



St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER May 2026

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of May, I want to thank all of you for the tremendous work and support you continue to give to our council and parish community. A special thank you goes out to everyone who participated in and supported the Relay for Life event. Your willingness to serve, volunteer, and represent the Knights of Columbus in such a meaningful community effort was a tremendous success and a great witness to our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

As we move toward the close of our fraternal year, let us remain focused on finishing strong. There is still important work to do, opportunities to serve, and chances to strengthen the brotherhood of our council. I encourage every member to stay engaged and help us continue the momentum we have built throughout the year.

I also want to strongly encourage participation in COR. COR is more than just another program—it is an opportunity for Catholic men to grow deeper in their faith, strengthen their relationship with Christ, and build authentic fraternity with one another. In a world that constantly pulls men away from faith and purpose, COR provides a place where men can pray together, learn together, and challenge one another to become better husbands, fathers, leaders, and disciples. The future strength of our families, parish, and council depends on strong Catholic men, and COR is helping build that foundation.

Additionally, I would love to see more of our brother Knights join us at our public rosaries. Public prayer is a powerful witness to our faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. These rosaries are visible signs that our council is active, faithful, and committed to prayer for our community, nation, and families. Your presence matters and makes a difference.

Finally, nominations are now open for council officers for the upcoming fraternal year. If you are interested in serving, or know a brother Knight who would be a good leader for our council, please prayerfully consider becoming involved. Strong leadership is essential to continuing the good work of our council.

Thank you again for all you do for the Knights, our parish, and our community. May God continue to bless you and your families, and may Our Lady guide and protect us always.

Thank you again for all you do. I am honored to serve as your Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Portier

Grand Knight Council 7355



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 2026

12	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
16	MAY, SAT	8 – 9am 1 – 2pm	KC Church Work Day Council/Assembly Public Rosary Veterans Park Louisiana 311, LA-311, Houma, LA, USA
19	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
21	MAY, THU	8 – 9am	KC Flags at Church
23	MAY, SAT	9:15am – 3:15pm	4th Degree Exemplification
25	MAY, MON	All day	Memorial Day
26	MAY, TUE	6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360

Fourth Degree Exemplification

One of the most exciting opportunities before us is the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, May 23, 2026. This is truly a rare and historic opportunity for Catholic gentlemen to join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus right here at St. Bernadette Church. It is not often that an Exemplification is hosted in our own parish, and having the ceremony at St. Bernadette makes this occasion even more special and meaningful for our council and assembly families.



The Fourth Degree calls Catholic men to a deeper witness of patriotism, service, and public faith. Through honor guards, civic participation, and visible support of Church and country, the Fourth Degree stands as a sign of faithful citizenship rooted in Christ. I strongly encourage all eligible Third Degree Knights to prayerfully consider taking this important step. There may not be another opportunity this convenient and close to home for quite some time.

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Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held May 16th, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Park.



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.

Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

A compelling new video series that explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world.

**Tuesday June 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM in
Bishop Latino Hall at St. Bernadette
Catholic Church**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER



DANIEL DUPLANTIS	05-02
DARYL LANDRY	05-04
CLARENCE LA FLEUR	05-05
CLYDE DUPLANTIS	05-08
COREY HENRY	05-11
ANDRE BENIOT	05-14
DANIEL GAUDET	05-15
STEPHEN RICHARD	05-16
TOMMY TANNER	05-18
SCOTT VICE	05-18
GERALD CHAISSON JR	05-19
JOHN FOS	05-19
CRAIG PORTIER	05-20
TIMMY PORTIER	05-20
JAMES LEGER III	05-23
JOHN DE LA BRETONNE	05-24
PETER FOS	05-24
WILLIAM LEBOEUF	05-25
GARY LANDRY	05-27
ANTHONY MAIOCCHI III	05-27

2026	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
January	Clark Labat	Joe and Sue Szush
February	John LeCompte	Buddy & Nadine Pinell
March	Randy Issacs	Ralph & Denise Mitchell
April	John Tran	Mark & Tina Chauvin



Council 7355 News

ST. BERNADETTE'S ANNUAL
GARAGE SALE!

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADULTS & TEENS TO HELP MAKE OUR ANNUAL GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS! THIS SALE NOT ONLY BENEFITS OUR PARISH AND TEENS FINANCIALLY, BUT IT HELPS BUILD COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR PARISH.

COME, HAVE SOME FUN & BUILD A STRONGER ST. BERNADETTE COMMUNITY.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER!

COLLECTION	SETUP	SALE
JULY 6 TH - 10 TH 1 PM - 7 PM	JULY 13 TH - 15 TH 8 AM - 4 PM	JULY 16 TH - 17 TH 9 AM - 5 PM
JULY 11 TH 9 AM - 3 PM		JULY 18 TH 9 AM - 12 PM

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Top Left: Annoucement of the 2026 St. Bernadette Annual Garage Sale. Top Center: Brother Barry LeCompte was honored with Honorary Life status at the April meeting. Top Center: Council 7355 Financial Secretary Maurice Evans presents a donation to State Deputy Bobby Charpentier on behalf of the State Knights Treasurers Association. Center and Bottom: Sights from the 2026 Houma/ Terrebonne Relay for Life.



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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