



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819, Houma, LA

March-April 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well, and that we continue to grow in solidarity with the Lord this Lenten season.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the accessibility renovations to the Voisin Family's house.

There is a Formation and Knighthood Degree Exemplification coming up on April 6th in Lockport. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux
Grand Knight

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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 – Doyle Prince
- 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
- Field Agent – Shane Duplantis

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 James and Phylles Lagarde for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for February 2019!

Upcoming Events

- March 24-April 2 Novena for Repentance, Renewal, and Rebuilding Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- March 26 **Founders Day (1882)**
- March 29 Mass for People with Special Needs (10:30am)
- March 31 Patriotic Degree Area Meeting, Houma Council Home
- April 1 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- April 4 Formation & Knighthood Degrees, Lockport
- April 6 State CYLA Finals, St. Joseph HS, Baton Rouge
- April 7 **Palm Sunday**
- April 14 **Holy Thursday – NO MEETING THIS NIGHT**
- April 18 **Good Friday**
- April 19 **Holy Saturday**
- April 21 **EASTER**
- April 23 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- April 26 Business Meeting & Pot Luck Social
- April 27 State Disc Golf Tournament, Pa Davis Park, Lafayette
- May 2 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- May 3-5 114th Louisiana State Convention, Baton Rouge

Youth Events

- Our Council's male Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA), Taylor Rice, was named the Diocesan Male Winner and has advanced to the state competition.
- Our Council's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Age 11-14 category winner, Alyssa Chancey, was named a runner-up in the state level of competition. Congratulations Alyssa!

The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church – April: Mercy and Forgiveness

The inner form of Christian familial love is mercy like God the Father who is "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4)

Breaking Open the Theme

Pope St. John Paul II has beautifully said mercy is "love's second name." Sacred scripture speaks frequently about Christ's love in terms of mercy. For instance, there are the memorable parables of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11–32) and the lost sheep (Lk 15:1-7). In fact, Christ's strongest teaching about the sacredness and life long permanence of the marriage bond (Mt 19:12) is preceded by one of his strongest teachings about forgiveness in the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:21-35).

During the course of the parable of the unforgiving servant, Christ instructs his disciples to forgive not just seven times, but 77 times — a symbolic number that represents a willingness to forgive without limit. In other words, Christ instructs his disciples to love unconditionally by being merciful. The fact that this teaching occurs right before his teaching about marriage's indissolubility powerfully suggests that marriage, and the family life that flows from it, is to be held together by unconditional mercy. If the family practices mercy, they will be immensely blessed: "blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Mt 5:7).

Meditation

From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to deep resentment. ... The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people's weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad intentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. ... Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being unduly harsh with the failings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of our dignity.

When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. ... All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

1. Considering that Jesus forgave his persecutors from the cross, what does God's mercy in the scriptures teach us about how to forgive our family members?
2. Why is it important to be forgiven by God? Why must we trust in his forgiveness in order to forgive others properly?
3. Do any of us find it hard to forgive? What holds us back from forgiving? Is it resentment based on ill will, unduly looking for faults, an excessive concern for our rights, the inability to forgive ourselves or to accept our own limitations? Or is it something else?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 51:3-6, 11-15

A prayer of penance and longing for God's abundant mercy

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.

Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me.

For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes

So that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment.

Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities.

A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.

Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit.

Restore to me the gladness of your salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit.

I will teach the wicked your ways, that sinners may return to you.

Family Project

As a family, go to church for the sacrament of reconciliation. A week later, take a few moments to discuss how the sacrament has helped each of you to be more holy and to fight against temptation and sin.