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Patriotic degree of the Order.

Father August W. Vandebilt Assembly 2322

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church 409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70364

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER April 2026

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

As we begin the month of April, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your outstanding service throughout March. Your commitment to the Honor Guard continues to be a powerful and visible witness to our faith. Whether standing at liturgies, parish events, or special celebrations, your presence reflects dignity, reverence, and unity—and it does not go unnoticed. Thank you for answering the call each and every time.

I would also like to extend a special congratulations to Sophie Henry, one of the first statewide winners of the Patriotic Essay Contest from our Diocese. This is a significant achievement, and we are proud to see young people embracing faith, patriotism, and thoughtful expression. Well done.

Looking ahead, I encourage all Sir Knights to participate in the Hour with a Hero Program on April 21st. Your involvement is important, and I hope to see a strong turnout.

Additionally, please keep in mind our upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification on May 23rd at St. Bernadette. I ask each of you to actively recruit qualified Third Degree members to take this next step. The strength of our Assembly depends on bringing in dedicated Catholic men who are ready to live out the principles of Patriotism in a deeper way.

Thank you again for your continued dedication and brotherhood. It is an honor to serve alongside each of you. Happy Easter to you and your family.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



HONOR GUARDS

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions. In full Uniform, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. Dress out requests should be made through the Faithful Navigator, Mark Bascle at 985-772-1444.

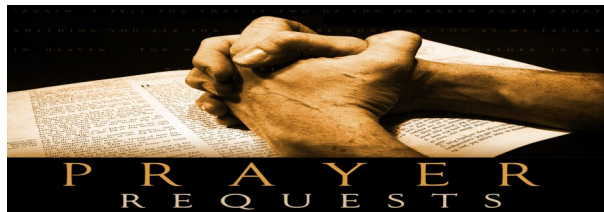
God is Good...All the Time and All the Time...God is Good!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2	APR, THU	● All day	Maundy Thursday
3	APR, FRI	● All day	Good Friday
4	APR, SAT	● All day	Holy Saturday
5	APR, SUN	● All day	Easter Sunday
6	APR, MON	● All day	Easter Monday
7	APR, TUE	● 6:30 – 8pm	COR Formation Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
11	APR, SAT	● 1 – 2pm ● 3 – 4pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary To Be Determined Relay for Life
14	APR, TUE	● 6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
21	APR, TUE	● 6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
28	APR, TUE	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360



Visit the Council 7355 Website to submit a prayer request for those person who are sick or in need of assistance.

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Assembly 2322 In Action



Left: St. Bernadette Elementary School student Sophie Henry was awarded the State of Louisiana Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Patriotic Essay Award. Sophie is shown here with Assembly 2322 Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle and the Pastor of St. Bernadette Church Rev. Andre Melancon.

Below: Honor Guards for the Lift 3:16 Youth Conference at St. Bernadette and the re-opening at St. Eloi Church.



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The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ

Key Elements of Cor

COR consists of three key elements which must be present for every gathering: prayer, formation, and fraternity. The word 'cor' is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other. These three elements build and strengthen each other and help provide consistency.

Prayer

Formation

Fraternity

Tuesday April 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Latino Hall at St. Bernadette Catholic Church

“INTO THE BREACH”

Each participant will receive a workbook and a copy of Bishop Olmstead’s Apostolic Exhortation which examines three primary questions : 1. What does it mean to be a Christian man? 2. How does a Catholic man love? 3. Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man?



Above Right: Honor Guard for re-opening of St. Eloi Catholic Church.

Far Right: Assembly 2322 Star Assembly Award.

Right: District Master George Martin presents Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle with the Star Assembly Award.



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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

What are the benefits in becoming a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the Columbia magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits

How do I become a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application blanks are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



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The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. Its motto is Patriotism -- a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion.

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Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of prayer.