



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Worthy Brothers,

As we close out a truly remarkable March, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude and admiration to each and every one of you. Your commitment, service, and brotherhood this past month have been nothing short of inspiring.

Together, we accomplished so much:

We served our parish and community through Lenten Meals, offering not just food but fellowship and faith

during this holy season.

We welcomed fellow Knights from across the Diocese as hosts of the regional officers meeting, representing our council with class and hospitality.

We manned the grills and served smiles at the School's Panda Meander fundraiser, supporting our youth and school community in a big way.

We publicly stood for our faith with a Public Rosary, witnessing to the power of prayer in the public square.

We rolled up our sleeves and tackled the cleanout of the Bernadette House, making space for future ministry and mission.

And through it all, we continued to show up for our regular meetings and duties, never missing a beat.

Brothers, this is what it means to be Knights. Your dedication, your time, your heart—these are what make our council strong.

Looking ahead, I encourage all of you to consider participating in the Relay for Life. It's another opportunity to be visible in our community and to support a cause that touches so many lives.

Please consult the council calendar for all upcoming events and ways to get involved—we've got another full and faith-filled month ahead, and your presence makes all the difference. Happy Easter to you and your family.

In Christ's Service,

Craig Portier -Grand Knight Council 7355

Vivat Jesus!



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SPECIAL INTEREST

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



April 2025

- 1st Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 5:15 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 4th Council 7355 Lenten Meal - 5:00 - 7:30 PM - Herbert Hall
- 5th Houma/Terrebonne Relay for Life - 3:00 PM - Houma Terrebonne Civic Center
- 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 11th Council 7355 Lenten Meal - 5:00 - 7:30 PM - Herbert Hall
- 13th Council 7355 Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Noon - Behind Herbert Hall at St. Bernadette
- 15th Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 18th Good Friday Lenten Meal - Time TBD - Herbert Hall
- 19th Holy Saturday
- 20th Easter Sunday
- 22nd Third Degree CUF Exemplification - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 29th St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus COR Event Kickoff - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall

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



Council 7355 Information

Thanks to Brother Knight James Cherry for the donation of the microphone, amplifier and speakers for Bishop Latino Hall.

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

2025 Lent & Easter Opportunities

Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am, 12:10pm & 6pm

Daily Mass: Monday thru Friday 6:30am

(Friday evenings during Lent only - 6pm Mass followed by Way of the Cross)

Adoration: Perpetual Adoration in Adoration Chapel

Rosary: Tuesday's at 4pm in Church and before each 6:30am Mass

Mercy Nights: Every Wednesday night during Lent: **March 12th, 19th 26th & April 2nd, 9th & 16th** from 7 until 8pm. Mercy nights will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy

Chaplet, Adoration, Praise & Worship Music, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction

Lenten Mission: April 1st at 6pm by Fr. Mike O'Conner (The Seven Last Words of Christ)

Breaking Open the Word: Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Youth Center

Friday Way of the Cross: 12:30pm (SBS) and following our 6pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 30 minutes before all masses, Wednesday evenings during Mercy Night from 7pm - 8pm, Good Friday from 8am - 10am in Church. Holy Saturday from 8am -10am in Church

St. Joseph's Altar: Tuesday, March 19th 8am - 6pm in Herbert Hall

Lights on for You: April 9th from 4pm - 8pm

Holy Thursday: April 17th, Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales at 10am

St. Bernadette Mass at 7pm followed by Tenebrae/Adoration until 12am

Good Friday: April 18th, Walking Way of the Cross at 12pm, 3pm Liturgy and 6pm Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday: April 19th at 8pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses: April 20th - 7am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm



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

Council 7355 in Action



2025 Lenten Meals



Council 7355 cooked and provided 180 Hamburgers to the participants in the 2025 St. Bernadette Elementary School Panda Meander.

Please welcome the newest members of Council 7355. Pictured at top right with Grand Knight Craig Portier is Brother Brian Boudreaux. Below with the Grand Knight is Carroll Lirette Jr. Welcome to Council 7355 Brothers!



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



LEROY BABIN	04-03
JANSEN CALLIS	04-03
SCOTTY PONTIFF	04-06
GREGORY WHITNEY	04-07
RICHARD BOURG	04-12
KEVIN BASCLE	04-13
JOHN BRENNAN	04-13
FERNAND VIAL SR	04-16
MICHAEL LEOEUF	04-28
RYAN ORILLION	04-29
DAVID THERIOT	04-29
PHILIP WALL	04-29

2025	Knight of the	Family of the Month
January	Ralph Mitchell	John & Wanda Fos
February	Dale Hebert	Buddy and Nadine Pinell
March	Matt Trahan	Nick & Jade Cerny

JOIN US FOR THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BERNADETTE COUNCIL 7355 LENTEN FRIDAY MEALS



St. Bernadette Catholic Church
Herbert Hall 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
200 meals per night - First Come, First Served
Dine in or Carry Out
\$15 per plate

Date	Menu
March 7	Shrimp Fettuccini, Green Beans, Salad, Roll
March 14	Fried Catfish, White Beans/Rice, Coleslaw, Roll
March 21	Fried Shrimp, White Beans/Rice, Coleslaw, Roll
March 28	Shrimp Fettuccini, Green Beans, Salad, Roll
April 4	Fried Catfish, White Beans/Rice, Coleslaw, Roll
April 11	Fried Shrimp, White Beans/Rice, Coleslaw, Roll
April 18	Good Friday Meal - No Cost - Time To Be Determined



Lenten Meals

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The March 2025 Public Rosary event was held at Barker Honda on MLK Blvd. See upcoming events for the date of the April event.

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

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.



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Pray the Rosary!!

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The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

***COR* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.**

Key Elements of Cor

COR consists of three key elements which must be present for every gathering: prayer, formation, and fraternity. The word 'cor' is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other. These three elements build and strengthen each other and help provide consistency.

Prayer

Formation

Fraternity

Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Latino Hall at St. Bernadette Catholic Church

“INTO THE BREACH”

Each participant will receive a workbook and a copy of Bishop Olmstead’s Apostolic Exhortation which examines three primary questions : 1. What does it mean to be a Christian man? 2. How does a Catholic man love? 3. Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man?