



Knights of Columbus
Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism
St. James Council #4557
Chartered in 1958

Serving the parishes of:
St. John XXIII, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Ann's &
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Chapel (17 Wing)

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On line membership is available @ www.manitobastatecouncil.ca

2020 Event Calendar

Due to the Pandemic all events are cancelled until further notice.

General Meetings

We gather for Mass and a General Meeting the 1st Monday of each month from September to June at St. John XXIII Parish at 7pm

Summary of Major Events

September

Chicken & Rib Dinner - St. James Council Annual Chicken & Rib Dinner is a community event to kick off our Columbian year and welcome back parishioners who have been away for the summer with family and friends.

October

Immaculate Conception Dinner - In October or November our council prepares a 7-layer casserole served at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Point Douglas. About 200-250 meals are served.

Spiritually Adopt a Baby Program- We begin our spiritually adopted baby program each October to support mothers through either Villa Rosa or Thrive Community Support Circle. The program runs until Mother's Day in May. With the gracious support of the St. John XXIII Knitting Club, we present layettes and donations to one of the above organizations alternating years.

Charity Raffles – Starting in October we participate in two raffles which raise funds for our council commitments.

- **Grey Cup Raffle** tickets are sold by members of our council to raise funds for charities. Draw winners are based on scores in Grey Cup game held end of November.
- **ICCD Raffle** tickets for a vehicle, are sold on behalf of MB State to support operations and charities. (participating councils receive a rebate prorated on sales) Early Bird Draw is held in January and the Major Draw is held in April.

Support of Seminarians - Our council has financially supported many seminarians who are now priests in our diocese. We continue to use general funds to support our future shepherds. Currently we are supporting Oliver Omega and Christopher Pugh.

November

Appreciation Dinner – This dinner is to recognize our departed brothers and to support the widows. The widows are invited to a complementary dinner. We also use this occasion to present the Distinguish Service Award to a Worthy Knight based on service over the course of their membership.

Keep Christ in Christmas Signage - The council replaced the aging Keep Christ in Christmas Signs at both St. John XXIII and St. Paul the Apostle. St. Ann's still has one of the original signs. The signs are displayed in November and removed in January.

December

Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest - Participating students are from St. Charles Catholic School, St. John XXIII and St. Paul the Apostle. We judge over 100 entries. All participants receive a token lapel pin and the 3 winners in each category receive a gift. The winning entries from each category are forwarded to MB State for further judging at a provincial level.

Gonzaga Middle School Christmas Dinner – Since 2017 we have provided a Christmas Dinner for the students, families, and staff of Gonzaga Middle School held at Immaculate Conception Hall. This event is catered by Knights, CWL and community members serving 300+ meals. We have kept the expenses to the school to a minimum, though the generous donations of product and service. This event has been a very successful outreach program.

St. Charles Catholic School – Music Program - For many years we have supported the SCCS Music Program with the Keep Christ in Christmas Concert held in early December. In 2019, due to time constraints in the busy Christmas season, it was decided to hold a Spaghetti Dinner for the school instead. The available date for this event was in February. This first Spaghetti dinner was very successful.

January

Family/Parish Pancake Breakfast – Pancake breakfasts are held at St. Paul the Apostle to celebrate St. Paul the Apostle Feast Day for the parish and community. We host the Pancake Breakfast Sunday morning.

We also participate in the Spaghetti Dinner and Dance held the same weekend. Tickets or additional information can be obtained from the St. Paul the Apostle parish office

March/April

Way of the Cross – Each year members participate in the Way of the Cross held Fridays during Lent at St. John XXIII and St. Paul the Apostle

April/May

Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly's Dinner and Draw – For a number of years our council has hosted the 4th degree dinner and draw at St. John XXIII. The funds raised support one of our Winnipeg Catholic Schools. We have been pleased to support the 4th degree brothers in this worthy cause. Tickets to the dinner and draw may be ordered from any 4th degree member, Robert Girouard 204-488-2968.

June

Mass for the Unborn Child and all Human Life – A Pro Life Mass for the Unborn Child and all Human Life is held at the Monument for the Unborn Child and at the Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Assumption Cemetery.

Grand Knight BBQ/Reception - Knights and spouses are invited to this event, to show our appreciation for the outgoing Grand Knight and to honour individual Knights and their spouses for dedication during this Columbian year. We present the Grand Knight with his Past Grand Knight pin, the Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year Certificate. We also present the Joe Mahussier Award for the knight promoting Pro-Life and Christian values.

We are an active council and need the support of all members to be successful.

New members will continue our legacy. Come join our team.

Contact membership Chairmen Steve Csizmadia: 204-885-7469, Paul Morris 204 832-8480 or the Parish representatives for information on our membership benefits program.

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