



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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Congratulations
Council 7355



FY 22-23 Star Council Award Recipient

Grand Knights Message

Fellow Knights,

I trust this memo finds you in the best of spirits. I am writing to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and enthusiastic participation in the multitude of activities that unfolded last month. Your collective efforts have illuminated the true essence of our council and have further solidified our mission to serve our community and uphold the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

Our recent Trivia Night was an astounding success, resonating not only with our members but also with the broader community. The camaraderie that was fostered during the event is a testament to the strength of our bond as Knights of Columbus.

Also, thanks to all who chipped in to make the Diocesan Educators Meeting and meal a success. Almost 500 educators were served lunch during the annual meeting and the Council was a big part of the event.

Furthermore, I wish to emphasize the responsible stewardship we hold over the council funds. Our financial stability is integral to the effective execution of our charitable endeavors and community support initiatives. I assure you that we will continue to exercise transparency, accountability, and prudence in managing these resources. Our fiduciary responsibility is a reflection of our commitment to the well-being of those we serve, and it is a duty we uphold with the utmost diligence.

As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of those around us. Your actions embody the values and principles that define the Knights of Columbus, and I am genuinely honored to stand alongside such an exceptional group of individuals.

Fraternally yours,

Craig Portier Grand Knight St. Bernadette Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 2023

- 12th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 19th Vanderbilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 23rd State Horseshoe Tournament in Gonzales, LA (Contact Grand Knight if interested)
- 26th Houma/Thibodaux Diocese 3rd Degree Exemplification - St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM

October 2023

- 6th State Golf Tournament in New Iberia (Contact Grand Knight if interested)
- 10th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 17th Vanderbilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 24th Houma/Thibodaux Diocese 3rd Degree Exemplification - St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM

Thank You!

Special thanks to Benjamin Cherry and the Cherry family for their dedication and hard work on this years Trivia Night!! The fundraiser was a huge success for Council 7355 and netted close to \$3800. Many thanks also to all the Council members who came out and supported or participated in the event.

Trivia Night Fun!!



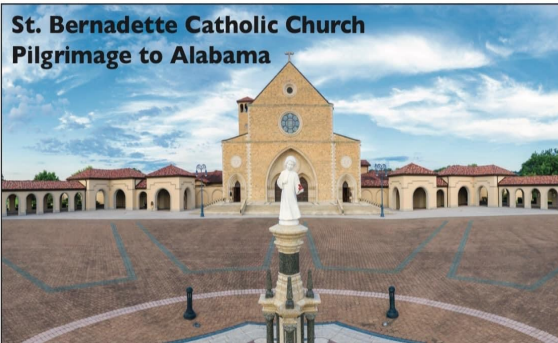
Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of prayer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



FARRELL AUTHEMENT	09-01
DAN DUGAS	09-05
EDWARD PINELL JR	09-05
JOHN LEDET	09-07
RALPH MITCHELL JR	09-10
JAMES CHERRY JR	09-13
BRANDON DUPLANTIS	09-16
KYLE BABIN	09-17
JAMES LEFEVRE	09-18
WAYNE SAVOIE	09-21
MITCHELL CHERRY	09-23
RYAN BASCLE	09-25

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Pilgrimage to Alabama



November 27 - 30, 2023

Fr. André Melancon
Spiritual Director

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Daily Mass
- Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 - St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour
 - Main Church and Crypt Church Tour
- Lourdes Grotto Rosary Procession
- Eternal Word Television Network Studios
 - Studio Tour
- St. Bernard Abbey (Benedictine)
 - Ave Maria Grotto
 - Outdoor Way of the Cross



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January

Linwood Liner Jr.

February

Ralph Mitchell

March

Gerard Vedros

April

Ulyse "Woody" Louviere

May

Maurice "Mo" Evans

June

Sydney Robichaux

July

Paul Prejean

August

George Swindel

September

October

November

December

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

January

Jansen & Amanda Callais

February

Al & Gretchen Hargis

March

Andy & Darlene Dufrene

April

Mark & Tina Chauvin

May

Gerard Vedros Family

June

Craig Foret Family

July

Peanut Doiron Family

August

Terry and Lillie Doughty

September

October

November

December

DID YOU KNOW?

Amid an anti-Catholic climate, The Knights of Columbus was founded in response to a growing need of a community that was losing fathers due to dangerous factory work conditions. With a desire to help mothers and children struggling to make ends meet and survive, Father Michael McGivney was 29 when as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, he began inviting men of his parish to meet on Oct. 2, 1881. At the time, the lay organization had one goal: "to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members."

“BATTLE READY”

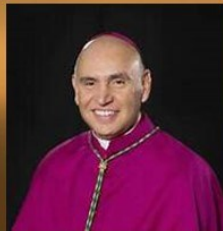
A One Day Conference for Catholic Men

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church

Men's Conference

November 18, 2023

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM - Breakfast and Lunch Served



**Bishop Mario
Dorsonville**



**Very Rev. Andre'
Melancon**



**Rev. Paul
Birdsall**



**Rev. Antonio
(Speedy) Farrugia**



**Rev. Pat-
rick Rivi-**

Registration fee = \$20 person

**For planning purposes, please Pre-Register:
www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com
or in person at the church office.**



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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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