



## Mass for Catholic Schools Week celebrated in Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost celebrated the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Concelebrants for the Mass were Very Rev. Marcus Johnson, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church; Very Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Maplewood; Rev. Rommel Tolentino, pastor of the Cathedral; and Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich, senior parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Deacon Christopher Fontenot, principal of St. Louis, assisted the bishop.

In his homily, Bishop Provost reminded the students of why St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of Catholic schools, what rich contribution he made to Western civilization, how his scholarly method is valued even to this day, and how he had the ability, like any good teacher, to ex-

plain simply the most complex ideas. He also leads us to Christ, which is the most important lesson of all.

Eighth grade students from the Catholic schools in the Diocese along with the senior class of St. Louis Catholic High School were present.

The St. Louis Choir sang before the Mass. Teachers, principals and staff members from each school also attended.

The seven Catholic schools in the Diocese are St. Louis Catholic High School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School, all in Lake Charles; Our Lady's Catholic School, Sulphur; Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School, Jennings; and St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School in Moss Bluff.



Bishop Glen John Provost stands with representatives of the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles on the steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception before the annual celebration of the Mass during Catholic Schools Week. Pictured with the Bishop are St. Louis Catholic High School seniors Amanda Husein and Gabrielle Saucier; St. Margaret of Scotland first grade student, Megan McGee; Immaculate Conception Cathedral School fifth grade student Elise Ramcourt; Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School eighth grade student Madeline Futch; St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School, third grade student Aaron Castete; Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School third grade student Connor Mathieu; and Our Lady Catholic School eighth grade student Michelle Cormier.

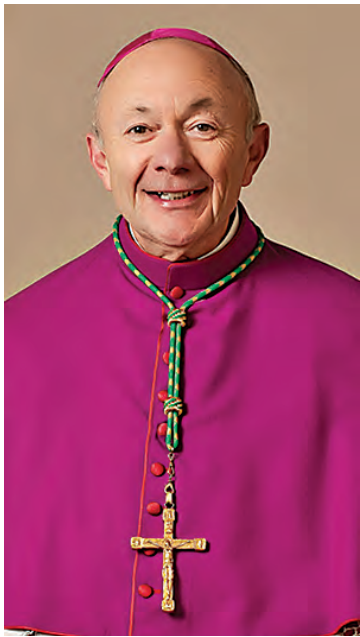
## Basile native named Bishop of Lafayette

WASHINGTON — Pope Francis has named Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, 64, as bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana, and accepted the resignation of Bishop C. Michael Jarrell, 75, from that diocese. Bishop Deshotel has served as an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Dallas since 2010.

The appointment was publicized in Washington, February 17, by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States. The rite of installation is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette.

Bishop Deshotel was born in Basile on January 6, 1952. He attended Immaculata Seminary in Lafayette, then the University of Dallas, where he earned Bachelor of Arts degree. He entered Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving in 1972 and completed his seminary studies there in 1978. That same year he obtained his Masters in Divinity degree at the University of Dallas.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 13, 1978 in his home parish of St. Augustine in Basile by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnay-



The Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel

der, Bishop of Lafayette. Assignments after ordination included parochial vicar, St. Patrick Parish, Dallas, 1978-1980; parochial vicar, St. Anthony Parish, Longview, Texas, 1980-1982; parochial vicar, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 1982-1983; parochial vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Longview, 1983-1988; pastor, St. William Parish, Greenville, Texas, 1988-1992; pastor,

St. John Nepomucene Parish, Ennis, Texas, 1992-1995; and pastor, St. Luke Parish, Irving, Texas, 1995-2001.

He also served as vice-rector, Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, 2001-2005; pastor, St. Monica and St. Juan Diego Parish, Dallas, 2006-2008; pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Richardson, Texas, 2008-2012; and vicar general and moderator of the curia, 2008-present.

Other responsibilities include the diocesan prebyteral council, priest's personnel board and diocesan review board.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed him an auxiliary bishop of Dallas on March 11, 2010 and he was ordained a bishop on April 27 of that year.

Bishop Jarrell was born May 15, 1940 in Opelousas and ordained a priest of Lafayette on June 3, 1967. Pope John Paul II named him bishop of Houma-Thibodaux on December 29, 1992. He was ordained a bishop March 4, 1993.

He has served as bishop of Lafayette since 2002.

The Diocese of Lafayette comprises 5,777 square miles with a total population of 602,334 people, of who 273,428, or 45 percent, are Catholic.

## Father May leads Pastor's Cruise

MOSS BLUFF—Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May will be the honoree for this year's Pastor's Appreciation Cruise Saturday, April 30, on the yacht Lady of the Lake.

Sponsored as an annual fundraiser for Saint Charles

Center with proceeds aiding the center's Maintenance Fund tickets are \$200 per person. The cruise departs from Riverside Resort near Moss Bluff at 6 p.m. The evening will include food catered by Mazen's Restaurant, delight-

ful wines, lovely music, scenic surroundings, and capped off by cheers and toasts of a congratulatory nature to the "Captain of the Celebration".

Call Saint Charles Center at 337-855-1232 for more information.

## Bishop Provost's statement on appointment of Bishop Deshotel

Bishop Provost, said, "I have known Bishop Deshotel since our days in the minor seminary in Lafayette and congratulate him most sincerely on this important appointment to the See of his venerable predecessors Bishop Jeanmard, another native son, and Bishop Schexnayder, who ordained Bishop Deshotel a priest.

"This is a momentous occasion because Bishop Deshotel will have the privilege of presiding over the centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette and the bi-centennial of the Cathedral Parish and ushering the Diocese into a new century," Bishop Provost continued. "The faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles join me in extending prayers to Bishop Deshotel for the success of his episcopal ministry and for the growth and good of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette. I wish also to express my gratitude to Bishop Jarrell who completes his service as Ordinary. He always been a good friend to us.

"May the pastoral work to which he so faithfully devoted himself continue to yield fruit for an eternal harvest."

## Cathedral Holy Doors' Schedule

LAKE CHARLES – During the Jubilee Year of Mercy called for by His Holiness, Pope Francis, all of the entrances of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception have been designated Holy Doors by Bishop Glen John Provost.

The Bishop opened the Holy Doors of the Cathedral on Dec. 13, 2015. Every time one walks through the Holy Doors, they can receive a plenary indulgence if the normal rules for such an indulgence are followed.

The Holy Doors are open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Holy Mass at 12:05 p.m. with Confessions 30 minutes before Mass except on Friday when Confessions begin at 11 a.m.), Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Holy Mass at 4:00 p.m. with Confessions beginning at 3:00 p.m.), and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., with Confessions 30 minutes before each Mass) and then again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 5:00 p.m. with Confessions from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Certain days have been designated throughout the Year of Mercy when the Cathedral doors will be open for pilgrims ALL DAY: March 21, Monday of Holy Week, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; April 3, Di-

vine Mercy Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; May 5, Ascension Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; May 26, Corpus Christi Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; June 3, Friday, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; June 29, Wednesday, Saints Peter and Paul, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; July 19, Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; August 22, Monday, Queenship of Mary, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; September 8, Thursday, Nativity of Mary, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; October 13, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; November 1, Tuesday, All Saints Day, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and November 20, Sunday, Christ the King, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visits to the Cathedral at other times may be arranged by calling the church office at 337-436-7251.

## "24 Hours for the Lord" March 4-5

LAKE CHARLES – "24 Hours for the Lord" is a worldwide initiative called for by Pope Francis to invite all people to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is happening all across the world today and tomorrow, March 4-5, kicked off by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, four churches have been designated as locations.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will be the site of "24 Hours" beginning at 2 p.m. on Today, March 4, and continuing until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

In the East Deanery of the Diocese, two churches – St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin and Our Lady Help of Christians in Jennings – will utilize modified schedules. Today, St. Joan of Arc is open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. while on Saturday, Our Lady Help of Christians is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In the West Deanery, Our Lady of Prompt Succor will be open today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is especially a time to invite back to the Church those who have fallen away from the practice of the sacraments and are just waiting for the door of God's mercy to be opened for them.



Bishop Glen John Provost imparts a blessing on the statue of St. Louis IX, King of France, located in the St. Louis Catholic High School Commons at its unveiling following the Ash Wednesday, February 10, liturgy at the school. The statue was made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor that wanted to honor the patron saint of the school and inspire the community to follow his example. Created by Mark Gabriele of Artisan Granite in Greenwich, Rhode Island, the statue stands six feet in height on a pedestal of black granite and greets all visitors who come through the doors. School chaplain Father Jeffrey Starkovich unveiled the statue. Other clergy present for the event, which was in front of the school's student body, were the Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, rector; Very Reverend Ruben Buller, Vice Chancellor; and Deacon Chris Fontenot, principal. In his introduction, Father Starkovich noted that following decades of violence in France, King Louis brought justice and peace. He showed great devotion to the less fortunate, founded hospitals, cared for the sick, and invited the poor to his palace for meals. King Louis died August 25, 1270, defending the faith during a crusade. His life of virtue and faith serves as a model and inspiration for all students and faculty of St. Louis Catholic High School.





## Bishop Provost to preside at Sacred Triduum in Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil - on March 24-26, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On Easter Sunday, Bishop Provost will be the celebrant of the 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

On Palm Sunday, March 20, Bishop Provost will bless the palms before the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral.

The Bishop will also be the celebrant of the Chrism Mass at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, along with the priests of the Diocese as concelebrants, in the Cathedral. At this Mass, the Holy Oils used during the upcoming year are prepared and blessed.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on Holy Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The Bishop will wash the feet of clergy and of laity in commemoration of Christ washing the feet of His Apostles.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place on Good Friday at 3 p.m. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Word, followed by Veneration of the Cross, with the faithful recognizing the Cross of Christ as our only hope of salvation. The celebration concludes with Holy Communion.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Cathedral Mass times for Easter Sunday, March 27, are 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.

## Holy Week Office Hours

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - March 21-23 - but closed on Holy Thursday, March 24; Good Friday, March 25; and Easter Monday, March 28, reopening Tuesday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m.

## Events scheduled for Saint Charles Center

LAKE CHARLES - A number of programs and events are scheduled at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center through the end of March including Father Whitney Miller presenting an Evening of Reflection: "Celebrating Lent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy: How to Make a Better Confession" on Thursday, March 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Father Miller and Father Don Piraro will host An Evening of Mercy on Thursday, March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. with the Sacrament of Penance available during those hours.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church sponsors its annual Women's Lenten Silent Retreat - "An Ignatian Perspective on the Lenten and Easter Journey" presented by Fr. Steve Kimmons, S.J. from Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20. The retreat is open to any and all women wishing to attend.

"K.I.S.S. Life" (Keep it Sane and Simple) with Sr. Diane Depwe is Tuesday, March 22

from 6 to 9 p.m.

The spring selection for the "Spiritual Book Club," led by Father Piraro, is "The Passion and the Cross" by Father Ronald Rolheiser, a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and presently serving as the head of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. It takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22.

The Center's annual Good Friday Meditations, led by Fr. Miller and Fr. Piraro, on Friday, March 25, is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no fee for this event but pre-registration is appreciated.

Information on events, suggested donations, and deadlines to register can be obtained by calling 337-855-1232 or going to [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com). Registration online is available for most events by going to [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) or by clicking on the Registration Events button at the website of the Diocese - [live.lcdiocese.org](http://live.lcdiocese.org).

## Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity



Reverend Petroula Ruehlen, Sustaining Priest at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, seen in left photo, reads from the Gospel of St. Matthew on the Beatitudes at the annual Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity, held this year at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and sponsored by The Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Lake Area Ministers Group, and members of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference. Rev. Ruehlen also offered the evening's message, explaining and illustrating the virtue of righteousness, demonstrating the hungering and thirsting for righteousness that animates each of the beatitudes. In the photo at right, the Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May, senior chaplain of the Order of St. Lazarus, provided a brief explanation of the Order, whose primary purpose is ecumenism. Others taking part in the service included, Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, St. Margaret of Scotland ; Rev. Darrell Bourgeois, chairperson, Lake Area Ministers Group; Ann Romero, diocesan representative of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference; Sir Joe Hill, Knight of St. Lazarus; Chaplain James "Jim" McCartney, Highway 2 Heaven Motorcycle Ministry; Reverend L. Lawton; Sir John Halloran, Knight Commander, Order of St. Lazarus; Rev. Jimmy Stevens; New Covenant Baptist Church; Reverend Chan Willis, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Charles; and Rev. Bobbie Yellott.

## Students of the Year Winners

LAKE CHARLES - Three students of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles have been named District Non-Public students of the year, according to Mrs. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

The 12th grade student of year is St. Louis Catholic High School's Amanda Husein, the daughter of Asad and Mizna Husein of Lake Charles. She is a member of the school's National Honor Society, currently serving as president. She has served as Junior Class President and is Senior Class President. As a school leader, Amanda is also the president of the Book Club, vice-president of French Club, and Events Coordinator of Earth Club. She is actively involved in Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta and serves as a St. Louis Ambassador.

She is also an active member of the school's tennis team. Amanda's numerous honors and awards include first place finishes at district rally in French II and 2nd place in Biology II. She earned two superior ratings in piano at the National Federation of Music Clubs, and scored a 90t at piano district rally sponsored by the Louisiana Music Teachers Association.

Chosen as the eighth grade Student of the year is Aidan Primeaux of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School. He is the 13-year old son of Chris and Mia Primeaux and was born in Salem, N.H., where he attended kindergarten through third grade. In 2011, he started the fourth grade at St. Margaret. He has three old-



Amanda Husein



Aidan Primeaux



Ella Segura

er sisters and Aidan has participated in the History Club, Science Club, Come Lord Jesus and Student Council. He is a member of Beta Club and National Junior Honor Society. He has been on St. Margaret football, basketball and track teams. He also plays soccer and baseball in recreational leagues and enjoys sport knowledge and trivia. He has been an altar server at St. Margaret Catholic Church for three years and attended the Governor's Program for Gifted Children in the summer of 2015.

While there, he was a member of the student government and performed in three onstage productions and the large ensemble. He plans to return to the Governor's Program this summer and spends his summers wakeboarding and being out on the river. He enjoys hunting and spending time with friends and is an avid reader, performs magic and plays piano. He will attend St. Louis Catholic High School in the fall.

The fifth grade student of

the year is Ella Segura of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

The daughter of Johnny and Stormy Segura, she is the oldest of four children - two brothers and a sister. She attends Our Lady Immaculate and has done so for the past five years. She enjoys playing team sports, such as soccer and softball, but volleyball has been her favorite sport. Dancing has taken up a lot of her time since the age of three and she enjoys costumes and recitals. Her interests include spending time with her siblings and friends and being with her family.

Another hobby is her love for animals. She cares for her two dogs and a show rabbit, and has had the opportunity

to raise orphan calves. Two issues that are important to Segura are her faith and service to others. She is an altar server and says, "faith in God brings me a tremendous amount of joy and peace." Segura volunteers at the Jennings American Legion Hospital and the Jennings Rehab Hospital simply to make someone smile. In the future, she would like to be an art teacher and looks forward to helping teach children to make things from their own imagination.

The Students of the Year Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding elementary, middle/junior high, and high school student who have demonstrated excellent academic achievement, leadership ability, and citizenship.

The next *Catholic Calendar* will be published on Good Friday, March 25.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Catholic Charities provides aid to those in need

LAKE CHARLES - The most recent report from Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana on its aid to the needy of the area shows a total monthly expenditure of \$15,524.93 through the latest reporting period, according to Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM, director.

Seventy-one clients were served during the month with 36 aided with rental payments, eight aided in acquiring a TWIC card or Louisiana state ID card; 12 with payment for medications, 11 with utility payments, and four with assistance in funeral payments.

The next food distribution is Friday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Catholic Charities office - 1225 Second Street, Lake Charles. Three hundred forty households were served from Catholic Charities Food Pantry on Friday, January 15 and with 333 assisted on Friday, February 19.

To qualify to receive food distribution, all clients must bring the following items: picture ID for each adult in the household, Social Security card for each person in the household, proof of one month's income for the household (food stamp letter, SSI, TANF, Social Security, Child Support Letter, Retirement, Unemployment, Veterans benefits, payroll checks, proof of residency - a utility bill, and proof of the number of persons in the household. Call 337-439-7436 for more

information or to make an appointment.

### Racial Divide in the U.S. discussion on tap

LAKE CHARLES -- Twenty-eight parishioners from three Lake Charles churches - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Henry, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception are meeting for six Thursdays in Lent to discuss the study promulgated by Belleville, Ill., Bishop Edward Braxton on the Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015.

This pilot project in the Diocese of Lake Charles intends to foster greater communication and deeper understanding by considering the various perspectives that the participants bring to the topics discussed.

More information about this study may be obtained by calling 337-842-7640.

### April prayer breakfast, luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES - The April Men's Prayer Breakfast and Ladies Luncheon with Bishop Glen John Provost will take place on Friday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 13, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex.

Women should send a check for \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Mrs. Gaynell Carrier, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 at least a week prior to the luncheon. A

stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

Mass is celebrated at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral before the breakfast. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

### *Five-part Bible Study at OLQH*

LAKE CHARLES -- A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, a five part Bible study is set for Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. from April 4 through May 2, in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center Activity Room.

The \$20 mandatory registration fee provides the attendee with a book and accompanying workbook for the study. Register by March 28 at [www.olqh.org](http://www.olqh.org) or call Felicia at 337-477-1236 for more information.

### Marriage Preparation class, May 14

LAKE CHARLES - Openings for the Saturday, May 14, Marriage Preparation class offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles remain.

The class is held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Chancery of the Diocese, 414 Iris Street. Registration is \$100, which includes the Prepare/Enrich online assessment, lunch, and materials. Registration and payment can be achieved online at [live.lcdiocese.org](http://live.lcdiocese.org) by clicking the Event Registration button, then the Marriage Preparation link.

A registration form can also be printed by looking for Marriage Preparation under the forms link.