



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

March 2022

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

Just a reminder that our March meeting that was originally scheduled for Thursday March 17th has been moved to Tuesday, March 15th to avoid a conflict with the Men's ACTS Retreat which begins that same evening.

We are scheduled to sell seminarian mission fund tickets on the weekend of March 5th and 6th. We will need volunteers in back of gathering center after all Masses to help with the sales. The raffle is schedule for April 30th.

We are still in need of some volunteers to help fill some of our director positions. The Community Activities Director position is vacant due to Brother Tony Aex's move and the Vocations Chairman, Faith Activities Director, and Membership Director positions are vacant due to Brother Darryl Barrios' pending move to Connecticut for his new position with the Order. I have made contact with a possible candidate for a few of these positions, however, he is deeply involved in the ACTS retreat. We will be talking again after the retreat(s).

At our next meeting we will vote to finalize approval to allow ACTS Retreat funds to be dispersed.

Vivat Jesus!

Terry Allemand
Grand Knight

Lent



Officers 2021-2022

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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.



FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the family of Wayne & Sadie Bonvillain for being selected Family of the Month for January!

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

March 1	Mardi Gras
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 3	Assembly 336 Meeting 7:00pm Houma Council Home
March 5-6	Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15	Council Meeting (Rescheduled – See Above for Details)
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Men's ACTS Retreat Begins
March 19	Council Sponsored Mass (4:30pm)
March 25	The Annunciation of Our Lord
March 29	Founders' Day (1882)

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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 for more information.

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for March 2022

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)

Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you tend to seek one emotional religious experience after another, yet feel less motivated to live your faith in between these experiences? Do you recognize the Christian witness you must fulfill in your daily duties as a man, a husband, a father, and in your ordinary work and social interactions? Do you set aside time to participate in a spiritual retreat every now and then to reinvigorate your spiritual life?

The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church

March Theme: Family Difficulties

All families face difficulties. At such critical moments, it is important to learn how to suffer well and to suffer together with Christ. Suffering, if given to the Lord, can bring families closer together and strengthen their love.

Breaking Open the Theme

Catholic families today face many challenges in the very real and normal frustrations of marriage and family life. The world tells families that they can simply walk away from such situations and choose whatever lifestyle or solution makes them feel happy as individuals. However, this escapism is not the Christian way.

As St. John Paul II often reminded people, the Christian way of suffering begins with hope and the firm conviction that "God's strength is always far more powerful than your difficulties." Relying on God's strength, families should not be fearful to recognize their struggles together and bring them before the Lord in prayer. Although they may not experience instant relief or be given a solution to fix the problem they are facing, the Lord will help them carry their crosses to the very end, providing comfort and healing along the way.

After taking these first steps, families need to remember that they must constantly undergo conversion and healing. They cannot stop talking about their daily concerns or problems; by doing so they run the risk of weakening their relationships. Open conversation unites family members and may lead them to discover the source of their pain and struggles. In particular, it may bring up issues that the family is struggling to express or even unbury deep concerns. It may be painful to face problems, especially those that have no easy solution, but families must do so with honesty and love.

If families start with these first few steps, their wounds can be transformed into points of intimacy with God. Suffering need not be only negative; through faith it can be transformed into great love. It is this miracle of transforming suffering into joy that is at the heart of Christian salvation.

Meditation From Pope John Paul II's *Familiaris Consortio*

There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: "that they may be one."

1. What are our family's struggles? How might we work together as a family to heal these areas of hurt or confusion, without fleeing from challenges, shutting anyone out, or giving in to despair?
2. What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? How does this perspective transform the way we approach suffering together as a family?
3. How can we as a family better rely on God's strength in times of difficulty? In what ways can we allow Christ's love to make our suffering fruitful and deepen our love?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 34:5-11

A prayer for those who suffer to trust in the Lord

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears. Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The rich grow poor and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Family Project

Ask each family member to think about one difficulty in the family and to pray for it every day. At the end of the month, share your prayer intentions and experiences.