



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

**Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA**

**February 2022**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

We are in need of additional help to fill some of our Director Positions for the rest of this Fraternal Year. We have had a number of Brothers who have moved out of the area due to work. If you have someone you think would be a good fit as Membership Director, Faith/Vocations Activities Director, or Community Activities Director, please let me know so I can make contact with them.

We have visited with TARC, the Food Bank, The Haven, and Hope Restored to see what their status is following Ida. They have all survived and are moving forward serving their clientele.

Our March meeting will be moved to March 15<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with the Men's ACTS Retreat that is being held March 17-20. We have a number of our members who will either be serving on the retreat team or who will be attending as participants.

We will be setting a date for the annual sale of the Seminarian Mission Fund raffle tickets. We will need volunteers to help staff the sales table after each Mass. The raffle is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Vivat Jesus!

Terry Allemand  
Grand Knight

### Officers 2021-2022

Grand Knight – Terry Allemand  
Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola  
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Program Director – Mike Rodrigue  
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Community Activities – VACANT  
Faith Activities – VACANT  
Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux  
Life Activities – Kenny Rivero  
Golf Tournament – Jim Thibodaux

### \*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).

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

**Congratulations** to the families of Paul & Cammie Boudreaux for being selected Family of the Month for November and Doyle & Gayle Prince for being selected Family of the Month for December.

### 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**

February 3	Assembly 336 Meeting - 7:00pm	Houma Council Home
February 5	State Corn Hole Tournament	St. Ann, Metairie
February 12	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification	St. John the Evangelist, Prairieville
February 14	<b>St. Valentine's Day</b>	
February 17	Council Meeting (See above for schedule)	
February 20	Council Sponsored Mass – 5:30pm	
February 21	<b>Presidents' Day</b>	
March 1	<b>Mardi Gras</b>	
March 2	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	

### 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 February 2022**

**When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."**  
(Gospel for Feb. 6, Lk 5:8-10)

Simon Peter recognizes Jesus for who he is and deems himself unworthy to be in his presence. Jesus, in calling the fisherman to follow him, tells him not to fear. Every one of us is a sinner, and yet Jesus calls each of us to follow him. It is not our own virtues or qualifications, but rather Jesus who empowers us with his grace to respond to his invitation. Brothers, remember St. Paul's words: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Phil 4:13).

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

This month, I challenge you to go to confession and attend at least one weekday Mass, offering it for the intention to fearlessly answer Christ's call to follow him. Second, I challenge you to participate in or consider starting the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Are you sometimes afraid to follow Christ more closely because you consider yourself too sinful and unworthy? Do you truly believe in and experience Christ's mercy and seek to forgive yourself as well as others? Do you stay close to the sacrament of penance in order to do battle with your own sinfulness and allow God's grace to strengthen you for spiritual combat?

## **The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church**

### **February Theme: The Sacrament of Marriage**

*The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life*

### **Breaking Open the Theme**

The sacrament of marriage is a wondrous divine mystery. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen liked to remind couples, it takes "three" to get married: husband, wife and God. By virtue of the sacrament of baptism, Christians no longer belong to themselves, but to Jesus Christ. As a result, when a baptized man marries a baptized woman, Christ himself is the one who gives the spouses to each other on their wedding day.

It is Christ who also receives their vows as the Church witnesses their exchange of love and blesses it in Christ's name. This is why it is important to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is present and also why the Church recommends that Christian marriages take place within a Mass. Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is made present in the love of the spouses. He becomes the source and unshakable guarantor of their unity as a couple. He transforms their love: "Spouses love each other with a love that is greater than themselves, in fact, with the very love that brought them into existence in the first place!"

By virtue of the great sacrament of holy matrimony, human love participates in Christ's own sacrificial love wherein he gave up his body for sinners on the cross. To receive the graces of this sacrament fully, married couples must enter into the total self-gift of Christ on a daily basis, holding nothing back in their love of each other through prayer and sacrifice for the good of the beloved.

### **Meditations**

*From a homily by St. John Chrysostom on Marriage and Family Life*

How is marriage a mystery? The two have become one. This is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself. ... They come to be made into one body. See the mystery of love! If the two do not become one, they cannot increase; they can increase only by decreasing! How great is the strength of unity!

*From Pope John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio*

The spirit which the Lord pours forth [in the sacrament of marriage] gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. ... Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.

1. Do we think of marriage differently when we remember that Christ is present in the sacrament of marriage? How does this change or challenge our personal views of love?
2. What do we think of St. John Chrysostom's principle of Christian married love — that spouses and family "increase" by "decreasing"? How does this principle relate to the words that we hear from John the baptist: "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)?
3. Have we loved each family member by sacrificing for them as Christ has done for each of us? In what ways do each of us do this? In what ways could we be better at this?

### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 128 A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord**

### **Family Project**

Read the below nuptial prayer from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Share memories about your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal. At this meal, have each child share one thing they appreciate about their parents' marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

### **Nuptial Blessing**

Holy Father, who formed man in your image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world; O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful. ... May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel. ... Through Christ our Lord. Amen.