



## St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER December 2024

## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the Christmas season, I want to take a moment to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May this joyful season bring peace, love, and blessings to all. This time of year is a reminder of the light of Christ, which shines brightly in our hearts and in the work we do together.

I would like to personally invite each of you to our annual Christmas Social on December 7th, a wonderful opportunity to gather in fellowship, celebrate the season, and strengthen the bonds that make our council such a vibrant and successful community. We have joined with our Catholic Daughter's this year to make the Christmas Social an even more special event. We will also have other holiday events throughout the month, and I encourage you to join in and share the spirit of Christmas with your fellow Knights and their families.

Looking back on the year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for your unwavering dedication and support. Because of your efforts, our council has achieved great things, and we are stronger than ever. However, our work is never done. Let's continue to invite new members to join our ranks, spreading the message of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Lastly, as we celebrate Christmas, let's take time to reflect on the true meaning of the season and ensure that Christ remains at the center of our lives. His love and example guide us in all we do, and it's through Him that we find true joy and purpose.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to our council. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and in the new year ahead!

God bless you and your families, and Merry Christmas!

In Christ's Service,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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#### SPECIAL INTEREST

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 2024

- 1st First Sunday of Advent
- 3rd Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 7th St. Bernadette Knights/Catholic Daughters Christmas Social - 6:00 PM in Herbert Hall
- 9th Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation
- 10th Council 7355 /Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM - Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 14th St. Bernadette Church Family Christmas - Starts with 4PM Mass - Party in Herbert Hall at 5:15 PM
- 17th St. Bernadette Advent Mission - 6:45 PM in Church
- 21st Food Basket Distribution - To be determined
- 25th Merry Christmas

Council polo shirts are once again available for purchase. Please contact the Grand Knight Craig Portier at 985-985-637-7407 for more information.



## Council 7355 Information

### *Pope Francis' Prayer Intention*

#### For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



PRAYER  
REQUESTS

**Visit the Council 7355 Website to submit a prayer request for those person who are sick or in need of assistance.**

*Christmas Social*

**Saturday December 7th at  
6:00 PM in Herbert Hall.  
Spouses are Invited.**



St. Bernadette Family Ministry  
& the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Presents

**A Parish Family Christmas**  
**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
4:00-6:30 p.m., beginning in church



- \* **4:00 pm**—Family Mass
  - \* **5:00 pm**—Blessing of the Crib—(Bring your baby Jesus from home to be blessed.)
  - \* **5:05 pm**—Cookies & Hot Chocolate, Games, Crafts begin (Herbert Hall)
  - \* **5:30 pm**—Gingerbread Contests—(3) categories:  
See website flyer for categories
  - \* **6:00 pm**—A Visit from SANTA!
- Note: All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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



# Council 7355 In Action



**St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355: A 23/24 FY "STAR" Council**



# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| WADE ELLIOTT        | 12-01 |
| JOSEPH PARFAIT JR   | 12-02 |
| BOBBY SABILLO       | 12-02 |
| JAMES CHERRY SR     | 12-03 |
| TY FANGUY           | 12-03 |
| BARRY BREAU         | 12-05 |
| MICHAEL MARCEL      | 12-05 |
| FORREST KORNDORFFER | 12-06 |
| DEREK TERREBONNE    | 12-06 |
| JOE SZUSH           | 12-07 |
| DOYLE DETIVEAUX     | 12-08 |
| RICHARD DAIGLE      | 12-09 |
| MAURICE EVANS       | 12-11 |
| ERIC LANDRY         | 12-28 |



UPCOMING RETREATS

**January 30 -  
February 2, 2025**

**MEN'S**

VISIT [JPIIacts.com](http://JPIIacts.com) FOR MORE INFO  
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Gerard Vedros**

**February**

**Dale Hebert**

**March**

**Mark Duplantis**

**April**

**Mark Bascle**

**May**

**Mike Delaune**

**June**

**No Meeting**

**July**

**Mark Landry**

**August**

**Joe Szush**

**September**

**Ben Cherry**

**October**

**Bruce Beniot**

**November**

**Andy Dufrene**

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**2024**

**January**

**Steve & Theresa Becnel**

**February**

**Ralph & Denise Mitchell**

**March**

**Al & Gretchen Hargis**

**April**

**Craig & Susan Portier**

**May**

**Albert and June Gonzales**

**June**

**No Meeting**

**July**

**John and Becky Brennan**

**August**

**Mike & Christy Maiocchi**

**September**

**David Cherry Family**

**October**

**Terry and Lillie Doughty**

**November**

**Joe & Sue Szush**

A new membership year is now upon us. Please ask your Catholic friends to join our Council. First year membership is free and the new member may visit:

**[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) for more info.**

## 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.



### CONTACT US

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## Honorary Lifetime Members

WHITNEY ARMOND JR.

DONALD BASCLE

WAYNE BENOIT

RENE BERNADAS

JOSEPH BOSWORTH

MABUNDA JOHN BWAMBALE

JAMES CHERRY SR.

ALLEN COLLINS JR.

JOSEPH CROCHET

RICHARD DAIGLE

JOHN DANIGOLE SR.

JOHN DE LA BRETONNE

MICHAEL DELAUNE

DOYLE DETIVEAUX

EUGENE DUDEK JR.

JEROD DUET

CLYDE DUPLANTIS

KIRBY FALCON SR.

DANIEL GAUDET

RODNEY GAUDET

JUAN HERNANDEZ

FORREST KORNDORFFER

ALLEN KRAMER SR.

CLARENCE LA FLEUR

DARRYL LANDRY

LOUIS LANDRY JR.

GARY LANDRY

HAROLD LERAY

ARTHUR LONG

ULYSE LOUVIERE

CHARLES LOVE

JOHN MARCEAUX

MICHAEL MARCEL

DANNY MARTIN

ANDRE MELANCON

JOHN PELLEGRIN

TIMOTHY PORTIER

WILSON RHODES

SYDNEY ROBICHEAUX

FERNAND VIAL SR.

GREGORY WHITNEY

## Pray the Rosary!!

## Officers and Directors

Grand Knight Craig Portier

Deputy Grand Knight James Cherry

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Advocate Ralph Mitchell

Warden Richard Daigle

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