



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

June-July 2018

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

It has been another busy month. Thanks to all who helped with the Maria Immacolata School Spring Fling and the leveling of the foundation for the statue of Mary in the Meditation Garden.

I would like to congratulate Terry Allemand and Scott Anthony for advancing to the Patriotic Degree. Welcome Sir Knights.

Thanks to the generosity of our council and the parish our annual golf tournament was a great success. I would like express my gratitude to Jim Thibodaux for keeping us on track, and to the family of Murphy Rodrigue Jr. for their support.

We have reached the end of our fraternal year. I would like to thank all those who helped make this another great year for our council. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Knight for the past two years. Thank you & God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

David Neal
Grand Knight

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 – TBA
- 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
- Membership Director – TBA
- Field Agent – Shane Duplantis

Chairmen

- Program Director – Darryl Barrios
- Community Activities – TBA
- Faith Activities – TBA
- Family Activities – TBA
- 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 – Business Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, should contact any council member.

Upcoming Events

- June 26 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- June 30 Assembly 336 Installation of Officers, Maria Immacolata
- July 4 **Independence Day**
- July 5 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- July 19 Council Business Meeting (See above for schedule)
- July 21 KCLS, Dutchtown High School, Geismar
State BBQ Cook-Off, Dutchtown High School, Geismar
- July 22 Council Sponsored Mass (8:30am)
- July 23 Diocesan Council Gathering, Houma Council Home
- July 24 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- July 28 Council Officer Installation (Following 4:30pm Mass)
- August 2-5 ACTS Men's Retreat
- August 2 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- August 4-5 State Bowling Tournament Week #1, Lafayette
- August 6 Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Meeting, Nicholls
- August 7-9 Supreme Convention, Baltimore, MD
- August 11-12 State Bowling Tournament Week #2, Lafayette
- August 12 Birthdate of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney (1852)

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jim & Mary Susan Thibodaux for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for May 2018!

FAMILY ROSARY PROGRAM

Join us for our next Family Rosary (formerly known as Fifth Sunday Rosary) on Sunday, July 29th beginning at 5:00pm.

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 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.
- On the first Sunday of each month join with other men of the diocese for an hour of adoration and prayer beginning at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales.
- 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 – July Theme: 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.

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 Reading - 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.

Don't Assume You're Covered

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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