



# St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER February 2026

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped make our recent Baby Bottle Campaign such a success. Through your generosity and commitment, we raised over \$5,000 to benefit local pregnancy centers. This is a powerful witness to our shared dedication to protecting life and supporting families in need. Well done, brothers.

As we move into the Lenten season, our council will begin one of our most important annual efforts—Lenten Meals, starting February 20. These meals are a vital service to our parish and a visible sign of our fraternity in action. We will need all hands on deck, whether you can help cook, serve, clean up, or assist behind the scenes. Your participation truly makes a difference.

Father Andre has asked that his gratitude and sincere thanks be passed along to the council for our continued help with the church renovation project. Your time, labor, and support have not gone unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

Finally, as always, we continue to invite new men to join our council. If you know a Catholic gentleman who is looking for fellowship, purpose, and a way to serve his parish and community, please extend a personal invitation. Our council is strongest when we grow together.

Thank you for all you do in service to God, Church, and community.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Portier  
Grand Knight Council 7355



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#### SPECIAL INTEREST

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## February 2026

3	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Council 7355 Officers Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
7	FEB, SAT	8 – 9am	KC Church Work Day
10	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
14	FEB, SAT	1 – 2pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary 100 Mire St Houma, LA, United States
17	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
20	FEB, FRI	12 – 7pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
24	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
27	FEB, FRI	12 – 7pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette

Council polo shirts are available for purchase. Please contact the Grand Knight Craig Portier at 985-985-637-7407 for more information.



## Council 7355 Choose Life Mass



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



2026	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
January	Clark Labat	Joe and Sue Szush

NICHOLAS BASCLE	02-02
RICHARD KROHN	02-02
JOHN-HENRY LEBOEUF	02-04
WHITNEY ARMOND JR	02-08
ROBERT BRIERRE	02-08
MILTON CHAMPTON III	02-08
HAROLD LERAY	02-08
JUAN HERNANDEZ	02-10
CRAIG FORET	02-11
KIRBY FALCON SR	02-13
REV. MATTHEW PROSPERIE	02-16
PIOTR KLEWEK	02-20
CHARLES LEBOEUF	02-21
WILSON RHODES	02-21
DANNY MARTIN	02-25
DAVID CHERRY	02-26
JEREMY PHILIPS	02-28



**HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS,  
MARY  
AND JOSEPH**

**February is the Month of the Holy Family. Please pray for all Families.**




**January Knight of the Month Clark Labat and Family of the Month Joe and Sue Szush**



# Lenten Meals

— FRIDAYS DURING LENT —

Hosted by St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

**Beginning Friday, February 20**

Six Consecutive Fridays During Lent

**Fridays • 5:00 — 7:00 PM**

**Dine In or Take Out**

**\$15 per meal**

# COR CORNER



**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 February March 3, 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?**

**February is dedicated to the Holy Family. What is your favorite memory of a Catholic tradition you did as a family and how has it shaped your faith? Please take time to discuss this with Brother Knights and your children and grandchildren.**

**Our next Council 7355 COR Formation Night will be Tuesday March 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Latino Hall at St. Bernadette. Please share this email with other KC Councils and remember COR is open to all men even those who are not members of the Knights of Columbus.**

**Cor Mission: To help focus men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.**

**Cor Vision: To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where Cor continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.**

## 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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JOHN DANIGOLE SR.	JOHN MARCEAUX
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DOYLE DETIVEAUX	ANDRE MELANCON
EUGENE DUDEK JR.	JOHN PELLEGRIN
JEROD DUET	DANIEL PORTIER
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	TIMOTHY PORTIER
KIRBY FALCON SR.	WILSON RHODES
DANIEL GAUDET	LOUIS ROBICHAUX
RODNEY GAUDET	SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX
JUAN HERNANDEZ	BOBBY TRAHAN
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## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

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