



Saint Charles Center schedule

MOSS BLUFF – Saint Charles Center's August schedule of programs and events includes *Mercy in Marriage*, presented by Sr. Diane Depwe from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, in Brulet Hall of Tabor Retreat House.

Relationships usually have good and bad days, especially in a marriage. We get busy about life and sometimes couples forget that they need to work on their relationship not just what happens with their children. Have you ever wondered why parents can be more compassionate, merciful, loving and forgiving with their children but not with each other? What happens to spouses that they are unwilling to be compassionate, merciful and forgiving? It creates a "void" and they "shut down". Come and journey with Christ in scripture to find out when this happens how to build a good marriage built on the foundation of love, mercy and forgiveness. Come experience the mystery of Christ's love for us!

The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. Registration deadline is Friday, July 29.

Father Whitney Miller, Christy Moore Clark, Denis Husers and Cindy Hanks will present a one-day event, *ReACTS: Renewing and Rekindling the Spirit of the ACTS Retreat*, on Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The suggested donation is \$25.00 per person and the registration deadline is August 17.

Many men and women throughout the Diocese have experienced the powerful grace of the Holy Spirit in and through an ACTS Retreat. This Day of Prayer is will be offered for anyone who has attended an ACTS Retreat and now wants to renew and rekindle the flame of faith into a fire of mission, evangelization, prayer and spiritual growth. The day will include elements of communal worship, presentation, small group interaction, as well as time for quiet and individual reflection. At the conclusion of the day, Mass will be celebrated for all participants in the Assumption Chapel.

Father Miller will lead *Create In Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography* on Tuesday, August 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

In November of 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral statement on pornography entitled, "Create in Me a Clean Heart." Drawing on pastoral experience and a variety of resources from the social sciences and current research, the bishops of our country express concern for the negative influence of pornography on individuals, married couples and society as a whole. Fr. Miller will present an overview of this document and recommend appropriate responses which will provide assistance to family and friends who struggle with this addictive behavior, as well as practical guidelines for spiritual healing and emotional recovery.

The suggested donation is \$20 per person and registration deadline is Friday, August 26.

To register for any of these events, call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or go to stcharlescenter.com.

Oustalet Memorial Courtyard



Many retreatants and guests of the Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center often inquire about the engraved bricks that grace the "holy ground" of the Oustalet Memorial Courtyard, according to Father Whitney Miller. These memorial bricks are still available to honor the donors, another individual, family, or friends, including the possibility to memorialize a favorite member of the clergy or religious, someone who made an important and lasting impact on the donor's life. The donor's choice of names is engraved on each brick. The four by eight inch brick is available for a \$100 donation, and the eight by eight inch brick is available for a \$250 donation. To make your wishes known, call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or go online at stcharlescenter.com. This unique opportunity helps provide adequate funding for the future maintenance needs of the Center, while at the same time being remembered or remembering someone special for generations to come, according to Father Miller. Deacon George Carr provided the aerial view of the courtyard using a drone he received last year as a Christmas present.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Trey Ange diaconate ordination

LAKE CHARLES – Trey Ange, a native of Lake Charles who will begin his fourth year as a theology seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, is to be ordained to the transitional diaconate, the penultimate step to priestly ordination, on Wednesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Bishop Glen John Provost will be the ordaining prelate.

St. John Mission fundraiser July 23

KINDER – Family and Friends of St. John the Evangelist Mission in Lacassine will hold a social gathering fundraiser on Saturday, July 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Koasati Pines Golf Course.

Live and silent auctions are scheduled with heavy hors d'oeuvres to be served. Proceeds will benefit the church's effort to raise money to build a hall/religious education building.

Call Paul at 337-526-5475 or Cindy at 337-912-8455 for tickets and more information.

"Beat the Heat" program

LAKE CHARLES – The annual "Beat the Heat" program of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana continues.

Catholic Charities will provide and install a window air

Abrazando Cristo 2016



The missionaries of *Abrazando Cristo* worked diligently during their trip to Nicaragua. Shown above (1) are four diocesan seminarians that took part in this annual mission journey to help the poorest of the poor. They are from left, Sam Bond, Michael Beverung, Trey Ange, and William Fruge. In photo 2, the group awaits the start of a liturgy in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, which members of previous *Abrazando Cristo* years' missions built. In a future issue of the *Catholic Calendar*, a "travelogue" is planned to recount this year's trip.

Fete-Dieu du Teche boat procession

LEONVILLE – The Fete-Dieu du Teche Eucharistic Boat Procession is Monday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, beginning with 8 a.m. Mass in St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

The procession arrives in St. Martinville at 5 p.m., having stopped along the banks of Bayou Teche at the various churches for the Rosary and Benediction along the way.

Follow activity on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Fete-Dieu-du-Teche-791548894286660/>.

Recently installed seventh bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, His Excellency J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., will preside and preach the Mass of the Assumption in Leonville to commence Fete-Dieu du Teche 2016.

The procession is held in honor of the anniversary of the Arrival of the Acadians.

For more information, contact Fr. Michael Champagne, cjc at 337-394-6550 or at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com



Members of the Imperial Calcasieu Delegation, Order of St. Lazarus, recently showed their support for the work done by Oasis, a safe haven for battered women and their children, formerly the Calcasieu Women's Shelter, with a contribution of \$1,000 and other needed items. Local members made contributions that were matched by the American Association of the Order of St. Lazarus. Pictured above are, from left, John Halloran, Delegate; Becky Hudson, Almoner; Kathy Williams, Executive Director of Oasis; Joe Hill, Sub-Delegate; and Nila Halloran, Hospitalier. For more information about the Order, contact the Delegate, John Halloran, at colhalloran@hotmail.com or the Sub-Delegate, Joe Hill, at jdhnavy34@bellsouth.net.

Priests against seminarians kickball game

LAKE CHARLES – The inaugural Bishop's Invitational Kickball Summer Classic, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lake Charles, is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Power Center Ball Field on Gerstner Memorial Highway (U.S. Highway 14).

The game will pit a team composed of diocesan priests, captained by Rev. Jeffrey Starovich, director of seminarians and vocations, against a team of diocesan seminarians, captained by seminarian Trey Ange. A prize of at least \$1,000 is at stake - with the priests playing to benefit the Priest Retirement Fund and the seminarians playing to benefit the Seminary Burse Fund.

Assisting with the event are The St. Louis Foundation, St. Louis Catholic High School, local Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies and local Catholic Daughters of the Americas Courts.

There is a \$10 admission donation for adults with children getting in free.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2016 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed in 1957 by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey:

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with the true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

conditioning unit to households with individuals over 65 years of age or who are disabled and in need of an air conditioner.

Call Catholic Charities at 337-439-7436 for information and assistance.

Marriage Preparation class in September

LAKE CHARLES – Openings for the Saturday, September 17, 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.lodiocese.org by clicking the Event Registration button, then the Marriage Preparation link.

A registration form can also be printed by going to Marriage Preparation under the forms link on the website.

Vocation Discernment Retreat scheduled

LAKE CHARLES -- *Quo Vadis Days*, an encounter with Jesus Christ for young men seeking to know God's will for their lives that is sponsored by Diocese of Lake Charles, is Sunday, July 31 to Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Chicot State Park, near Ville Platte.

Contact Father Nathan Long at 337-477-1434 for informa-

tion or registration forms. Forms may also be picked up at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 221 Aqua Drive in Lake Charles or the Diocesan Office at 414 Iris Street for this Vocation Discernment Retreat.

"Sorting the Fish" set for July 30

LAKE CHARLES – "Sorting the Fish," a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Day of Learning is July 30 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Diocese of Lake Charles Chancery.

Jim Schellman, the former executive director of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, will lead the day as he explains the difference between candidates, catechumens and those needing only to be confirmed.

Vocation Discernment Retreat for Single Women

MOBILE, Ala. -- "Opening the Door to the Joy of Mercy," a Vocation Discernment Retreat for single women, ages 17 to 35, is Friday, August 5 at 5 p.m. to Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the retreat and there is also an option for extended stay.

To register or for more information contact Little Sisters of the Poor, 1655 McGill Ave., Mobile AL 36604; voctmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org; or (251) 591-3700. Registration deadline is August 3 and early registration is appreciated.



Father Boxie ordained for Washington, DC

(Courtesy the Archdiocese of Washington, DC)
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Robert Paul Boxie III, a Lake Charles native, graduate of St. Louis Catholic High School, and former parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, was one of eight men ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC recently.

In a celebration that can be traced back to the Apostles, the group was ordained by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

“What we are doing places us before a profound mystery of faith,” Cardinal Wuerl said in his homily. Reflecting on the meaning of the ordination, he said it is “an invitation to enter into the spiritual reality of God’s saving presence with us. Thus we use the ritual, symbols and signs to help us encounter with our senses what we can really only experience with the eyes of faith.”

In addition to Father Boxie, Cardinal Wuerl ordained Jonathan Berard, Alberto Biondi, Keith Burney, Philip Ilg, Ryan Islo Pineda, Jonathan Santiago Vanegas-Calderon and Stephen Wyble at the Mass of Priesthood Ordination at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. There are 76 other men currently preparing to become priests for the Archdiocese of Washington.



Father Robert Paul Boxie III

“Your priesthood immerses you in the challenges of the New Evangelization that the Church faces today and in the response of joyful witness and compassionate teaching that are the hallmarks of the pontificate of Pope Francis. Guiding your ministry of service should be the joy of the Gospel which is also the name of Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation following on the Synod of the New Evangelization. Here, Pope Francis calls upon the Church to begin a new chapter in evangelization. He tells us the Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ’s cross, constantly invites us to rejoice,” said the cardinal.

He continued, “His is also the call that you and I need to accept to care for our common home. He tells us that at the heart of our pastoral ministry are a respect for the dignity of each person and the care for the future of our planet. But your priestly ministry must also draw its inspiration from the joy of love. Our Holy Father’s post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, is a reminder of how great is God’s love for us and how we can not only bask in that love but share it with others.”

The cardinal reminded the men that as they came to the ordination in the basilica, they passed through the Jubilee Door of Mercy. “In establishing this year, Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus is the face of God’s mercy and that you and I are to be reflections of the mercy that has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth. Just as the Father is rich in mercy, so are we to be fountains of that healing compassion that springs from the side of Jesus on the cross and flows through the life, history and ministry of the Church down to our day when it is now our turn to continue that life-giving and healing action,” he said. “May your hands always be raised in benediction, blessing, encouragement, mercy, forgiveness, and absolution.”

Always be open to the gift of the Spirit, the cardinal said, “It is the movement of the Spirit that has led you along this path, it is the nudging of the Spirit that brings you to this moment and it is in the outpouring of the Spirit that you will walk united with Christ at the service of his Bride, the Church.”

He continued, “Never forget this morning. Always hold deep in your heart the realization that what you are asked to do at the service of Christ’s Church is truly God’s call. Always be as generous with your response to the needs of God’s people and the direction of your Bishop as you are this morning in your response to God’s call.”

As he concluded his homily, the cardinal said, “May your priestly ministry always be a cause of joy and a living, fruitful echo of God’s call to all to join him in his flock. May God who has so wondrously begun this work in you today bring it to fulfillment.”



At the close of the Mass at which he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, Father Robert Paul Boxie III, a Lake Charles native, gave his first blessing to the ordaining prelate, His Eminence Archbishop Donald Cardinal Wuerl of Washington. Father Boxie was one of eight men ordained during the Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. (Photos courtesy of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC)

Dr. Brant Pitre speaking at St. Philip Neri July 16

KINDER -- Dr. Brant Pitre, professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, will present *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* on Saturday, July 16, in the Msgr. A. J. Robichaud Hall of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 607 Fourth Avenue.

The day begins at 8:30am with a coffee and refreshments social and the first talk - *Can We Trust the Gospels?* - at 9:30 a.m. Pitre’s second talk at 10:45 a.m. - *Did Jesus Claim to be God?* - follows a 15-minute break.

A second break begins at 11:45 a.m. with lunch, available for \$8 upon registration onsite, at noon.

The presentations continue at 1 p.m. with *The Evidence for the Resurrection* followed by a 2 p.m. break and a question and answer session from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.. The day concludes with the regularly scheduled Mass in St. Philip

Neri Church begins at 4 p.m.

Call 337-738-5612 today for more information.

For well over a hundred years now, skeptics have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that Jesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. These powerful presentations will hit the highlights from Dr. Pitre’s bestselling book, *The Case for Jesus*. If you’ve ever wondered about the evidence for Christianity, if you’ve ever been at a loss to answer skeptical objections to Christ, or if you’ve ever struggled with your faith, then this Bible study is for you!!

Pitre earned his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, where he specialized in the study of the New Testament and ancient Judaism. He is the author of several articles and the books *Jesus, the Tribulation, and*



Brant Pitre, Ph.D.

the End of the Exile (Baker Academic, 2005), *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* (Image Books, 2011), *Jesus the Bridegroom* (Image Books, 2014), *Jesus and the Last Supper* (Eerdmans, 2015), and *The Case for Jesus* (Image, 2016).

Burke to head Vatican Press Office

VATICAN CITY -- Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, who was Director of the Holy See Press Office, and appointed to the position American journalist Gregory Burke, who has been serving as its vice-director.

In a statement last Monday, the Vatican announced the new director, as well as new vice-director, Spanish journalist Paloma Garcia Ovejero.

Burke was born on November 8, 1959 in St. Louis, Mo., into a practicing Catholic family. After attending one of the city’s Jesuit high schools, he graduated in 1983 in Comparative Literature at New York’s Columbia University, before specializing in journalism. In those years, he became a numerary member of Opus Dei.

He worked at the United Press International in Chicago, for Reuters, and the weekly

“Metropolitan,” until he was hired as a correspondent of the weekly newspaper, National Catholic Register and sent to Rome. In 1990, he began working with Time Magazine.

In 2001, he became Rome correspondent for Fox News and in 2012, was named communications consultant by the Vatican Secretariat of State, Section for General Affairs. He speaks English, Italian, Spanish, and French.

The new vice-director was born in Madrid on Aug. 12, 1975, graduating in journalism in 1998 at the Complutense University of Madrid, where she obtained a master’s degree in *Estudios Vascos* – Basque Studies - and a specialization in Management Strategies and Communication in 2006 at New York University.

She speaks Spanish, English, Italian, and Chinese.



Bishop Glen John Provost speaks to bookkeepers representing the church parishes of the Diocese as well as those of the Catholic schools in the diocese during the annual day-long workshop sponsored by the Fiscal Office and held at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Center for Catholic Studies fall courses deadline Aug. 5

LAKE CHARLES – The deadline for registering for courses offered during the fall semester at the Center for Catholic Studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is August 5.

Two courses - *Theology 290: Pastristics* and *Theology 280: Catholic Moral Principles* - begin Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Thursday, Sept. 8, respectively.

Catholic Moral Principles is a three credit-hour course taught by Rev. Edward Richard, M.S. Father Richard will present the development of Christian moral principles with a focus on theological and cardinal virtues, as well as the morality of happiness. The application the Catholic Church’s moral teaching to everyday life and relationships is a central topic of discussion.

Fr. Richard will teach the course on Thursdays, beginning September 8 at a time to be determined.

Rev. Ruben Buller will

teach *Pastristics* on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In this three credit-hour course, the student will see the thought of the Catholic Church throughout the early centuries of the Church in what is called the Age of the Church Fathers (Patristic Age). Theological development will be considered as well as the presentation of different types of ecclesial thought and genres of writing.

For new students, there is a one-time fee of \$15.00 and a course fee of \$225. The course may be audited for a fee of \$90.

Registration forms are available through the Diocese of Lake Charles - Office of Religious Education, and on the web at www.lcdiocese.org. Just click on Forms on the front page Main Menu, scroll to the Center for Catholic Studies section to access the registration form and the two-page application form.

For more information, contact the Diocese of Lake Charles, Office of Religious

Education for Susan Borgman at 439-7400, Ext. 309.

The Center for Catholic Studies is made possible through an articulation agreement between McNeese State University and the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans. The Diocese of Lake Charles facilitates coursework in theology offered on site through Holy Cross, which is SACSCOC accredited. Courses therefore may transfer as liberal arts credits and depending upon a student’s degree program, the credits fulfill elective degree requirements. McNeese students are encouraged to speak with their advisor to find out what works best for them.

The Center for Catholic Studies courses are available for credit or audit and may be taken by college students or any interested lay faithful meeting enrollment requirements.