



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

July-August 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

I Hope everyone made it through Hurricane Barry with minimal to no damage. As you know Barry canceled our officer installation so it will be rescheduled to August 3rd after 4:30 Mass in the gathering center.

Our new trophy case has been delivered to the gathering center. We are still waiting on the glass for the sliding doors. Once it is installed we will be able to display our trophies. I would like to thank Brother Norris Guidroz and all brothers who helped him for their hard work on the trophy case.

Please keep the families of our departed Brothers in your prayers.

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 James and Susan Thibodaux for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for June 2019!

Upcoming Events

- July 23 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm
- July 27 Formation & Knighthood Degrees, Denham Springs
Patriotic Degree Promotional Meeting, Gonzales
- July 29 Patriotic Degree Area Meeting, Houma Council Home 6:30pm
- August 1 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home 7:00pm
- August 3 Council Officer Installation, Following 4:30pm Mass
- August 5-8 137th Supreme Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- August 12 Birthdate of Ven. Fr. Michael J. McGivney (1852)
3rd Degree Diocesan Gathering, Houma Council Home 7:00pm
- August 14 Anniversary of the Death of Ven. Fr. McGivney (1890)
- August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Council Business Meeting (See schedule above)
- August 17 Patriotic Degree Exemplification, St. Pius X CC, Lafayette
- August 18 Council Sponsored Mass (8:30am)
- August 22-25 Men's ACTS Retreat, Lumen Christi
- August 27 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm

The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – August: Hospitality

Scripture speaks frequently about the importance of a family's hospitality because of its life-giving love that nourishes weary souls and heals broken hearts.

Breaking Open the Theme

Hospitality is necessary for a Christian family as a domestic church. It is part of a Christian's mission (Heb 13:2, Rom 12:13, Mt 10:42, Lk 10:29–37, Gn 18:1-10). But what is hospitality? Christ teaches us through the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) that one dimension of hospitality is “to make a neighbor of a stranger.” Hospitality, as the word itself and the parable of the Good Samaritan suggest, helps to heal others, like a hospital.

Yet the concept of Christian hospitality goes even deeper. The Rule of st. Benedict states, “all guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’” Christian hospitality, then, is not just merely being kind and welcoming toward the stranger or our own family members; it is welcoming all as Christ.

This radical Christian hospitality by families can occur in many simple ways. We can invite people over for a celebration or regular family activities, serve a home-cooked meal, wave hello to neighbors from the porch or even ask others to join for family prayer. The possibilities are endless. The key is that families not just open the door but also open their hearts with love toward others, sharing a love that is warm and life-giving like Christ's.

Meditation

From Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

Led by the spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring for others and seeking their happiness. This openness finds particular expression in hospitality, which the word of God eloquently encourages: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware” (Heb 13:2). When a family is welcoming and reaches out to others, especially the poor and the neglected, it is “a symbol, witness and participant in the Church's motherhood.” Social love, as a reflection of the Trinity, is what truly unifies the spiritual meaning of the family and its mission to others, for it makes present the kerygma [teachings] in all its communal imperatives. The family lives its spirituality precisely by being at one and the same time a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world.

1. What are some specific ways in which our family practices hospitality within our home? In what ways is hospitality challenging for our family, and in what ways does it help our family grow in grace and happiness?
2. Have we ever thought of hospitality in terms of welcoming the other as Christ? How might this calling of Christian hospitality change our practices of hospitality?
3. What are some ways as a family to grow in hospitality? How might we open our home more to the poor, lonely, brokenhearted and neglected? Is there someone who has a rough family life that could use some time around our family for the support and encouragement that love offers?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 84:9-13

A praise of God's house

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Listen, God of Jacob.
O God, watch over our shield; Look upon the face of your anointed.
Better one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
Better the threshold of the house of my God than a home in the tents of the wicked.
For a sun and shield is the LORD God, bestowing all grace and glory.
The LORD withholds no good thing from those who walk without reproach.
O LORD of hosts, blessed the man who trusts in you!

Family Project

Invite acquaintances from your parish or neighborhood over for a meal, and spend some time socializing afterward. Invite them to join you for family prayer, too.

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