



# Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

October-November 2018

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

I would like to request that we all keep those affected by Hurricane Michael in our Prayers. I will be keeping an ear open for any way we can assist in the upcoming weeks.

The weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> I traveled to Lake Charles to participate in the State Golf Tournament. I won't comment on how bad I played, but I felt like we should have been fishing instead with how wet the course was. We had a good time and I look forward to being able to go next year.

We will be having our annual council holiday social in November this year instead of December. It will be held on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Gathering Center. We will have a short council business meeting at 6:00pm followed by a Rosary at 6:30pm. We will start the pot luck social at 7:00pm. Please make every effort to attend with your family and be sure to bring one of your favorite dishes. This will replace our normal monthly meeting that would be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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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Note: Beginning November 7<sup>th</sup> Family Adoration will be held from 5:30-6:30pm to accommodate Fr. Joey's class on The Life Cycle of Missionary Disciples of Jesus.

### 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 Thibodeaux
- 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 Thibodeaux

### \*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 Kirby, Socorro, Madison, Riley, and Drew Rhodes for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for September 2018!



### Upcoming Events

- October 23 Bishop's Mass, 8:15am, Maria Immacolata School
- October 25 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
- October 27 Council Open House, Gathering Center 6:00pm
- October 31 Son Rise Christian Music Festival, Lafourche Market
- November 1 **Halloween (No Family Adoration This Night)**
- November 1 **All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- November 1 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
- November 2 **All Souls Day**
- November 3 Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off, St. Hilary, Mathews
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- November 4 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- November 10 State 9 Ball Tournament, Max's Pool Hall, Lafayette
- November 11 **Veterans Day**
- November 11 State Soccer Challenge
- November 12 **Veterans Day Observed**
- November 12 Patriotic Degree Area Meeting, Houma Council Home
- November 16 Council Business Meeting/Holiday Pot Luck Social
- November 17 Patriotic Degree District Meeting, New Iberia
- November 22 **Thanksgiving**
- November 22 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home

### **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<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas, Thibodaux
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Lucy, Houma
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month – St. Hilary, Mathews
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month – Maria Immacolata
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month (If Applicable) – Lumen Christi

### **Building the Domestic Church – November: The Communion of Saints**

*By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.*

#### **Breaking Open the Theme**

Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. but the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint. each member of the family has the task of helping the others to grow in holiness through faith, hope and love.

There are many examples of canonized saints and beatified blessed who can inspire families today. one example of a modern-day saint is Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, who was born in 1971. at the age of 17, she was diagnosed with a serious and painful illness. faced with this cross, Chiara prayed and found the courage to accept this as part of God's loving plan for her. During the whole time of her illness, she turned everything into an opportunity to love. as she lay dying at the age of 18, she said to her mother, "oh Mamma. ... You see I can't run anymore, but how I would like to pass on to them [young people] the torch [of faith], like in the olympics! Young people have only one life and it's worthwhile to spend it well."

Becoming a saint is like running a race. The family is the training ground for this race, where the virtues are taught and character is formed. Through the family, God provides what we need to run it well. To become a saint is simply to cooperate with God and allow him to mold us into the person that he had in mind when he created us. It is his plan to bring us fully to life.

#### **Meditation - From Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience, April 13, 2011**

Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy spirit, we model our whole life on his. ...

What is the soul of holiness? ... What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the eucharist; this is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. and, on the path of our life it means following the "signposts" that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations. ...

We might ask ourselves: can we, with our limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road. ...

I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. let us not be afraid to aim high, for God's heights.

1. What is holiness?
2. How can we live holiness in the family? How do we love God in the ordinary circumstances of life?
3. How do the saints help us live out holiness?

#### **Scripture Reading — Psalm 98:1-6 - A prayer to welcome God's rule over the earth**

#### **Family Project**

Select a few saints and learn about their time period and culture and why they are invoked for specific causes or intentions. Include a dish from their culture during one of your meals. also, consider making a pilgrimage to a sacred place dedicated to a saint.