



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

December 2018-January 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights

Thank you to everyone that helped out with putting up the Nativity scene and changing the sign in the front of church, as well as everyone who was able to help out with Breakfast with Santa. Also, thanks to everyone who came out for Journey to the Inn.

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank You and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux
Grand Knight



Breakfast With Santa December 15, 2018



Journey to the Inn December 1, 2018

Officers 2018-19

- Grand Knight – Chris Thibodeaux
- Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola
- Deputy Grand Knight – Darryl Barrios
- Chancellor – Floyd Ordoyne
- Financial Secretary – Jerry Boudreaux
- Treasurer – Jim Thibodaux
- Recorder – Randy Viteaux
- Advocate – Mike Pontiff
- Lecturer – Doyle Prince
- Warden – Clark Hebert
- 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 – Darryl Barrios
- Membership Director – Barry McNamara
- Community Activities – Neil Abbott
- 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 AC and Marcia Vitter for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for November 2018!



Upcoming Events

- December 24 **Christmas Eve**
- December 25 **Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord/Christmas**
- December 30 **Feast of the Holy Family**
- December 31 **New Year's Eve**
- January 1 **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God/New Year's Day**
- January 3 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- January 6 **Feast of the Epiphany**
- January 11-13 State Retreat, Maryhill Retreat Center, Pineville
- January 17 Council Business Meeting (See Above)
- January 20 Council Sponsored Mass (8:30am)
- January 21 **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 22 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- January 23 Council Free Throw Competition, MICS
- January 25 DEADLINE - CYLA Applications
- January 26 Louisiana Life March South, Baton Rouge
- State Gumbo Cookoff, Teurlings Catholic HS, Lafayette
- Grand Knights Day, St. Genevieve MS, Lafayette
- February 1 DEADLINE – Substance Abuse Poster Contest Entries

Upcoming Youth Events

- On January 23, 2019 the council will conduct its annual Free Throw Competition for the students of Maria Immacolata Catholic Church. This competition is open to youth ages 9-14. Entry forms will be distributed to the students at school and the signed form must be returned prior to the competition. If your child is not a student at Maria Immacolata but would like to participate in the contest please contact the council Community Activities Director Neil Abbott at tboy417@gmail.com.
- The Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) is open to all Catholic Graduating Seniors. Deadline to submit an application to the council is January 25, 2019. Visit <http://louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/> for entry forms and additional information. Council level winners (one male and one female) will receive \$250.00 and a plaque and will advance to the diocesan level competition.
- The annual Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is fast approaching. All boys and girls between 8-14 years old are eligible to compete in this Contest. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. For additional information visit <http://louisianakc.org/programs/youth/substanceabuse/guide.pdf>. Entry forms can be downloaded at <http://louisianakc.org/programs/youth/substanceabuse/entryform.pdf>. All entries must be submitted to Community Activities Director Neil Abbott by February 1, 2019.

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:
 - 1st Thursday of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas, Thibodaux
 - 2nd Thursday of the Month – St. Lucy, Houma
 - 3rd Thursday of the Month – St. Hilary, Mathews
 - 4th Thursday of the Month – Maria Immacolata
 - 5th Thursday of the Month (If Applicable) – Lumen Christi

Building the Domestic Church – January: Family Prayer

The Christian family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love.

Breaking Open the Theme

The Christian family is called to offer to Christ all of its activities through a life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this advice about prayer: "We cannot pray 'at all times' if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it." In other words, families need to set aside a definite time for formal prayer together in order to have prayer infuse everything they do. Family members must build their life around God rather than fit God into their busy schedule. If families attempt the latter, then they are sure to find prayer dry and will eventually leave it out of their schedule altogether. To help nourish a shared prayer life, it is a good idea to learn more about different ways of praying and to establish a rhythm of praying. Different forms of prayer include vocal prayer (saying out loud a formal prayer, giving praise, asking for forgiveness, thanksgiving, adoration, petition, etc.); meditation on scripture or other religious writings; and contemplation, in which a person just listens to and talks with God as one would with a friend. But there are other ways of praying, such as through song and art. A family should consider its rhythm of prayer, such as morning or evening prayer, grace before and after meals, and prayers before bedtime. Some rhythms are weekly, such as Sunday Mass and entering into the sabbath rest. Some rhythms are yearly, such as the liturgical year and its feast days. Finally, some rhythms of prayer should be unique to each person's family, such as prayerfully celebrating birthdays, anniversaries of family members' weddings, baptisms (or other sacraments) and patron saints. The possibilities are endless, but it is necessary to develop a rhythm because "life is shaped by rhythms: the rhythm of heartbeat and breathing, the rhythm of day and night, of meals, of weeks, and so on. Mental prayer should become a daily event as vital to us as the basic rhythms of existence. It should become the breathing of our souls."

This month's Meditation From Pope John Paul II's familiaris Consortio can be found in the *Family Fully Alive* booklet that can be found free of charge in the kiosk in the church foyer.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 65:6-14 A prayer of gratitude for God's blessing

Family Project

The Catechism recommends that we find places favorable for prayer. One of the places it suggests is a "prayer corner" in the home. If you do not already have one, make a prayer corner in the home in order to facilitate prayer. This sacred space could be a simple table with a nice cloth over it, a bible, religious images and statues, rosaries, candles, prayer cards, a family prayer intention book, a vase for flowers, etc. Make the corner unique to your family and have each family member contribute one religious item to the prayer corner. For further ideas, see the following resource: *The Little Oratory: The Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home* by David Clayton and Leila Marie Lawler.