

# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

April, 2022

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

- We sold all of seminarian mission fund tickets on the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>....Special Thanks to Brothers Doyle Prince, David Neal, Kell Luke and Jim Thibodaux
- Our banner/sign in front of church has broken. We are exploring temporary and permanent plans to replace it.
- We have approved a council contribution to the KC Ukraine Solidarity Fund. We are looking to seek approval to ask parishioners if they would like to contribute to this cause as well.
- Vocations Chalice Schedule...
  - April – Brother Chris Thibodaux
  - May – Brother David Neal
  - June – Brother John Comeaux

### Officers 2021-2022

Grand Knight – Terry Allemand  
Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola  
Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Rodrigue  
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### Chairmen

Program Director – Mike Rodrigue  
Membership Director – VACANT  
Community Activities – VACANT  
Faith Activities – VACANT  
Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux  
Life Activities – Kenny Rivero  
Golf Tournament – Jim Thibodaux



### **\*\*\*FAMILIES OF THE MONTH\*\*\***

**Congratulations** to the family of Reuben and Dianne Williams for being selected Family of the Month for February!

### **\*Reminder\***

Council Meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month in the Community Gathering Center. The schedule is as follows: 5:30pm – Officers Planning Meeting; 6:15pm – Rosary; 7:05pm – Meal; 7:25pm – Lecturer's Reflection; 7:30pm - Council Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, can contact any council member or visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

### **Upcoming Events**

**Mass and Men's Bible Study Every Wednesday at 6:00am in the Gathering Center**

**Adoration, Rosary, and Reconciliation Every Wednesday from 5-7pm in the Gathering Center**

April 7	Assembly 336 Meeting 7:00pm Houma Council Home
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 13	Seader Meal
April 17	Easter
April 21	Council 13819 Membership Meeting
April 24	Council 13819 Sponsored Mass (8:30AM)

### **Affordable Protection for Catholic Families**

The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members. Contact Dan Cabirac at (985) 601-2400 or [dan.cabirac@kofc.org](mailto:dan.cabirac@kofc.org) for more information.

## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for April 2022

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." (Gospel for April 10, Lk 22:14-16)

Every Palm Sunday, we hear the account of Christ's Passion. The story is quite familiar to us by now. Has it lost any of its impact for us from repetition? The Passion of Christ is not just a rote story we recall once a year, but a reality that lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. My brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to participate in the Stations of the Cross — alone or with your parish — to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Second, I challenge you to carry out the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program.

### **The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church April Theme: Mercy and Forgiveness**

The inner form of Christian familial love is mercy like God the Father who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4).

**Breaking Open the Theme:** Pope St. John Paul II has beautifully said mercy is "love's second name."<sup>55</sup> Sacred Scripture speaks frequently about Christ's love in terms of mercy. For instance, there are the memorable parables of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11–32) and the lost sheep (Lk 15:1-7). In fact, Christ's strongest teaching about the sacredness and lifelong permanence of the marriage bond (Mt 19:12) is preceded by one of his strongest teachings about forgiveness in the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:21-35). During the course of the parable of the unforgiving servant, Christ instructs his disciples to forgive not just seven times, but 77 times — a symbolic number that represents a willingness to forgive without limit. In other words, Christ instructs his disciples to love unconditionally by being merciful. The fact that this teaching occurs right before his teaching about marriage's indissolubility powerfully suggests that marriage, and the family life that flows from it, is to be held together by unconditional mercy. If the family practices mercy, they will be immensely blessed: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Mt 5:7).

**Meditation From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*:** Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to deep resentment. ... The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people's weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad intentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. ... Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being unduly harsh with the failings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of our dignity. When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism. Considering that Jesus forgave his persecutors from the cross, what does God's mercy in the Scriptures teach us about how to forgive our family members? Why is it important to be forgiven by God? Why must we trust in his forgiveness in order to forgive others properly? Do any of us find it hard to forgive? What holds us back from forgiving? Is it resentment based on ill will, unduly looking for faults, an excessive concern for our rights, the inability to forgive ourselves or to accept our own limitations? Or is it something else?

**Scripture Reading — Psalm 51:3-6, 11-15:** A prayer of penance and longing for God's abundant mercy Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions. Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me. For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes So that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment. Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities. A clean heart created for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit. Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit. Restore to me the gladness of your salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit. I will teach the wicked your ways, that sinners may return to you.