



Photo 1 shows a ground view of the future site of the “The Lodge” at Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center, for which ground will be broken at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, presided over by Bishop Glen John Provost. Photo 2 provides a view of the completed entrance gate of Camp Karol; and photo 3, shows some of the more than 300 people who had an afternoon of fun at the Camp Karol site during the summer on a “Fun Day” with food, music, bounce houses, and more.

Bishop Provost to preside Sunday

“The Lodge” groundbreaking at Camp Karol

MOSS BLUFF – Bishop Glen John Provost will preside at the groundbreaking for “The Lodge” at Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22. Camp Karol is located at 1087 Bozo Road, off Sam Houston Jones Parkway (La. 378).

The entrance gate for Camp Karol has been completed and “this gives visitors a sense of what is to come,” said Father Whitney Miller, director of Saint Charles Center. “Various building materials were used in the

design and construction of the gate, which has the logo of Camp Karol and the affiliation with the diocese and Saint Charles Center.”

Champeaux, Evans and Hotard serve as the architect for the building, which will be the first and major structure of the Camp Karol campus.

According to Father Miller, “The Lodge” will feature a dining hall for 144 guests/retreatants/campers, a large conference/meeting area, a full service kitchen with

large pantry, cooler, freezer and dish washing room, office, staff conference room, a small interior chapel that can be reconfigured into a large exterior chapel for outdoor gatherings, restrooms, storage space and mechanical rooms.

Room. Father Miller also noted that the “hopeful” date of completion for “The Lodge” is Spring, 2019.

“With the Lodge complete, the other buildings and facilities will be added as funds and programming

dictate,” Father Miller continued. “These could include cabins for overnight lodging, snack shop, caretaker residence, infirmary/guest cabin, maintenance supply/storage building, indoor gym, archery range, ropes course, climbing wall, canoeing wharf, outdoor amphitheater, zip line, and other possibilities.”

The Camp Karol Mission Statement is “Seek Christ, Build Community, Live Catholic, Ignite the World!,” while its motto will be that of Saint

Pope John Paul II - “Totus Tuus” (“Totally Yours”).

In mid-August a Camp Karol Day was held at the site, with more than 300 people, including a large number of young people, attending. Bounce houses, barbecue, “S’mores,” and music, and a talk on the Domestic Church provided the opportunity to see the location for the future youth camp, which was one of the pillars of the “Return to the Lord” Capital Campaign.



Hurricane Maria Relief and Recovery; Aid to the Mexico City Earthquake Victims

LAKE CHARLES -- In the recent weeks, the Atlantic Hurricane Season has devastated many areas of the United States, the Caribbean Islands, and Puerto Rico. In addition, the earthquake in Mexico City has left many suffering in its wake. The Catholics in the United States have generously contributed in the past to all of the disasters that affect our brothers and sisters, as with the two most recent special collections.

On September 22, Archbishop Rodi, the Chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Special Collection Committee, sent a communication to dioceses across the United States encouraging their generosity once again.

At the same time, the Diocese of Lake Charles has the need of its own people. Although not as extensive, damage was experienced in the city of Lake Charles and on the west side of the Diocese along the Sabine River. Also, our Catholic Charities continues to offer assistance to our neighbors

in Texas devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

Not to ignore the plight of those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria and the earthquake in Mexico City, Bishop Glen John Provost has established two accounts, which gather funds for these two areas. One can give directly through the Support the Diocese button on the diocesan website to one or both, or may give through the local church parish. Bishop Provost has asked that pastors call for a special collection at a later time.

The accounts will remain active through November 30. At that time, the funds raised for Hurricane Relief will be sent through the USCCB to Catholic Charities USA to aid in the recovery on the Island of Puerto Rico and the Islands of the Caribbean. The funds raised for the Mexico City Earthquake Relief will be sent through the USCCB to Catholic Relief Services (the international arm for aid) to assist in the recovery efforts in Mexico.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bishop’s Gala Dec. 9; tickets available online, at Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the Sixth Annual Bishop’s Gala, set for Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, are available in the parishes of the Diocese, at the Diocesan Chancery (414 Iris Street), and on-line at the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

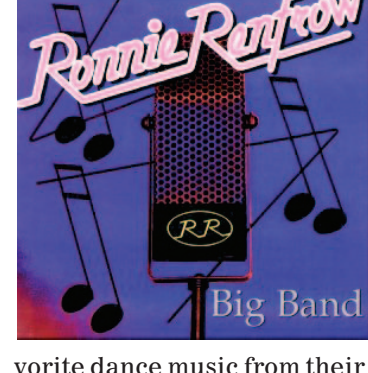
The Ron Renfrow Big Band will provide the night’s entertainment. Tickets are \$125 per person with a table for 10 available for \$1,250. A number of special sponsorship opportunities are available as well - Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of each sponsorship will be offered. For information call 337-439-7400, Ext. 2220.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a VIP social with general admittance at 6:30 p.m. The always anticipated silent auction also begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event aid in supporting the continuing evangelization efforts of the diocesan Office of Communications, including the production of the Catholic Calendar in the American Press, on the third Friday of each month and twice a month in December and the month of Easter. Additional-

ly, donations help provide for the maintenance and updating of the diocesan website – www.lcdioocese.org – and the 9:30 a.m. broadcast of the Holy Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on KLCL-AM 1470 and KJEF-AM 1260.

Renfrow, Houston’s popular on-air personality at KQUE Radio for 21 years, will bring his “Ballads, Blues and Classic Swing, Too.” He and his orchestra have performed in venues throughout the state of Texas and surrounding areas. The band doesn’t get trapped in any one style, performing your fa-



avorite dance music from their wide-ranging repertoire that plays to any age and taste with dynamic, visual impact and dramatic flair. This is swinging music, bound not by era or genre but by quality.

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National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5-11

WASHINGTON -- The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, Nov. 5-11. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

The Director of Vocations and Seminarians here in the Diocese of Lake Charles is Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich - 337-436-

7223 or at jeffrey.starkovich@lcdioocese.org.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, “As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same

time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else’s story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call.”

National Vocations Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: “To what vocation in life is God calling me?” Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first full week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.



October, November events set at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – The schedule of events for the months of October and November features a number of offerings.

Registration for them can be accomplished by calling Saint Charles Center at 337-855-1232, going to the Center's website – stcharles-center.com, or to lcdiocese.org – the diocesan website – clicking the Event Registration button, and then the Saint Charles Center link.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Pat Fox will present the Morning of Reflection - Angels, Saints and Purgatory: Cherished Treasures of Catholic Truths - from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20 per person with a deadline for registration set Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Saint Charles Center will celebrate the feast day for its patron – St. Charles Borromeo – with Sunday Vespers on Nov. 5 in the Chapel of the Assumption, at the Saint Charles Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Following Vespers, there will be anniversary cake and ice cream to fete the 22 years of ministry and hospitality at Saint Charles Center. There is no contribution expectation for this event, however, preregistration is appreciated by calling Rachel at 337-855-1232 by Thursday, Nov. 2.

Three or five day Private Directed Retreats, a form of silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal prayer of the individual, can be scheduled from Monday, Nov. 6 to Sunday, Nov. 12 with Fr. Miller, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Judy Savoie or Gloria Villegas.

Interested individuals must call the Center at 337-855-1232 for more information or to register and cannot do so online. Suggested donation is \$350.00 for three days and \$475.00 for five days. Scholarship information is available upon request.

The same group of retreat directors will offer an Introduction to the Directed Retreat

from Thursday, Nov. 9 to Sunday, Nov. 12. Registration for this retreat is available only by calling 337-855-1232, as online registration is not available. The suggested donation is \$350 per person and scholarship information is available upon request.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present Church and Families Rising to Help Our Veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. Many veterans have problems resulting from combat trauma they experienced and we are called to respond to their needs.

The suggested donation is \$20 per person and the registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 10.

A Brief History of Communication: The Value and Wisdom of Listening will be offered by Mike Papania from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28. This evening will remind participants of the great value of attentive listening and polish up those communication skills. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 22, with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

A Domestic Church Married Couples Retreat will be held Thursday, Nov. 30 to Sunday, Dec. 3. "Domestic Church" is an officially recognized lay movement that provides life-long 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. For information and/or register, call Blaine or Denise Wyringer at (337) 764-1562 or 337-855-1232.

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



The Second Annual Bishop's Invitational Kickball Classic, pitting the seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles against its priests, provided a morning of great fun for those participating as well as the large crowd of onlookers at Legion Field. The seminarians extended their victory streak to two in downing the priests this year. Pictured above are the two teams along with Bishop Glen John Provost following the presentation of the Kickball Classic Cup to the winning squad. The Lake Charles Serra Club, one of the sponsors of the event, presented checks to Bishop Provost, in photo at right, with John Halloran, Serra Club president, and Father Jeffry Starkovich, director of seminarians and vocations. The Seminarian Education Fund received a check in the amount of \$2,500.00, representing \$2,000 from the game and the Serra Club's annual \$500 contribution. A check for \$1,000 was also presented to the Bishop for the Priest Retirement Fund.



At the 2017 National Convention of the Knights of Peter Claver, held in Dallas, Sir Knight Lionel Daniel became the fourth member of Knights of Peter Claver Assembly #22 to be presented with the Cartagena Award, the highest individual honor in the Meritorious Fourth Degree Division. Sir Knight Daniel earned this honor through service to his country, outstanding contributions to his church, community, family and civic organizations. Pictured above are those Sir Knights to have won this high honor. They are from left, Clarence Prudhomme, Herman Guidry, Elcie Guillory, and Sir Knight Daniel. The Assembly has won 32 Good Neighbor Awards since it was chartered in 1977, a result of service to Church, mankind and community. In 2002, it began a Thanksgiving Day dinner tradition with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, featuring onsite feeding and delivery. More than 1,000 dinners are provided each Thanksgiving Day. In 2006, the Assembly started the "Beat the Heat" program, providing window air conditioners to those in need during our hot and humid summers. Units were delivered and installed by members of the Assembly. In 2011, the Assembly partnered with Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana to serve the entire Diocese. Since the program began over 1,600 units have been installed.

Catholic Charities food distribution schedule

LAKE CHARLES – The November distributions of Second Harvest food baskets for eligible clients by Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana, 1225 Second Street, will be Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 17, at 9 a.m. each day.

The first date is for clients with last names beginning with A through L, while the second date is for clients having last names beginning with M through Z.

Remaining distributions fall on Dec. 14 and 15; Jan. 12 and 19; Feb. 9 and 16; March 9 and 16; April 13 and 20; May 11 and 18; and June 8 and 15.

Catholic Charities in association with Christ the King and St. Mary of the Lake Catholic churches have opened the Upper Cameron Food Bank from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary in Big Lake on Wednesdays of Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 14, April 18, May 16, and June 13.

Clients wishing to register or to recertify to receive food must provide: 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; proof of residency, and proof of the number of persons in the household.

For more information call Catholic Charities at 337-439-7436.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Pope Francis, Bishop Provost Prayer Intentions

The prayer intention of Pope Francis for the month of November is that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Bishop Provost's monthly intention is for victims of violence and exploitation, that with God's help our efforts to address these crimes against the innocent and to eliminate human trafficking may prove successful and give hope to those tempted to despair.

Forty Hours Devotion

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, is set for the South Deanery.

St. Mary of the Lake in Big Lake from Oct. 30- Nov. 3, check with parish for times; St. John Vianney in Bell City from Nov. 6-9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day; St. Eugene in Grand Chenier along with Sacred Heart in Creole and Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron, Nov. 16-18 check parish for times; and Christ the King from Nov. 28-30 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and Friday, Dec. 1 from noon until 5 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist bazaar Oct. 29

LACASSINE -- St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church will host its annual church bazaar on Sunday, October 29 at the Lacassine Community Center.

This day of fun for the entire family begins at 9:30 a.m. with bingo and the start of bids on silent auction items.

Barbecue chicken dinner and pork steak dinner tickets are now on sale by calling Terry at 405-9077 or the church office at 588-4606.

Popcorn ball and barbecue sale at St. Henry

LAKE CHARLES – The St. Henry Catholic Church Altar Society will host a popcorn ball sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, in the St. Henry Community Center, from 8 a.m. until all are sold, while Knights of Columbus Council 5022 of St. Henry will offer barbecue dinners, also in the community center, with a choice of a half chicken or pork steak on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. until all are sold.

Popcorn balls are \$2.50 each while barbecue dinners are \$9 each. The dinners will include rice dressing, baked beans, and potato salad.

Sapphire & Ice, Friday, Nov. 3

LAKE CHARLES – The Annual Sapphire and Ice Gala will be Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Reeves Uptown Catering, 1639 Ryan Street with Bishop Glen John Provost as the principal speaker.

Sponsored by the St. Henry Catholic Church Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 168, the event provides financial support for college level seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles as well as the St. Henry Building Bridges Capital Campaign.

The presentation of the Distinguished Catholic of the Year Award will be made by Bishop Provost. Cost is \$50 per ticket, no tickets will be available at the door, and formal attire is required. For tickets contact St. Henry Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue or call 337-436-7223.

Catholic Committee on Scouting has new leaders

LAKE CHARLES – Kristina Adele Lounsberry and Lannie Fuselier have been named to two-year terms as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

November breakfast, luncheon dates

LAKE CHARLES – The Men's First Friday prayer breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost and the women's luncheon are slated for Friday, Nov. 3, and Wednesday, Nov. 8, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral office complex.

The scriptural topic for the year - the Letter of St. James, the First and Second Letters of St. Peter and the Letter of St. Jude - concludes with the fifth chapter of St. James.

Women should send a check in the amount of \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Bishop's Luncheon, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, 70601. A stamped self-addressed envelope should be included with payment.

The men's breakfast begins with the celebration of the Holy Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral with meal and presentation following. Call 337-439-7400 to register for breakfast.

All Souls Day at Consolata Cemetery

LAKE CHARLES -- Consolata Cemetery will again this year hold its annual All Souls Day Mass and blessing of graves on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. with Bishop Glen John Provost as the celebrant, with other clergy present and concelebrating.

Following the liturgy there will be the blessing of graves throughout the cemetery.

Guadalupean Torch Run Nov. 7-8

LAKE CHARLES – The annual International Run *Carrera Antorcha Guadalupeana* Mexico-New York Torch Race connecting Mexico and the United States makes its annual visit to the Diocese of Lake Charles with two stops - St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings - Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 7 and 8.

The Holy Fire and the oversized images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego accompanying the relay are en route from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for Our Lady's feast day on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

"Work of Human Hands Sale" Dec. 2-3

LAKE CHARLES – There will be a CRS/Fair Trade – "Work of Human Hands" sale at Christ the King Catholic Church on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3 at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. liturgies on Sunday.

There will be beautiful ornaments, holiday décor items along with a variety of Divine chocolate bars. To learn more visit www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts.

Saint Charles Center accepting applications

MOSS BLUFF -- Saint Charles Center is accepting applications for a part-time cook.

Interested applicants need to be available for immediate employment and previous work in the kitchen is preferred. Applicants need to be flexible and available to work various hours during the week as well as some weekends.

The setting of the retreat center provides the employee a peaceful environment with a spirit of shared collaboration among cooperative staff members.

If interested, contact Michelle Monceaux at 337-855-1232.

Special Needs Mass Oct. 22

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families at 11 a.m. Sunday Oct. 22, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Call Karen Duhon at 337-478-0243 or Geri Christ Landry at 337-433-5662 for more information.