take place Wednesday, September 7th from 2-7pm in the Parish Hall. To date, we have collected more than 400 pints of blood, which have helped over 1,200 people. Come give the gift of life! A light dinner will be served. Walk-ins welcome, or call 686-3803 to reserve a specific donation time.

Council Picnic Fun for All!

Council #12423 held our annual Family Picnic on August 17th at Ridge Rd. Park in Essexville. Attendees enjoyed grilled bratwurst, and potluck dishes courtesy of our members and their families. The children in attendance had fun playing football and basketball with Fr. Rick, and enjoying the playground equipment and the nice weather. Pictures are available on our website, www.kofc12423.org!

Council #12423 is a family-focused organization, with many events designed to strengthen family life. Come see how YOUR family can benefit!

Soup Supper October 11th

Council #12423 will hold a Fall Harvest Soup Supper on Tuesday, October 11th from 4-7pm in the Parish Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information about this event, including ticket prices. Proceeds help support the charitable work of our Council!

Being a Knight of Columbus does not need to be all-consuming. It's true! You can be active as much or as little as you choose! Find out more at:

www.kofc12423.org