



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

January-February 2019

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a great start to the New Year. As we are heading into this new year I would like to request that we keep each other in our prayers, that we continue to grow as a council, and grow in Christ.

God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux

Grand Knight



### Officers 2018-19

- Grand Knight – Chris Thibodeaux
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### 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 Gary and Marcelle Labat for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for December 2018!

### Upcoming Events

- 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
- February 5 Diocesan Council Gathering, Houma Council Home
- February 7 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- February 14 **Valentine's Day**
- February 16 Patriotic Degree Exemplification, St. Margaret Mary, Slidell
- February 18 **Presidents Day**
- February 21 Council Business Meeting (See above for details)
- February 24 Council Sponsored Mass (10:30am)
- February 26 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home

## 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.

## The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – February: 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

*Psalms 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*