



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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Benefits of Membership

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Monthly Columbia Magazine

Faith in Action Programs for Community, Family, Faith & Life

2023 Event Calendar Overview

General Meetings

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

Summary of Major Annual Events

September

Welcome Back Pancake or Chicken & Rib Dinner - St. James Council host a Community Pancake Breakfast or Chicken & Rib Dinner 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 North Point Douglas.

Every Sunday from Sept till the end of June , Immaculate Conception Drop In provides take out meals, toques gloves, socks, & toiletries,. Currently the Drop In serves approximately 100 individual meals along with 40 family packs consisting of 220 meals.

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 charitable 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) 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 is studying in the States at Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology and is in his last year before becoming a Priest.Christopher Pugh and Vince Diestro are at the St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. Vince Diestro is in his second year and I believe that Christopher is in his 4th year.

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. For 2021-2022 this award was presented to Frank Barnes for his dedicated service to the Knights, Parish, and Community

Keep Christ in Christmas Signage - The council erects the Keep Christ in Christmas Signs at both St. John XXIII and St. Paul the Apostle.. 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.

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.

January

Family/Parish Pancake Breakfast – We participate in Pancake breakfasts held at St. Paul the Apostle to celebrate St. Paul the Apostle Feast Day for the parish and community following Sunday masses.

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

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. We are looking for Catholic men 18 years and older to join us as we rebuild our Knights Community following the pandemic. If you feel called to serve in any way join us on line .

For more information contact the Grand Knight or one of our parish representatives or any brother knight

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

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