



Knights of Columbus
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Father August W. Vandebilt Assembly 2322

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

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER October 2023



The 4th Degree Honor Guard with Bishop Dorsonville at the Feast of the Filipino Saints Mass at Holy Rosary Church in Houma.

Brother Knight and promoter of the Rosary, Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, famously said "the family that prays together stays together." The Rosary is a particularly powerful prayer, not only for Knights but for their entire family. By offering opportunities for families to pray the Rosary together, Knights provide an example of the strong prayer life that is so necessary to face the difficulties families face in the modern world. Use the Knights' Scriptural Rosary for Families booklet to strengthen the prayer experience further. To learn more about leading a Rosary program at your parish, visit kofc.org/rosary.



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.

Faithful Navigators Message



Fellow Knights,

October is a busy month for all Catholics. Several holidays are celebrated during the month.

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October (October 1) is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, (the unborn) from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Let us reflect on what we can do to help Respect for Life in our country and around the world in a post Roe vs Wade society. We fought for this for years, now we must champion all the mothers and babies that will need our help as we go forward. We are encouraged to continue projects like Baby Bottle Campaigns and Ultra Sound purchase projects. These are but few ways we can show our support to mothers that are challenged to continue their pregnancies and deliver these precious children sent from God the Father.



FN Mark Bascle

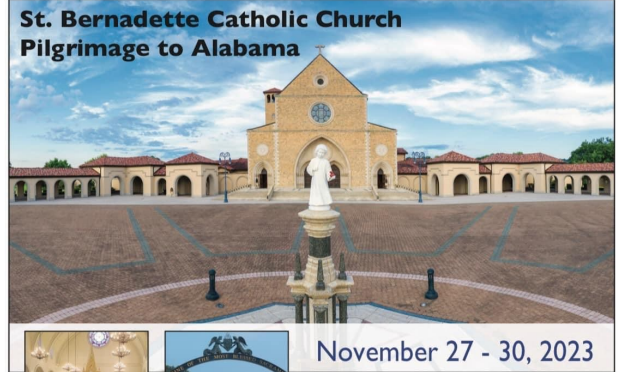
We will also celebrate the feast day of our Order's Parton, Christopher Columbus. Columbus Day is the annual U.S. commemoration of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the New World (at San Salvador Island, also known as Waitling Island, today part of the British Bahamas) on October 12, 1492. This year it will be celebrated on Monday October 9th.

We will also celebrate All Hallows Eve (better known as Halloween). The Church traditionally held a vigil on All Hallows' Eve when worshippers would prepare themselves with prayers and fasting prior to the feast day of All Saints Day November 1st. As you can see we have many things to be grateful for. I wish you all be blessed and that Christ touch your heart and be with you always and that he protects all our families.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



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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**Pray the
Rosary!!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 2023

- 6th State Golf Tournament in New Iberia (Contact FN if interested)
- 8th Honor Guard at St. Gregory Catholic Church Houma, LA at 8:00 AM
- 17th Vandebilt Assembly 4th Degree Meeting- St. Bernadette Father O'Brian Center 7:00 PM
- 25th Trunk or Treat - St. Bernadette Church Parking Lot - 5:00 PM
- 29th Honor Guard at St. Gregory Catholic Church Houma, LA at 10:00 AM

November 2023

- 11th Diocese Knights of Columbus Picnic and Gumbo Cookoff - Larose, LA
- 12th St. Bernadette Soubirous Family Mass and Picnic
- 18th "Battle Ready" A One Day Catholic Men's Conference - St. Bernadette Church - 7:30am to 3:00pm

"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. Patrick Riviere

Registration fee = \$20 person

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