



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

August-September 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

I would like to thank everyone that attended our installation on August 3rd and a big thank you to the Patriotic Degree for the dress out. I heard a lot of good comments on the new uniforms. We now officially have a ladies auxiliary and their officers were installed prior to ours. I would like to say thank you to all that had a role in starting the Auxiliary.

As you may have seen at our weekly and daily masses the Trophy case is now complete and filled. Thank you to Brother Norris Guidroz and Dwayne's Glass for finishing it up for us.

I would like to plan a BBQ get together for brother knights, their families, and the Ladies Auxiliary one Saturday night and watch LSU or a movie on the projector. Please think of a date and let me know what works for you.

I want to wish everyone a blessed month.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux
Grand Knight

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAMILY ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM
MARIA IMMACOLATA CATHOLIC CHURCH
246 CORPORATE DRIVE, HOUMA

"In Eucharistic adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the heart of Jesus Christ"
-Saint Pope John Paul II

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Officers 2019-20

- Grand Knight – Chris Thibodeaux
- Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola
- Deputy Grand Knight – Neil Abbott
- Chancellor – Scott Anthony
- Financial Secretary – Jerry Boudreaux
- Treasurer – Jim Thibodaux
- Recorder – Randy Viteaux
- Advocate – VACANT
- Lecturer – Doyle Prince
- Warden – Floyd Ordoyne
- Outside Guard – John Comeaux
- Inside Guard – Tim Pennison
- Three-Year Trustee - David Neal
- Two-Year Trustee – Lynn Foret
- One Year Trustee – Rocky Bush
- Field Agent – Shane Duplantis

Chairmen

- Program Director – Neil Abbott
- Membership Director – Barry McNamara
- Community Activities – Eric Kiehlmeier
- Faith Activities – Scott Anthony
- Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux
- Life Activities – Terry Allemand
- 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: 6:00pm – Officers Meeting; 6:30pm – Rosary; 6:45pm – Meal; 7:00pm – Business Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, should contact any council member.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Floyd and Michelli Ordoyne for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for July 2019!

Upcoming Events

- August 22-25 Men's ACTS Retreat, Lumen Christi
- August 24-25 State Bowling Tournament – Week 2, Harahan
- August 27 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm
- September 2 **LABOR DAY**
- September 5 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home 7:00pm
- September 7 State Horseshoe Tournament, Plaquemine
- September 9 International Buy a Priest a Beer Day
- Sept. 12-15 Women's ACTS Retreat, Lumen Christi
- Sept. 14-15 Bienville Provincial Meeting, Jackson, MS
- September 19 Council Business Meeting (See above for details)
- September 24 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm
- September 26 Diocesan Blue Mass, Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, 11am
- Sept. 27-29 Lift 3:16 Catholic Adult Conference, Houma-Terrebonne CC
- September 28 Formation & Knighthood Degrees, Lafayette



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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 Shane Duplantis, FICF at 985-790-2538 or shane.duplantis@kofc.org for more information.

The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – September: Charity

We learn of God's love through the Scriptures, the testimony of God himself, where we read that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The Scriptures therefore instruct all, including families, to practice charity because Christ is present in every person, especially the poor and needy.

Breaking Open the Theme

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis called on the family to have an "expanding fruitfulness" that seeks to give life outside of one's own family through charity. Charity is a living out of the family's kingly mission to serve others. Pope Benedict XVI explains that there are three unique elements to fruitful Christian charity that distinguish it from any other form of social assistance: a heartfelt concern for the fullness of another person's humanity, a "heart which sees," and faith.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds Christians that it is not enough to "meet the needs of the moment," such as providing food or shelter. They must also "dedicate themselves to others with heartfelt concern, enabling them to experience the richness of their humanity." One of the beautiful ways to do this is to allow the other person to give back to the giver, welcoming their gifts of friendship and faith.

To allow this deeper giving and sharing, families need "a formation of the heart" from an "encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others." This new heart looks upon love of neighbor not as "a commandment imposed, so to speak, from without, but a consequence deriving from their faith, a faith which becomes active through love (cf. Gal 5:6)." It is a "heart that sees" like the Good Samaritan. "This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly."

Finally, Christian charity must not leave God and Christ out of the equation because it is concerned with the whole man. As Pope Benedict XVI points out, "Often the deepest cause of suffering is the very absence of God." Families should therefore naturally share their faith; with the help of grace, they will know when they should converse about the faith and when they should silently share the faith through loving actions.

Meditation - From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

A married couple who experience the power of love know that this love is called to bind the wounds of the outcast, to foster a culture of encounter, and to fight for justice. God has given the family the job of "domesticating" the world and helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters. . . . For their part, open and caring families find a place for the poor and build friendships with those less fortunate than themselves. In their efforts to live according to the Gospel, they are mindful of Jesus' words: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). In a very real way, their lives express what is asked of us all: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed" (Lk 14:12-14). You will be blessed! Here is the secret to a happy family.

By their witness as well as their words, families speak to others of Jesus. They pass on the faith, they arouse a desire for God, and they reflect the beauty of the Gospel and its way of life. . . . Their fruitfulness expands and in countless ways makes God's love present in society.

1. How do we live out charity in our family towards others?
2. Why does charity enrich family life and expand its fruitfulness? Do we think people can actually encounter Christ by helping those who are in need? Why or why not?
3. How can our family learn to know God better through love in our own family and love toward those we don't know?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 86:1-7, 11-12 A prayer for God's protection of the poor

Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, LORD; to you I call all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant; to you, LORD, I lift up my soul.

LORD, you are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on you.

LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

On the day of my distress I call to you, for you will answer me.

Teach me, LORD, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name.

I will praise you with all my heart, glorify your name forever, LORD my God.

Family Project

Volunteer as a family with your parish, local Knights of Columbus council, or other local Catholic ministry. If there are no nearby Catholic charities, then consider volunteering at a nearby soup kitchen or similar local charity.

Prayer and Worship Opportunities for the Men of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

- The Maria Immacolata Men's Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday morning (except for the weeks that we host E:SIX [see below]) beginning with Mass at 6:00 am followed by Bible Study from 6:30 – 7:30 am. If your schedule allows, please come join with us.
- On the first Saturday of each month Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs hosts a Mass for the men of the diocese at 7:30am at his home at 107 Albany Drive in Houma. Sign up for his newsletter at <http://www.spiritaflame.org> to receive updates.
- E:SIX (which stands for Ephesians 6) is a Catholic Men's Ministry which helps to form the masculine heart and an authentic spirituality by the celebration of the Holy Mass followed by coffee and donuts every week. This ministry was formed to help men to put on the "full armor of Christ", giving them the tools to grow in holiness, and to be the spiritual servant leaders of their families they have been called to be by God! This ministry helps men to build fraternity with other men and creates a Band of Brothers from all parts of the Diocese! The schedule of locations is as follows:
 1. 1st Thursday of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas, Thibodaux
 2. 2nd Thursday of the Month – St. Lucy, Houma
 3. 3rd Thursday of the Month – St. Hilary, Mathews
 4. 4th Thursday of the Month – Maria Immacolata
 5. 5th Thursday of the Month (If Applicable) – Lumen Christi