



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

July 2020

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

Thank you for allowing me to take on a leadership role for this year. I will work hard to keep from letting you down.

We are working to assemble our team for the year. We will have a few new faces taking on leadership roles and I am hopeful for our council to be as successful as last year. I am still working this out and will share with you as soon as we have things in place.

KCLS is scheduled for July 18th in Lafayette and I look forward to getting the latest updates to help us along.

Vivat Jesus!

Terry Allemand
Grand Knight

Officers 2020-21

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

Chairmen

Program Director – Neil Abbott
Membership Director – TBA
Community Activities – Eric Kiehlmeier
Faith Activities – TBA
Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux
Life Activities – TBA
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 – General Membership Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, can contact any council member or visit www.kofc.org/joinus.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following families for being selected Family of the Month:

February 2020	Ken & Leah Gautreaux
March 2020	No selection this month (COVID messed things up)
April 2020	Willie & Penny St. Pierre
May 2020	George & Ann Robichaux

2019-2020 Family of the Year – Jim & Mary Susan Thibodaux

Upcoming Events

July 2	Assembly 336 Meeting	Houma Council Home	7:00pm
July 3	Independence Day (Observed)		
July 4	Independence Day		
July 16	Council Meeting (See above for details)		
July 18	KCLS St. Genevieve Middle School, Lafayette		

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

MIRACLE APPROVED! FATHER MCGIVNEY TO BE BEATIFIED!

The Vatican announced on May 27th that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The pope's action means that Fr. McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint. The miracle recognized as coming through Fr. McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Fr. McGivney.

The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – July: Witnessing to the Faith

Because families play an indispensable role in the new evangelization, we want to share our faith with other families and those who are far away from God.

Breaking Open the Theme

Everyone — no matter their role or station in life — is called to holiness. Holiness in the family is a response of love to the graces God lavishes upon them every day through the sacrament of marriage. "A love that fails to grow is at risk. Growth can only occur if we respond to God's grace through constant acts of love, acts of kindness that become ever more frequent, intense, generous, tender and cheerful. ... The gift of God's love poured out upon the spouses is also a summons to constant growth in grace."

As the saints have shown so well throughout history, this constant growth in grace leads inevitably to witness in our daily lives. This witness is the primary way to evangelize in our time. It is through living our lives as Catholic families, devoted to our faith, to each other and to helping those in need, that we best evangelize in a world that so often seems reluctant to hear this good news.

The family must put comfort and convenience aside "to risk sharing in the suffering of others" who are on the margins. Who are those on the margins? They may be people we never met, the poor, the immigrant and the unborn. They may be people who we know that are lonely and feel isolated. They may be our own family members who are difficult to love because of their personalities. Paradoxically, the margins are not very far from us, but all around us and sometimes even within us. Those who are on the margins are those wounded and far off from God's love and his Church. The family must encounter these margins and mend them with its witness to God's love. To vary slightly a famous phrase of St. John Paul II, we could say, "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors of the domestic church for Christ!"

Meditation (From Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the Pontifical Council for the Family)

The new evangelization depends largely on the Domestic Church (cf. *ibid.* [*Familiaris Consortio*], n. 65). In our time, as in times past, the eclipse of God, the spread of ideologies contrary to the family and the degradation of sexual ethics are connected. And just as the eclipse of God and the crisis of the family are linked, so the new evangelization is inseparable from the Christian family. The family is indeed the way of the Church because it is the "human space" of our encounter with Christ. Spouses "not only receive the love of Christ and become a saved community, but they are also called upon to communicate Christ's love to their brethren, thus becoming a saving community." The family founded on the sacrament of Marriage is a particular realization of the Church, saved and saving, evangelized and evangelizing community. Just like the Church, it is called to welcome, radiate and show the world the love and presence of Christ. The reception and transmission of divine love are realized in the mutual commitment of the spouses, in generous and responsible procreation, in the care and education of children, work and social relationships, with attention to the needy, in participation in church activities, in commitment to civil society. The Christian family to the extent it succeeds in living love as communion and service as a reciprocal gift open to all, as a journey of permanent conversion supported by the grace of God, reflects the splendor of Christ in the world and the beauty of the divine Trinity.

1. How can we as a family better communicate Christ's presence to others in word and action, thereby becoming a "saving community" that shares the love of Christ?
2. Remembering that the "new evangelization" is not new in content but "new in ardor, methods and expression," what are some ways we as a family can evangelize, and what truths might we express?
3. Why is family such an effective voice for addressing important issues?

Scripture Readings — Psalm 148:1-6, 11-13

A song of praise to the Lord

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; give praise, all you his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars.

Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens.

Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created,

Assigned them their station forever, set an order that will never change.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all who govern on earth;

Young men and women too, old and young alike.

Let them all praise the LORD's name, for his name alone is exalted, His majesty above earth and heaven.

Family Project

Invite a family member, friend or acquaintance to Mass, adoration or a faith-forming event with you. Also, write down ideas for small sacrifices and offerings on individual pieces of paper. Place these in a small bowl. Every day, have each member of the family randomly select one piece of paper to offer the sacrifice listed for the intentions of a relative or friend. At the end of the month, each family member might send a note to the person for whom they made the offering, telling him or her about their prayers and sacrifices.