



## Catholic Charities receives long-term recovery grant

LAKE CHARLES -- Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) recently announced the award of a long-term disaster recovery grant of \$137,500 to Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. The grant was made possible due to the generosity of individuals and families from local parishes across the country who contributed to the second collection offered by The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The funding will provide Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana the opportunity to continue to meet the needs of survivors of the March and August 2016 flooding. Numerous homes were damaged, to such severity that some families remain displaced today, with more than 200 homes in need of repair, and many homeowners with little or no insurance to cover the costs. The primary activity of this grant is to assist families still recovering from the floods in securing short-

term housing and home repair. Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is using the funds to target seniors, persons with disabilities, and families with children under 18 who are living in poverty.

Since 1980, Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana has provided social services and emergency aid to those who need help across five civil parishes. The agency's mission is to empower people and respond to the basic needs of Southwest Louisiana. Catholic Charities Southwest Louisiana administers one of the leading rental assistance programs in the City of Lake Charles.

Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, committed to providing financial support to local Catholic Charities agencies in their effort to provide response and recovery assistance in the wake

of natural disasters in the United States and its territories, through compassionate care and financial stewardship. The funds awarded are utilized to assist vulnerable populations impacted by a disaster, regardless of faith tradition, to have their immediate needs met, preserve their human dignity, and recover from the impact of the disaster.

CCUSA provides national reach through local presence, helping to ensure that the United States Catholic community is at the forefront of contributing to meet the disaster-related needs of survivors. If you would like to support the organization disaster work, please contact Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 Second Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or call 337-439-7436.

## Catholic Scouting awards

LAKE CHARLES -- Bishop Glen John Provost, aided by Rev. Matthew Cormier, Chaplain of the Diocese of Lake Charles, recently presented religious emblems to worthy scouts at an event held in memory of Austin Fruge of Troop 107.

Fruge, a 14-year old Star scout attending LaGrange High School, died February 28, 2017, as a result of injuries sustained in a tragic automobile crash while on the way to a scouting campout. Austin is the son of Theresa and Jeffred Fruge.

He was an active member of the Boy Scout Troop 107, where he served as Senior Patrol Leader and participated in various excursions with the Scouts, including hiking in Colorado. He was a member of the staff at Camp Edgewood and, at the time of his death, due to be elected to the Order of the Arrow of Quelqueshue Lodge 166. He was also the top seller of the annual BSA popcorn fundraiser for the Pioneer District.

In his memory, a perpetual memorial award - Our Lady Queen of Heaven Boy Scout Memorial Award - was established to be given annually to a scout of Troop 107. The winner shall be a scout that exhibits the ideals of scouting, has earned at least one Catholic Religious Emblem and who shows a strong commitment to faith, family and a courageous spirit.

The inaugural recipient of the award was

Will Gage.

Those earning religious awards include Taft Fontenot and A.J. Saltzman, Light of Christ; Shannon Fontenot, Jack Foote, Finn Gage, Will Lounsberry, Connor Mathieu, William Metoyer, Colin Tanner, Jackson Truax, and J. R. Watts, Parvuli Dei; Shreve Gage, Ad Altare Dei; and Ian Belsha, Will Gage, Clayton Kerlin, and Austin Fruge (posthumously), Pope Pius XII.

The Light of Christ program was developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting under the auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In order to receive the Light of Christ emblem, the scout must complete all requirements before he starts the third grade.

The *Parvuli Dei* (Children of God) emblem is a recognition that the Catholic Church presents to Cub and Webelo Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

The *Ad Altare Dei* program is designed to equip the Scout to take his place in the world as a maturing Catholic and a maturing American.

The Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program, developed in recognition of the need for Catholic lay leaders in church and community affairs and of the potential of Exploring to develop such leadership.



Bishop Glen John Provost, left, is joined by Jeffred and Theresa Fruge as they present the inaugural Our Lady Queen of Heaven Boy Scout Memorial Award given to Troop 107 Scout Will Gage, given in memory of the Fruge's son, Austin, who died following a tragic car crash earlier this year.

## Schedule of events at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF -- Remaining events for the month of May at Saint Charles Center include a Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat from Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 28.

"Domestic Church" is an officially recognized lay movement that provides lifelong formation for sacramentally married couples for the sake of achieving sanctity together, growing in mutual love and providing an environment where children can thrive and grow in union with Christ so they may truly be called a Domestic Church! For information and/or to register, please call Blaine or Denise Wyninger at (337) 764-1562.

For summer events, deadlines and suggested donations, call 337-855-1232 or go to stcharlescenter.com.

Reservations are accepted for the Bishop Jude Speyrer Hermitage House on a "first call, first served" basis. Contact Mrs. Michelle Monceaux at (337) 855-1232, Ext. 202, or email michelle.monceaux@lcdiocese.org.

For priests, deacons and religious women a free will donation upon departure will be accepted. If the guest chooses to eat in the Private Dining Room of the Saint Charles Center when there

are other groups present on the campus, the following rates for meals are provided as a guideline for the donation: breakfast \$10.00; lunch, \$14.50; dinner/supper, \$15.50 or all three meals, \$40.00 per day.

Guests of the Hermitage House can also choose to bring their own food and make use of the kitchen, provided within the residence. Dishes, pots, pans and the basic necessities for food preparation are also available.

For all other guests, the suggested rate for the Her-

mitage House is \$75.00 per day.

For any guest of the Bishop Speyrer Hermitage House, there is a five-day limit for the length of stay. Any requested occupancy beyond five days requires the approval of the Director of the Saint Charles Center.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can achieve spiritual renewal and growth - rediscovering life's meaning in quiet reflection.

## May 27 -- A Day of Reflection



A Day of Reflection, similar to the one held in 2012, shown above, before National Black Catholic Congress XI, will take place Saturday, May 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St Louis High School to prepare for Congress XII being held July 6-9 in Orlando, Florida, according to Deacon Edward Lavine, Coordinator of Ministries and Director of the Office of Black Catholics. After the prayer service attendees will begin a review of the Black Catholicism principles dealing with social justice, human dignity, marriage and family life, youth and young adults, and activities for spiritual growth. Attendees will then gather in a general assembly to receive the reflections from the six groups and prepare a report to be sent to the National Black Catholic Congress office. Contact Deacon Lavine at 337-439-2646 for more information.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Jazz Brunch tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES -- Tickets for the annual Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Jazz Brunch on Sunday, May 21, are still available at the Catholic Charities office or online at the diocesan website.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Charles Country Club to browse and bid on numerous silent auction items with a welcome and blessing of the meal at 11:30 a.m. Lasting until 2 p.m., the brunch is wonderful opportunity for good food, great music, and lively conversation for a good cause.

Tickets are \$75 each and a table for eight may be purchased for \$700.

Sponsorships at the Friend and Disciple levels, which include a table for eight and acknowledgement in the program, are available for \$1,000 and \$1,500, respectively.

For tickets, contact Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh at Catholic Charities, 1225 Second Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 or call 337-439-7436. Purchasing tickets with a credit card or e-check online is available at [www.lcdiocese.org](http://www.lcdiocese.org) by clicking the Event Registration button and then the Jazz Brunch link.

### National Maritime Day, blessing of fleet May 21

LAKE CHARLES -- The Apostleship of the Sea and the Sea-

farers Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles will celebrate National Maritime Day on Sunday, May 21, with the blessing of the fleet at the Lake Charles Civic Center, according to Deacon Patrick Lapoint, Director of the Seafarers Center.

Deacon Lapoint urges the captains of all size craft to take part in this annual event and have their vessel blessed.

The Rev. Rommel Tolentino, chaplain of the Center, will preside at the memorial prayer service and then bless each craft as they pass the reviewing stand.

### Big Cash Giveaway tickets available

LAKE CHARLES -- The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program has tickets available for its annual fundraiser benefitting the work of the mission in Nicaragua.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. First prize is \$5,000.00; second is \$1,000; and third is \$500.00.

To purchase a ticket, please mail your check, made payable to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program to Monsignor Daniel A. Torres, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

The drawing will be June 18 at the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Rectory.

Call 337-439-7400 for more information.

### Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf on May 27

LAKE CHARLES -- The annual Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament will be Saturday, May 27, at Mallard Cove Golf Course.

Tournament proceeds benefit several projects of the Abrazando Cristo Mission Program in Nicaragua.

For more information, contact Johnnie and Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 or Will Fruge at 337-540-0410.

### Marriage Preparation class June 24

LAKE CHARLES -- Openings for the next Marriage Preparation class, offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese, is Saturday, June 24.

The class is 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. It can be accomplished online at [www.lcdiocese.org](http://www.lcdiocese.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.

*His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D. D.  
Bishop of Lake Charles  
will ordain  
Mr. Samuel John Orsot  
to the Sacred Order of Deacon  
and  
Reverend Mr. Sam Anthony "Trey" Ange III  
to the Sacred Order of Priest  
at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3  
in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
935 Bilbo Street Lake Charles, LA 70601*



## Holy Week in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



On Palm Sunday, (1) Bishop Glen John Provost began the liturgy in prayer in the Cathedral's courtyard where he blessed the palms to be given out to the faithful and (2) blessed Deacon Christopher Fontenot before his reading of the Gospel prior to the Bishop leading the faithful into the Cathedral for Mass. On Wednesday of Holy Week, Bishop Provost celebrated the Chrism Mass. In (3), from left, are the Oil of the Sick, Holy Chrism, and the Oil of Catechumens – the oils to be blessed and consecrated later in the liturgy. From these reserves, the priests were provided a sufficient amount to be used to administer the sacraments in their parishes during the year. The priests of the diocese concelebrate (4) the Chrism Mass with the Bishop. In (5) Bishop Provost pours balsam (a scented oil) into the container of olive oil. After the two are stirred together, the Bishop then breathes (6) over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used. On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Bishop Provost incenses the altar (7). It is at this liturgy where the washing of the Apostles' feet at the last Supper by Jesus commemorated by the washing of the feet of Cathedral parishioners, some of whom are seen in (8). At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday liturgy, Bishop Provost carries the Blessed Sacrament (9) out of the Cathedral to the day chapel where a prayerful watch is continued throughout the remainder of the evening. In (10) the Bishop prays before the Blessed Sacrament after it has been placed in the tabernacle of the day chapel. After entering the Cathedral silently on Good Friday afternoon, the Bishop prays the opening prayer while the servers, including seminarians of the diocese, prostrate themselves before the bare altar. The large wooden cross is brought to the altar the Cathedral (11), stopping three times to be incensed and for recited prayers (*Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the salvation of the world* and the response *Come, let us adore*). Bishop Provost (12) kneels and prepares to venerate the cross by kissing it, which is followed with veneration by the people (13). The Easter Vigil begins after sunset, the start of the new liturgical day, with the Service of Light (14) including the congregation. It is here (15) that the Bishop blesses and prepares the paschal candle. The Bishop processes into the church in near-darkness, with only the paschal candle for light. Smaller candles are lit (16) from it to quell the darkness. Following the homily, Bishop Provost blesses the water that will be used to initiate those received into the Church and sprinkles the congregation. (17). In (18), the Bishop performs the rite of baptism on the Elect, pronouncing the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."