



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

June-July 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,
As our 2018 - 2019 Fraternal year comes to close, I want to thank everyone for their support and help with our various Fraternal and Community activities. We were recognized as one of the most active councils in the State. Again, Thank You Brothers and God Bless.

I would also like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to supporting our Golf Tournament. We had a record breaking year this year. Good Job brothers.

Our Officer installation for the Upcoming 2019 - 2020 Fraternal Year will be held on July 13th after 4:30 Mass. Tentatively following will be our Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installations.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux
Grand Knight

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 – Mike Pontiff
- 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 – TBA
- 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 David and Sharon Neal for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for May 2019!

Upcoming Events

- June 26 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm
- July 4 **Independence Day**
- July 13 Council Officer Installation Following 4:30pm Mass
- July 18 Council Business Meeting (See above for details)
- July 20 KCLS, Dutchtown High School
State BBQ Cookoff, Dutchdown High School
Council Sponsored Mass (4:30pm)
- July 23 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home 7:00pm
- July 27 Formation & Knighthood Degrees, Denham Springs
Patriotic Degree Promotional Meeting, Gonzales

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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Learn more about the effort to canonize the founder of the Knights, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, at www.frmcgivney.org and become a member of the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild.

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.