

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

- They display the KC Respect Religious Freedom yard sign.
- Nick participates in the KC free-throw contest annually.
- Nick and Maggie participate in the KC substance abuse awareness poster contest.
- Maggie has helped Jayson with the KC PID (Tootsie Roll) drive.
- Nick and Maggie have helped Jayson with the KC breakfasts at church, serving and in the kitchen.
- The family attended the KC family picnic summer of 2013 and the chili supper in December of 2013.
- The family sits together with other KC families in the front of church on the 5th Sunday of the month.
- Jayson has helped with the KC fundraiser, serving beverages at the Jones County Fair.
- Jayson regularly attends and conducts monthly KC meetings and attends the District meetings.

Jayson and Darci understand that one of the KC's greatest missions and lessons is that of charity. This is a lesson that the Wagners strive to pass on to their children and to live as a family. They realize that charity is part of God's calling to be Catholic Christians.

C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

- Jason and Darci attended the Regional Catholic Conference in Des Moines.
- Jason and Darci attended a Matthew Kelly Passion and Purpose event in the Quad Cities.
- They operate a booth at the annual community Christmas tree walk, selling bracelets, bookmarks, and other homemade items to raise funds for Mary's Meals charity.
- Nick is an altar server.
- Jayson lectures at mass.
- Jayson and Darci are Eucharistic Ministers, and Jayson takes communion to the care center.
- Darci regularly conducts children's liturgy during Sunday morning mass.
- Darci serves on the Faith Formation Committee and Jayson on the Social Justice Committee.
- Darci helps with middle school youth group on a regular basis.
- Nick attends middle school youth group.
- Darci and Jayson help with clean up after the parish fall festival.
- Jayson and Darci unlock the church before weekend masses.
- They attend the parish mission and have provided refreshments for the mission.
- Nick and Maggie helped to make sweet corn and sauerkraut for the fall festival.
- Jayson and Darci attend bible studies.
- Jayson and Darci have participated in the Parish book discussions.
- Darci makes desserts for funerals.
- They helped with painting the interior of the parish house.
- They helped with decorating the church for lent and advent.

The Wagners try to make the church and parish the center of their family life and values. As part of that effort, they make time to be active in and contribute to the life and well-being of the parish. They realize that living a vibrant faith life depends on a vibrant parish, and a vibrant parish is a result of its members contributing their time, talent, and treasure. This is something they work towards as a family.

Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

- Jayson is a member of the St. Patrick School Board.
- They attend school functions and participate in fundraising efforts.
- They help clean the school building in the summer in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Darci and Jayson helped with the planning and worked at the Ryan Hall benefit.
- Jayson is on the Anamosa Park and Recreation Board.
- Darci is on the Safe and Supportive Schools committee and helps teach an ACT prep course.
- Darci is a member of the PTO committee for St. Patrick School and helps with planning for the annual spring gala fundraiser.
- They helped put together the school float for the Pumpkinfest parade.

Darci and Jayson see their family's involvement in the community as an outreach of their church. They believe that Jesus established his church to help those within the parish and church community, but also the community at large. The Wagners consider serving the members of the Anamosa Community as part of the Church's mission in the world.

Explain why this family was chosen as the "model" family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named "Knights of Columbus Family of the Year"?

The Jayson and Darci Wagner family are outstanding models of Catholic Family Life. The many activities listed above are actually more of an outcome that flows from their commitment to the Catholic Faith rather than from just a sense of responsibility to their fellow man. Their involvement in Church, school, and community are a result of their Faith and their love for Jesus. Their choices in life flow from the Love of Christ.

In a society where the pressure on families builds daily on secularism, materialism, and self-gratification, Jayson and Darci manage to not only teach and model the Love of Christ for their children, but they, and their children, are not afraid to stand publicly for their Catholic values.

A great example of this focuses upon the charity called Mary's Meals. This charity was made known to Jason and Darci during their attendance at a weekend conference. They were so impressed by the work of this charity that they began to rally support for fundraising on behalf of Mary's Meals. Jayson brought the idea to the Knights of Columbus. Jayson and Darci were key in establishing Mary's Meals as a Lenten almsgiving project in 2013 for the whole parish of St. Patrick (total donation of \$2224). Most telling, however, was how they encouraged their children to be a part of this fundraising project. The children decided to make bracelets and sell them at a community festival for the announced purpose of supporting Mary's Meals.

The Wagner family is a great KC family and a great Catholic family!

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