



# St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER February 2024

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Fellow Knights,

As we approach the solemn season of Lent, I want to call upon each of you to join me in upholding a new Council 7355 Knights of Columbus tradition: our annual Lenten Fish Fry fundraisers. These events are not just delicious meals for the community, but serve as the cornerstone of our charitable efforts throughout the year.

As Knights, we are called to serve our parish, our community, and those in need. The Lenten Fish Fry embodies this mission perfectly. We gather, not only to share a meal, but to raise funds that fuel our ability to:

- Support families in need: We provide financial assistance, food donations, and other forms of aid to those struggling within our community.
- Invest in youth programs: We sponsor activities and scholarships that nurture the minds and spirits of our future generation.
- Uphold Catholic values: We champion causes consistent with our faith, from supporting vocations to defending the sanctity of life.

The success of the Fish Fry hinges on the collective effort of our brotherhood. Every role, from cooking and serving to setting up and cleaning, is vital. No task is too small when it comes to fulfilling our mission.

I understand that we all have busy lives, but I urge you to consider how even a few hours of your time can make a significant impact. Volunteering at the Fish Fry is not just about the work; it's about:

- Strengthening our bonds: Working side-by-side fosters fellowship and camaraderie within our council.
- Witnessing the impact: Seeing the smiles on the faces of those we serve is a powerful reminder of the good we do.
- Living our faith: By putting our values into action, we exemplify the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

Together, let us make this year's Lenten Fish Frys a resounding success, one that strengthens our brotherhood, serves our community, and reflects the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

Craig Portier Grand Knight St. Bernadette Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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#### SPECIAL INTEREST

- Grand Knight's Message
- Update on Council Activities
- Upcoming Events
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2024

- 6th Council 7355 Scholarship Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 6th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 13th Mardi Gras
- 14th Ash Wednesday
- 16th Lenten Meal Fish Fry - 5 PM to 7:30 PM - Herbert Hall - (Volunteers report at 3:30 PM)
- 20th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 23rd Lenten Meal Fish Fry - 5 PM to 7:30 PM - Herbert Hall - (Volunteers report at 3:30 PM)

## MOST REVEREND MARIO E. DORSONVILLE October 31, 1960 - January 19, 2024



On Friday, January 19th, 2024, Mario Eduardo Dorsonville, beloved shepherd and priest, passed away at age sixty-three. Bishop Dorsonville was born on October 31, 1960, in Bogota, Colombia, the only child of Leonor M. Rodriguez and Carlos J. Dorsonville.

He began his formation for a life in service to the Church at the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Bogota, where he earned bachelor's degrees in philosophy and sacred theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on November 23, 1985, in Bogota, and subsequently served in various pastoral and academic roles in Bogota and Arlington, Virginia.

On February 1, 2023, Bishop Dorsonville was announced as bishop for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in South Louisiana. In his brief yet impactful tenure there, he demonstrated a commitment to be with his people. Over the span of 10 months, he touched countless lives through heartfelt Masses, engaging students through school visits, and active participation in community events. His infectious smile and genuine care for everyone resonated deeply with the people of his new diocese. He hoped for a future where children, college students, and young adults would experience a conversion of heart and a commitment to a life dedicated to the Gospel message. Bishop Dorsonville's passion was for all people, and in a particular way for those in underserved communities. His profound desire for the spiritual well-being of the community reflected a profound hope, and his legacy lives on in the hearts of those he touched during his time as their shepherd.



# ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## LENTEN FISH FRY-DAYS



Every Friday  
during Lent:

**FEBRUARY**  
16th, 23rd

**MARCH**  
1st, 8th,  
15th, 22nd

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Pickup or dine in at Herbert Hall  
409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70364



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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Bernadette Council  
7355

\$15 per plate;  
tickets available for  
presale @ church office  
or day of @ door

# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Gerard Vedros**

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Steve & Theresa Becnel**

NICHOLAS BASCLE	02-02
RICHARD KROHN	02-02
JOHN-HENRY LEOEUF	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
PIOTR KLEWEK	02-20
WILSON RHODES	02-21
DANNY MARTIN	02-25
DAVID CHERRY	02-26

Below: Grand Knight Craig Portier, Financial Secretary Maurice Evans, and Assembly Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle represented Council 7355 at the Grand Knights Day in Prairieville.



Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle presents the KC Pro-Life ACE Wings award to Father Stephen Castille.

Right: Please welcome new Council 7355 Brother Knights Mr. Dale Hebert and Mark Landry!

Please pray for those Council 7355 Knights who left us in 2024: John L. Ledet, Edward Evans Jr, and Capt. Wayne Savoie and also Sir Knight Bishop Mario Dorsonville. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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



## 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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