

ST. CLEMENT
COUNCIL #12407

ST. JOSEPH STATUE
DONATION



The Knights of Columbus has always had a fervent devotion to St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus and a model for all Catholic fathers. As members of St. Clement Council K of C, we have a very rare and unique opportunity to impact the inspirational beauty of our new church that will be inspiring souls for generations to come. The Knights of St. Clement Council #12407 have answered the call to support the new St. Jude sanctuary through the purchase of a St. Joseph statue (pictured above). Who better than St. Joseph demonstrates the values of our fraternal order as strong, Catholic men of our church?

The St. Joseph statue selected is unique in that it reflects Joseph looking very fatherly portraying Jesus as a young child. This depiction translates well with St. Jude's young and growing parish. The statue is hand-carved and hand-painted by the best wood carvers in the world from the Val Gardena region in the northern Alps region of Italy. The Val Gardena region has become world famous for its wood carving and paintings, as much of the town is in the arts trade. The statue itself is carved out of Linden wood which has a fine, light grain that is excellent for carving and painting. This six-foot-tall statue will be located at the front right side of the altar and will include a plaque showing the donation from the St. Clement Knights of Columbus Council providing a visible reminder of our ongoing support to our Catholic community.

As a Knight of the St. Clement Council, we are asking you to consider a one-time donation for the St. Joseph statue to ensure the council can fully support this extraordinary gift in addition to our local charities and activities. **The cost of the statue is \$10,630 with our goal to cover as much as possible through donations by June 15th, 2023.**

We are asking you to consider giving to this worthy endeavor. Your gift will be greatly appreciated as we strive to achieve our goal. You can donate by check or credit card as outlined at the bottom of this letter. All funds collected will be given to St. Jude Catholic Church in support of the St. Joseph Statue.

One of our own Knights here at St. Clement Council has agreed to match any gifts made during this appeal up to a total of \$5,000. This means your gift will have double the impact. This match will only be available through June 15, 2023.

To pay by check, make the check payable to St. Clement K of C Council #12407 and mail it to our Worthy Financial Secretary Tim Petz at P.O. Box 65, Mossville, IL 61552.

To pay by credit card, visit our St. Clement website, stclementkofc.org, and click on the St. Joseph Statue donation link. Please note online donations will be charged a transaction fee (2.9% + \$0.30) which will be deducted from your donation.

Thank you in advance for supporting your St. Clement Council and our St. Jude Church community. To keep you informed of our progress, we will be sending out a follow up e-mail in the coming month on our progress toward our June 15th goal.

**COMMONLY ASKED
QUESTIONS**

Q: Who approached the St. Clement Council to purchase the statue?

A: In discussions with Father Henehan on how the St. Clement Council could support the new church, Father suggested that the Council consider donating the St. Joseph Statue due to the strong connection between the Knights of Columbus and fatherhood.

Q: When did the Council agree to support the statue?

A: The Council voted to support the statue in the March 2023 council meeting.

Q: Why is the Council asking for a donation instead of using monies generated through activities?

A: For this extraordinary event, the Council wanted to give each Knight the opportunity to personally contribute to building the Council's legacy through this rare and unique gift to St. Jude Church, as well as limiting the potential impact to our many charitable acts. All donations will be gifted to St. Jude Church.

Q: Is my donation tax deductible?

A: Yes! Your donation is tax-deductible under Section 170(c)(4) of the IRS code, which allows a Knights of Columbus council to pass-through donations to a tax-deductible organization. A receipt of your donation from St. Jude Church can be provided upon request.

*Have additional questions or concerns?
Contact Mike Perez at
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Donate here!

