



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

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Knights,

On November 1, we celebrate all saints day. All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrated by the liturgical Church on November 1. We turn to the saints, those known and unknown by the Church, as guides and models of holiness on this day. As always, we do not worship the Saints, but we turn towards them to ask them to intercede with prayer on our behalf to the Lord. Let us remain focused on praying and asking them to pray for us and all in need this holiday season.

Thursday November 23rd will be Thanksgiving day. We will all be having family over and celebrating, but as always, remember to be thankful for the blessings we have and the ones we still have to come. Our country can use prayers of thanks this year for the many events happening around the world that we need to keep an eye on. Always remember to keep Israel and the birthplace of Our Lord in your prayers this year as well as our own country.



FN Mark Bascle

A heartfelt thank you to all Veterans, those still with us and those who have passed as we honor and thank them for their service to our country on Veterans Day, November 11.

We have several members who recently have purchased Honor Guard Uniforms. I appreciate all the Assembly members who are now able to support the Patriotic Degree.

Finally, I will be unavailable from November 23rd to December 10th as I take some personal time away. During this time I am reminding everyone that Faithful Captain Craig Portier shall be acting Faithful Navigator of FR Vandebilt Assembly and can make any decisions necessary on my behalf or call out any Honor Guard necessary in an emergency situation. Craig has my blessing and support and I know he will do just fine during this time. As always I ask for your continued prayers for our Church and Priest. Please know that I will be thinking of and praying for all of you, my brothers, during this holiday season. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

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 985-772-1268.

Silver Rose Program

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose will be at St. Bernadette on Friday, November 3, 2023 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Please join us to pray the Rosary.



4TH DEGREE VISION AND GOALS

Standing Firm in Support of the Order

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Proudly Serving the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.



Pray the Rosary!!



Father Vandebilt 4th Degree Assembly 2322 is proud to announce that Father Stephen Castille, Parochial Vicar of St. Bernadette in Houma is now a member of the Assembly. Father Castille was exemplified into the 4th Degree at the exemplification ceremony in Welsh, LA. On October 28, 2023. Welcome Father Castille.

Please join us for the Houma/Thibodaux Diocese Knights of Columbus Picnic and Gumbo Cook-off on Saturday November 11th in Larose and the St. Bernadette Church Picnic on Sunday November 12th at 10:00 AM.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 2023

- 1st All Saint's Day - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses at 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM (School), 12:10 PM & 6:00 PM
- 2nd All Soul's Day - Blessing of the Cemetery at St. Francis #2 at 8:30 AM
- 3rd Silver Rose Program and Rosary at St. Bernadette—4:30 PM
- 4th Assembly Workday at Church - 8:00 AM to Noon
- 4th 4th Degree Honor Guard Dress Out - St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, please arrive for 3:30 pm.
- 5th Knights of Columbus Honor Guard for the Memorial Mass for Deceased Members at St. Bernadette - 11:00 AM
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 11th Diocese Knights of Columbus Picnic and Gumbo Cookoff - Larose, LA
- 12th St. Bernadette Soubirous Family Mass and Picnic—10:00 AM
- 14th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting—St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 6:30 PM
- 18th "Battle Ready" A One Day Catholic Men's Conference - St. Bernadette Church - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 21th Vandebilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 23rd Thanksgiving Day

"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-
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Registration fee = \$20 person

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