



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Father August W. Vandebilt Assembly 2322

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

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER May 2026

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we enter the month of May, we do so with great pride, gratitude, and anticipation for the important events taking place within our Assembly and parish community.

One of the most exciting opportunities before us is the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, May 23, 2026. This is truly a rare and historic opportunity for Catholic gentlemen to join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus right here at St. Bernadette Church. It is not often that an Exemplification is hosted in our own parish, and having the ceremony at St. Bernadette makes this occasion even more special and meaningful for our council and assembly families.

The Fourth Degree calls Catholic men to a deeper witness of patriotism, service, and public faith. Through honor guards, civic participation, and visible support of Church and country, the Fourth Degree stands as a sign of faithful citizenship rooted in Christ. I strongly encourage all eligible Third Degree Knights to prayerfully consider taking this important step. There may not be another opportunity this convenient and close to home for quite some time.

I also want to recognize the tremendous success of our "Hour With a Hero" program. The response from our community, veterans, and families was inspiring. Programs such as these remind us that patriotism is not merely symbolic—it is lived through service, remembrance, and personal connection. Thank you to every Sir Knight and volunteer who helped make this event impactful and memorable.

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice purchased freedoms we too often take for granted. In recognition of their service and in keeping with our mission of patriotism, the Assembly will once again place American flags on the church grounds as a visible tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We invite our parish community to join us in prayerful remembrance during this sacred national observance.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Knights of Columbus, to our Assembly, and to the mission of faithful Catholic patriotism. May we continue to stand proudly for God, Church, and Country.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322

Vivat Jesus!



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!

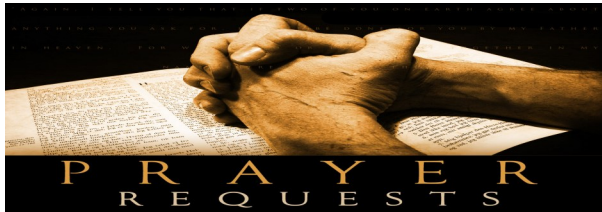


CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2026

12	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
16	MAY, SAT	8 – 9am 1 – 2pm	KC Church Work Day Council/Assembly Public Rosary Veterans Park Louisiana 311, LA-311, Houma, LA, USA
19	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
21	MAY, THU	8 – 9am	KC Flags at Church
23	MAY, SAT	9:15am – 3:15pm	4th Degree Exemplification
25	MAY, MON	All day	Memorial Day
26	MAY, 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.

**ST. BERNADETTE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**MAY
PUBLIC ROSARY**

SATURDAY, MAY 16
★ ★ 1:00 PM ★ ★

**VETERANS PARK
ON LA 311**

We will pray the
PATRIOTIC ROSARY
★ ★ in honor of ★ ★
MEMORIAL DAY

*"There is no greater love than to lay down
one's life for one's friends."*
JOHN 15:13

Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/ Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held May 16th, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Veterans Memorial Park on LA 311.

COR

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 through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

***Into the Breach:
The Dignity of Work***

A compelling new video series that explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world.

**Tuesday June 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM in
Bishop Latino Hall at St. Bernadette
Catholic Church**

Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:

www.kc7355.org

Assembly 2322 In Action



Top: The Houma/Thibodaux Diocese Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Honor Guard was proud to serve and attend the Installation Mass for Pastor Rev. Jean-Marie Nambu of Annunziata Catholic Church in Houma, LA.



Left: Honor Guard Members also served the Houma/Thibodaux Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Houma, LA. Shown here is the Honor Guard with Bishop Simon Peter En-guriat.

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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.